

# College of Nursing NEWSletter

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## Accelerated BSN Partnership Convocation Held on August 10th

The August 2006 Accelerated BSN Partnership for College Graduates Convocation was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006, at Crowder Hall, honoring the third class of students to graduate from the program. **Dean Marjorie A. Isenberg, DNSc, RN, FAAN** conferred the Bachelor of Science degrees to sixty-two students on behalf of **Executive Vice President and Provost George H. Davis**. Greetings were extended to the new graduates from **Dean Marjorie A. Isenberg, DNSc, RN, FAAN**; **Greg Angle**, Senior Vice President and CEO at Carondelet Saint Mary's Hospital, **Marty Dorgan, RN, MSN**, Chief Nursing Officer at Tucson Medical Center; and **Martha Enriquez, RN, MS**, Vice President of Patient Care Services at University Medical Center. Music was provided by the University String Quartet – **Rebekah Butler, Heidi Wright, Aleida Gehrels** and **Mary Anderson**.

Graduates received the following special awards:

**Arizona Nurses' Association Chapter Two Award**

Julie Burke Idé

**College of Nursing Alumni Council Award**

Meighan Kathryn White

**Student Nurses' at the University of Arizona Award**

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**Gladys E. Sorensen Award for Academic Excellence**

Carrie Hicks Linker

**Pearl Parvin Coulter Award**

Manuel P. Montano

Pins were presented to the Baccalaureate graduates by:

**Nora Webster, CNM, MSN**

**Tammy Williams, MSN, MBA, CLNC**

**Convocation Marshals:**

Judith Berg, PhD, RNC, WHNP, FAAN, FAANP, Associate Professor

Richard Reyes, Student Nurses' at the University of Arizona President

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**

Shu-Fen Wung, PhD, RN, ACNP, FAHA, FAAN, Faculty Chair



Manuel Montano recipient of the Pearl Parvin Coulter Award with Dean Marjorie A. Isenberg



Carrie Hicks Linker recipient of the Gladys E. Sorensen Award for Academic Excellence

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

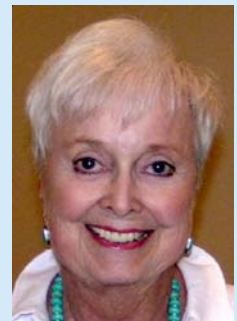
### Klaehn Establishes Major Endowment

Robin A. Klaehn, RN, BS, CNA, knows what it is like to be a full time nurse, a single mom and raise a family. In 1954, she graduated from Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing in Hamilton, Canada, and moved to a small town in Michigan with her husband. At the time, she was the only RN serving a rural area of the state. She became a discharge planner, home health nurse, and hospice facilitator. In her spare time, she taught Red Cross Nursing in her basement to assist families who were caring for their loved ones at home.

In 1975, she moved to Arizona as a single parent of four children. She started the first home health agency in southern Arizona and worked to develop health-care systems that provided multidisciplinary services in both urban and rural areas. Robin is a national advocate for home health care and hospice care. She has twice testified before Congress and served on many state and national boards.

In establishing her endowment, Robin said: *"I had a dream for twenty years. It was to find a meaningful way to give back to nursing, the profession I love, and the profession that has given me so much."* The Robin A. Klaehn endowment has created a major scholarship opportunity for nursing students who wish to pursue careers in Hospice, Palliative Care or Home Care.

This past spring, Robin spoke to our scholarship students and their donors. She encouraged the students to "make a difference" and shared these parting thoughts with everyone: *"If a nurse hasn't made a difference in your life yet, One day, One will."* Thank you Robin for making a difference for nursing students!



