

Berea College I.S.L.A.N.D. NEWS



YEARS of ACCREDITATION

Greetings from the Nursing Program Coordinator

Dear Friends of the Nursing Program,

This spring has turned out to be as busy and fruitful as last fall.

February 4 – 5, 2013 we had the pleasure of having a campus visit from our donor **Ronald E. Meissen**, Ph.D., P.E. Sr. Director Sustainability Corporate Environment, Health and Safety, Baxter Healthcare Corporation. This is Ron's second year supporting our nursing seniors and in fact he doubled his donation this year.

The following week, February 11-13, we had our five-year CCNE reaccreditation site visit. I am pleased to report that our site visitors determined that we were in 100% compliance with all CCNE standards with no recommendations. Upon CCNE's approval of the site visit report, we will have continued accreditation with AACN through 2018. This year we celebrate 50 years of continued national accreditation of our baccalaureate nursing program.

This year we also received a substantial gift for the newly created **Waters Memorial Nursing Internship** from **Ronald V. Trense**. Ron Trense is the husband of Elayne B Nord who is a former BC student - class of 1948. Elayne's cousin, Elizabeth (Betty) Parades aka (Betty Tyson, class of 1944) graduated from our nursing program. Ron's great grandfather, Dr. Kraft taught at Berea in the 1890s. Dr. Kraft, was a graduate of the Theological Seminary in Chicago. Ron and Elayne live in Arden, NC.

We would like to thank all of you who continue to donate to the Pam Farley Nursing Memorial Fund for the benefit of our nursing students. In Pam's honor, we have decided to utilize these funds to establish and maintain the newly created ***Berea College Nursing Honor Society***.

Our alumni and friends have always taken an active interest in our nursing program and many of you have made contributions to the college that directly and indirectly support our nursing program and for that we want to express our sincere gratitude.

I hope you will find time to come back to Berea College and reconnect with your nursing program. We are committed to staying connected with alumni and friends through this newsletter, our webpage, and through our nursing program Facebook site entitled "Berea College Nursing Department Alumni and Friends". Our students, alumni and faculty are making a difference in health care through their leadership. We are...Berea College nurses!

Carol Kirby

Carol Kirby, RN, CNM, MSN, DNPc
Chief Nurse Program Administrator
Berea College, Nursing Program



History of Nursing at Berea College

Nursing at Berea College was first “The Ladies Board of Care” in 1867. The Berea College Nursing Program officially began in 1898 and was initially a two-year vocational nursing program. By 1918 the program had evolved into an 18-month practical nursing vocational diploma program.

By 1922, Berea College had created a three-year nursing program through the independent “Berea College Training School for Nurses.” In 1924, the first State “Registered Nurses” completed their education. In 1925 the “Berea College Training School for Nurses” changed their name to the “School of Nursing.” It retained this distinction as an independent school of nursing for the next 31 years. In 1933, the college first granted approval for college credits for nursing coursework.

In 1943, in response to WWII, the Berea School of Nursing became an approved Cadet Training Program by the Division of Nurses of the U.S. Public Health Service. Nurses graduating during this time became known as “Berea Nurse’s Cadet Corps” and many nurses went on to proudly serve their country as Army Nurses. In 1956, the previously independent “School of Nursing” became Berea College’s “Department of Nursing.” This allowed student nurses to graduate with a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.

In 1960, The Kentucky Board of Nursing granted approval to the new BSN program.

In 1963, Berea College’s BSN program received its first national accreditation approval, a distinction in which it has maintained.

Today We Celebrate:

146 Years of Nursing at Berea

115 Years as a Nursing
Program

57 Years as a
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing
Program

53 Years as a Kentucky Board
of Nursing
Approved Program

50 Years as a
Nationally Accredited
Baccalaureate of
Science
Nursing Program.



Class of 2013



Dean's List Fall 2012

Amaelle Alami	Petronellah Mupereri
Gilbert Bangha	Nicole Oguike
Natallie Branham	Nkechinyere Oranusi
Paeleena Busscher	Michaela Ousley
Betsy Crabtree	Janie Presnell
Nicholas Cress	Jessica Renner
AnnMarie Garland	Brittany Sullivan
Ifeanyi Madujibeya	Brandy Woodall
Joan Maninang	Alison York

