Kevin Valadares named USI Distinguished Professor

Dr. Kevin Valadares, program director for Health Services, was selected as the recipient of the 2009 Integra Distinguished Professor Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates significant achievement in teaching, leadership, and service. The recipient is chosen by colleagues on the USI faculty and will receive a grant from Integra Bank and the opportunity to select a student to receive a scholarship in his name. This is only the second time a faculty member in the College of Nursing and Health Professions has received this recognition. Kevin was recognized for his use of new technology to enhance service learning, which is reflected in his highly interactive teaching style. He has also worked closely with members of the CNHP as well as the university to integrate technological advances into the classroom. Kevin has also co-authored ten peer review articles and has another ten in process. Congratulations, Kevin, on this wonderful recognition and all of your achievements!

CNHP Says Goodbye to Two Faculty Members

Thoughtful words from Dr. Coudret about these Respected Colleagues

Dr. Beth Johnson has accepted a position with the University of Louisville and will be the Director of the new baccalaureate nursing program that will be offered in Owensboro beginning in fall of 2009. Beth’s new position will eliminate the need for the travel time that has been part of her leadership role here at USI. To say that she will be missed seems a terrible understatement but we wish Beth success in her new position.

Dr. Mary Ann Wehmer has also tendered her resignation effective May 31 this year. Mary Ann joined us when the nursing program was in its infancy and has been an important contributor to its growth and success. Mary Ann is currently considering several employment opportunities. We thank Mary Ann for the expertise that she has shared with her students and colleagues. We wish her success in whatever role she selects and hope that both she and Beth will come back often for visits.
CNHP Faculty Arranges Visit From Swedish Family

Dr. Barb Davis, nursing faculty, organized a month long visit to USI for a family from Sweden. The Kristenssons originally contacted Barb regarding research she had done, and through their correspondence, a visit was planned. For most of April, the Kristenssons lived in an apartment on campus, spending time touring the city and visiting different classes in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Both Jimmie and Anna Kristensson hold Ph.D.s in Nursing, and they were eager to speak to different classes regarding the Swedish healthcare professions.

Student Project Wins 3rd Place Award

Leslie Gray, an MSN student, won third place for the Award to Schools of Nursing from the Clarian Board Committee on Quality and Patient Safety. The award promotes quality of patient care and excellence in education and research, and it is one of six new awards offered from Clarian. Leslie is a Clarian employee, and she started her award winning project in a class last fall. Congratulations, Leslie!

Student Nurses Recognized at National Convention

Andrew Weisman, a nursing student, was appointed Vice President of the Indiana Student Nurse Association (ISNA) at the National Student Nurse Association (NSNA) in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Carolyn Cook, also a nursing student, was elected at the same convention to the chair of the national nominating and elections committee; she also serves on the committee as a representative for the northern district. Congratulations to both!

CNHP Alumna Gives Back

Rachel Polazzi, a 2001 nursing alumna, along with her husband, Anthony recently donated $1000 towards the USI Nursing Alumni Scholarship. This scholarship allows students to focus on their studies and decreases their need to work excessive hours while enrolled in courses. Through such pace-setting contributions as this one, students are given the best chance for success. Thank you to the Polazzis and all our fabulous donors!

Ethel Elkins spoke at the Administrative Assistants and Associates meeting in April, teaching the group different techniques for coping with stress. She provided information, along with unique stress relievers, including play dough, mint chocolates, and relaxation therapy. She also handed out packets of useful advice and information.

Nursing Students Present at March Research Conference

Six groups of undergraduate nursing students participated in the Research Conference with poster presentations. The presentations covered a wide array of topics, and the majority of the groups contained at least ten students each.
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program!

Our diagnostic medical sonography program has received initial accreditation for the maximum five year period. Congratulations to Claudine Fairchild, Amy Wilson, adjunct faculty, clinical instructors and the students.

The USI program is the only accredited sonography program in Indiana.

Congratulations 2008 NP Graduates!

The 2008 NP graduates who completed their respective certification exams passed at 100%! Way to go faculty and 2008 graduates.

FNP – 100% USI, national pass rate was 93%
ACNP – 100% USI, national pass rate was 92%

Congratulations!
CNHP Faculty Members Accepted to USI’s 2009 Summer Teaching Institute: Back to the Core

Three CNHP faculty members have been selected to participate in the Center for Academic Creativity and the University Core Curriculum’s Summer Teaching Institute. The Institute is funded by the Lily Foundation. Kim Bastin, program director for Dental Assisting, will present “Better Understanding Core Requirement prior to revising the dental assisting program of an associate of science degree.” Ethel Elkins, Health Services faculty, is scheduled to present her project, “Managing large and on-line classes in ‘Alternative/Complementary Health Care,’” and Sherri Mathis, Occupational Therapy faculty, will present “Developing a new Pediatric course for the Occupational Therapy Assistant curriculum.” The Institute will take place May 11-15.

April Birthdays
4/14 Rohn Butterfield
4/14 Janet Kilbane
4/16 Jennifer Bartek
4/23 Mara Beth Womack
4/28 Kathleen French

May Birthdays
5/15 Jennifer Craig
5/16 Jeanine Bowlin
5/24 Julie St. Clair

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Occupational Therapy Assistant: Kara Burrow, Marcia Weflen
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