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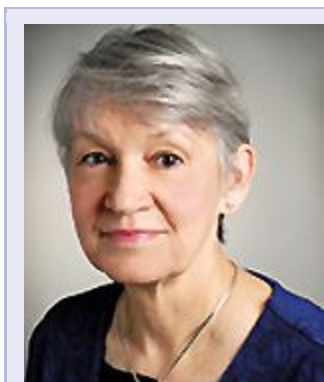
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Upcoming LSON Events

U of M Homecoming
October 9-10, 2009

CCNE Accreditation Visit
October 14-16, 2009

Nursing Career Fair
November 30, 2009

Message from the Dean



I am pleased to share with you the Loewenberg School of Nursing's very FIRST e-newsletter! We have been inspired to "go green" with our publications, recognizing that cutting costs in one area (such as publishing and printing a newsletter and mailing it to our alumni - which now number over 3,000) will allow the School to use our resources more effectively for the benefit of our students and the community.

For the coming years, it is our goal to be recognized for excellence in nursing education, research and practice, and noted for our comprehensive, innovative academic programs that are responsive to the health challenges of the global community.

In this e-newsletter, and those to follow each semester, you will notice a clear focus on our alumni, students, and faculty as they excel in practice, education, and research. Each group is connected as they strive to address the health challenges of our local, national, and international communities. We want this e-newsletter, and our website, to serve as a resource for you.

Therefore, I invite your feedback. Please email your comments and suggestions to nursing@memphis.edu. And, please forward the e-newsletter along to your fellow alumni for whom we might not have email addresses.

I also invite you to give back to the Loewenberg School of Nursing. So much of our success is due to alumni and community friends who have chosen to support the School financially. Please [make your gift](#) today!

Alumni Recognized for Outstanding Nursing Service, Influence



On May 22, 2009, the Loewenberg School of Nursing Alumni Chapter honored two graduates with its Outstanding Alumni Award.

Mrs. Mary Hammons (BSN '80, MSN '06) and Dr. Jan Young (BSN '83) were recognized for their service and commitment to Nursing and the Memphis community during a luncheon held in the Fogelman Executive Conference Center on the U of M campus. [Read more...](#)

Photo Caption: Mrs. Mary Hammons (top right) and Dr. Jan Young (bottom left).

Students Examine Local, International Impact of Nursing



In a word, our students are engaged. Through local service and international travel, our students examine the needs of those around them to determine the best strategy for promoting health.

Locally, our students develop awareness courses and conduct health screenings for county employees, children and their families, as well as fellow U of M students. Encouraged to view health from a broad perspective, our students in Community Health Nursing consider all aspects of a person's life when determining the best plan of care. [Read more...](#)

Internationally, our students are enjoying two vastly different experiences. During Spring and Fall semester breaks, students, faculty, and alumni travel to the poorest regions of the Dominican Republic to provide families with much needed health care, such as physical assessments, vitamins, and hygiene packs. Summer travel allows students the opportunity to visit the birthplace of Nursing and see such health policy headquarters as the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and the International Council for Nursing. [Read more and view videos ...](#)

Faculty Inspire Commitment to Practice, Education, and Research



Dr. Linda P. Finch, Associate Professor and ANF/Dorothy Cornelius Scholar, has been promoted to Associate Dean and Director of Undergraduate Programs at the Loewenberg School of Nursing. Effective August 1, 2009, Dr. Finch becomes the School's first Director of Undergraduate Programs.

The majority of Dr. Finch's professional career has been spent teaching Nursing to students entering the profession and stressing a commitment to nursing practice, education, and research. As an Adult Nurse Practitioner, Dr. Finch is actively engaged in a long-term care geriatric practice setting. Dr. Finch also teaches Advanced Role Development, a core course in the School's MSN program, as well as Adult Primary Care in the FNP track. She serves on the U of M Faculty Senate (most recently as the 08-09 Senate Secretary), the editorial Board of the Tennessee Nurse, and as a member of the Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Finch's publications on the nurse-patient relationship and its influence on patient outcomes have the potential to positively change Nursing practice, while her current research focus on nursing students' commitment to the profession could dramatically affect new nurses' decisions to stay in the workplace. In addition to all of this, Dr. Finch has served as the coordinator of the School's upcoming CCNE re-accreditation self study in October.

An alumna of the U of M, Dr. Finch holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a doctor of philosophy degree in communication. She received a master in nursing science degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. [Read more...](#)

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The LSON Horizons Newsletter has been converted to an electronic format for the alumni and friends of the Loewenberg School of Nursing. Our goal is to keep you informed about the alumni activities, student successes, and faculty accomplishments of the Loewenberg School of Nursing. Please share your comments and suggestions by emailing us nursing@memphis.edu

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