

# NURSING

University of South Carolina  
BEAUFORT

*Notes and News*

*Fall 2015*

## Recent NCLEX-RN Results

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

They had a 100% pass rate.

20 of the 20 testers passed the  
NCLEX-RN on their first time.



## CLASS OF 2015: PINNING CEREMONY

The Class of 2015 for the Department of Nursing and Health Professions held its Baccalaureate Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts on the Historic Beaufort Campus in Beaufort, SC. **Jonathan Moonen** was the student speaker.

Family and friends joined the 20 pre-licensure students and 8 RN to BSN students as they received their pins. Although

these students receive the baccalaureate degree from the university, they also receive the nursing pin. The lapel pin signifies the honor of the nursing profession and the school from which the nurse graduated. This pin was designed by graduates of the first BSN class in 2011.



Departmental Awards were announced: **Alisha Heyward** received the Outstanding RN-to-BSN student in the Department of Nursing and Health Professions. **Jonathon Moonen** received the Outstanding Pre-licensure BSN student in the Department of Nursing and Health Professions. Announced earlier had been the Palmetto Gold Award recipient, **Chelsea Fly**. A reception followed the ceremony.



Figure 1: RN-BSN Graduate at pinning

## USCB SNA NEWS

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2015-2016 Academic  
Year are*

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# STUDENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP DAY SPOTLIGHT

Posters depicting research ranging in scope from the failure of nation building in Vietnam to Prevention of Surgical Fires: An EBP were presented during the **2015 Student Research and Scholarship Day** at the University of South Carolina Beaufort on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

There were 37 posters submitted by students this year. Of those, 12 were submitted by nursing students.

Four undergraduate nursing students participated: **Darian Faile, Lindsay Kugler, Jalen Manor, and Matt Novosel**. Faculty mentors for these students were Dr. Ornes (Faile, Kugler, and Novosel) and Dr. Goodwin (Manor).



FIGURE 2 DARIAN FAILE IN FRONT OF HER POSTER ENTITLED METHADONE VERSUS BUPRENORPHINE USE IN MAINTENANCE TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

One of the nursing students in Department of Nursing and Health Professions received recognition for his poster in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Scholarship Day. Second Place in the Issue Based/Descriptive Category was **Matthew Novosel** with his poster on “Comparing the accuracy of automatic blood pressure devices to manual blood pressure cuffs”. His mentor was Dr. Ornes. Matt is in the pre-licensure BSN program.

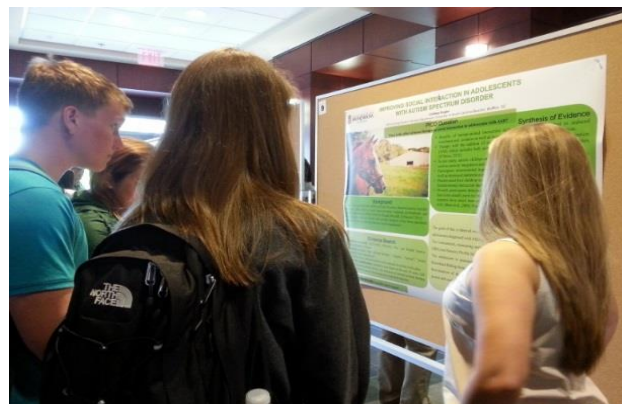


FIGURE 3: LINDSEY KUGLER IN FRONT OF HER POSTER ENTITLED IMPROVING SOCIAL INTERACTION IN ADOLESCENTS WITH ASD: AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROPOSAL.

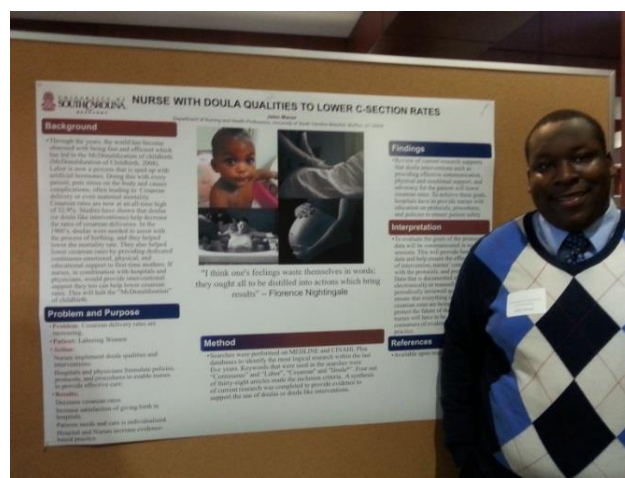


FIGURE 4: JALEN MANOR IN FRONT OF HIS POSTER ENTITLED NURSE WITH DOULA QUALITIES TO LOWER CESAREAN RATES.



FIGURE 5: MATT NOVOSSEL IN FRONT OF HIS POSTER ENTITLED COMPARING THE ACCURACY OF AUTOMATIC BLOOD PRESSURE DEVICES TO MANUAL BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS.

