Fall has been an exciting time for relocating and reconnecting as we settle into our building that is so transformed it is essentially new. We came from home, we came from Arapaeen, we came from the School of Medicine, from the downtown Royal Wood Office Plaza and from Chipeta Way. Our iconic Florence Nightingale statue made her dramatic move back and is now in her new home on the first floor, in the lobby of the Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center.

What a personal joy it has been for me to observe the faculty and students interact with each other and discover the new spaces and wonderful places in the Annette Poulson Cumming Building. We are enjoying the increased natural light in our workspaces and stunning views in every direction. Both infuse new light and energy into our environment each day.

We are not the only ones to be impressed with the new space. In the short time we have been back we have hosted a number of community partners and leaders for tours. Reporters from the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News, Congressman Jim Matheson and representatives from Senator Orin Hatch’s office have all been through the building. Annette Cumming visited with her husband, Ian, and father, Ernie, to see how we have transformed the place which will forever bear her name. On September 17 our families joined us for an afternoon of food, prizes and tours, our way of thanking them for supporting us throughout the 18-month relocation.

Next month we will host even more visitors when we hold the grand opening on Thursday, November 4. This will be a time to share our wonderful new building with the many donors who have made this transformation possible, and with members of our health care community and our public. It is a time to celebrate our success and showcase the wonderful work of our faculty and students. With this new building the College of Nursing is well positioned for a future that continues to build on our excellence, innovation and integrity.

Maureen
Before she was a national expert on vaccine-preventable infectious diseases, Patricia Stinchfield was a graduate student at the University of Utah College of Nursing. Upon completing her master of science in nursing in 1987, Stinchfield returned to her native Minnesota and began working as a nurse practitioner for Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, in what was the health system’s first position for a pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) in infectious disease. It’s a job Stinchfield maintains today though the role has evolved substantially over the years: in 2001 she was named the system’s director for infectious disease services and in 2004 Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, making her the first nurse in the U.S. to be given a vote on the vaccine policy making committee. As she prepares for the 2010-11 flu season, Stinchfield took a moment to reflect on how her time in Utah helped shape her 20+ year career in infectious disease prevention and immunization awareness.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the U. College of Nursing?
I loved learning the role of a nurse practitioner. Coming to Utah, I already had a strong sense of nursing with its attention to the whole person, family and community. But merging that with the medical model of differential diagnosis, treatment and prevention to provide high quality care and good health outcomes was wonderful. Being able to merge those two together is still fun 23 years later. Even though I now oversee our Infectious Disease and Immunology Department, as well as Rheumatology and Infection Prevention and Control Services, one day each week I still go down to our clinic and do what I learned at the College of Nursing—being a practicing PNP for children with HIV, chronic infections and primary immune deficiencies.

How did you develop an interest in infectious disease prevention?
During graduate school at the College of Nursing I worked on the infectious disease floor at Primary Children’s Medical Center. This was the late 1980s, before they had identified a vaccine for Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) bacteria in children. I was very concerned about the diseases we were seeing in our patient population and saw the devastation of this disease first hand. While I was glad we had some vaccines to prevent some diseases, it was clear to me that we needed more. Soon after I graduated, the Hib vaccine was instituted and we saw a huge decline in the number of infected children. At the same time I became a mom and was thrilled my own baby could be immunized against Hib—suddenly my work took on a whole new meaning.

In your 20+ years in the field, what has been a particularly significant period of advancement?
Working in a children’s hospital you see the sickest of the sick, like severe chicken pox cases, and you see children die from preventable diseases, like measles, Hib or pertussis. I developed a presentation for providers about how to talk with parents about immunizations in five minutes or less and began traveling nationally to present on the topic of vaccine safety. Now that people can go online and potentially access inaccurate
Did anything good come out of H1N1?
We’ve never had so many eyes on vaccine safety during a flu season as we did last year, nor have we had such robust systems of evaluating influenza vaccines during the flu season. This real-time assessment of influenza vaccine safety has been helpful putting unfounded fears to rest. The pandemic also gave communities a much greater understanding of everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, such as staying home when you are sick, covering your cough and washing your hands the right way. Those who did contract H1N1 know how awful influenza can be. This is a message we strive to communicate every flu season—that the virus itself is far worse than the potential minor side effects such as a sore arm from a flu vaccine. This year, we are happy to be working under the “universal recommendation” for influenza vaccine which is a simple message: “Everyone six months of age or over needs an influenza vaccine.”

