Dear Colleagues,

Reading through the Spring 2023 issue of the research newsletter, I am truly amazed by the breadth and rigor of scholarship in the College of Nursing, both by faculty members and students. The lists of publications, presentations, honors, and awards are impressive and speak to the importance of the research currently taking place.

I would also like to recognize the many College faculty members who have invested their time and energy serving as mentors for student research, including those who have supported them as PhD and DNP committee members, Student Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) faculty, and in guiding the dissemination of student work at national conferences and the University’s undergraduate and graduate research symposiums. Thanks to your efforts, both faculty and student research continues to grow and expand at the College of Nursing and beyond.

Mary K. Anthony, PhD, RN
Professor Emerita

Faculty Recognitions

Loretta Aller, PhD, RN, CHSE, received a Professional Conference Support award from the Kent State University Research Council to participate in the June International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation in Learning (INACSL) conference in Providence, RI.

Mary Bacha, MSN, RN, received an honorable mention for the national 2022 DAISY Faculty Award at KSU CON.

Lucas Bowen, MSN, RN, received the national 2022 DAISY Faculty Award at KSU CON.

Krista Hawkins, MSN, RN, received an honorable mention for the national 2022 DAISY Faculty Award at KSU CON.

Marilyn Nibling, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, PPCNP-BC, traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby at the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) in support of women’s health and met with staffers from the offices of Senators Brown and Vance and Representative Emilia Sykes.

Pamela Rafferty-Semon, MSN-ED, RN, CHES, NBC-HWC, earned the National Board Certified Health & Wellness Coach (NBC-HWC) credential from the National Board for Health & Wellness Coaching.

Tina Saunders, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, GCNS-BC, successfully defended her dissertation and graduated with her PhD in Nursing (pictured with Dr. Amy Petrinec, left, committee chair).

New Grant Awards

Drs. Tracy Dodson and Janet Reed received a Summer Teaching Development Grant for their project, Development of Expert Modeling Videos for Use in Nursing Curriculum, from the Kent State University Research Council.

Dr. Dana Hansen received a LaunchPad Award from the KSU Healthy Communities Research Institute for research examining family relationships at the end of life in marginalized populations.

Dr. Diane Hill received funding from the Akron Children’s Hospital Foundation to support her dissertation research.

Dr. Tina Saunders was selected for the University Teaching Council Student Belonging Faculty Incentive Program.

Cindy Wilk, PhD, APRN-CNS, CNE, successfully defended her dissertation and graduated with her PhD in Nursing (pictured with Dr. Amy Petrinec, left, committee chair).
Scientific & Scholarly Presentations


Anthony, M. K. (2023, March). Special session: Junior faculty career development: Successfully negotiating for that first faculty position - Being competitive for the tenure-track position you want. Presentation for the 2023 Annual Research Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Des Moines, IA.


Nibling, M. (2023, April). Newborn head booo boos. Presentations for the Canton AWHONN chapter and Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron/Canton, OH.

Reed, J. M. (2023, May). Generative artificial intelligence as a teaching strategy to encourage reflection and discussion on professional nursing. Poster presentation for the 59th Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Nursing Research at Teachers College, Columbia University (virtual).


Faculty Publications


Student Research

**PhD Defenses:** The following students defended their dissertations and graduated with their PhD:

- **Tina Saunders,** *A Grounded Theory Study of the Grief Process in Women who Experienced Perinatal Loss Prior to 1980.* (Dr. Pam Stephenson, Chair; Drs. Na’Tasha Evans, Denice Sheehan, and Dana Hansen, committee members; Dr. Sheryl Chatfield, moderator)

- **Cindy Wilk,** *Development and Psychometric Performance of the Family Willingness for Caregiving Scale (FWCS).* (Dr. Amy Petrinec, Chair; Drs. Richard Adams, Dana Hansen, Pam Stephenson, and Chris Was, committee members)

**DNP Defenses:** The following students defended their scholarly projects and graduated with their DNP:

- **Jasmine Bonder,** *Telehealth: A Solution to Healthcare Barriers for Mexican Americans.* (Dr. Lisa Onesko, Chair; Drs. Denise Pacholski and Louise Knox, committee members)

