



## October 2015

[Homecoming](#) is just around the corner, with events scheduled from November 10-15. Don't miss the always-popular **Dream for Eileen 5k Run/Walk** on Saturday morning, hosted by Villanova's chapter of the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania and the College of Nursing. This annual race starts at 9:30 a.m. in front of Driscoll Hall, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dream for Eileen is a fundraising event for the Eileen Shea Lupton Foundation, established by her family in memory of this young alumna who graduated in 2003. Funds raised support a scholarship for nursing students here at Villanova. [You can pre-register here.](#)

Know a College of Nursing alum who should be recognized for achievement with our highest award, the College of Nursing Medallion? **Nominations are due November 1st.** Previous honorees have been nurse managers, executives, clinicians, community volunteers and educators. [Find more information about the Medallion, along with previous recipients, criteria and the nomination form here.](#)

### 37th Annual Distinguished Lecture in Nursing

Mark your calendar for November 17 at 7:30 pm to hear Cynda Hylton Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, discuss "21st Century Nursing Ethics: Preserving Integrity and Building Moral Resilience." She is the Anne and George Bunting Professor of Clinical Ethics and Professor of Nursing and Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University, and brings her perspective as an internationally recognized expert in bioethics and palliative care. This event is part of the Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series. [More...](#)

### Congratulations to our new fellows

October brought three new reasons to celebrate! Drs. [Mary Ann Cantrell](#) and [Helene Moriarty](#), the Diane and Robert Moritz Jr. Chair in Nursing Research, both professors, were inducted as fellows into the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. [Suzanne Smeltzer](#), professor and director of the Center for Nursing Research, was named a fellow of the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education.

### Insights into the spectrum of oncology nursing care

Senior Nyasia White of Upper Darby, Pa. had an eye opening experience this summer. One of three inaugural Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellows at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, she rotated among various settings across the spectrum of oncology care. "The fellowship was unlike any nursing experience I have ever participated in," says Nyasia of her eight-week opportunity. [More...](#)

### A deeper look at compassion fatigue

Tara L. Sacco MS, RN, CCRN, AGCNS-AG, ACCNS-BC, a second year PhD student, co-authored "[Compassion Satisfaction and Compassion Fatigue in Critical Care Nurses](#)" in the August issue of Critical Care Nurse. "Although nurses obtain

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professional satisfaction from their work, repeated exposure to the aftermath of critical illness puts them at high risk for compassion fatigue,” Tara said in a press release. “Our findings provide a snapshot into issues related to nurses’ professional quality of life, with implications for efforts to create healthy work environments.” Tara is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Wegmans School of Nursing, St. John Fisher College and a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Critical Care at the University of Rochester Medical Center. For her dissertation, she is taking this another step to look at compassion satisfaction and compassion fatigue and the relationship with the nursing work environment in critical care nurses.

### **MSN and DNP alumni rate programs with top scores**

College of Nursing MSN and DNP alumni from 2014 and 2015 were surveyed on key satisfaction measures relating to their respective programs through Educational Benchmarking, Inc. (EBI). EBI is a national standardized survey that is recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to be an important program outcome measure. Both programs earned high scores, outpacing peer schools. [More...](#)

### **Call for abstracts—Annual Research Symposium**

On Tuesday March 22, 2016 from 4-7 pm the College will host its Annual Research Symposium “Building the Evidence Base for Nurses’ Work.” Submit your abstract before November 20th! Research studies or evidence-based projects that focus on clinical excellence, nursing education, or healthcare leadership will be accepted. [Read more here and follow the abstract submission form link.](#)

### **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...](#)

### **NYC College of Nursing alumni event**

Treat yourself to some wonderful food and company! Attend the College of Nursing Alumni Reception on Thursday, November 5th from 6:30-8:30pm at the fabulous Rossini’s Restaurant (108 East 38th Street, NY, NY 10016). All College of Nursing alumni are welcome for an evening of networking with others in the NYC area. Enjoy complimentary food and drinks and expand your Villanova connections! The evening is graciously hosted by Theresa ’74 CON and Gerald ’74 CLAS Bernaz. For more information, contact [Julie Anne Smith](#) or call 610-519-7538. [Register online here.](#)

### **Boston Nursing event: Paths to satisfying and diverse careers in nursing**

Join the Boston alumni chapter on November 21st in Woburn for a complimentary luncheon and panel discussion with an interactive expert panel of fellow Villanova Nursing alumni who will share how to reduce fear, take smart risks and seize opportunities that may enhance your career. Learn how Villanova College of Nursing graduates can find many paths toward career satisfaction. [Learn more and RSVP...](#)

#### **Nurse Practitioner Preceptors and Sites Needed**

If you are or someone you know is a nurse practitioner (NP) interested in sharing knowledge and skills, there are preceptor opportunities available at the College of Nursing for adult-gerontology, family, and pediatric NPs in primary care and specialty clinics in the Delaware Valley, Delaware and South Jersey areas. Our students have clinical semesters at all times during the year-spring, summer and fall. The preceptor commitment is one day a week per preceptor for one semester. Interested? Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Blunt at [Elizabeth.blunt@villanova.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.blunt@villanova.edu) or 610.519 4928.

#### **Free webinars from COPE**

Don't miss the latest webinar from the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE). On November 11th, hear from Dr. Nadia Ali, speaking on "Hormones: The Missing Link in Weight Loss Resistance." [Read more and register online.](#)

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## 2015 - 2016 EVENTS

**November 5** - [Nursing alumni event in NYC](#)

**November 17** - 37th Annual Distinguished Lectureship - "21st Century Nursing Ethics: Preserving Integrity and Building Moral Resilience" - Cynda Hylton Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, Anne and George Bunting Professor of Clinical Ethics, Professor of Nursing and Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University. This lectureship is part of the [Naratil Family Health and Human Values Lecture Series](#).

**November 18** - [RN-BSN Online Program Virtual Open House](#) @ 12n EST

**November 21** - [Nursing alumni event in Boston](#)

**December 1** - Nursing Career Day

**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: A Core Component of Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology* -Supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund.

**April 2** - 27th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony

**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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