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Spring 2023 in the Department!



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Welcome from the Chair!

The Spring 2023 semester was a busy one! The nursing team has taken an “All Hands on Deck” approach for nursing student recruitment in all programs. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) published a brief sharing declining enrollment in baccalaureate and registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) na-

tionally. Please see <https://www.aacnnursing.org/News-Information/Press-Releases/View/ArticleId/25399/New-Data-Show-Enrollment-Declines-in-Schools-of-Nursing#enrollment-chart>

The AACN also reported decreased enrollment in graduate-level programs including Ph.D. programs in nursing. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program showed a slight increase in enrollments for academic year 2021-2022.

The Morehead State University

Department of Nursing team sprang into action and developed a Recruitment Committee with representation from faculty teaching in all four nursing programs, the leadership team, professional staff and co-advisors for the Student Nurses Association (SNA). Faculty involved nursing students and recruited at middle and high schools across the Commonwealth as well as community colleges. We have accepted all qualified applicants in all programs during the 2022-2023 academic year. *Continued on page 2...*

Ashleigh Cobb Recognized at BOR Meeting

Ashleigh Cobb, a third semester Mt. Sterling Campus Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) Program student was recognized by President Morgan at the Board of Regents meeting held at the Mt. Sterling Campus on February 23, 2023. Ashleigh is a former 2009 MSU graduate who returned to MSU in pursuit of her dream to become a nurse. Ashleigh is currently in the third semester of the program and is expected to graduate in Fall 2023.



Ashleigh Cobb and MSU President Jay Morgan

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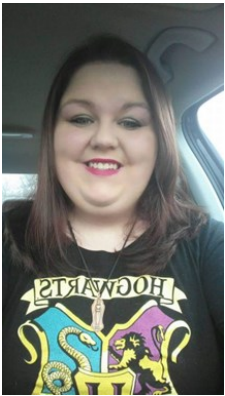
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Chair Welcome Continued

We welcomed three new staff team members during the spring semester.

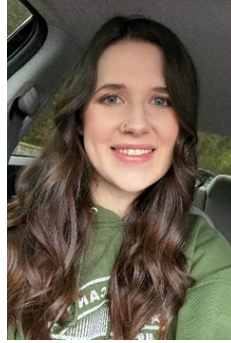
Elizabeth Brewer, BA, joined the Department of Nursing on April 3, 2023, and will serve in the Academic Department Specialist (ADS) role.

Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehead State University in Public History. She came to us from BoomTown as a Senior Calling Concierge.



As the ADS, her major responsibilities include the day-to-day management of the Department of Nursing. This includes all aspects of budget management, scheduling of classrooms and working on the schedule build system for organizing all classes in the four programs taught from the Department of Nursing.

Charlee Harmon, BA, joined the Department of Nursing on April 17, 2023, and will serve in the Academic Specialist role.



Charlee received a Bachelor of Arts from Morehead State University in Convergent Media. We will creatively put this expertise to use in the nursing department. She was previously a freelance content writer in the cloud computing industry.

The Academic Specialist role is involved in managing large data sets needed to maintain compliance with our national nursing regulatory bodies: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. She will also assist with CastleBranch (Cb) and Bridges for maintaining all aspects of required student records.

Olivia Colvin will join the Department of Nursing on June 1, 2023 as our new Academic Recruitment Coordinator.

Olivia earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehead State University in Marketing and Business Administration. She comes to us from the 4-H Development Program through the UK Extension Program.

This position is funded through the Kentucky Workforce grant organized through the Council on Post-Secondary Education (CPE).

As the Academic Recruitment Co-

ordinator

(ARC) Olivia will be involved in the development of marketing materials and attending on and off-campus recruitment events to secure students in our nursing programs.



Fall 2023 CCNE Site Visit

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration will undergo continuing Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) program accreditation on October 23-25, 2023. The on-site evaluation will take place on the campus of Morehead State University (MSU) located at 151 University Blvd, Morehead, KY, 40351; phone #: 606-783-2296. The public is invited to submit written third-party comments that must be received by CCNE 21 days (by October 2, 2023) before the scheduled on-site evaluation. Contact information for CCNE is listed on the left.



