

Dean's Message

Every day, our faculty, staff and students dedicate themselves to their work in our classrooms, labs, clinics, offices and communities. Most of our work goes on quietly without fanfare, as we focus on education, research, practice and service. We do our work because we love it and are thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. But, every once in a while others sit up and take notice of our accomplishments. Such is the case with the recent publication by US News and World Report. Please join me in giving warm congratulations to our School of Nursing Faculty for their well-deserved recognition by their peers through the US News and World Reports Rankings of online graduate nursing programs. This is the first time online programs have been ranked and our ODU graduate nursing programs ranked #2 on selectivity and #10 on technology and student support. The full story is in the ODU news and also on the rolling marquee on the ODU website. <http://www.odu.edu/ao/news/index.php?todo=details&id=30866>



Congratulations to our Nursing faculty and students for their success with online learning and this public recognition!

Also, please join me in congratulating our students who made the Dean's list for their excellent academic performance during the Fall 2011 semester. The Dean's list is included in this Newsletter. This esteemed designation is bestowed on students who earn a 3.40 or better grade point average while completing twelve or more hours in the semester.

Since the programs in the College of Health Sciences are among the most competitive and rigorous offered at the university, students can be especially proud of this achievement. Congratulations to these students for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence!

I am looking forward to great things in our College during 2012 and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Shelly C. Mishoe

Dean

Health Sciences Research Seminars Series



On December 15, 2011, Christianne N. Fowler, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, presented seminar on "Caregiver Quality of Life: What Can Providers Do to Help?" as part of the College of Health Sciences Research Seminars Series.



NUCLEAR MED STUDENTS GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ARTHRITIS VIA UNIQUE ASSIGNMENT

By Lisa Sinclair

Question: What do writing skills, arthritis, a 5K race and nuclear medicine technology have in common? Answer: Old Dominion University.

For the past year and a half, ODU has been working to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as part of the reaffirmation of accreditation process required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Following extensive research, ODU's QEP team found an area where both students and faculty agree there's room for improvement: writing skills. The university's QEP is called "Stretching the Human Mind: Learning Through Writing."

And here is where the arthritis, the 5K race and nuclear medicine technology come in. Scott Sechrist, director of ODU's nuclear medicine technology program, working with fellow members of the university QEP Committee, came up with an idea of how to incorporate the plan into one of his courses. "I wanted to form 'Team ODU-QEP' – a group of students who would write a paper on arthritis, then run in a race to benefit the Arthritis Foundation," he said (see photos below).

A runner himself, Sechrist thought the annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis on campus, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region Arthritis Foundation on Dec. 3, would provide a great opportunity to merge writing, running and community service into one QEP-related activity.

This year, Sechrist had his students exploring the basics of arthritis, including the types, the epidemiology and the diagnostic tests. But he also wanted them to learn about the impact arthritis has on those it afflicts. He assigned the students a short paper on arthritis and then entered Team ODU-QEP in the Jingle Bell Run/Walk.

"It seemed a perfect way to show how the QEP concept of learning through writing can be incorporated into a meaningful course assignment," he said.

Many of the students jumped at the chance to join Team ODU-QEP. What started out with 12 members and a modest goal of raising \$300 eventually grew into a 38-member team that collected \$1,785 in donations. Team ODU-QEP ultimately included not only his students, but also faculty, family members and friends from medical technology, biochemistry, dental hygiene, nursing and the College of Arts and Letters, as well as members of the QEP Steering Committee.

According to Sechrist, the members of the committee, which is co-chaired by Mona Danner, director of ODU's doctoral program in sociology and criminal justice, and Worth Pickering, assistant vice president for institutional research and assessment, were enthusiastic supporters of Team ODU-QEP. "They were great. They supported us with T-shirts, donations and by becoming members of Team ODU-QEP themselves."

The human face of arthritis came on the day of the event in the form of Erica Watson, a 13-year-old who was diagnosed with arthritis at age 9. Watson shared her story with the assembled runners and participants at the conclusion of the Jingle Bell Run/Walk.

The lesson of compassion was not lost on Sechrist's students, particularly one with a family member suffering from arthritis. In her paper, the student wrote: "Statistics always become more real when they are put with a face. I have studied the face of arthritis for many years, but only now am I learning the statistics. What I wish that everyone knew: arthritis is always more than just what you can see, but it is never more important than who you are looking at."



GAIL GRISETTI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, FEATURED IN DOCTORS TO DOCTORS MAGAZINE FALL 2011 ISSUE

By Judy Tull

Gail Grisetti was looking for exactly the kind of experience she's found in volunteering with Physicians for Peace.

