Hello Buckeye Nurses!

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,

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University Chief Wellness Officer
Dean and Professor, College of Nursing
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There’s still time to register for Reunion Homecoming 2013!

We are a little over one month away from Reunion Homecoming 2013! Activities and events during Reunion Homecoming Weekend include a free Wellness 101 Continuing Education class, an all-class reunion dinner and awards ceremony, and a fun-filled tailgating before the Buckeyes take on the Iowa Hawkeyes! Reconnect with friends and get your picture taken in our photobooth!

Don’t miss out on an opportunity to rekindle friendships and visit the places that were special to you during your time as a student nurse!

To get more information on Reunion Homecoming Weekend, click here!

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From the Alumni Society President
As your President, I have had the most extraordinary year! From changing the school calendar to semesters from quarters, Reunion Homecoming Weekend in collaboration with the College of Nursing, to the heart-warming Graduation/Convocation weekend. We have dined with senior students at our Dinner for 12 Buckeyes event, provided healthy snacks for students before finals week, lunched with the 50-year graduates in the Ohio Union, hosted an inaugural Graduation Celebration for graduating students, their families, and alumni, and honored graduates of all levels at Spring Convocation. Most recently, we hosted the annual Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser event and tasted wines from Northern Italy. It was a night to remember for all attendees!

The Alumni Society Board had 3 goals to accomplish this year. We wanted to continue our connections with local alumni, strengthen our presence at the college to support our students and future alums, and to help raise money for the College of Nursing Scholarship Fund. I am proud to report we have achieved all three goals and 100% of our Board Members contributed
Class Chairs Needed

The College of Nursing is searching for alumni volunteers to serve as class chairs!

As a class chair, you would be responsible for reaching out to your classmates and encouraging them to attend reunions and other alumni events.

If you are interested and want more information, please e-mail nursingalumni@osu.edu

Regional Alumni Outreach Events

Over the summer, the Colleges of Nursing and Public Health co-hosted regional alumni events in Cincinnati and Cleveland.

Alumni living in those areas had the opportunity to meet Dean Melnyk and other Buckeye Nurses living near them, as well as learn about the exciting new developments at the College of Nursing.

To see pictures from these events, click here!

Nursing Alumni Society Wine Tasting

This past July, the College of Nursing Alumni Society hosted their 8th Annual Wine Tasting event that benefits the College of Nursing Scholarship Fund. More than 100 alumni, sponsors, and guests came to the Ohio State Faculty Club to taste wines from Northern Italy, bid on silent auction items, and mingle with friends. Thanks to their support, the alumni society raised more than $15,000 for student scholarships.

If you are interested in helping the Alumni Society raise money for scholarships, please contact nursingalumni@osu.edu.

To view pictures from this event, click here!

Viewpoints of Innovative Healthcare Leaders

Viewpoints is a new bi-weekly podcast series featuring innovative healthcare leaders discussing today’s most important national health and wellness topics.
Your host, Bernadette Melnyk, engages innovators from nationally renowned hospitals, healthcare systems, government agencies and corporations on healthcare topics of national significance. Learn about the best evidence-based practices and emerging thoughts in healthcare - on the go! Tune in at viewpoints.osu.edu.

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