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We are soliciting student volunteers to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 24th from 15:45 to 16:15, to meet with CCNE site visitors. We have scheduled CHER 201KK for the meeting space. Students can also attend the meeting by phone as well. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Dr. Lucy Mays at 606-782-2773 or l.mays@moreheadstate.edu.

AASN Coordinator's Report

Greetings from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) Program! We are excited to announce receiving approval to change the AASN Program admission criteria allowing students the option of providing documentation



Dr. Teresa Ellett

of an ACT score of 20 or higher or an ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam score of 80% or higher for admission to the program. This will allow students more flexibility in meeting admission requirements. This will become effective for the students applying to the AASN Program in the fall for the Spring 2024 cohort. Both the ACT and TEAS exam may be scheduled at the MSU Testing Center. We currently admit 40 students at the Morehead campus and 20 at the Mt. Sterling campus each semester. Admission applications are still being accepted for Fall 2023.

The AASN Program currently has an enrollment of 130 students. Twenty-one students received the Associate of Applied Science degree at Morehead State University's commencement ceremony on December 10th.

Several of the graduates were recognized for their achievements during the AASN Graduate Reception held on December 6th. Among those receiving awards was Drew Warnecke for Excellence in Service. Kaleb Bradley and Jennifer Lykins were the recipients of the Excellence in Simulation Award. The NCLEX-RN Predictor Award was presented to Stacey Crose and Jennifer Lykins. Codie James, Drew Warnecke, Kaycelin Shaver,



Jennifer Lykins, Art of Nursing Award

Ashli Nelson and Brittany Tyra received the Pharmacology Award. The winner of the Art of Nursing Award is selected by both faculty and students as the graduate they would most want to provide care for them or their family. The Art of Nursing Award was presented to Jennifer Lykins.

BSN Coordinator's Report

Greetings from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program! As we close out the spring semester and prepare for the start of the fall semester, I wanted to share several updates regarding our BSN program! We accepted 19 students in our January 2023 cohort and we look forward to watching them develop and find their passion in nursing over the next few years. We are currently accepting applications for our August 2023 cohort.



Dr. Kim Clevenger

The BSN program had 22 students who received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing on May 13, 2023, at the Athletic-Academic Center (AAC) on the campus of MSU. Congratulations May 2023 graduates! We wish you all the best as you enter the profession! In December 2022, the BSN program had an additional 14 graduates who were welcomed into the profession.

We are pleased to report that our official Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) NCLEX Pass Rate was 96% for the 2022 calendar year. Our December 2022 graduates all tested in 2023 and thus far, the program has a 100% pass rate for 2023. Our May 2023 graduate results will be added to that result at the end of the year. The May 2023 graduates will be the first group of students taking the new NGN NCLEX exam. Best wishes for success!

The BSN program will be implementing an additional option for students to gain entry into the prelicensure BSN program by adding the TEAS exam. Students will now have the option to submit either the American College Test (ACT) score with a mandatory minimum composite score of 20 or higher; or the ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Examination with a mandatory minimum total score of 80% or higher. This admission change was approved through the curricular process in May 2023. This will go into effect for students seeking admission into the January 2024 cohort. MSU Testing Center will be offering the ACT and the TEAS for students who need to schedule either exam. Interested applicants may contact the Testing Center to schedule at 606-783-2526.

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On Social Media?

Follow to be kept up-to-date on news and events of the Department of Nursing here at Morehead State University. (Facebook: Department of Nursing – Morehead State University) (Instagram: @moreheadstate_nursing)

Online Programs Coordinator's Report

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNPP), with a primary care focus, graduated a cohort of three students in December 2022 and anticipate an additional six students will graduate May 2023. These students completed 600 practicum hours and course work to enable them to sit for certification exams. The certification exam pass rate for those testing in 2022 was 83.33%. There are currently sixteen active students enrolled in the MSN Program. The MSN maintains accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).



