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University of Memphis LSON & Jining Medical University Initiate Collaborative Programs



Dr. Guang Hua Wu, president of Jining Medical University, completed a two-day visit to the University of Memphis on December 9, 2010. The purpose of Dr. Wu's visit was to sign collaboration agreements to develop nursing faculty and prepare Jining Medical University nursing students at the Bachelor and Master of Science levels.

Dr. Wu, a prominent surgeon in China, was the first surgeon in Shandong province to successfully perform heart transplantation in May 1995. More recently, Dr. Wu initiated free cardiac surgeries for children from poor families and to date, 600 children have been served. Dr. Wu was named "Best Hospital President" in 2006 and 2007; one of the "Ten Most Influential People in Shandong" in 2005; and in 2009, he received the Congressional Award from the Chinese government for his great contribution to medicine, health service, and leadership in higher education. Dr. Shirley C. Raines, President of U of M, met Dr. Wu during his visit on the campus. "The collaborative programs provide excellent opportunities for both Memphis and Chinese nursing faculty and students; Drs. Raines and Wu's leadership in support of forging the partnership is evident," Dean Zhan noted.

The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health

What a time of opportunity for the nursing profession!

In 2008, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) launched a two-year initiative to respond to the need to assess and transform the nursing profession, and to produce a report with recommendations for an action-oriented blueprint for the future of nursing.

The RWJF and IOM Committee developed several key messages and recommendations, to highlight:

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training
2. Nurses should achieve a higher level of education and training through an improved educational system that promotes seamless academic progression
3. Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other healthcare professionals, in redesigning healthcare in the United States



4. Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The nursing profession is the largest segment of the U.S. health care workforce, with over 3 million members. By virtue of its numbers, the nursing profession has great potential to initiate and lead innovative strategies to effect wide-reaching changes in the health care system. Nurses are also poised to help bridge the gap between coverage and access.

Never before has our profession been as well-positioned to have such a great impact on patient care and the health of our nation. The only remaining question is, “How will we step up to the plate and accept the leadership challenge that we have for many years sought?”

What can you do? You can take advantage of opportunities to lead and prepare yourself through independent study or return to school for an advanced degree. You can seek out formal programs available through several foundations and organizations to prepare you for leadership. You can seek mentorship from someone whose leadership you aspire to emulate.

This is our time as nurses! We are all privileged to be nurses at such an historic time in our profession. Each one of us has the opportunity to be an active part of shaping the future of nursing. [Read more ...](#)

Loewenberg School of Nursing Mission, Vision and Core Values

In September 2010, a Task Force was formed to develop a Strategic Plan for LSON. The task force, consisting of administrators and faculty, refined the School’s Mission, Vision, and Core Values, and developed a plan for the next five years, 2011-2016.

Mission: The LSON provides accessible and innovative higher education preparing leaders who promote health of the global community through excellent teaching, rigorous research, and collaborative practice/service.

Vision: The LSON is creating a center of excellence where education, research and scholarship, practice, and partnerships integrate to advance nursing science and to promote health of the global community.

Core Values: The LSON identifies caring, diversity, integrity, and leadership as core values.

Strategic Plan: The *Strategic Plan 2011-2016: Vision to Excel* articulates four strategic goals centered on innovative and accessible higher education, integration of technologies, enhancement of research and scholarship to advance nursing science, and promoting health on and off the campus through nursing. The strategic plan serves as a roadmap for what we do and how we evaluate our work. Together, the collective wisdom and concerted efforts of LSON faculty, staff, and partners will enable us to reach our shared vision and goals and bring nursing to a higher level of excellence. [Read more ...](#)

Nursing Students Serve Memphis Union Mission



Partners for the Homeless estimate there are approximately 2,000 homeless persons in Memphis on any given night. With several common health concerns, one of which is foot problems due to wearing poorly fitting shoes, large amounts of walking, and feet being too hot, too cold, or wet for long periods of time, LSON Community Health Nursing Students sought to provide basic foot care and education to the homeless men and women in the Memphis Union Mission Drop-In Center.

The focus of the students' service was to provide focus on the primary and secondary levels of prevention, meaning they wanted to keep problems from ever developing, and detect and treat problems before they progressed.

