



March 2017



Join us for the 28th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony April 29

You are cordially invited to join alumni and friends of the College of Nursing on Saturday, April 29 at 6:00 pm in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church as we celebrate our distinguished alumnae who are being honored. They are:

- **Angela R. Coladonato '77 BSN, DNP** - Medallion for Excellence in the Administration of Health Care Services
- **Amy Pelleg '96 MSN** - Medallion for Distinguished Leadership in Nursing Practice
- **Michele "Micki" Ballister '08 MSN, '13 DNP** - Medallion for Excellence in Nursing Education
- **Jennifer Yost '00 BSN, PhD** - Emerging Scholar Award

Seniors promote health in Chulucanas, Peru



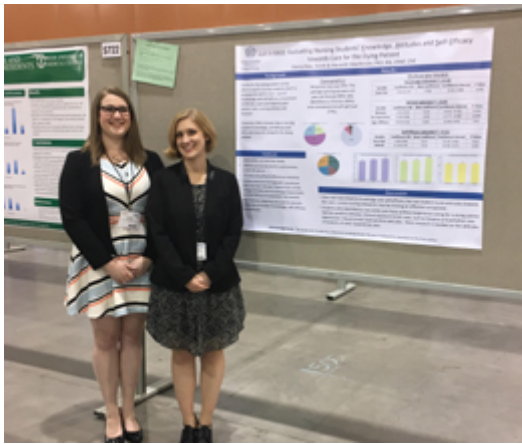
Spring Break was a life-changing experience for senior nursing students who, after months of preparation in their course work, traveled to Chulucanas, Peru to promote health. They returned with an even greater passion for nursing and an enhanced global perspective.

Faculty Drs. Angelina Arcamone and Bette Mariani accompanied the students as they taught health and safety topics to the local residents, checked blood pressures, demonstrated stress relieving techniques and visited residents in their homes, assessing health and providing care.

[See selected photos in our Facebook album](#)

Disseminating scholarly work at national palliative care meeting

Senior nursing student Emma Max, a New Jersey native, has been mentored in research by Assistant Professor Dr. Meredith MacKenzie. Their project "Just in KASE: Evaluating nursing students' knowledge, attitudes, and self-efficacy towards care for the dying patient" has resulted in numerous acceptances at professional meetings, the latest as a poster on February 22 in Phoenix at the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine and the Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association.



Emma, who wants to continue her research in the acute care setting, values not only the expertise shared by faculty, but also the process itself. She says, "This experience has cemented my passion for both nursing and end of life care. I am excited to delve further into this area of study as I continue on into my career." She notes, "It allowed me to grow as a researcher and get critiques from the experts in the field and seasoned researchers alike. It provided an amazing experience, learning opportunities related to end of life care, professional development, and nursing expertise, and has shown me the possibilities of nursing research."

Alumna Dr. Jennifer Yost to join faculty



The College of Nursing is pleased to announce that its alumna Jennifer Yost, PhD, RN will join the faculty of the College in August 2017 as an associate professor.

A native of New Jersey, she earned her BSN from Villanova in 2000 and her MSN and her PhD from New York University. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario where she served as an assistant professor and was promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Dr. Yost is a specialist in pediatric nursing, a prolific researcher and accomplished teacher. Her scholarship centers on evidence based practice and knowledge translation.

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Climate Change and Its Impact on Health



Join us on April 6th at 5:30pm in the Driscoll Hall Auditorium to hear from Laura Anderko, PhD, RN as she presents "Climate Change and Its Impact on Health." She is the Robert and Kathleen Scanlon Endowed Chair in Values Based Health Care & Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies, Georgetown University and Director, Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment. This lecture, part of the Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series, is ACS-approved, free, open to the public, and co-sponsored by the Center for Global and Public Health.

[Read more about the Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture](#)

Nova Nurses bring home Big East Championship in swimming

Fulfilling a dream to study abroad



Patient records aren't the only ones that three seniors nursing students have been eyeing in the past few weeks. At the recent 2017 Big East Swimming and Diving Championships in East Meadow, NY, held February 22-25, Mary Snyder, Erin Merkle and Jessie Randolph chased history in pursuit of points and records in the pool. They left the Nassau County Aquatic Center as champions.

[Read more](#)



"I'm a first generation Dominican American, " says junior Kerlyn Rodriguez, who is also a first generation college student. She had always dreamed of studying abroad. Taking advantage of the College's relationship with University of Manchester, she spent her sophomore year in England. "I anticipated a challenging course load and also an once-in-a-lifetime nursing clinical experience. That is what I received," she says.

[Read more](#)



Free COPE Webinar - Measuring excess adiposity in children: What's the best method?

On May 3rd at 12 noon, join Babette Zemel, PhD, professor of Pediatrics and director of the Nutrition and Growth Laboratory at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, for a better understanding of the advantages and limitations of BMI vs advanced body composition techniques in children. Webinar participants will learn of the options available for measuring pediatric body composition and under what scenarios each may most effectively be used.

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Upcoming Events

**Apr
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April 4
Virtual PhD in Nursing Open House @ 6pm, Eastern

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April 6
Climate Change and Its Impact on Health, part of the Naratil Family
Health and Human Values Lecture Series

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April 19
Global Health Symposium

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April 20
Nurse Anesthesia Open House, 5-7 pm

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April 21
LEAD Professional Development event for freshmen: Your Career Map

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April 27
Undergraduate Nursing Scholars Day

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April 27
Second degree BSN Open House, 5-6:30 pm

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April 28
LEAD Professional Development event for seniors: Managing and
decision-making related to personal finances

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