Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to the College of Nursing for the Fall semester. As always, the Center for Nursing Research is here to help ensure your success with grant proposal submission, manuscript publication, and other research and scholarly endeavors. These efforts are more important than ever as the College seeks to bolster our research efforts and help to maintain Kent State University’s status as a research-intensive university.

One avenue for sharing current research is through the Annual Research Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS). This year’s conference takes place in Des Moines, Iowa from March 29th – April 1st with the theme “Leading the Way: The Critical Importance of Nursing Science and Implementation in a New Era.” Please see additional information in this edition of the newsletter.

Best wishes for a happy and productive Fall semester as we continue pressing forward with faculty and student research and scholarship.

Mary K. Anthony, PhD, RN
Professor Emerita

Faculty Recognitions

Loretta Aller, PhD, RN, was invited to participate in the Future of Healthcare Simulation fireside chat, Celebrating the Past, Honoring the Present, Envisioning the Future, at the Quality & Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) International Conference in Denver, CO.

Jo Dowell, PhD, APRN, CNP, PNP, FNP-BC, CFNE, was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

Kimberly Cleveland, PhD, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC, was interviewed for Daily Nurse, a leading nursing news site, for the program, “Taking Advocacy to the Next Level: What It’s Like to Be a Nurse Attorney.”

Kimberly Cleveland, PhD, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC, graduated with her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from the College of Education, Health, and Human Services.

Kimberly DePaul, MSN, RNC-OB, CNE, CNE-cl, passed the Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) certification examination and earned her CHSE credential from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

Karen Mascolo, DNP, RN, was selected as a Design Innovation Faculty Fellow for KSU’s Design Innovation Faculty Fellows Program for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Gina Severino, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, received the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA) District Three Leadership award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and contributions to ONA programs and goals.

Lynne Walker, MSN, RNC, NIC, CNE, passed the Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) certification examination and earned her CHSE credential from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

Stacy Miner, PhD, RN, CCRP, was selected to serve on the General Committee for the KSU Brain Health Institute.

Marilyn Nibling, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, NNP-BC, received the Award of Excellence in Scholarly Education from the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN).

Amy Petrinec, PhD, RN, was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.
Aller, L. (2022, June). Using virtual simulation activities to measure nursing student development. Presentation for the International Nurses Association for Clinical Simulation Learning (INACSL) Forum 2022, Milwaukee, WI.


Aller, L., Brady, C., & Kutchin, M. (2022, April 18). Enhanced testing in the undergraduate nursing program: Preparing our students for reality - session 1. Invitational Presentation Kent State University College of Nursing faculty, Kent, OH.

Aller, L., Brady, C., & Kutchin, M. (2022, April 25). Enhanced testing in the undergraduate nursing program: Preparing our students for reality - session 2. Invitational Presentation for Kent State University College of Nursing faculty, Kent, OH.


Faculty Publications Continued


Student Publication


Brown Bag Engagement Series

This year’s first Brown Bag Engagement Series presentation took place on September 19th in room 207 of Henderson Hall and featured Manfred van Dulmen, Professor and Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate College. Senior Associate Provost delivered the presentation, “Graduate Education Now and in the Future.”

The next Brown Bag Engagement Series presentation this semester will take place on Oct. 24th and feature Dr. Karen Distelhorst, PhD, APRN, GCNS-BC, and KSU CON alumna, speaking on the topic, “Using a Conceptual Framework to Guide your Research: Nursing and Population Health.” The last Brown Bag presentation for Fall semester is scheduled for Nov. 14th.

New Funding for Faculty Research: KSU Game Changer Pilot Funding

In an effort to increase external funding at KSU, the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs is accepting applications for pilot funding that will augment the number of successful research grant awards within the next three years. Awarded funds must be expended by July 1, 2023, and all grant award funding to faculty through this program cannot exceed $1 million. Applications for research funding are due by 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 7th with award notices later in October. Applications can be submitted to https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6wgXI2UI2KpFSV8

Student Awards & Recognitions

Deanne Parr, recent BSN graduate from Kent State Trumbull, received the faculty-driven, Ohio Nurses Association-sponsored Golden Scissors Award, given to an outstanding graduate of the nursing class. This award acknowledged Deanne’s hard work, dedication, and perseverance in earning her nursing degree while working and raising her children as single mother.

Cindy Wilk, PhD candidate and faculty member, received the Laboon-Stenporche grant award and KSU Healthy Communities Research Institute (HCRI) Dissertation Award to fund her dissertation study, *Refinement and Psychometric Performance of the Family Willingness for Caregiving Scale (FWCS).*

Statistical Assistance at the Center for Nursing Research

Lynette Phillips, PhD, MSPH, and statistician from the College of Public Health, is available for assistance on Wednesdays during the Fall semester in Henderson Hall, room 214, and can also meet remotely. She may be contacted at lphill20@kent.edu.

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Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)

Faculty seeking assistance with research may provide opportunities to interested undergraduate students through the University’s Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program which supports faculty-supervised research by funding promising undergraduate researchers for eight weeks over the summer. SURE program students receive stipends of $3,200 (40 hours/week) or $1,600 (20 hours/week) and on-campus housing if needed with an additional $400 stipend available to faculty to offset the cost of supplies/materials necessary to support student research. The SURE program is sponsored by the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs, Office of the President, and other individuals and organizations. Applications will be accepted starting on Dec. 1, 2022. Information about the program may be accessed at [https://www.kent.edu/research/student-research/summer-undergraduate-research-experience](https://www.kent.edu/research/student-research/summer-undergraduate-research-experience). Applications are available at [https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_09C2QOZAiYH5frT](https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_09C2QOZAiYH5frT) or by contacting Ann Gosky at agosky@kent.edu.

NIH Research Matters

Interested in new research advances made possible through NIH funding? Each issue of NIH Research Matters presents an array of topics highlighting recent studies and the impact of this research on health outcomes. Several recent articles include "Leisure Activities May Improve Longevity for Older Adults," “Spirituality, Religion Linked to Heart Health among Black Americans,” and “Long COVID Symptoms Linked to Inflammation” Weekly issues may be found at [https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters](https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters).