MESSAGE FROM DR. RATCHNEEWAN ROSS

Thank you to everyone for being supportive of our international students and events. This fall we had 46 international students from 21 countries in our BSN, MSN, and Ph.D. programs, several of whom are planning to graduate and return to his or her respective country in the spring. I hope that this newsletter is informative and lights up your day.

Stay warm, rest well, and have a happy holiday! See everyone back in spring 2017.

Best Wishes,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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DISSERATIONS

Mohammed Aldalaykeh, Ph.D., successfully defended his dissertation “Predictors of Partial Hospitalization Attendance by U.S. Adults with Mental Illness” on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. His chairperson was Barbara L. Drew, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC.

Wimonthip Phuangkhem, MSN, RN, passed her written candidacy examination on Monday, June 27, 2016, and her oral examination on Sunday, July 17, 2016. Committee members included Ratchneewan Ross, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC, Jo Dowell, Ph.D., RN, CRNP, PNP, FNP-BC, CFNE, and Lori Kidd, Ph.D., MSN, from The University of Akron.

Muntaha Alibrahim, MSN, RN, passed her written candidacy examination on Friday, July 22, 2016. Committee members included Ratchneewan Ross, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, Ya-Fen Wang, Ph.D., RN, and Lori Kidd, Ph.D., MSN, from The University of Akron.
5 WINTER ACTIVITIES IN NE OHIO

1. Cleveland Museum of Art: Admission is always FREE at this family friendly destination! Attend free family fun activities on the second Sunday of each month.

2. Harry London’s Chocolate Factory: Located in Canton, OH, tours are offered daily and are approximately 45 minutes long. Learn how chocolate is made and don’t forget to try a free sample!

3. Zoos, Aquariums & Exotic Animals: During the colder months the animals are often more active in their enclosures. Nearby attractions include the Akron Zoo, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Noah’s Lost Ark Exotic Animal Sanctuary located in Berlin Center, OH.

4. Indoor Waterparks: Great for a day or a fun weekend getaway! Kalahari Resort and Conventions and Great Wolf Lodge are both located in Sandusky, OH.

5. Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens: Bring the whole family to Akron to enjoy one of Ohio’s largest and most spectacular holiday traditions, Deck the Hall. Over 850,000 lights will illuminate the historic Manor House and grounds December 19-23, and 26-30. Children 5 & under are free. College students with a valid student ID qualify for the youth rate.

FALL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Photos courtesy of Dr. Ratchneewan Ross

A FRIENDLY WELCOME!

Please welcome Shadi Mahmoud Kan’an, MSN, RN, from Jordan, to the Kent State College of Nursing Ph.D. program.

His research will focus on enhancing physical activities for post-myocardial infarction patients.

He was drawn to Kent State because of the high-quality education and nursing research, in addition to the high worldwide reputation of the university.

MINI-THEANKSGIVING

Everyone had a great time at the International Thanksgiving Celebration which highlighted cultural foods, traditions, dance and stories.

AUGUST 29, 2016

INTERNATIONAL PIZZA PARTY

20 students and their families, faculty and staff enjoyed reconnecting after the summer break at the fall International Pizza Party.

Mark your calendars and join us for the spring 2017 International Party on Monday, January 23, 2017, from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Lounge in Henderson Hall.

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

N O V E M B E R 1 4 , 2 0 1 6
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:
NIDAL HARB, MSN, Ph.D.

BACKGROUND:
I am from Jordan. I am married and have two sons and two daughters, ages 12, 8, 4, and seven months. I enjoy playing Table tennis (Ping-Pong) and Chess.

EDUCATION:
I received my BSN in 1992 from Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and obtained my MSN in 1999. I am currently pursuing my Ph.D. in nursing at Kent State College of Nursing.

RESEARCH AREA:
My research area is exercise adherence in cardiac rehabilitation, driven by my prior clinical experiences working with cardiovascular patients in open heart surgery ICUs at the Cleveland Clinic. I am evaluating different strategies to improve cardiovascular patients’ adherence to their prescribed exercise regimen.

RECENT POSITION:
I work as a clinical instructor in the nursing education department at Cleveland Clinic.

Why did you choose Kent State University?
I selected Kent State because it is a well-known and accredited school in northeast Ohio that is close to my residence and workplace. Additionally, I had the opportunity to meet with Jordanian students who were enrolled in the MSN and Ph.D. programs. As a result of their positive feedback about the learning atmosphere, I was encouraged to seek my education here. Kent State is also among the US schools accredited by the Jordan Higher Education Ministry.

What have you liked best about the College of Nursing?
The environment and support from faculty, colleagues, administrative staff and many others.