Robin A. Klaehn, RN, BS, CNA

## Dean Isenberg is Keynote Speaker at the 31st NAHN Conference

**Marjorie A. Isenberg, DNSc, RN, FAAN**, Dean and Professor, was pleased to be the keynote speaker at the 31st Annual National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) Conference that was held in Phoenix, Arizona, from July 19 – July 21, 2006. Dean Isenberg's presentation was titled, *State of Nursing in Academe*. The NAHN conference is the only national organization representing Latino nurses. The organization strives to serve the nursing and healthcare delivery needs of the Hispanic community and the professional needs of Hispanic nurses. Other College of Nursing conference attendees include **Vickie Radoye, MA**, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and **Carmen Eribes, PhD, RN**, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Cultural Diversity.

**Arlette A. Stevens, RN, BSHS, BSN, MSN**, a UA College of Nursing Master's graduate, presented her Master's project titled, *Improving Organ Donation Rates from United States (U.S.) Latinos: The Need for Better Educational Strategies and Interventions*.

**Rudy Valenzuela, FSP, MSN, RN, FNP-C**, doctoral student, completed his two-year term as President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. One of Rudy's major accomplishment was to provide guidance in establishing a new website and new logo for this organization. Rudy, congratulations on your continued success!



Left to right: Arlette Stevens, Dean Marjorie A. Isenberg and Carmen Eribes

## Reel to Serve on Peer Review Committee

**Sally J. Reel, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, FAANP**, Associate Dean for Academic Practice and Clinical Professor, was selected by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) to serve on the Public/Global Health Peer Review Committee for the Fulbright Senior Specialists program. The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program is a Fulbright initiative that offers flexible, short-term grants to U.S. academics and professionals recognized as authorities in their particular fields. Review committee members evaluate applications and recommend applicants to the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster. Sally, congratulations on your continued success!

## FACULTY NEWS

### Welcome to New Faculty

**Judy Anderson, MS, RN, C**, Clinical Assistant Professor, brings solid clinical and theoretical expertise in health promotion and assessment with more than 28 years of nursing and nurse educator experience in a range of settings, including 18 years as a nursing staff educator in Tucson-area hospitals and the U.S. Army Reserve. Ms. Anderson has held ANCC Nurse Staff Development Certification since 1992. She maintains clinical currency through per diem shifts at El Dorado Hospital in the geropsychiatric unit. She is teaching in NURS263 Nursing Processes I (health promotion and assessment), in the traditional BSN program.

**Adam DaDeppo, ACNP, MS, RN**, Clinical Assistant Professor, brings outstanding expertise as an acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP). Mr. DaDeppo received his BS in Biology (1995) and BSN from the College of Nursing, The University of Arizona (1999) and MS in Emergency and Trauma/Critical Care Nursing from the University of Maryland, Baltimore (2003). Mr. DaDeppo has ACNP experience in trauma and surgical intensive care. Most recently, Adam is employed at University Physicians Inc in the Department of Surgery/Trauma. Mr. DaDeppo will be teaching in the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

**Joanne Douthit, MN, RN, Clinical Associate Professor**, has 34 years of nursing experience in both in- and outpatient pediatrics and has practiced as a CNS in pediatric pulmonary for the past nine years with UPH Group. Ms. Douthit has six years experience as a nursing instructor at both Pima Community College and The University of Arizona, and is currently adjunct faculty at Arizona State University. She has served as faculty and clinical preceptor for advanced practice nursing students in her role with the Pediatric Pulmonary Training Center. Recently, she guest lectured in the UA College of Nursing nurse practitioner program (NURS612) on the topic of Managing Pediatric Asthma. She is teaching in NURS382 Children: Health Experiences in Human Systems (pediatrics) in the traditional BSN program.

**Virginia LeBaron, ACNP-BC, AOCN**, Clinical Assistant Professor, brings outstanding clinical and solid theoretical expertise in advanced practice nursing in oncology and palliative care. She has varied teaching experiences both formally in academics and in the clinical area. Ms. LeBaron is both an ACNP and CNS, as well as an Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN) with over 10 years of clinical experience. Ms. LeBaron comes to The University of Arizona from Georgetown University Medical Center where she has served as an ACNP in the palliative care program at the Lombardi Cancer Center for the past three years. Through a joint position with UMC, Ms. LeBaron is providing clinical instruction of students in the intermediate medical/surgical course NURS386 in the traditional BSN program and working as an ACNP at the Arizona Cancer Center with Dr. Ana Maria Lopez.

