Greetings alumni!

The past few months have been a whirlwind of innovation, dream building and execution for our College of Nursing!

This past April, our college hosted the inaugural Building Healthy Academic Communities National Summit and launched the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities. Over 300 participants from more than 90 institutions of higher learning and professional organizations from across the nation attended. The Summit convened these leaders and nationally recognized authorities in health and wellness to highlight and share best practices in promoting and sustaining wellness, with special tracks focused on faculty and staff wellness, student wellness, academic medical centers, and wellness innovation. To learn more about the consortium, please visit healthyacademics.org.

Over the summer, we established a new partnership with the American Nurses Association (ANA) to develop programs and offerings for the ANA Leadership Institute to advance the preparation and education of nurse leaders. The institute will incorporate the college’s Leadership Academy for Peak Performance program to reach all nurses regardless of past experience or education with the goal of providing them with crucial tools to improve the healthcare system and healthcare delivery, and to influence the overall health of society. More information about our ANA/LAPP workshop in November is available at lapp.osu.edu

Now that fall semester is underway, students have returned to Newton Hall in record numbers! We have experienced tremendous growth this academic year and now are a college of 1,700 students, the highest in our history. We have 484 students enrolled in our traditional BSN program and 232 RN to BSN students. Our total graduate enrollment has increased by 35 percent with increases in our graduate entry, traditional masters, PhD, DNP, and post-masters programs. We have recruited several new outstanding staff and faculty from across the country to provide our students with the highest quality of education and to generate cutting-edge research to guide evidence-based practice, including Dr. Cindy Anderson, who comes to us from the University of North Dakota to assume the role of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Educational Innovation. Dr. Kim Arcoleo, a terrific researcher in childhood asthma has assumed the role of Associate Dean for Research and Transdisciplinary Scholarship. I am thankful for the years of wonderful service that Dr. Karen Ahijevich and Dr. Donna McCarthy provided the college in their roles as associate dean for academics and associate dean for research.

I continue to place emphasis on reaching out to our fantastic alumni across the state and nation. It never fails that no matter where I travel to give presentations, most recently to Ireland, I am greeted by our college’s alums who yell “O-H-I-O.” I am so excited and passionate about all of the progress we are making and the innovations we are bringing to fruition. As alumni, I hope you will take advantage of our educational programs and reconnect with your alma mater at homecoming on October 18-20, 2013. We so look forward to seeing you soon. Go Bucks!

Fond regards,