Dr. Lucy Mays

The MSN Program will undergo a site visit for continuing CCNE program accreditation on October 23-25, 2023. The on-site evaluation will take place on the campus of Morehead State University located at 151 University Blvd, Morehead KY 40351; phone #: 606-783-2296.

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There are currently thirty-seven students enrolled in the Post-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Program. We had ten December 2022 graduates and anticipate an additional three graduates in May 2023. We are very proud of our graduates and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they make to the health care environment.

The early enrollment option for students matriculating from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) Program to the Post-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Program has been very successful. Qualifying students can now complete nine hours of required Post-Licensure Program nursing courses prior to graduating from the AASN Program. AASN students have shown interest in the initiative and are demonstrating success in the Post-Licensure Baccalaureate nursing courses. Due to the demonstrated student success, a third class (NURB 314: Health Assessment in Nursing) will be added as an early enrollment option this fall.

The RN-MSN track continues accepting applicants. Qualified students in the Post-licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Program can earn up to nine hours of dual credit toward the Bachelors Degree in Nursing and the Master of Science in Nursing Program. This track saves students time and money when completing both degrees.

Recruitment

Last semester, the recruitment team initiated a fun and friendly competition that they referred to as the 'Recruitment War' to boost the department recruitment efforts. Each of the programs competed against each other by determining which program could participate in the greatest number of events. Congratulations to the Online Programs for winning the first period of the war.



Christa Thompson,
Chair of the Recruitment Committee

The department has been involved with over 88 events since June 2022. This well exceeded the department goal of six events per semester. They have been both department and university-led events. One large event included our 'Nursing Showcase' that was held in April in which area high school students participated in hands-on activities such as running a megacode and injections.

Social media presence was enhanced with frequent postings of events, news about our students, and more. If you're on social media, please take a moment and follow our social media accounts so you can be kept up-to-date on news and events of the Department of Nursing here at Morehead State University.

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MSU Talent Search

Carla Aagaard attended the MSU Talent Search College and Career Fair Thursday, April 13, from 10:00 am—1:00 pm on the 3rd floor of ADUC. Two hundred Grade 11 students from Morgan, Menifee, Rowan, Lewis, Carter, Johnson, Wolfe, Magoffin, Elliott, Greenup, Powell and Bath counties were invited to this event. Approximately 150 showed up. Twenty-nine students visited the Department of Nursing table to pick up a flyer with admission information for the two pre-licensure programs. And, a few of these opted to follow the Department of Nursing on social media.



HOW Event

The Department of Nursing participated in the Health Opportunities Workshop (HOW) event on March 24, 2023, at the Morehead Conference Center. The Northeast Area Health Education Center (AHEC) sponsored the well-attended event. Faculty from the Department of Nursing and 41 other vendors were able to interact with 746 high school students to provide information regarding interesting health related content and to inform students about programming information in nursing at Morehead State University. Students from the following schools attended the event: Bath, Boyd, Carter Career, Carter Christian, Fairview, Fleming, Foster Meade, Lakeside, Lawrence, Morgan, Greenup ATC, Mason, Menifee, Nicholas, Paul Blazer, Powell, Robertson, Rowan, and West Carter.



Nursing Showcase

A total of 77 students from Madison Southern, George Rogers Clark and Rowan County high schools attended the April 14, 2023 Nursing Showcase in the CHER building. The students were welcomed and divided up into five groups to participate in hands-on activities in the nursing clinical labs. These activities included ACLS, Injections, Empathy Bellies, Otoscopes, Vital Signs, and Heart and Lung Sounds. Also, each group received nursing program materials as well as information from a current nursing student on the Student Nurses' Association, studying for nursing lecture and clinical, and experiences in clinical. Based on the number of good comments about the showcase and how excited students were to participate in the hands-on activities, all who attended enjoyed themselves immensely.

