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## Message from the National Program Office (NPO):

### Leadership Seminar – April 7-11, 2010

Our next seminar is fast approaching and the NPO is busy putting the final touches on the materials for the program. There are some exciting and informative sessions planned as well as the visit to the Carter Center and the Centers for Disease Control. As you know, this marks the final fellowship seminar for the 2007 cohort where we will not only celebrate their accomplishments and graduation on Saturday night but welcome them as members of program's alumni association. And speaking of alumni, many will be in attendance Friday afternoon and Saturday so be sure to take advantage of this amazing networking opportunity. This is a great time to take out your fellowship directory or look at the on-line directory to identify a few people that you would like to meet or get to know better. The NPO will send an email with final seminar updates two weeks before the start date. We look forward to seeing all of you in Atlanta!

## Have You Heard?

**Jeannette Andrews ('07)** won the Palmetto Gold Award. The Palmetto Gold annually salutes 100 registered nurses in South Carolina who exemplify excellence in nursing practice and commitment to the profession.

**Kathy Apple ('06)** has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for two new organizations, the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care and the Alliance for Ethical International Recruitment Practices.

**Judy Beal ('08)** is en route to Riyadh Saudi Arabia for the launch of her joint BSN program.

**Lisa Davis ('07)** was appointed Branch Chief of Public Health Initiatives (PHI). Lisa first joined the agency as a Nurse Consultant in January of 1995. Her leadership skills and tireless commitment to public health have served her well in the roles of Supervising Nurse Consultant, Public Health Services Manager, Family Health Section Chief, and, most recently, as Acting Branch Chief of PHI.

**Mary Ellen Glasgow ('09)** was appointed to the Princeton HealthCare System Board of Trustees, Princeton, New Jersey.

**Greer Glazer ('01)** is pleased to announce The Undergraduate Nursing Program will be funded over the next two years for its *Partnership for Dedicated Education Unit Development and Quality* project. An academic-service partnership, initiated in 2007 between CNHS and Partners Healthcare, introduced dedicated education units (DEUs) as a clinical education innovation model to address the gap between nursing education and practice and the faculty and nurse shortages. The project will support a formal evaluation study of the impact of dedicated education units on faculty productivity, teaching capacity, worklife, institutional costs, and education quality in comparison to outcomes achieved by traditional clinical education units. For more information about DEUs and the partnership's DEU Task Force, see the December 2009 *Journal of Nursing Education* publication, "Enhancing Quality and Safety Competency Development at the Unit Level: An Initial Evaluation of Student Learning and Clinical Teaching on Dedicated Education Units," authored by partnership members Dr. Mulready-Shick, Kathleen W. Kafel, CNHS, Dr. **Gaurdia Banister ('01)**, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Dr. Laura Mylott, Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**Gaurdia Banister ('01) and Keela Herr ('07)** were selected by the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing as two of 10 Distinguished Alumni that were honored at the banquet during the alumni reunion on February 6, 2010. These alumni have been a tremendous advocate for improving nursing education, the nursing profession, and healthcare.

**Mary Newell ('06)** has been appointed to the board for MultiCare Medical Center in Washington State. A priority for the board members this year is the implementation of a 3 year plan in which a free standing Emergency Department will be built summer of 2010 and a new hospital will be added summer of 2011. The hospital will be technologically advanced, considered "green" and is the first hospital in the largest growing area in Washington State. In addition, Mary received a grant from the National Education Association to design and implement curriculum encourage diabetic students to gain independence in their health care regime as soon as possible. The grant will also focus on collaboration between teachers, students, parents and the nursing staff.

**Beth Ann Swan ('07)** Awarded small conference grant funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to convene an ambulatory care registered nurse performance measurement conference. She was also Appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Nursing Education.

