



#### From Dean's Desk

As I have asked for several months, I would like us to keep our Future Focus questions top of mind:

- Does the College of Nursing want a different culture?
- If so, is the college willing to do the work to get there? ٠ Are you willing to persevere over time to establish a new culture? •
  - What does our new culture look/feel like?
- Do you believe you can make a difference along this journey? .

graduates who will be celebrating graduation this week. They are why we are here!

The final question,"Do you believe you can make a difference along this journey?" may be the most important on the list, and to me the answer for each of you is a resounding YES! "Leadership is a practice, not a position."~ Brene Brown

"Who we are is how we lead. Self-awareness, kindness, vision, accountability, trust, just basic skills of being a good human being to other human beings."~Brene Brown

We all are leaders and your leadership in addressing our Future Focus is becoming more evident every day. Thank you for your hard work and perseverance along this journey we are taking together! I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your contributions to the success of the many nursing

#### **CON Student Section**

#### Psych Congress Elevate 2024

Three ETSU College of Nursing psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner studentswere awarded scholarships to attendPsych Congress Elevate 2024. Ashley Davis, Allyson Newer, and Adebayo "Bayo" Adeeko will attend the conference scheduled May 30 – June 2, 2024, in Las Vegas, NV.

Benefits include complimentary conference registration, fully paid travel arrangements, hotel accommodation, and several continuing education units. Additionally, recipients are granted networking opportunities, are featured on the Psych Congress Elevate 2024 website, and are designated as Elevate Brand Ambassadors. According to the website, a limited number of scholarships were awarded nationwide to students, residents, or fellows in mental healthcare. Scholarship Program | Psych Congress Elevate (hmpglobalevents.com) Congratulations! Meet the Scholars | Psych Congress Elevate (hmpglobalevents.com)



Ashley Davis, BSN, RN



Adebayo "Bayo" Adeeko, BSN, RN

the supervision of CON Professor Jessica Hamm.



Allyson Newer, BSN, RN A

# CON Allendale campus visits Dobyns Bennett High School

ETSU CON Allendale students went to Dobyns Bennett High School to teach the students physical assessment, wound care, nasogastric tube insertion, staple/suture removal, and IV insertion under



#### 1st Quarter MClex score

We had a total of 144 first-time test-takers with 139 passes for a pass rate of 97%! Congratulations to the Undergraduate Programs faculty as we continue to see the results of their hard work and dedication to our students and our program.

#### CON Students Destress week

CON students worked hard this semester. As a way of giving back, the SAC had arranged for a destress week with the college of nursing. There were free goodies, snacks and drinks, and a calm environment to unwind.



SNA Events

Johnson city community health fair

"In collaboration with Kawther Al Ksir DrPH (international student from Tunisia in the College of Public Health), SNA represented the College of Nursing at the Johnson City Community Health fair on April 20th. Students provided community members education about radon, how it affects health,



#### SNA Senior night

SNA held their senior night on 4/25/2024 we are so proud of our Seniors graduating in May 2024. The seniors' names are: Rolanda Edwards, Abigail Grindstaff, and Avani Patel from left to right.





The Spring 2024 Convocation and Commencement is this week, we have nearly 261 potential graduates from both Undergraduate and Graduate Programs of the College of Nursing!

Scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm (EST) on Friday, May 3 2024, in the Grand Hall of the Martin Center for the Arts, the College of Nursing's Spring 2024 Please make arrangements to join the celebration of this happiest of occasions for the College of Nursing!

If you are a faculty member and wish to attend, be sure to arrive by 5:45 pm to have time to dress in regalia and be lined up with the stage party. Please make arrangements to join the celebration of this happiest of occasions for the College of Nursing! click here to RSVP.

If you wish to volunteer to assist with the event, email Monalee Sethi



representing the College of Nursing as the Banner Carrier during the Spring 2024 Commencement ceremony beginning at 2:30pm on Saturday, May 4 allad Health Athletic Center (Min Dome).



**ETSU Day of Giving - A Word of Thanks** 

Thank you for your support for the College of Nursing on ETSU Day of Giving! The College received \$14,770 from 29 donors, reaching 93% of our donor goal of 31 donors (number set by University Advancement). Donors were 49% alumni, 45% faculty/staff, 18% students, and 4% friends.

Thanks again!

Dean Byrd



#### **Getting to Know**

I am the Development Director for the Colleges of Nursing and of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences; my role is to secure resources for the university in the range of \$25,000 and above, by working with private donors, many of whom are alumni, as well as corporate and community partners. I do this by building relationships; I always say fundraising moves at the speed of trust. We are so fortunate to enjoy generous financial support from so many! They give because they believe in YOU ALL and all that you do every day to prepare the next generation of nurses and nursing leaders.