Lewis County Visit

Thirty-five students from Lewis County spent about an hour visiting the Department of Nursing on Friday, April 21, 2023. Dr. Kim Clevenger, BSN Coordinator, and Dr. Teresa Ellett, ASN Coordinator, organized a Mini-Nursing Showcase for visiting Lewis County students. The visiting students divided up into four groups with two groups rotating between CHER 301 and 302 doing ACLS and Injections and the other two groups rotating between CHER 307 and 309 doing ACLS and Injections. Professor Rogers, Sadler, O'Hara, Terrell, Bradley, Damron, Wallace, Thompson and Kennedy hosted the ACLS and Injection activities.



Heather Randolph, a student within the prelicensure BSN program had the honor of being chosen as the December 2022 MSU Commencement Speaker. Ms. Randolph was nominated by Dr. Kim Clevenger, BSN Program Coordinator, and was chosen after a review of applicants by the MSU Student Speaker Selection Committee. As an undergraduate student, Randolph graduated at the top of the nursing program while balancing her obligations with MSU ROTC, enlisting in the National Guard and working two part-time jobs. She was the acting Battalion Commander over a 76-person battalion and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserves Nursing Corps upon graduation.

Randolph said her older siblings inspired her. Growing up with her

oldest brother Nicholas Randolph, currently stationed on active military duty in Hawaii, influenced her to enroll in MSU ROTC to gain leadership skills, a well-rounded education and expanded career opportunities. Meanwhile, her older sister, Natasha Knipp, is a traveling nurse. She said hearing stories from the field and the impact she was making in people's lives led her to pursue a degree in nursing.

"I kind of saw what she did, saw the results that she saw," she said. "I think it's the best occupation that you can do as far as helping people."

Randolph earned the 2022 Undergraduate Nursing Research Award in October 2022. She earned the Outstand-



2nd Lieutenant Heather Randolph, BSN

ing Baccalaureate Nursing Program-Prelicensure Senior Level Student Award in May 2022 and the Outstanding Baccalaureate Nursing Program-Prelicensure Junior Level Award in April 2021. Congratulations to 2nd Lieutenant Heather Randolph, BSN!



Ben Hutchinson (right) and Heather Randolph (second-right)

Graduates Commissioned

Ben Hutchinson and Heather Randolph, MSU ROTC, were both commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the Army during the Fall commencement. Heather will be serving in the Army Reserves and working full time at the University of Kentucky Trauma ICU, and Ben will be an active-duty serviceman stationed in Texas. On behalf of the Department of Nursing, thank you for your service and best wishes on a successful career!

Graduate Recognition Awards & Luncheon

The BSN Program had their Spring 2023 BSN Graduate Recognition Luncheon on May 2nd. Faculty & staff provided encouraging remarks welcoming the soon-to-be graduates into the nursing profession. During the luncheon, entertainment was provided by May 2023 BSN Graduates Skyler Harper & Christen Ballard. Senior Superlative Awards were awarded by the class to their classmates. Food and games were enjoyed by all!

Spring 2023 BSN Nursing Graduate Award Recipients:



Breanna Markwell
The Art of Nursing Award & Excellence in Nursing Research



Connor Noble
Excellence in Clinical Simulation



Rachel Dillon
Excellence for Service in Nursing



Elizabeth Williams
Highest HESI Exit Award

March to Service Initiative

Dr. Teresa Ellett and Dr. Lisa Wallace were selected as the Department of Nursing’s lead faculty for the Morehead State University’s March to Service program during Spring 2023. The AASN and BSN programs’ faculty and students were actively involved in community and civic engagement in our service region throughout the semester.



AASN Program Faculty and Students at the *Baby We're Back Community Baby Shower*



BSN Program Faculty and Students at the *Baby We're Back Community Baby Shower*

As part of the March to Service initiative, Dr. Ellett and Dr. Wallace coordinated the *Baby We're Back Community Baby Shower* event held on March 25th at the Carl Perkins Center. AASN and BSN students developed evidence-based posters on pregnancy, newborn, pediatric, and post-partum related topics and provided education to approximately 75 participants during the event. Dr. Ellett and Dr. Wallace appreciate all the community partners, faculty and students that participated and provided items to be given away.

