Start each day by thinking of all the things I am grateful for.

This year I will eat fewer calories.

Treat fellow faculty and students with the love and respect they deserve.

Practice mindfulness everyday.

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Faculty News

A few important notes from Dr. Lisa Rauch...

Our librarian has returned, so please update course syllabi to read:

Associate Librarian and liaison to the School of Nursing in the Spring of 2017

If you have not updated your CV and turned this in please do so asap. You can upload to Canvas under BRN Visit - Faculty Curriculum Vitae.

If you have not updated your Report on Faculty Form - this should also be uploaded to the BRN Visit site - Report on Faculty module - including your education history and CEU information.

Dr. Deepika Goyal has two forthcoming publications. They are:


Please submit your course syllabi to your semester chair by January 23, 2017. The semester chairs are helping with tracking the course syllabi for the BRN visit Fall 2017 - all syllabi will need to be on the new template, with CLO and PLO’s identified in assignments and calendars. Accessible Template

Faculty Attending December Convocation
Satu Larson, PhD, RN, CPNP, had her poster presentation as a part of The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine forum "Training the Future Health Care Workforce to Improve Behavioral Health Outcomes for Children, Youth, and Families" 11.29.16.

Exposure to trauma in childhood is pervasive and associated with an increased risk for both mental health disorders and poor academic achievement.

One important health equity strategy to address the link between health and school success is the school-based health center (SBHC). SBHCs provide comprehensive primary care services on school grounds to K-12 students. Yet, 30% of SBHCs do not have mental health care providers.

Dr. Larson reviewed the characteristics of U.S. SBHCs that enable the inclusion of mental health care providers with the intent to help create policies that promote these providers as part of the staffing profile at all SBHCs.
Dr. Evangeline Rico (Class of 2016) has been promoted to Chief Nurse/Clinical Director for Ambulatory and Specialty Clinic Services at the San Francisco VA Hospital. Congratulations Evangeline!

Sandip Suprai (Class of 2016) is now an Inpatient Advance Practice Provider (APP) Lead Manager for Liver Transplant/Gastroenterology/Nephrology at Stanford Medical Center.

Dr. Katie Choy (Class of 2016) is being published as a co-author of “A Test of the ARCC© Model Improves Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice, Healthcare Culture, and Patient Outcomes”. Her co-authors included Melnick and Fineout – Overholt, the authors of the evidence-based practice textbook that we use in the program. This is the citation: Worldviews Evid Based Nurs. 2016 Dec 21. doi: 10.1111/wvn.12188. [Epub ahead of print]. The purpose of this study was to examine the impact of the Advancing Research and Clinical practice through close Collaboration (ARCC) Model on organizational culture, clinicians' EBP beliefs and EBP implementation, and patient outcomes at one healthcare system in the western United States.

Dr. Lori Olvera (Class of 2015) has been notified by the CDC that she will be delivering two webcasts in the spring on maternal sepsis. The first one will be largely based on her DNP project and the second one will focus on recommended antibiotics for obstetrical women with severe sepsis and septic shock. Lori was described by Lori Harmon, Director Of Quality For the Society of Critical Care Medicine as, "An outstanding nurse from the Sutter health team who has championed this practice focus over time".

Dr. Gail McGlothlen (Class of 2016) and Dr. Lori Rodriguez have had an article accepted by Wiley Publications Journal, Neuromodulation: Technology at the Neural Interface. The title of the article is "Training for the intraspinal drug delivery system reservoir refill procedure Highly Variable: A nationwide survey of healthcare professionals."
Masters Program News

VA Extends Full Practice Authority to APRNs
To expand veterans’ access to quality health care and help reduce wait times, the US Department of Veterans Affairs will publish a final rule on December 14, 2016 extending what it defines as full practice authority to three of the four types of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) serving in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The three APRN roles (nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists) have the ability to practice to the full extent of their education and training, and certification when acting within the scope of their VA employment, regardless of state restrictions that limit such full practice authority. The final rule does include an exception for applicable state restrictions on the authority to prescribe and administer controlled substances.

Unfortunately certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) were not granted authority in the final rule. The VA has provided an additional 30-day comment period on full practice authority for CRNAs.

Alumni News

Miranda Schmidt a baccalaureate graduate of the program in 2008 recently completed her Masters degree on nurse integrated rounds. The graduating class of December 2016 invited Miranda to speak at research days. It was great to see her and find out how successful she has become.

The Bridge Program

Jamie Allen, an incoming student to the spring bridge transition semester has been awarded the Job – Applications.com Working Parent Scholarship Award for December 2016. What follows is an excerpt from her award-winning essay.

"I am a student at San Jose State University, a part-time employee at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and a mother to a beautiful seven-year-old boy. Playing all three rules sometimes feels like I am juggling multiple balls with one hand for me to be successful at juggling I take an organized and attentive approach spiked with a little creativity... While my son is busy making the best Santa class for his grandma, I am coloring the regions of the heart where oxygenated blood is flowing." Congratulations Jamie and welcome into the program!

Undergraduate News

CNSA announced that Alan Nguyen won the CNSA Scholarship for the Fall semester.