Alumni Board Hosts Breakfast and Building Tours During Student Orientations

During the weeks of August 16 and August 23, the Alumni Advisory Board helped welcome incoming and returning students to the new academic year—and to the Annette Poulson Cumming Building—with a series of sponsored breakfasts and building tours aimed at familiarizing students with the new space.

“Beginning a new nursing program or even returning for a second year can be an overwhelming experience,” says Alumni Advisory Board member Dianne Stewart, RN, MS, COHN-S. “As alumni, it is our responsibilty to make students as comfortable with our educational institution as possible; after all, each of us experienced that same overwhelming feeling at least once in our educational endeavors.” Stewart adds that alumni can also be an incredible resource for students. “By fostering relationships between the past and the present, hopefully these future alumni will have the same desire to give back to the next generation of nurses.”
Larkin Mortuary Gifts $100,000 to Support Caring Connections

In August, Larkin Mortuary committed $100,000 to help underwrite Caring Connections: A Hope and Comfort in Grief Program. The College of Nursing program will receive $25,000 per year over the next four years to support several initiatives: publication of its quarterly newsletter, the reprinting of participant manuals and its annual Grief and the Holidays event.

For the family owned and operated mortuary service, which in June marked 125 years of service to Utahns, the new partnership is an opportunity to fill what they believe has been a gap in their services. “Larkin Mortuary’s mission has always been to provide genuine care by offering the full range of services in death care so the family can keep their focus on the memory of their loved one,” says Spencer Larkin, the great-great grandson of Larkin founder George William Larkin. “We want those who come to us to know that when they bring their loved ones to us for care that we will be with them through the entire process.” Recognizing that a critical part of the process begins after the funeral or memorial service is over, when grieving individuals must return to their daily lives without their loved one, Larkin representatives believe the new partnership will expand their support of grieving individuals and families. “Grief is a normal, human process people need to go through in order to find happiness in their lives,” says Larkin. “What Caring Connections provides is so important to the community. Even if just one life is made better through this partnership we’ll feel successful.”

In addition to providing critical financial support of Caring Connections, Larkin plans to help increase awareness of its services by including information about the grief and bereavement program in resource kits the mortuary distributes to religious leaders throughout the community. “This partnership represents a shared commitment to assure excellent care of grieving persons in our community,” says Katherine Supiano, LCSW, director of Caring Connections. “The funding enables us to prepare and provide educational materials that compassionately edify grief group participants and represent best practices in bereavement care while the relationship will help us reach new audiences with information about our services.”

Grief and the Holidays: Our Gift to You

Monday, November 1, 2010
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

College of Nursing
Annette Poulson Cumming Building
Second Floor Auditorium

Featuring Richard Paul Evans
author of The Christmas Box

Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Larkin Mortuary
Meet the 2010-12 Development Board Chair

Since joining the College of Nursing Development Board in 2007, Alicia Bremer-Wharton, APR has been integral to the success of numerous development initiatives. Her strategic counsel on everything from capital campaign materials to 2009’s successful ‘$9.99 in ’09’ year-end appeal has helped bring new donors—and new dollars—to the college. In June, Bremer-Wharton took on her most significant College of Nursing project to date when she assumed the position of board chair, a term she will hold through 2012. She replaces outgoing chair Barbara Polich, who continues to serve as capital campaign co-chair. For Bremer-Wharton, who was initially recruited by Polich to lend her marketing and public relations expertise to nursing, working with the college speaks to her long-held passion for healthcare.

“To hear from the faculty, to gain a strong understanding of the research and academic programs at the college, and then to carry this message to the community in seeking donors, both corporate and individual, is incredibly rewarding,” Bremer-Wharton says. With the new academic year underway, she is leading the board’s efforts to secure funding for the college’s capital campaign and sponsors for the 17th Annual Honors for Nursing, to be held May 2011.

When she’s not engaged civically—Bremer-Wharton’s impressive record of board service includes positions with the Leadership Council of the American Cancer Society/Great West Division, Salt Lake Choral Artists, Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors and the American Red Cross—this marketing executive oversees the strategic communications needs of a diverse portfolio of clients through her firm Bremer Public Relations, Inc.