The services LSON students provided includes a foot soak, foot massage with lotion, nail clipping, sores bandaged, and the conditions treatable by over-the-counter methods. Other conditions were referred to the Baptist Operation Outreach Van which visits the shelter every Monday, or to other off-site providers. The students also provided education on foot conditions, teaching the men and women how to treat any current conditions, how to prevent recurrences, and how to prevent conditions from occurring.

The students' "pilot" clinic served 18 men on October 14, 2010, from 9:30 am to 11:00am. The following full clinic on November 11th served 28 men during the same timeframe. LSON plans to continue holding clinics at the Memphis Union Mission twice each semester and once during the first summer session.

As our students continue educating and serving the men and women of the Memphis Union Memphis, please consider the many ways in which [you can help](#). Consider providing new socks, new shoes, over-the-counter medications for men's feet, or any of the supplies listed on our website.

The [Memphis Union Mission](#) is a men's shelter which provides meals and a drop-in center for men, women, and children, services for men dealing with alcohol and drug addiction, and shelter for single males.

20-year tradition involved SNA and benefits Salvation Army's Angel Tree



For the past 20 years, Sheila Hall and several Loewenberg School of Nursing associates have toiled hundreds of hours to ensure a better holiday season for the less fortunate. Hall has coordinated the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program since its inception on the University campus in the early 1990s. She estimates 2,000 children and elderly have been able to enjoy the holidays because of the generosity of those on campus.

"We generally have had well over 100 angels adopted every year from the beginning, and many times we have had considerably more than 100," said Hall, Loewenberg School of Nursing Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

In the 20th anniversary of the program, Hall celebrated the generosity and thoughtfulness of U of M departments and individuals who ensured children and the elderly would have gifts during the holidays. "We are very proud of the support we have continued to receive from the U of M family. Most offices that participate today are those

who were with us that first year. They continue to come with smiling faces and hearts full of love for those less fortunate.” Hall said she became interested in the program after her brother adopted an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree at a local shopping mall. She asked the Student Nurses Association in the Loewenberg School of Nursing to sponsor the on-campus program.

“My real goal was not only to help folks who needed help, but also to make the holiday season more meaningful for those in the U of M family who wanted to participate,” Hall said. “I had hoped that offices would come together as a group and adopt Angels instead of buying a lot of gifts for each other which nobody really needed. In the process, they would be drawn closer together in their offices by doing something for others, and we would become even stronger as a campus community. To my surprise, it worked! So many people have told us how they got to know those in their office better and had a great time.”

Hall said the program would never have continued to prosper “without supportive staff in the Loewenberg School of Nursing. Their support over the years and eagerness to help have made it all possible from an organizational perspective.”

Nothing gives me the holiday spirit like seeing those U of M faculty and staff bring gifts to us on Angel Tree day,” Hall said. “Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has participated in Angel Tree over the past 20 years.”

LSON welcomes first Business Officer, Ms. Alicia V. Stires



LSON has experienced tremendous growth, not only in its student enrollment, but also in its financial and data management needs. Therefore, LSON welcomed its first Business Officer, Ms. Alicia V. Stires, in November, 2010.

Ms. Stires has an impressive record of achievements, knowledge, skills, and experience. She received a Masters degree in Marketing, concentrated in Research and Statistics and a Bachelors degree in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama. She has held the positions of consultant/analyst, manager of planning and analysis, and market analyst in a variety of companies, and managed the sales and budgeting process for worldwide strategic accounts.

“We are thrilled to have Alicia with us in LSON. It has taken her no time to hit the ground running and to help streamline the operational processes of the School,” shares Dr. Lin Zhan, dean of LSON. “Likewise, I am happy to be a part of the U of M Loewenberg School of Nursing. I’ve found the University community to be innovative and vibrant, and the LSON faculty and staff to be extremely professional and welcoming. I look forward to the new year and the successes we will celebrate,” says Stires.

Season’s Greetings from your Loewenberg School of Nursing



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*The Dean, Faculty, Students, and Staff
wish you and yours*

A Joyous Holiday Season & Happy New Year!

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