I am currently finishing up a Master's in Education in the Clemmer Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis program. It's a fully online program, so I have become a MASTER at D2L!



**Pictured: Anne Godfrey** 

# The 2024 Pattie Lathan Browder Lectureship

#### The College of Nursing had a fabulous day with guest speaker Dr. Donna Roberson, as she presented "Owen's Story: The Critical Importance of Nurses in the Role of Patient and Family Advocate." Thank you for sharing sweet Owen's story and your expertise with us as this year's Pattie Lathan Browder Lectureship speaker



# **CON Faculty and Staff Awards**

Nominations for 2023-2024 faculty and staff awards are underway with the awards being presented at the August 2024 Fall Launch. Please check your inbox and complete the surveys by May 10th, 2024 Nominations for 2024-2025 will be sent out in Fall 2024 and presented at the CON Holiday party in December. This will provide ample time for university submissions in Spring 2025.



#### Nurses week May 6-12th

National Nurses Week is recognized from May 6 to May 12, Florence Nightin birthday. This important event celebrates the contributions made by nurses i nation.

To learn more about National Nurses Week, click here.

Look out for a special survey in your inbox!



#### Career Quest 2024!

Approximately 4,600 area students from around the region took part in CareerQuest Tennessee 2024 events at the Ballad Health Athletic Center on the campus of East Tennessee State University. Each student had the opportunity to learn about careers from the region's employers in advanced manufacturing, construction, health care, and IT. Dr. Tisdale and Erica Seals from College of Nursing were present at the event on 11th and

https://www.wjhl.com/daytime-tri-cities/daytime-live-at-careerquest-tn-2024/

12th of April. Link below watch Dr Tisdale speak at the event filmed by WJHL





#### Epsilon Sigma at Large Chapter Research Day 2024

College of Nursing faculty shared their poster presentations and podium presentations, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 9 am to 3 pm at East Tennessee State University. D.P. Culp Student Center Please see the link below for the photos and presentations. https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/research/epsig\_research\_day.php



#### **CON NEWS**

#### Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Dr. Melessia Webb will serve as Interim Director of Quality Improvement, effective March 25, 2024. In this role, Dr. Webb will assist with overall CON assessment such as CCNE communication, ongoing evaluation of all aspects of CON programs including data collection and reports necessary for accreditation requirements and licensing boards.

# Faculty Senator Representatives

On behalf of the College of Nursing faculty senators we congratulate Retha Gentry & Alisa Hearl as the new faculty senators





Pictured: Dr. Webb.

Pictured: Alisa Hearl

# Vice Chair and Secretary for Academic Council AY25

On behalf of the College of Nursing we congratulate Ms. Victoria Hood-Wells as the Vice Chair for AY25 and Ms. Renee Lowe as the Secretary for AY25

Mental Health First Aid Certified

Alisa Hearl completed my certification in the National Council for Mental Wellbeing's, Mental Health First Aid Trainer course. I can now train others

to Identify. Understand. Respond. Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, early-intervention course that teaches participants







#### Poster Presentation

about mental health and substance use

challenges.www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org

Dr Yeh presented two poster presentations at the Iowa EBP Conference

Pi-Ming Yeh, Cheng-Huei Chiao, & Jennchang Liou. (2024). Comparisons of Using Alcohol, Coping Strategies, and Mental Health Between US and Taiwanese Students. Clinical Research poster Presentation at the 31st National Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Conference. Wednesday, April 17 - Thursday, April 18, 2024. University of Iowa Health Care, at Hyatt Regency | Coralville, Iowa Pi-Ming Yeh, Cheng-Huei Chiao, & Jennchang Liou. (2024). Comparisons of US and Taiwanese College Students' Psychological Well-being and Suicidal Ideation. Clinical Research poster presentation at the 31st National Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Conference. Wednesday, April 17 - Thursday, April 18, 2024.

### OSS New ADvisor

University of Iowa Health Care

Congratulations to Erica Seals, she has assumed the position of Graduate Progression Advisor as of April 8, 2024.

# Goodbye and Good luck

Wishing you Dr. Mullins all the best on her next adventure! Your positivity and hard work will be greatly missed. Farewell, and stay in touch!



Pictured: Dr. Yeh.

Pictured: Erica Seals.





Fun fact

The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. May born are characterized as being more idealistic, organized, or intellectual

#### Birth Stone and Flower

The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success The birth flower for May is Lily of the Valley.



"Bee" in a Photo

On Thursday, May 25th, Drs. Kristen Montgomery and Christy Hall unintentionally dressed alike, yet in reverse, as bumblebees in an apparent collective effort to summon May flowers! They apologize for failing to send out the Bumblebee Memo to the whole College of Nursing!





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