"My interest in doing work like this goes back to when I was working on my doctorate in health education," she explains. "I'm originally from New York city and, with my physical therapy work, I'd gone into the East Bronx and other areas where people had limited access to these kinds of services. I ended up working in a wound care clinic for drug addicts in Brooklyn. It was an area that many Haitians were moving into, and ultimately I spent a month working in Haiti."

When she came to Norfolk to teach at Old Dominion University, Gail heard a guest lecturer from Physicians for Peace speak, and was intrigued. Shortly thereafter, she went to a health fair and ran into Dr. Charles Horton, Sr., and Sam Hill, Physicians for Peace's founder and Development Director, Major Gifts, respectively. She was hooked.



Gail Grisetti, EdD, M.S.

"Since community health professions and physical therapy were in the same school at ODU, it seemed like a perfect marriage," she recalls.

That was eight years ago. Since that time, she's accompanied missions to the Philippines, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, where she has worked with the Walking Free and prosthetics programs, as well as helping to develop a Physical Therapy program at a university in Santa Domingo.

"I'm very proud to say that we've already graduated three classes," she adds. "This has been a very good partnership, in that the mission of Physicians for Peace is to develop sustainable programs that host countries can continue after we're gone."

In addition to doing work in-country, Gail has been part of an ODU program that brings physical therapists from other countries here to expand their learning. "We were able to bring a pediatric PT up here to ODU for intensive study and we were able to get her some clinical hours as well," she explains, "and one year we hosted a team of nine from Santa Domingo to come up and study PT in this area. We just got back from taking 8 PT students from ODU to the Dominican Republic. It's a great experience for them to be able to work in the clinics. "

Gail says she finds that, beyond the work being gratifying, it's interesting. "I have to bring all of myself to the work," she says passionately. "I'm learning information about people from other countries and also learning about myself. It's interesting to observe and be a part of the experiences, and the problem solving is very interesting. I think many people are looking for ways to bring their interests and resources to their work. This is a way to do exactly that."

ODU Nursing School Gets Top 10 Rankings in U.S. News Survey of Online Graduate Programs

The Old Dominion School of Nursing's online graduate program earned No. 2 and No. 10 spots in the first-ever compilation of Top Online Programs by U.S. News & World Report. The ODU program ranked second among the nation's nursing schools for admissions selectivity and 10th for student services and technology.

"This public recognition by U.S. News & World Report highlights the quality, admissions selectivity, student services and technology of our graduate nursing programs and is a testament to our nursing faculty and students. We are thrilled that our peers recognize our outstanding success with distance learning and appreciate all of the support we have from ODU Distance Learning," said Shelley Mishoe, dean of the university's College of Health Sciences.

The new ranking categories were created by the magazine in response to today's high demand for education provided in a flexible manner.

While U.S. News & World Report applied some of its ranking standards used for traditional schools, many new measures were developed and used to evaluate online programs. In order to be considered for the new rankings, online degree programs needed to have at least 80 percent of their course content available online.

Online bachelor's degree programs were ranked in three different categories: student engagement and assessment, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology. The online master's degree programs were ranked in similar categories, but were evaluated on student engagement and accreditation as opposed to assessment. There was also a separate indicator ranking for admissions selectivity.

There were no numeric rankings for overall program quality this inaugural year. Instead, U.S. News created non-numeric honor roll lists of online programs. There is one honor roll for online bachelor's degree programs and one each for the master's programs, excluding computer information technology. Each list includes programs that performed well across a series of numeric indicator rankings. Data were collected from both for-profit and not-for-profit schools. For more information about the rankings methodology, go to <http://www.usnews.com/onlinemeth>.

ODU's nursing school began offering courses via distance learning in 1987 as a way to address the needs of "place-bound" students by giving them an alternative to on-campus instruction. Over the years, the school has developed a reputation for meeting the needs of distance learners, thanks to a cadre of experienced faculty members, many of whom were once distance learning students themselves.

Regarding the new U.S. News rankings, Karen Karlowicz, associate professor and chair of ODU's nursing school, said, "The rankings for the School of Nursing are evidence and confirmation of the faculty's commitment to quality graduate nursing education, and their dedication to serving nurses throughout the commonwealth through online and distance programming."

