Greetings alumni!

My first 16 months as a Buckeye have been filled with phenomenal opportunities and exciting challenges. I have been at several universities throughout my career, but none of them can touch the Ohio State spirit and passion. Thank you for the warm welcome to the College of Nursing! As we progress through spring semester, I’d like to share with you some of our landmark achievements:

- In January 2013, we launched Ohio State’s first-ever nurse practitioner-led intercollaborative practice, the Total Health and Wellness center at Ohio State’s University Hospital East. At this health center, we deliver high-value, low-cost care to the surrounding neighborhood through an interprofessional team comprising pharmacists, physicians, social works, mental health counselors, nurses and dieticians.
- Also in January, we announced a partnership between College of Nursing and Canyon Ranch Institute, led by Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, president, 17th Surgeon General of the United States, and the Dean’s distinguished professor of health promotion and entrepreneurship. The organizations will jointly pursue our shared commitment to transform the global health and wellness landscape through curriculum development, community-based programming, and collaborative research.
- The college is hosting the first National Summit on Building Healthy Academic Communities on April 22-23, 2013, to highlight best practices in faculty/staff/student wellness and academic medical center health and wellness programming and research building on our partnership with US Healthiest on last July’s HealthLead Forum. In December, they announced my appointment to its 12-member board of directors.
- We now offer a menu of wellness incentives, including the Health Athlete /Nurse Athlete program in collaboration with Johnson &Johnson’s Human Performance Institute, with the purpose of expanding the capacity for peak performance under stress without compromising health and happiness for healthcare workers, nurses and university staff and faculty.
- In November, the faculty approved a Center of Excellence in Critical and Complex Care directed by Mary Beth Happ, PhD, RN, FAAN, distinguished professor of critical care research, focused on advancing scientific knowledge and evidence-based transdisciplinary practice in the care of persons with critical and complex illnesses.
- We have established a Center for Women Infants and Youth, led by Kim Arcoleo, PhD, MPH to “transform lives through health promotion and risk reduction,” Key areas of expertise include: perinatal care; overweight/obesity; asthma; and women’s health.

Fond regards,

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