Several RN to BSN students also participated with posters as part of their Capstone. Under direction of Dr. Goodwin, these students were:

- **Sharon Simmons** (Alarm Fatigue),
- **Pia Ryan** (Increasing Funding to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services for a Targeted Population at Volunteers in Medicine, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina),
- **Marga Daisy Gilliland** (Breastfeeding in Public),
- **Don and Kathy Cowart** (Individual Disaster Food Supply Plan for Jasper County's Citizens),
- **Donna Kubik** (Prevention of Surgical Fires: An Evidence-Based Proposal),
- **Nicole Wolfe** (Promoting Infant Sleep Safety with Co-sleeping Policy and Parent Education Initiative),
- **Kathy Phillips** (Increasing Interest in Nursing as a Career Choice), and
- **Alisha Heyward** (Breastfeeding Support for Postpartum Women after Hospital Discharge).

Finally, one of the pre-nursing students, who is applying to the nursing program, **Sharon Raulerson**, won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for her senior thesis on "Calling All Nursing in an Aging World".



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## CLASS OF 2016 HELPS MARCH OF DIMES

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The Class of 2016 volunteered in their junior year for the 2015 March of Dimes March for Babies on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Port Royal, SC. Students

registered walkers, led activities for children, distributed food and water, and facilitated the butterfly garden which honors those newborns born too early. The students even designed class t-shirt!

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Several nursing students are recipients of scholarships. **Megan Cain (cohort 2016)** has been selected for the **Sea Island Rotary Nursing Scholarship**. Megan coached in a basketball camp for underprivileged children in the greater Columbia area each summer for the past 6 years, volunteered at Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS) bagging food for the homeless and needy in her community as well as gathering materials needed for their daily living, and went on a mission trip to an immensely impoverished community in Sea Grape, Bahamas to provide moderate first aid, repair homes, provide food and spread the gospel. Megan volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club in Bluffton for a clinical rotation and has hopes of continuing to do so in the future.

The **Okatie Rotary Nursing Scholarship** selects a fulltime, returning student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0. Recipients must be a nursing major from the Lowcountry who participates in community service. **Bethany Biaett (cohort 2017)** has been selected for this scholarship. Bethany maintains a GPA of 3.159. She participates in Special Olympics as a volunteer swim team coach, March of Dimes through fundraising for the 5k March for Babies for the last six years, and has volunteered as the faculty advisor for the fellowship of Christian athletes at Beaufort Academy since fall of 2013.

**Robin Haroutunian and Chris Barton** (both in cohort 2017), **Leigha Hagerman, Andrea Gomez, and Samantha Coburn** (cohort 2016) have each been selected for the **Edward Braude scholarship**. This scholarship is in honor of Edward Braude who was a resident of the Frasier Center. His wife funded this scholarship after his death. The recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate clinical behaviors of listening, caring, compassion, and sensitivity. **Robin Haroutunian** also received

the annual scholarship award from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hilton Head Island.

RN to BSN students: **Jennifer Davis** and **Kathy Phillips** received the Hilton Head Auxiliary scholarship.

## NEW FACULTY WELCOMED!



**Pamela Phillips, PhD, RN**, came to USCB from Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, NC where she taught mental health nursing, adult-med-surg I, and fundamentals for almost 10

years. Dr. Phillips will be teaching mental health nursing at USCB and assisting in community nursing clinicals this fall. Prior to that, her bedside nursing career was as a cardiology float pool nurse on stepdown units in Mission Hospitals in Asheville.

Dr. Phillips's first degree was a B.A. in Journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill. She worked at a newspaper and magazine and at a family photographic services business before attending nursing school. Dr. Phillips received her associate's degree in nursing from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in Asheville; her BSN from Winston-Salem State University; her MSN in nursing education from UNC-Greensboro; and her PhD in Nursing Science from USC (Columbia). Dr. Phillips's dissertation concerned using therapeutic writing to deconstruct posttraumatic stress recovery. She received the USC College of Nursing Outstanding Dissertation Award in 2012 for her dissertation. Dr. Phillips consults with and writes for nursing texts for Pearson Education on concept-based nursing education and psychiatric nursing. Dr. Phillips

also received the Dr. and Mrs. William D. Killian Award for Outstanding Teaching at Blue Ridge Community College in 2013.

For fun, Dr. Phillips likes the beach, dogs, watching Gamecock football, travel, and recreational reading. She also enjoys trapshooting and would like to improve her score.

**Dr. Vicki Martin** is a 1991 graduate from Florence-Darlington Technical College with an ADN. She became a USC alumni as an RN to BSN in 2000. She completed her MSN with nursing education specialty from Walden University in 2008 and then obtained her DNP from Chatham University.

Dr. Martin has published several nursing articles in nursing magazines, has written a monologue in the New Nurse Educator book, and co-authored a pediatric case study review book for nursing students.

Dr. Martin is from Effingham, SC, a suburb outside Florence. She has been married for 37 years and has a son, daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and 5 grandchildren. She joins USCB from Francis Marion University in Florence and is excited to be here. She is a pediatric nurse and will be teaching pharmacology and community health clinical supervision this semester.



*Help us welcome our new nursing faculty to  
the Department of Nursing and Health  
Professions!*