~Introducing Sheri Rickman-Patrick~
RN, FNP-BC, DNP ‘15

Sheri attended UC Davis with the dream of becoming a veterinarian, but the year she spent volunteering as a Candy Strippers at the local hospital should have been a clue that nursing was in her future. After receiving her BS in Applied Behavioral Sciences from UC Davis, Sheri took off for the flat lands of central Kansas and Bethel College where she received a BSN. Marriage soon followed along with children. The first decade of her career was as a critical care nurse working in CCU, NSICU, SICU, and ICU in units from North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and California.

Back home in Sacramento, a single parent of two young daughters and working in the Kaiser ICU, Sheri realized it was time to take the next step in her career and attended UCSF for her MSN/FNP. She worked as an FNP in areas including obstetrics, pediatrics, nuclear cardiology, forensics and primary care. For the past 20 years, Sheri has precepted NP students. She revels in seeing her students become colleagues. Thinking her career path complete and after almost a decade of contemplation, Sheri decided to return to school after a 20 year hiatus earning her DNP, graduating in 2015 alongside faculty members Arlene Spilker and Audrey Paulson. Advancing the role of NPs in the state and nationally is very important to Sheri. She fulfills this goal by active membership and involvement in California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP). She is a member of the Sacramento Chapter and also has served at the state level as the Speaker of House for the House of Delegates meeting. She currently is State Membership Chair for CANP. Along with working for the advancement of NPs in the state, Sheri also serves as the Northern California State Representative for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Sheri keeps busy with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her passions include reading, especially a good murder mystery (if you see staring at her phone, no she’s not tweeting, texting or snap chatting, but reading on her Kindle app), watching old movies, and smooth jazz. Sheri wants to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and staff for such a warm welcome and she looks forward to being part of the team that is teaching future generation of nurses and nurse practitioners.
Dr. Malloy and Ms. Mayer Present at National League for Nursing!

Dr. Sue Malloy and Ms. Peggy Mayer, faculty colleagues at SJSU for over 25 years, presented a poster at The National League for Nursing’s annual fall Nurse Educator Conference, held September 14th - 16th, 2017 in San Diego, CA. The conference:

Survival Skills 101 – A Clinical Nurse Educator Primer Workshop discussed findings and recommendations from the summer 2016 conference developed and offered to local prospective future nurse educators. The ultimate goal of their poster was to increase awareness of tools and expectations a future academic clinical educator may encounter. The fall 2017 NLN conference was dynamic and had many enlightening ideas for attendees. Sue Malloy also volunteered as a moderator for a session. Next year’s annual NLN conference will be in Chicago, and an upcoming NLN simulation conference will be held in Boise, Idaho in May 2018.

Fresno, September 23, 2017

Dr. Abriam-Yago Goes to Fresno

On September 23, 2017, Dr. Kathy Abriam-Yago presented at the Minority Nurse Leadership Summit in Fresno. Her presentation, “Impact of Minority Nurses on the Changing Healthcare System” was well received by all participants.

While there, she met, acknowledged, and thanked Dr. Joaquin Arambula for introducing AB 422 California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program to the legislature. This bill is currently on Governor Jerry Brown’s desk awaiting signature.
Rural Nurse Preceptorships a Success!

A record-breaking number of SJSU students participated in the Rural California Nursing Preceptorships (RCNP) in winter 2017. This program is coordinated by Kathleen Kirby RN at Chico State. Students completed 150 hours of clinical experience in EDs, ICUs, and Medical-Surgical Units. Some worked 12 hour night shifts! Kudos to these committed and hard-working students! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!

Join the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Class of 2020!

The California State University Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program is a 5 semester post-Master’s, online, collaborative program between Fresno State and San José State. Applications open October 1, 2017.

http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing/degrees-programs/dnp.html

STTI Alpha Gamma Chapter | Fall Meeting Event

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of STTI announces the Fall Chapter Luncheon, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 1:30-3:30 PM, at Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129. Reservations and pre-payment required. 1 CEU is offered. Cost for lunch and program: $30.

The Dr. Irene Daniels-Lewis scholarships will be presented at this event. Guest speaker, Ms. Paula Edwards, MS, PHN will be presenting:

Outcome of a Holistic Global Approach to Cultural Competency

STTI members of Alpha Gamma and other Chapters are welcome.

Not a member of STTI and would like to attend?

Please email daryl.canham@sjsu.edu for more information.
Student and Alumni News

SJSU Alumna Jessica Liston RN, MS ’16, Manager & Informatics Nurse Specialist, Sutter Maternity and Surgery Hospital, Inaugural TIGER Intern writes a blog for the prestigious HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society). Find her blog here: - it is well worth a read—it is cutting-edge information at the intersection of technology and healthcare.


SJSU DNP Alumna Elizabeth Austin, DNP ’15, RN, CNOR, was named new program director for the New Sterile Processing Technician Program at the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences in Florida.


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Please send newsletter submissions by October 30 to ruth.rosenblum@sjsu.edu. Next issue will be October-November 2017.

Faculty Retreat Success!

On September 25, 2017, the faculty met to review important aspects of the nursing program in preparation of the Board of Registered Nursing Continual Approval Site Visit scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2017. The day included review of our System Theory, Program Learning Outcomes and Total Program Evaluation. The faculty used this time to review program outcomes and program quality. Lecturers who could not attend the retreat will receive materials at the Director’s meeting with Lecturers on October 9, 2017. Please contact Lisa.Rauch@sjsu.edu for a copy of the materials. In addition to our workday, we also spent some time with Elizabeth Tu from The Center for Faculty Development. Elizabeth shared organizing tips in Google Docs specific to our department’s use of team drives and shared drives. The day was threaded with a wonderful lunch and games focused on our program and accreditation process. Faculty reported it was a fun and informative day.

Chia-Ling Mao at National Conference on Correctional Health Care, San Jose, CA 9/15/17
Charleen Singh, Co-Director of the Wound and Ostomy Education Program at SJSU presented at both the World Nursing and Nurse Educator Conference in Rome, Italy and World Nurse Practitioner Conference Dubai, UAE. The conferences were a collection of nursing scholars from around the world who meet yearly to share research findings and exchange best practice ideas. It was a unique opportunity to demonstrate the value of wound ostomy nursing and the role of specialty education on patient outcomes. During the conference, she spoke with nursing scholars from around the globe about mutual challenges in the field including barriers to pressure injury prevention and global challenges nursing faces. It seemed all language barriers were overcome through pictures and the nursing words used to describe drains and tube management! The most humbling experience was meeting two young nurses from Taiwan who were inspired by the San Jose State Wound Ostomy Program to submit cases studies of complicated wounds. It was an honor to represent the SJSU program. — Dr. Charleen Singh PhD FNP-BC CWOCN RN

Dr. Toby Adelman and Julie Omsberg, RN, MSN, Kaplan University presented at the CSU Institute for Palliative Care in San Marcos, CA on September 28 & 29. Their poster “Utilizing Narrative In Educating Baccalaureate Nursing Students On Palliative Care: The Importance of Sharing The Lived Experience.” In addition, SJSU faculty linked with our colleagues at Monterey Bay and San Francisco State and discussed future collaborations! Very exciting to meet the health care and health support professions focused on developing and improving palliative care on a large scale.