2022-2023 BSN Graduates

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|  Clarissa Baker |  Jenna Bartley |  Kayla Blain |  Cailey Dahlquist |  Jarrett Elam | | | |
|  Makenzie Hopkins |  Benjamin Hutchinson |  |  Jordan Jenkins |  Madelyn McEiffresh | | | |
|  Chloe Patrick |  Colby Pugh |  Heather Randolph |  Addie Short |  Caitlin Smith | | | |
|  Christen Ballard |  Brett Bentley |  Noah Blevins |  Graci Borders |  Hannah Carpenter |  Carly Crutchfield |  Rachel Dillon | |
|  Haleigh Eldridge |  Taylor Emmons |  Skyler Harper |  |  Angela Marcum |  Breanna Markwell |  Connor Noble | |
|  Sarah Rigby |  Gracie Smith |  Miracle Thacker |  Randa Thompson |  Mary Thornburg |  Madison Whitnack |  Elizabeth Williams |  Kaitlyn Workman |

News From Our MSN Graduates

Two graduates from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) provided podium presentations at the 35th Annual Conference of the Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioner and Nurse-Midwives this April.

Timothy Smallwood, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC graduated from the MSN, FNP Program December 2020. He is currently working as a nurse practitioner at Modern Dermatology and Cosmetic Specialists of Kentucky. He is also attending Frontier Nursing University and working toward a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Timothy's presentation was titled "What's that Rash". Timothy provided an outstanding lecture about assessment, diagnosis and management of various dermatologic conditions encountered in primary care.



Lucy Mays, Timothy Smallwood, and Michele Walters

Megan Burke, MSN, APRN, FNP was part of the first graduating MSN FNP cohort in December 2017. She is currently working at St. Claire HealthCare as a General Surgery Nurse Practitioner. She is also attending the University of Alabama and working toward a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Megan's presentation was titled "Big or Small, Let's Save Them All!" She was an excellent speaker and provided valuable information regarding breast cancer screening, management and survivorship.



Megan Burke

Eric Day

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, the members of the Department of Nursing celebrated "Eric Day" for the second year. Eric has served the nursing department for many years and has an office behind the Computer Learning Lab in the CHER Building. Eric assists faculty, staff, and all students who take classes in the CHER Building.



Eric McCarty

He is a tremendous asset in assisting with computerized simulation mannequins in the 3rd floor STAT labs. Additionally, he helps nursing faculty troubleshoot issues associated with online standardized exams.

Eric is appreciated for his tremendous service to all constituents in the nursing department! It is now a tradition to recognize him on "Eric Day" each spring semester.

Summer 2023 Roger's Explorers & Scholars

We look forward to participating in the Roger's Explorers program scheduled at Morehead State University from May 31 through June 2, 2023. The nursing team will also welcome the Roger's Scholar's group from June 4 through June 9, 2023. This is a wonderful way to expose young people to all degree programs at Morehead State. Hands-on activities are planned in the 3rd floor STAT Labs in Nursing. Students will participate in clinical simulations for cardiac arrest, learn injection skills, look in ears with otoscopes, use vital sign machines and participate in other clinical activities.

Our Counseling Coordinators will share nursing program information, show videos about Haiti missions, tell about CAMP Smile—the bereavement camp for children in Eastern Kentucky and highlight all of the different clinical sites where we send nursing students.

We welcome potential students and their families to visit us in the CHER Building and offer tours of our Nursing Suite to meet with available faculty and staff, visit the Computer Laboratory, Testing Center, Smart Classrooms and our four STAT Labs. You are welcome to come and visit us in the CHER building. If you want to tour the facility, please call 606-783-2296. We would welcome a visit from you!

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