- **Karrie Boss,** *Improving Metrics with a Telestroke System of Care: A Community Hospital Primary Stroke Center Experience* (Dr. Amy Petrinec, Chair; Drs. Dana Hansen and Louise Knox, committee members)

- **Stephanie Emmett,** *Goal Setting to Improve Physical Activity* (Dr. Lisa Onesko, Chair; Drs. Denise Pacholski and Louise Knox, committee members)

- **Brenda Ginder,** *The Use of a Pre-Operative Checklist to Decrease Delays and Cancellations in the Catheterization Laboratory* (Dr. Lisa Onesko, Chair; Drs. Tracey Motter and Gina Severino, committee members)

- **Rachael Alexis Jividen,** *Mobilization in Adult Patients Dependent on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation* (Amy Petrinec, Chair; Drs. Lisa Cascarelli and Kim Cleveland, committee members)

- **Teri Lieser,** *A Walking Intervention for Mental Health.* (Dr. Louise Knox, Chair; Drs. Lisa Cascarelli and Kim Cleveland, committee members)

- **Marcie Niemi,** *Motivational Interviewing to Promote Patient Engagement and Self-Care Within an Enhanced Recovery After Surgery for Cesarean Birth Pathway* (Dr. Eldora Lazaroff, Chair; Drs. Lynn Gaddis and Jim Tudhope, Co-Chairs; Joyce Deptola and Sheila Smith, mentors)

- **Laura Stapleton,** *Feasibility of a Web-Based Teaching Tool for Contraceptive Education in an Outpatient Obstetrics Gynecology Clinic* (Dr. Eldora Lazaroff, Chair; Drs. Karen Mascolo and Lynn Gaddis, committee members)

**Student Awards**

Based on their outstanding academic record and breadth of study, **Melina Connell** and **Caleb Faust** were selected as new members of Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious honor society in the nation with fewer than 1% of all college students selected.

**Wayne Nieh** received a first-place award at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Endeavors for his poster presentation, *Recruitment of Family Members of ICU Patients: The Role of Therapeutic Communication.* He was also selected as one of just four scholarship winners for his presentation. Wayne is mentored by Drs. Amy Petrinec and Cindy Wilk.

**Student Publications**


Student Presentations

The following students gave presentations for the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2023 Annual Conference, Portland, OR:

**Boss, K., & Wilk, C. (2023, March). CNS academy: Promoting unstoppable advocacy through a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) internship.**


The following students gave poster presentations for the Undergraduate Research Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Endeavors, April 17, 2023:

**First-place award**: Wayne Nieh, Recruitment of family members of ICU patients: The role of therapeutic communication. Mentors, Drs. Amy Petrinec and Cindy Wilk.

Briana Hawkins, Decreasing urinary tract infections in healthcare settings. Mentor, Lisa Mittas, MSN, RN.

Sophie Konstantacos, Role of the nurse in client mobility and recovery. Mentor, Lisa Mittas, MSN, RN.

The following nursing students gave poster presentations for the Kent State Salem Undergraduate Research Conference in April 2023:

Caitlin Marshall, The impacts that awareness of renal disease has on diagnosis and treatment

Julia Leko, Racism: How it affects health equity

Kennedy Seaman, Heroes of humanity

Allysa Rance, The practice of mutual respect in nursing

Skye Somerville, Stressed out? Can’t sleep? Phone won’t stop buzzing? It’s all connected

Abigail Jackson and Kobi Ream, Prioritization and delegation in nursing (honorable mention)

Chloe Chappell, Wiccan health care beliefs

Shubbar, S., Miner, S., Guan, Q., Ghazin, K. (2023, April). Using machine learning to identify symptom patterns among children and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (Shubbar Safa mentored by Dr. Stacy Miner).

Alumni Notes

BSN alumni and former College of Nursing staff member **Andrew Snyder** was recognized with the Distinguished Achievement in Health Equity Award from the Ohio Public Health Association for his efforts to advancing health equity for the LGBTQ+ community.

BSN and MSN alumnna **Marcia Cornell** was awarded Preceptor of the Year by the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.