**Connie Miller, MSN, RNC**, Clinical Assistant Professor, previously held an adjunct faculty position at Pima Community College. Ms. Miller has taught nursing fundamentals and clinicals in maternal/newborn, long-term care, and medical/surgical nursing. She is a certified inpatient obstetrical nurse and her areas of expertise include antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn nursing as well as nursing administration, leadership and management. Ms. Miller is currently a Colonel in the Air Force Reserves assigned to the 355th Medical Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. She is teaching in the Accelerated BSN Partnership Program.

**Gloanna Peek, RN, MSN, PNP**, Clinical Assistant Professor, has 18 years of pediatric nursing experience and has practiced as a pediatric nurse practitioner for the past 8 years at UMC in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/BMT Unit. She has supervised graduate nursing students and functioned as a member of a multi-disciplinary specialty team in pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant. She is teaching in NURS382 Children: Health Experiences in Human Systems (pediatrics) in the traditional BSN program.

### CON Gets Visitors from the University of Chihuahua College of Nursing

On August 22nd, two University of Chihuahua College of Nursing faculty members visited the University of Arizona College of Nursing. **Clarisa Luna** and **Guadalupe Gonzalez** received a tour of the College of Nursing and Patient Care Learning Center. Our visitors observed the new simulation models for intravenous medications, as well as our students and faculty with SimMan. The University of Chihuahua College of Nursing seeks to build a partnership agreement with the UA College of Nursing. We look forward to future visits from the faculty and students of the University of Chihuahua College of Nursing.



Nursing faculty from the University of Chihuahua, Guadalupe Gonzalez and Clarisa Luna, right, meet with Dean Marjorie A. Isenberg

## STUDENT NEWS

### RISE 2006

In August 2006, 44 PhD and 9 Doctor of Nursing Practice students joined the UA College of Nursing faculty on campus for the Fourth Annual Research Intensive Summer Experience (RISE). This year, our students come from British Columbia, Canada, Japan, China, Puerto Rico, New York and Minnesota, Alaska, Massachusetts, and other states.



From the Welcome Reception of August 7th to the Farewell Fiesta Dinner of August 16th, students were immersed in a variety of research-related classes and less formal seminars and workshops. Separate tracks of learning activities were scheduled for each year of students. Both faculty and students look forward to a successful academic year!

### Doctoral Students' Research Recognized at SINI Conference

The University of Arizona College of Nursing was well represented at the University of Maryland School of Nursing Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI) held July 19-22, 2006. Two doctoral students presented their research: **Kimberly Shea** gave a podium presentation entitled "*Best Practice Methods for Building Trust in Telehomecare*" and **Zu-Chun Lin** presented a poster entitled "*Designing and Evaluating a Web-based, Tailored Breast Cancer Education Program.*" In addition, **Dr. Mary Doyle**, a recent PhD graduate, presented a poster entitled "*An Information Technology Approach for Implementing Evidence Based Practice*".

**Zu-Chun Lin**, doctoral student, received a full scholarship to attend the University of Maryland School of Nursing Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI) from July 19 – July 22, 2006. The scholarship was given by the University of Maryland in recognition of her outstanding poster abstract, entitled "*Designing and Evaluating a Web-base, Tailored Breast Cancer Education Program.*" Zu-Chun was recognized and presented with a certificate of recognition by **Dr. Mary Etta Mills** during the Opening Ceremony. She also attended the social and networking events associated with the institute; as well as a pre-conference writing workshop, as an honored guest. Lin's award-winning poster abstract will be published in CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing.

### Welcome Traditional BSN Students — Class of 2008!

The University of Arizona College of Nursing welcomes fifty-four students into the traditional BSN program. These students attended an orientation on Friday, August 18, 2006. A continental breakfast was provided by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and Beta Mu Chapter.