**Mona Newsome Wicks ('08)** has been invited to serve on the newly created NIH Health Disparities and Equity Promotion (HDEP) study section through December 2012. The HDEP Study Section reviews those applications where the primary aim is to address, reduce, or eliminate disparities and improve equity related to health risks, access to care, treatment, or health and health-related outcomes. The study section reviews applications related to systematic factors contributing to health disparities as well as those with a specific focus on health equity improvement in a particular sub-population or sub-populations of interest. For more information, visit:

<http://cms.csr.nih.gov/PeerReviewMeetings/CSRIRGDescriptionNew/HDMIRG/HDEP.htm>

## Publications and Media

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Tingen MS, **Andrews JO** & Stevenson AW. (2009). Primary and Secondary Tobacco Prevention in Youth, pp.171-193. In Sarna, L. & Bialous, S. (Eds). Annual Review of Nursing Research. Springer Publishers.

**Martha Carter ('05)** is proud to announce the initiation of Medical-Legal Partnership between FamilyCare and Legal Aid of WV, designed to address social determinants of health. <http://www.wvrecord.com/news/224847-legal-aid-of-w.va.-familycare-announce-partnership>. Martha also served on the Vision Team for the Transforming Maternity Care "2020 Vision" project. <http://www.childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?ClickedLink=1018&ck=10623&area=2>  
<http://www.childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?ck=10624>

**Kate Fiandt ('04)**'s clinic, the St. Vincent' Nurse-Managed Health Center was featured as an innovative hospital supported model for providing chronic illness case to uninsured patients in the February issues of the Healthcare Management Financial Association's February E-Newsletter. This is the second health care finance organization that has featured the financial aspects of the practice. (see [www.hfma.org](http://www.hfma.org))

**Mary Ellen Glasgow ('09)** was quoted in the Philadelphia Inquirer on February 26, 2010. Drexel nursing grads ace licensing exams –The program shows a 98.5% first-time success rate.  
<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/85456497.html>

**Debbi Honey ('08)** authored article in American College of Healthcare Executives journal: (2010) Bringing Cancer Treatment to a Community Near You, Healthcare Executive, March/April, 62-63. She also contributed to article in Catholic Health Association publication: (2010) Community Cancer Centers improving care quality, Catholic Health World, 26 (2) 1 and 6.

**Linda Norlander's ('01)** "To Comfort Always, A Nurse's Guide to End of Life Care," was named the 2009 medical/surgical book of the year by the American Journal of Nursing. The book is available through Sigma Theta Tau at [www.nursingknowledge.org](http://www.nursingknowledge.org).

**Linda Thompson Adams ('99)** has been named a nursing school dean from Michigan as its new provost and vice chancellor of academi. Chancellor Harold Martin told the News & Record of Greensboro that N.C. A&T hopes to take advantage of Adams' expertise in obtaining grants, scholarships and fundraising during the tough economic times. [http://www.ncat.edu/press\\_releases/disp\\_release.php?ID=4457](http://www.ncat.edu/press_releases/disp_release.php?ID=4457)

**Sharon Tucker ('07)** was featured in the February 2010 article Nursing Research: Exploring the Caring Science.

**Margaret Grey ('99)** was also interviewed for this story. [http://www.nursezone.com/Nursing-News-Events/more-news/Nursing-Research-Exploring-the-Caring-Science%E2%80%99-Improving-Practice\\_33434.aspx](http://www.nursezone.com/Nursing-News-Events/more-news/Nursing-Research-Exploring-the-Caring-Science%E2%80%99-Improving-Practice_33434.aspx)

**Kathy Wright (08)** is pleased to announce her Kids and K-9s for Healthy Choices program was in the Ocala Star Banner newspaper on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Click on this link to view photos from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> class. English Mastiffs were apart of the lesson along with the nutrition for dogs and humans.

<http://www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=OS&Dato=20100303&Kategori=NEWS01&Lopenr=303009999&Ref=PH&template=gallery>

## Obesity Initiative

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**Sharon Tucker ('07)** presented a poster of her ENFP Project at the Active Living Research (RWJ Sponsored) conference in San Diego on February 10. This poster was titled Wellness Communities 24/7. She also was invited to present on this project for the monthly research seminar hosted by Iowa State University Food Science and Human Nutrition. This talk was titled Students Helping Students: Promoting Healthy Habits in Children.