Class of 2013

Name and Interest

Alison H. York - Labor and Delivery
Ashley E. Shackelford - Medical/Surgical
Ashley Short - Maternity
Brandy K. Woodall - Intense Care
Erin G. Phillips - Medical/Surgical
Gilbert T. Bangha - Neurosurgery ICU
Janie N. Presnell - Pediatrics
Katie L. Laxson - Emergency and Trauma
Kelly L. Korb - Psych/Mental Health
Lara M. Zavalza-Neeson - Emergency
Makenzie P. Stoner - Emergency
Mariam F. Pourheydarian - Maternity
Steven R. Homer - Pediatrics

BC Honor Society of Nursing

Berea College Nursing is forming an Honor Society of Nursing. This is to recognize and honor those nursing students who have shown superior academic progress and leadership. The ultimate goal of the honor society is to become a chapter of the prestigious Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI). Inductees to the Berea College Honor Society will be grandfathered into STTI once we become an official chapter. The following students have been invited to join the Berea College Honor Society of Nursing. They have an overall GPA of 3.0 & above, & fell within the top 35% of their class.

Planning Board: Dr. Judith Carr(Chair), Dr. Lisa Turner, Susan Vickous, and Janis Tolliver.

The following students will be inducted on May 3, 2013:



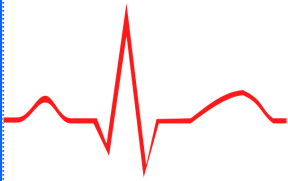
Erin Phillips
Betsy Crabtree
Natallie Branham
Marian Pourheydarian
Brandy Woodall
Mikheil Matcharaze
Katie Laxson
Anna Carman
Janie Presnell
Allison York



This is an exciting time for Berea College Nursing!



We want to thank Dr. Judith Carr and Klara Aminova,
(Sophomore) for their hard work in the development of the
new Nursing Honor Society at Berea College.



Summer 2013 Nursing Internships

Nicole Oguike
Chicago, IL



Natallie Branham
Dayton, OH



Mikheil Matcharadze
Pittsburg, PA



Luwam Amare
Springfield, VA



CarePartners
Asheville, NC
Jessica Pierce
Jazzmine Ramey
Nicholas Cress



Ines Aquino
Berea, KY



Betsy Crabtree
Lexington, KY



Anna Carman
Lexington, KY



Thomas Risk
Go, Ghana



Seniors

Class of 2013



2013 Homecoming King



We would like to congratulate Senior
Gilbert T. Bangha for being elected 2013
Homecoming King!

**Congrats
King Gilbert!**



Ashley Short a senior nursing major became the first Berea College student to receive the prestigious Sullivan Award and the William E. Bardusch, Jr. Graduate Scholarship. The Sullivan Foundation Board members were present at a special dinner held in the Skylight Room at Boone Tavern to meet and honor the recipient. The award was presented by Janis Tolliver who nominated Ashley.

The awards are given to one Berea College Senior who is selected based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Must be a graduating senior who plans to enroll in graduate school, working toward a master's or doctoral degree, within two years of graduating from Berea.
- ◆ Must demonstrate strength of character and a tendency toward humble, selfless, meaningful service to others.

Berea College has a lengthy history with the Sullivan Foundation that dates back to 1937. In 2008, a special endowment began to honor the former foundation president, William E. Bardusch, Jr. and the Foundation's long-standing relationship with Berea College. This scholarship will reduce the burden of cost for the graduate. All seniors are eligible and must be nominated. This is a highly competitive scholarship.

Congratulations Ashley Short!

Seniors

BC Senior Nursing Students Take a Stand against Human Trafficking

Class of 2013



On March 6, 2013, six (6) senior nursing students stood huddled together at the quad, wrapped in jackets and scarves to withstand the chill, holding self-made signs and ready to stand up for freedom against human trafficking. This event, sponsored by CELTS (Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service), was attended by 139 Berea College students “standing” for their strong belief in social justice. The senior nursing students became involved as a part of NUR 449, Nursing Leadership taught by Dr. Judith Carr. They stood in shifts for a 24-hour period quietly contemplating on the fight against this horrendous public health problem.

