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Baccalaureate Nursing Program Receives National Award



The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) recently honored USI's baccalaureate nursing program for curricular innovation in gerontological nursing education. The award was presented at the Fall Semiannual Meeting of the AACN in Washington, D.C. on October 19. **Dr. Nadine Coudret**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, and **Renee Dugger**, instructor in nursing, received the award.

The AACN coupled with the John A. Hartford Institute to recognize nursing programs that demonstrate a strong commitment to geriatric nursing. Award criteria include the incorporation of competencies and guidelines for geriatric nursing curriculum in a stand-alone gerontology course and/or throughout the curriculum, innovative approaches to curricular design, innovative teaching methodologies, community partnerships, innovative clinical experiences, and ease of replication. Dean Coudret said, "This award affirms and recognizes the excellence of our BSN curriculum and our college's commitment to providing students with the knowledge and skills essential in caring for their geriatric patients. Renee Dugger and the nursing faculty are to be commended for their leadership in receiving this national award."

USI and Hadi Shrine Form Telehealth Partnership



USI's Nursing Program has partnered with the local Hadi Shrine and Shriners Hospitals to implement "telehealth," which will help decrease the number of trips made by the Shriners to ferry Evansville patients to and from Cincinnati. Telehealth is a practice that allows doctors and patients to interact using telecommunications and information technology. The partnership was made possible by the Shriners' purchase of telehealth equipment, USI's dedication of clinic space, and participation from USI nurse faculty clinicians. **Dr. Karen Parker**, **Gina Schaar**, and **Kathy Phillips**, nursing faculty, will present and care for patients in the Telehealth

Clinic; this will allow USI nursing students to participate and observe as well. USI is the first university in the Midwest to house a Telehealth Clinic.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alum Receives Recognition in New Job

Heather Lents, a 2008 BSN graduate, received an award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership and Patient Advocacy at her job in Indianapolis. Heather thanked the nursing faculty for their dedication and passion for the profession. She credits USI's nursing faculty with her success in her job and said "The instructors at USI not only taught me the facts/skills of nursing, but showed me passion and integrity for a very special profession."

FACULTY NEWS

Electronic Medical Records Added to Clinical Simulation Center

Aided by St. Mary's Medical Center, Electronic Medical Records (EMR) have been implemented in the Clinical Simulation Center (CSC) to help prepare students by simulating the care and documentation of a test patient in real time. The use of EMRs takes the CSC one step closer to establishing realistic hospital settings and keeps students on the cutting edge of technology. USI and local hospitals often collaborate with nursing education programs in the tri-state to offer students learning opportunities.



Radiologic Technology Instructor Gives Interview

Jennifer Titzer, radiologic technology instructor, gave an interview to *CathLab Digest* for their October 2008 issue. Jennifer is a registered nurse, a radiologic technologist, and a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist. When asked in the interview why she chose this particular field, Jennifer stated among several other reasons that she enjoys "learning and teaching others about cardiovascular diseases." The full interview can be found at www.catchlabdigest.com Congratulations, Jennifer!

CNHP Faculty and Staff Present Research

Kathy Phillips, nursing faculty and clinical lab coordinator, **Tony Schmitt**, respiratory care, and **Dr. Martin Reed**, radiologic and imaging sciences, presented at the Research Conference held at USI on October 22. Their topic was *Collaborative Learning: Interdisciplinary Student Learning in the Clinical Simulation Lab*. The project is a research study that Dr. Reed and Tony Schmitt will pursue next year.

Holiday Tips from *IN Shape Indiana*

- Enjoy cooler weather by visiting a state park or apple orchard, or going biking.
- Add color to a diet by enjoying squash, cranberries, pumpkin, and broccoli.

STUDENT NEWS

New Family Heaps Praise On Student Nurse



USI alumni and new parents Clinton and Jillian Hancock fully support **Brandi Johnson's** choice to go into nursing. Brandi, a member of the 2009 nursing class, worked with the Hancock family at St. Mary's during the birth of their son, Brannon. The Hancocks complimented both her knowledge and bedside manner, stating that "Regardless of her chosen specialty whoever she works for should consider themselves very fortunate to have her." Good work, Brandi!

Respiratory Care Students Participate in Health Fairs

The **Respiratory care students** and **Tony Schmitt**, respiratory care faculty, participated in several health fairs last month. The locations included North Haven Baptist Church, St. Theresa Catholic Church, and the Community First Health Fair at C.K. Newsome Center. The students performed nearly 100 spirometry screenings and provided patient education and smoking cessation information.

CNHP Girls Form Powder Puff Football Team

A group of students in the College of Nursing and Health Professions formed a Powder Puff Football Team for the Intramural Flag Football's Fall Season. They call themselves The Nightengales.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/06	Jackie Spainhour
11/08	Linda Evinger
11/11	Roberta Hoebeke
11/15	Martin Reed
11/16	Sharri Jordan
11/26	Ann White
11/27	Tony Schmitt

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