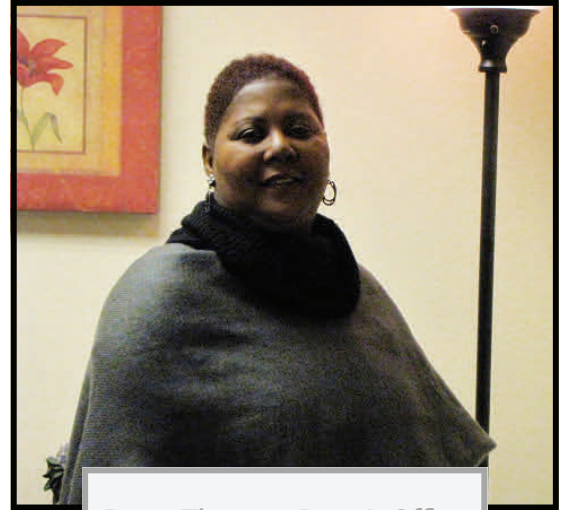
ODU's Distance Learning program makes university coursework available to students via several modes, including online Web-based and video streaming, video conferencing, CD-ROM/DVD and two-way satellite delivery of classes to off-campus sites. Of the 24,000 students who currently attend ODU, more than 5,000 are enrolled in distance learning courses. More than 250 faculty members teach distance learning courses. The university offers 38 different programs via distance learning, including 16 bachelor's degrees, 19 master's degrees and three doctoral degrees.

Highlights and Publications

- ♦ T. Sundin and **P. Hentosh**- “InTERTesting association among telomerase, mTOR, and phytochemicals”, was accepted for publication: Expert Reviews in Molecular Medicine.
- ♦ **Betsy Thomas**, Dean's Office, **Jane Washington-Plummer**, School of Dental Hygiene, **Ann McNeal**, **Sue Parker** and **Linda Wray**, both from the School of Nursing, attended the Recognition Program sponsored by Human Resources on December 14, 2011. The annual event honors employees who have reached milestones in their service with the University.



Jane Plummer-Washington,
School of Dental Hygiene



Betsy Thomas, Dean's Office



Linda Wray, Sue Parker
and Ann McNeal,
School of Nursing

Fall 2011 Dean's List

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Chanmoly Seng
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David A. Weber
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Kirstin N. Giustino
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Amanda N. Gonzales
Chelsy O. Harris
Jacqueline M. Harrison
Katelyn J. Henry
Anh N. Ho
Saranya E. Hopkins
Jacqueline T. John
Angela D. Johnson
Nicole W. Lambert
Ashley R. London
Helena J. Lucca
Hailey L. March
Sydney D. Mazer
Courtney R. McDowell
Sarah K. McMullin
Ashley K. Metten
Kristy N. Miller
Janice P. O'Brien
Jennifer L. Onks



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Ellen T. Polakowski
Katie A. Riggs
Ashley L. Roe
Meghan Sheerin
Laura A. Shipley
Brittney L. Shortt
Karen G. Snow
Lori M. Spangler
Mary K. Sprinkle
Lauren B. Sutherland
Laurel K. Swartzentruber
Shuma Talukdar
Christiana N. Vastardis
Maria Villanueva
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Brooke M. Wengler
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Elizabeth A. Wright



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Lourdes A. Rimando
Jacyn L. Sharpe
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Histotechnology

Amy R. Day

Ophthalmic Technology

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Christian P. Schomburg
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Nuclear Medicine

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Leizle M. Ortiz
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Nicholas S. Sestito
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Health Sciences Undecided

Tristan J. Warner



Nuclear Medicine Technology student Casey Worley and sister Anne.



Nuclear Medicine Technology student Lindsey Knowles, team co-captain.

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Nursing

Yusuf Abdullah	John M. Fassoth	Christopher M. King	Jorge A. Paulino
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Natalie S. Eyer	Marcella R. Kennedy	Sheenali A. Patel	Jessica E. Taylor

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Emily B. Uperti
Uwayemen P. Uwadiae
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Deborah A. Vance
Lotte A. Vanderbijl
Danielle M. Vanderorst
Valerie P. Vick

Bailey D. Van Liew
Talisha K. Walker
Trishana N. Wallace
Brittany M. Warren
MacKenzie A. Warren
Sarah L. Watson
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Jocelyn L. Weidner
Jasmine N. Wells
Ariel M. Whitmire
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Kimberly Wilder
Samae S. Williams
Vermara S. Williams
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Student Workers Spotlight!



Cynnamon Holland, Dean's



David Valentin, Dean's Office



Morgan Malone
School of Dental Hygiene



Baley Jiggetts
Medical Laboratory and
Radiation Sciences





Up Coming Events

January



- 19 Dental Hygiene Information Session, 5:00 pm, HS 2115A
- 25 & 28 Dental Radiation Safety, CE Course
- 27 The School of Nursing Lunch and Learn Series on Community and Global Health, Michele Darby, Professor of Dental Hygiene, "Working in a Muslim Culture", 12-12:50 pm, HS 2000

February

- 16 Dean's Student Advisory Committee Luncheon, 12:30 pm, HS 2114
- 16 Dental Hygiene Information Session, 5:00 pm, HS 2115A
- 17 Spring Faculty Retreat
- 28 Programs Directors Luncheon
- 24-26 Winter Continuing Education Weekend, Virginia Beach



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