



## November-December 2015

The College of Nursing wishes you a very [Merry Christmas!](#)

We congratulate our newest alumni who celebrated their accomplishments at Winter Convocation on December 9th. Seven Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduates were hooded during the ceremony. Forty-one master's level students completed study as health care administrators, nurse educators, nurse practitioners, and nurse anesthetists. Twelve BSNs joined the alumni ranks as well—11 from the online RN-BSN program. Kudos to these graduates!

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### Dean Fitzpatrick honored

In November, M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, was twice honored for her contributions to nursing. On November 19th she received the [Lifetime Achievement Award from Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania](#) (SNAP) at the state SNAP convention in Harrisburg. On November 4th, Dean Fitzpatrick was honored with a [scholarship in her name](#), established by the Nurses Educational Funds, Inc. (NEF). She was recognized at the NEF Gala Reception in New York City. She has been a member of the NEF Board since 1983.



### Dr. Capriotti authors pathophysiology textbook

"Pathophysiology, nursing science and clinical medicine fascinate me and when students discover how the body works and they have that 'aha' moment, it never fails to reward me," explains Clinical Associate Professor Theresa Capriotti, DO, MSN, RN, CRNP. For over 30 years she has been learning about and teaching pathophysiology. Her new textbook Pathophysiology: Introductory Concepts and Clinical Perspectives will be released in February 2016. [More...](#)



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### Dr. Sunny Hallowell shares expertise as researcher and policy scholar

Sunny Hallowell, PhD, PPCNP-BC, IBCLC, assistant professor, presented an invited lecture "The Associations Between the Nurse Work Environment Breastfeeding Support and Human Milk Provision in the NICU" to an international cohort of scholars at the 2015 The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing Emerging Scholars Forum in Ontario on October 26. Earlier in October, Dr. Hallowell participated in the activities of the American Academy of Nursing in Washington D.C. in fulfillment of her national leadership role as a Jonas Policy Scholar. Dr. Hallowell is a Scholar from the inaugural 2014 cohort and serves on the Academy's Expert Panel on Breastfeeding. [More...](#)



**Alumni, keep us in the know so you will be, too!** Update your contact information through the [NovaNetwork](#) so you will continue to receive our publications and invitations.



### Online RN-BSN student elected to state association

Heather Foley, an online RN-BSN student, is following her dream to give nursing a voice at decision-making tables. She was recently elected secretary of the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA). She describes how her expanded education dovetails with her service, "...My baccalaureate nursing education at Villanova is continually enhancing my proficiency in critical thinking, health promotion, and leadership. This directly relates to my capacity to

be of service as a nurse leader, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue my education." [More...](#)

### **DNPs presenting scholarly work at meetings**

Look for three of our recent DNP graduates who are presenting their DNP Scholarly Projects at national or international meetings this summer:

#### **Michelle A. Cuttino, DNP, CRNP, AGPCNP-BC**

*Using the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) Tool to Improve Falls Risk Identification in Long Term Care*

Poster Presentation: National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, July 7-10, 2016 in Keystone, Colorado



#### **Amy Beth Carnall, DNP, RN, RNFA, APN-C**

*The Relationship Between Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Substance Use Disorder among Adolescents in a Residential Setting*

and

#### **Regina Gentlesk Green, DNP, PMHCNS-BC**

*Improving Knowledge Through an Educational Program on an Integrated Care Pathway for Self-Injurious Behavior (SIB) and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD)*

Both are Podium Presentations: 2nd International conference on Emergency Mental Health & Human Resilience July 14-15, 2016 Cologne, Germany

### **Mark your calendar: April 1-2, Advance Care Planning Oncology Conference**

On April 1-2, 2016 the College presents "Advance Care Planning Reimagined: Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology" a conference supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund. The keynoter is Ira Byock, MD, a nationally recognized, leading palliative care physician, author and public advocate for improved end of life care. [More...](#)



### **Call for applications: Ashley Rose Pitek Nurse Scholars Fellowship**

The Ashley Rose Pitek Nurse Scholars Fellowship supports DNP study in the College of Nursing for **APRNs committed to the care of children with spina bifida**. The eligible recipient must be an advanced practice nurse who has met DNP applicant requirements and is enrolled full-time in the program. The student's DNP project must focus on critical aspects of spina bifida care that can be applied in practice and which contribute to the improved care and the quality of life of these children and their families. [More...](#)



### **Tenure Track Faculty Position– Nutrition**

The College of Nursing invites applications for a full-time, tenure track faculty with preparation in nutrition. The successful candidate will teach nutrition courses for undergraduate and graduate students, advise, participate in guiding student projects and research, participate in teaching students during international nursing experiences, engage in research and scholarship and maintain active involvement in College,

University and professional community. To learn more and apply, visit <https://jobs.villanova.edu> and click on Faculty Positions.

### Join our LinkedIn group



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### Free webinars from COPE



Don't miss the latest webinar from the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE). On January 20th, hear from Devon Golem, PhD, RD, LD, speaking on "The Impact of sleep on weight." [Read more and register online.](#)

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## 2016 EVENTS

**March 8** - [Graduate and Adult Education Open House](#) (transfer students, second-degree, RN-BSN, master's, DNP, PhD)

**March 10** - [Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series](#)-- "From Market to Misinformation: Addressing the Science and Facts of Vaccines" with Robert Leggiadro, MD, '72 CLAS, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biology, Villanova University and previous Medical Director Vaccines, Pfizer, Inc.; Robert McNally, PhD, '70 COE, President and CEO, GeoVax, Inc.; and Patricia Stinchfield, APRN, CNP  
Director of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Director of Children's Immunizations Project, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

**March 22** - Annual Research Symposium

**April 1-2** - *Advance Care Planning Reimagined: Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology* -Supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund.

**April 2** - 27th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony @ 6 p.m.

**April 7** - [Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series](#)-- "Cherish the Ladies: a Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Southeast Haiti" with Louise Lindenmeyr, FNP-BC

**April 10** - Open House for High School Students

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