



April 2016



## An exciting April

What an exciting month! We rejoiced with an NCAA championship, hosted our inaugural Esther Schwartz conference on Advance Care Planning, welcomed our [50th PhD graduate](#), and celebrated achievements on many levels, including those of our distinguished alumnae honored at our 27th Annual Mass and Awards Ceremony (you can [read about the event here as well as the accomplishments of our honorees](#): Margaret Robins Garrett '72 BSN, JD; Christina Larson Kelly '74 BSN, MSN; Janet Nash '08 MSN, PhD; and Catherine Loper McDonald '00 BSN, PhD). Read on for more good news and events...

### Dean Fitzpatrick lauded as Leader of Leaders by NSNA



Dean M. Louise Fitzpatrick received the 2016 Leader of Leaders Award from the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) on March 30th for her "distinguished support and service to nursing students."

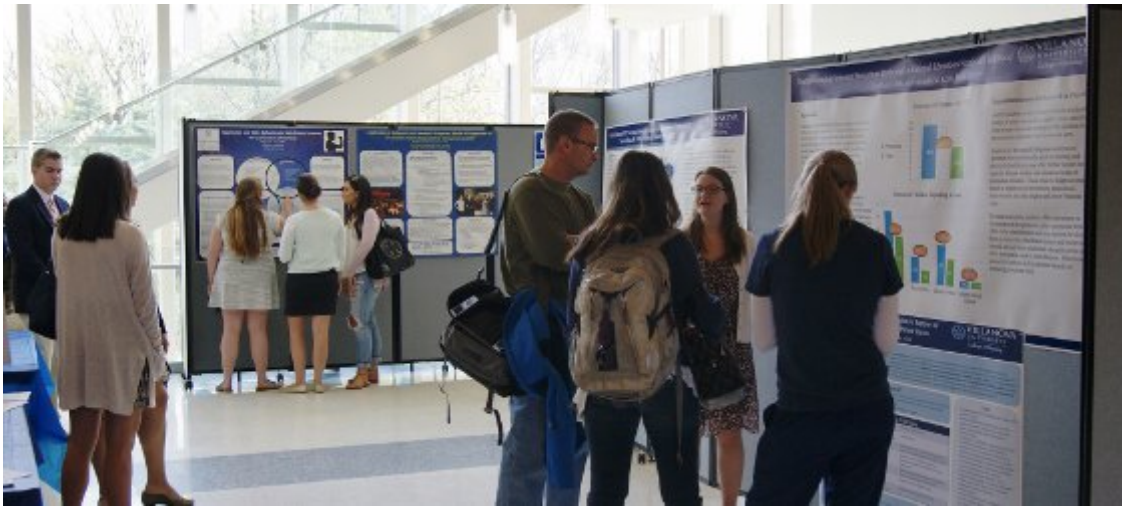
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### Dr. Suzanne Smeltzer honored by AACN for disability advocacy



Dr. Suzanne Smeltzer was honored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing on March 22 with its 2016 Nurse.com/ Gannett Foundation Lectureship Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Nursing Education.

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## Undergraduate Nursing Scholars Day showcases student work

If you want to be wowed in many ways by our students, talk with them about their scholarly work. On April 21st, many students shared their research through poster sessions which were part of Undergraduate Nursing Scholars Day, during the University's 2016 Research Expo week. [See photos from the event on our Facebook page.](#)

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## Senior Meghan Long wins Villanova's 2016 Innovation Award

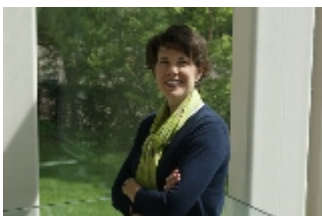


Senior Meghan Long was among six students selected as winners of the annual Meyer Innovation and Creative Excellence (ICE) Awards from the Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Institute (ICE Institute) at Villanova. Meghan began delving into the topic of electronic aggression and cyberbullying during her freshman year at Villanova in 2012, mentored by Professor Elizabeth Dowdell, PhD, RN, FAAN. After identifying a significant gap in nursing literature, she developed a research proposal to determine if there is a relationship between traditional physical bullying, electronic

aggression, and health risk behaviors in high school students. Her scholarly work has continued since.

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### Telehealth program reduces readmissions



Dr. Melissa O'Connor and co-authors published a

### Children with chronic kidney disease at risk for co-morbidities



Nurses are poised to identify and modify risk

### Collaboration promotes clinical nurses in research



Hospitals and schools of nursing can develop

state of the art/best practice paper "Using telehealth to reduce all-cause 30-day hospital readmissions among heart failure patients receiving skilled home health services" in *Applied Clinical Informatics*.

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factors affecting quality of life for children with kidney disease, explains Dr. Michelle Kelly in "Children with Chronic Kidney Disease: A Population at Risk for More Than Just Kidney Disease" in the *Nephrology Nursing Journal*.

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collaborative relationships to promote a culture of inquiry in clinical care, say Dr. Sunny Hallowell and co-authors in "Fostering Clinical Nurse Research in a Hospital Context" in the *Journal of Nursing Administration*.

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## Villanova-SNAP leads once again at NSNA convention

Villanova's chapter of the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP-Villanova) was well represented by a 25-student delegation at the National Student Nurses' Association's convention which was held in Orlando, Fla., March 30-April 3. The delegation was led by 2015 SNAP-Villanova President, McKayla Swearer. About 3,000 students from across the country and their advisors, representing chapters and states in the 60,000 member NSNA, attended.

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Free COPE webinar May 17: [Workplace Health Promotion \(Wellness\) Programs – Do They Really Work?](#)

## Upcoming Events

May  
13-14

May 13-14  
Commencement & College of Nursing Convocation

May  
18

May 18  
[Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern](#). RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com).

Jun  
9-12

June 9-12  
[Alumni Reunion Weekend](#)

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