Senior Trip to Frontier Nursing/ Home of Mary Breckenridge



In April, the senior class explored the history of nursing on their trip to the Frontier Nursing Service (FNS), located in Leslie County, Kentucky. Founded by Mary Breckinridge in 1925, the Frontier Nursing Service provided services through trained nurse midwives to improve the health of infants, children, and women in the rural Appalachian Mountains. Accompanied by faculty Dr. Lisa Turner and Janis Tolliver, the seniors soaked in the past as they toured the home of Mary Breckinridge and the historic FNS buildings. In one of the buildings, there is a brick on display from the home of Florence Nightingale. According to legend, all nursing students who rub this brick will pass their NCLEX-RN test. We hope this extra bit of luck helps the seniors with that challenge!

Juniors

Class of 2014

Junior Class Poster Presentations



On April 12th, Junior students presented their research on ethical issues in healthcare at St. Joseph Hospital, Berea. Juniors have been presenting their research at this venue for the past four years. We wish to thank the administration at St. Joseph for allowing our students this professional presentation opportunity.

The following students received awards for the top three presentations:

Luwam Amare

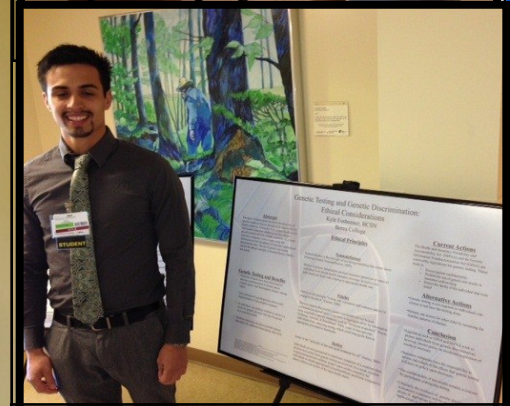
“Bullying in Nursing”

Kyle Fosbenner

“Genetic Testing and Genetic Discrimination”

N.K. Oranusi

“Physician’s Refusal to Treat
Unvaccinated Patients”



A Claim to Fame



Junior Nursing Student Betsy Crabtree won Second Place in the 2013 Labor Day “Claim to Fame” Talent Show!

Sophomores

Class of 2015

Chalk Up Berea

In honor of the inauguration of the new Berea College President, Dr. Lyle Rolofs, Sophomore Nursing students along with faculty member Janis Tolliver represented the Nursing Program at the event "Chalk Up Berea!" At this event students illustrated using chalk aspects of their studies and labor.



Sophomores Surviving their First Clinicals



This semester, Sophomore Nursing students started their first clinicals at St. Joseph Berea and the Terrace Long-Term Care Facility under the instruction of faculty Susan Vickous and Dr. Lisa Turner.

BCASN

Our New BCASN Officers



Congratulations to the new 2013-2014 BCASN Officers.

Natallie Branham, President

Mikheil Matchardze, Vice President

Tommy Risk, Treasurer

Jessica Brown, Secretary

Operation Angel Tree

As a service project, BCASN donated time and money to a family from the Angel Tree Foundation. All classes participated in buying and wrapping the gifts. This presented an opportunity for our students to grow closer as they helped a family in need.



Faculty

Our Newest Tenured Faculty



We would like to congratulate our newest tenured faculty Carol Kirby and Teresa Villaran! Thank you both for hard work and dedication!

Congrats Teresa and Carol! You both deserve it!

Faculty Community Service

In March, Judith Carr, RN, BS, MSN, Dr. P.H. was invited to attend the Jackson County Technology Schools Health Professions Class and the Jackson County Middle School to discuss the Berea College Nursing Program. Dr. Carr is a member of the Jackson County Public Health Board. This event was planned and offered as a part of the Berea College Promise Neighborhoods. According to Dr. Carr, approximately 25 students and 15 school teachers participated in the event.

It is through community involvement such as this, that helps the college recruit the “best and brightest” students to our Berea College family. The nursing faculty is always willing to be involved in community efforts to promote not only the nursing program but the college in general.