The College of Nursing wishes to acknowledge its 2010-11 Development Board:

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Alene Russon, RN, Nursing and Hospital Administration, Retired
Mikell Leigh Brummett first became involved with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) in fall 2009 as a class representative. “I love serving in a leadership capacity,” says the third semester student in the traditional baccalaureate program. After enjoying the experience, Brummett is now serving as co-president for the 2010-11 academic year.

Offering activities to engage and support nursing students is a team effort for Brummet, co-president Che’Lyn Fullmer and their fellow SAC representatives. The group is selling College of Nursing sweatshirts to raise funds for future student activities and earlier this fall hosted a breakfast for accelerated and traditional students. A 5k run scheduled for Saturday, October 30 is also in the works. “The 5k, which will partially benefit non-profit organization Operation Smile, is a timely project as we are studying community involvement right now,” Brummett says. “I believe as nursing students we have a sense of responsibility to take the knowledge we are gaining and utilize it to help others, applying it in ways that will benefit the community, in much the same way that nurses advocate for the patient.”

Traditional BSN student Che’Lyn Fullmer says she became involved with SAC in an effort to have more interaction with her classmates and a voice in representing their interests. Asked about her favorite part of the new building, Fullmer says, “The Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center! Students get to learn in a real-life environment.”

“My sister will be applying for the program next year and I am thrilled that she and others will have the opportunity to work with such state-of-the-art equipment,” says Che’Lyn Fullmer.

Meet the 2010-11 Student Advisory Committee

Mikell Brummett, Co-President
Che’lyn Fullmer, Co-President
Carly Duncan, Co-Vice President
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SAC Asks College of Nursing Community to ‘Run Miles for Smiles’

Saturday, October 30, 2010 join SAC for a 5k fun run on the University of Utah campus. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between Operation Smile and SAC.

Run Miles for Smiles SAC 5k

**When:** Saturday, October 30, 2010. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., race begins at 8:00 a.m.

**Where:** Jon M. Huntsman Center located at 1825 E. South Campus Drive

**Cost:** $25 in advance, $30 day of the event (cash or check only). Day of event registrants can save $1 off the registration fee for each can of food brought for the Utah Food Bank, up to $5 off per person.

Register online at: www.regtix.com/event/runmilesforsmiles.htm

**Prizes!** Participants are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. A costume contest will be held following the race.

*If you have any questions, please contact Mikell Leigh Brummett at mikell.brummett@utah.edu.*

Support SAC and Stay Warm This Fall

SAC is selling men’s and women’s fleece jackets (shown left) to raise funds for student activities. The jackets are $35 each and will help you stay warm on game days or during autumn hikes. Choice of red or black fleece with the College of Nursing logo embroidered on the left breast in black or white thread.

Order forms are available through SAC Faculty Advisor Juanita Takeno, Room 4620. If you have any questions, please contact Juanita at (801) 585-7602 or juanita.takeno@nurs.utah.edu.
College of Nursing Welcomes New Faculty Members

**Sherrily Brown, RN, MSN, CFNP.** Family nurse practitioner Sherrily Brown has joined the College of Nursing Faculty as an instructor (clinical). Brown, who completed her master of science in nursing at Arizona State University in 2005, has been working in the field of nursing since 2001. Most recently she worked as a nurse practitioner at Avalon Hills Residential Eating Disorders Treatment Facility in Logan, Utah. Prior to that she was at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington D.C where she practiced Pediatric Developmental Neurology. “I am looking forward to getting to know everyone,” she says of joining the College of Nursing faculty. “I am working with an awesome group of faculty and I look forward to working with them more!” In her free time, Brown enjoys traveling and seeing new places, though visiting family in her native Arizona is always at the top of the list.

**Monte Roberts, BSN, MS.** Upon graduating from the College of Nursing in May 2010 with his master of science in nursing, Monte Roberts quickly made the transition from student to teaching faculty. As an instructor, clinical in the Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center, Roberts is helping to evaluate and advance curriculum. “I enjoy providing fresh and enthusiastic ideas on how to improve student satisfaction, teaching effectiveness and learning retention,” he says. “I love collaborating with the simulation team in creating scenarios and learning modules that assist students to conceptually understand clinical concepts in a controlled simulated setting.”