## Opportunities

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**Charleen Tachibana ('09)** will be hosting the Transforming Nursing Care Delivery Seminar at Virginia Mason Institute in Seattle, WA. *Leading the Transformation of Health Care: Virginia Mason's Experience Applying the Toyota Production System in Nursing*

May 25, 2010 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

May 26, 2010 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

For more information go to: [www.VirginiaMason.org/VMI](http://www.VirginiaMason.org/VMI)

### Spitfire Strategies

Click on the following link to see what Spitfire Strategies is offering for the first quarter of 2010. You can also sign-up to receive the Spitfire Newsletter directly:

[http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001bNszPz862Yx-kf4xNX2qIsh2p9PqMn8I4yJTrQ-MlGcFlqhQD651eD8uPIQdCbrqVjwAnZvWomB3INQBsbizvUCwzk\\_8qsiolz6y3RHFPXhSHBlhYb6U5A%3D%3D](http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001bNszPz862Yx-kf4xNX2qIsh2p9PqMn8I4yJTrQ-MlGcFlqhQD651eD8uPIQdCbrqVjwAnZvWomB3INQBsbizvUCwzk_8qsiolz6y3RHFPXhSHBlhYb6U5A%3D%3D)

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

### New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming Releases Call for Proposals for Junior Investigators

*Brief Proposal Deadline: April 7, 2010*

*New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming* aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites Junior Investigators—scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities—to address specific questions posed by one of RWJF's program areas including: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health and Vulnerable Populations.

[More details and how to apply](#)

### New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming Releases Call for Proposals for Mid-Career Consultants

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*New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming* aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that informs RWJF programming; to introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation and; to help meet staff needs for data analysis that measures progress toward program objectives. In Round 5 *New Connections* invites Mid-Career Consultants from historically underrepresented groups to submit proposals to either: 1) address research questions

using environmental scans or syntheses; or 2) evaluate specific programs funded by or connected to RWJF programming areas.

[More details and how to apply](#)

### **New Scholars and Fellows Website Launched at Robert Wood Johnson**

Linda Wright Moore, Senior Communications Officer at RWJF is pleased to announce that they have officially launched their new Scholar, Fellow & Leadership Web site, a tool designed to help market and promote their scholars and fellows programs and provide comprehensive information about all the Foundation's opportunities for individual development in the Human Capital portfolio. The site is designed to give prospective candidates of their programs - from Clinical Scholars to the Summer Medical and Dental Education program - a place to get an overview of what they offer. You can read a story about the new Web site here: <http://www.rwjf.org/humancapital/product.jsp?id=56108>; or you can use the following link to go directly to the Web site: [www.RWJFLeaders.org](http://www.RWJFLeaders.org)<<http://www.rwjfleaders.org/>>.

Linda also noted that this is separate from two other efforts now under development: the RWJF Alumni Network Web site, which will serve as a networking community for "graduates" of designated Human Capital programs; and the Human Capital Extranet, which will be a gathering place for both NPO staff and current Human Capital grantees. So stay tuned!

## **Job Postings**

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### **Executive Director, Nursing and Health Care Operations**

Kaiser Permanente is looking for an Executive Director, Nursing and Health Care Operations. The position provides senior leader oversight and direction for the Region's selection and implementation of a model of nursing and care delivery and for enactment of various roles (Nursing, MAs, Laboratory staff, Radiology staff, etc.) within multidisciplinary teams. He or she will verify and maintain high quality, safe, effective, and efficient patient care and promote an environment which empowers both staff and nurses along with their respective leaders. The position collaborates with regional leadership and The Southeast Permanente Medical Group (TSPMG) to determine strategic initiatives and promotes linkage and integration across departments and with other regions and the community. This individual will also ensure compliance with internal standards and regulatory requirements and provide oversight for the Region's environmental health and safety program, infection control, and employee health. For more information click on the following link and enter Job Number: 013644: <http://kp.taleo.net/careersection/external/moresearch.ftl?lang=en>

## **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

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