Thanks Judith for representing BC Nursing!

Faculty

Nursing Faculty and Staff Participate in Inauguration Run/Walk Event



Janis Tolliver, Judith Carr and Teresa Jefferson participated in the Inauguration Run/Walk event. This event was held as a part of President and First Lady Roelofs induction as the 9th Berea College President, as well as to foster healthy lifestyles among Berea College faculty and staff. When asked why they joined the event, Judith commented “We are walking in honor of those who cannot” and to foster healthy lifestyles at Berea College. Janis advocates for more movement activities such as walking, Yoga and healthy eating among nursing faculty/staff and students. They finished in the top 10 walkers.

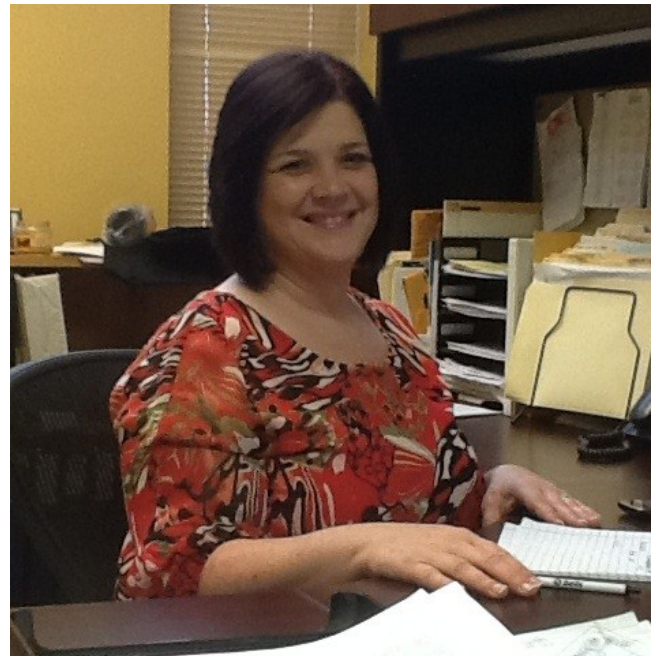
Way to go, Janis, Judith and Teresa!



13th Annual Nurse Educator Institute Branson, MO

Teresa Villaran attended the 13th Annual Nurse Educators Institute, April 17-19. She presented a Poster: Incorporating students into Curriculum change: for students by students

The Woman Behind the Scenes



We want to thank Teresa Jefferson, Nursing Administrative Assistant for all of her hard work. We could not run the program without her.

BC Nursing Alumni

Shannon Campbell Class of 2006

Shannon Campbell currently works in the Critical Care Float Pool at the University of Kentucky which allows her to go to every adult and pediatric ICU and emergency department. She married her high school sweet heart Adam and has 6 children, Mackenzie 15, Hudson 12, Ella Grace 9, Caleb 7, Chloe 7, and Luke 3. She would like to encourage nursing alumni to be more involved and loyal to their alma mater. She would like to tell the current nursing students to not focus on the immediate. Look long term. The time and energy you put into your degree will allow you to establish a very bright future. Work hard, very hard. It pays off substantially. It can be done. You have to want it.

Bernice Baird Class of 1983

She is proud to be an alumni of Berea College and believes strongly in its great commitments. She is a Certified Critical Care Nurse and has worked for 36 years at Saint Joseph Berea Hospital. She has had the privilege of being a Clinical Instructor for the Junior Nursing Students at Berea College for 7 years and continues to be amazed and in awe of the wonderful students that come to Berea. In her spare time Bernice enjoys being an Instructor for the American Heart Association. Bernice would say that the greatest accomplishment other than graduating from Berea College and having a rewarding career as a Nurse, is being the mother of her 25 year old Son, Logan Hollis. He is a Chef and resides in Lexington, KY. She has had the honor of being awarded the Kentucky Nursing Excellence award, Outstanding Alumni Award from the Berea College Nursing Program and the Daisy award for Extraordinary Nurses from Catholic Health Initiatives.

We Want to Hear From You!

Please take time to drop us a line about your professional activities, honors, employment, or other items of interest.

Alumni

Name _____

Year of Graduation _____

News _____

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