In his free time, this avid runner and athlete competes in both 5k and 10k races, and plays racquetball and basketball. He also enjoys going to dinner and movies with his “gorgeous wife” Lana.

**Laura Heerman Langford, RN, PhD** has joined the College of Nursing faculty as the interim director for the nursing informatics program. She is an alumna of the College of Nursing, having earned her master of science in nursing informatics in 1996 and her PhD, with an emphasis in clinical informatics, in 2002.

Heerman Langford has been a volunteer instructor with the College since 2001 and for the past five years has been the director of nursing informatics for Intermountain Healthcare. Her hobbies include hiking, skiing, biking, reading and photography.
Liz Leckie, PhD is the new manager for graduate student services. She has more than 10 years of experience in student services at the University of Utah. Most recently she held the position of assistant dean for undergraduate affairs in the College of Humanities, coordinating academic advising and undergraduate services. In 2009, she completed her PhD in communication, where she focused her studies on student socialization in higher education, social justice, and intercultural communication.

“I am so excited to have this opportunity to work with the dedicated students, staff, and faculty in the College of Nursing,” Leckie says. “I see this position as one where I can continue working in an area in which I have great passion, student services; and I can focus on collaborating in the creation of quality student programs focused on preparing future advanced practice nurses to use their voices to lead positive transformations in healthcare for individuals, families and communities.”

Faculty and Staff Gather with Family to Celebrate New Building

After experiencing 18 months of touchdown locations and home offices, faculty, staff and their supportive families were treated to a celebratory barbeque and open house Friday, September 17 at the Annette Poulson Cumming Building. Ginny Pepper led tours of the facility while Carolyn Scheese, Rebecca Craven, Dave Matney and Laura Quilter provided visitors with in-depth experiences in the Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center (IHSLC).

Deemed honorary nurses by Dean Keefe, project manager Heather Soderquist of Jacobsen Construction and building architect Nils Eddy of GSBS Architects celebrate their ‘entry’ into the profession.

“It was really fun to meet everyone’s families,” says Elle Oldfield, who, along with Susie Beck helped plan the celebration. “The children had a great time visiting the IHSLC control room and listening to the hearts of the manikins in the Basic Preparation Studio. We may have some future nursing students in the group!”

Cami Palo and her children, Serena and Simon, enjoying the catered spread before their guided tour of the new building.
Presentations

Berry, P., “The Interdisciplinary Team Approach in Hospice and Palliative Care” (Keynote address), Korean Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea. July 2010.


Clark, L., “Understanding fall meaning and context in marketing balance classes to older adults.” 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Geriatrics Conference, Park City, UT. September 2010.


Recent Publications


Awards and Recognitions

Caserta, M. served as an ad hoc external reviewer for the Grants and Research Committee of the Dunhill Medical Trust, London, UK June - July 2010. He reviewed research on the health effects of bereavement.

Deneris, A. received the Excellence in Teaching Award at the American College of Nurse Midwives Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., June 12, 2010.

Pepper, G. was appointed to the Nomenclature, Safety, and Labeling Expert Committee of the United States Pharmacopeia for the 2010-2015 Quinquennial.

Rothwell, E. was accepted into the Bioethics Fellowship Program at the Wisconsin Medical College (08/2010-01/2012).

Supiano, K. was named a Fellow of Thanatology in the Association for Death Education and Counseling. She is the only professional in the State of Utah with such designation.

Grants

Beck, S., Berry, PH. Wong, B. - Partners Nancy Dunton at KUMC and Jeannine Brant at Billings Clinic. Grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative. Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-based Methods to Improve Pain Outcomes. 11/01/2010 to 4/30/ 2012. $293,000.

Hanberg, A., ARRA – Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals. 09/01/2010-08/31/2011. $299,623.00.

Roberts, L. State Primary Care Grant, State of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. 7/10 – 6/11 $32,832


Supiano, K. Lindquist Mortuaries and Cemeteries grant to produce suicide grief support materials and conduct suicide survivor support groups for the civilian workforce at Hill Air Force Base. 8/2010 - 8/2011. $8,000.
Calendar Highlights

Friday, October 22, 2010
College Council
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
CON 2300

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Thursday, November 4, 2010
Annette Poulson Cumming Building Opening
10:00 a.m. Ceremony
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments and Tours
Second Floor

Monday, November 8, 2010
College Council
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
CON 2300

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