Six distinguished women leaders in the medical industry share their stories

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Meeting the Challenge

We are pleased to present the inaugural issue of the newly redesigned *Vital Signs*, expanded to bring you more news and information as Bouvé College of Health Sciences continues to thrive and to flourish.

It is with great enthusiasm that I reflect on the progress made by our students and the achievements of our faculty. Recently, our school, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in November, received the National League of Nursing’s designation as a Center of Excellence. This award affirms the school’s status as a premier institution for nursing education.

During the past academic year, Bouvé engaged exceptional national academic health leaders for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive college review. These leaders assessed our programs and made recommendations for our future success. They agreed that Bouvé is uniquely poised for interprofessional educational excellence through our world-class research, innovative teaching, and experiential learning. Our array of interprofessional disciplines, programs of research, and scholarship are compelling and timely. Our work is guided by eight goals that respond to the local, national, and global needs of the health care field: to grow Bouvé as a national model for interprofessional education; increase our diversity; enhance our presence globally; grow our course offerings; attract and retain the highest caliber students; attract distinguished faculty; strengthen our prominence in health care research; and maintain a fiscally robust college budget.

Central to all our work is the development of our students. Never in our history was the student community more challenged than with the tragedy that unfolded at the Boston Marathon. While we were all deeply saddened by what occurred, it also provided an unprecedented opportunity for our students to join together with health care professionals from across the City of Boston and the world in the care of those who were injured. As an educator, I am blessed daily to touch the lives of our students. The spirit of these young people fills me and my colleagues with great pride.

Sincerely,

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Traditional Style Pharmacy Meets Modern Day Advocacy

From the pharmacy counter to the State House: Two pharmacy graduates dedicate their expertise and passion to advocate for sensible health care policy.

Many people lament the loss of the old-fashioned neighborhood pharmacy, which like neighborhood hardware stores, have been put out of business by “big box” companies. There was a time when pharmacists knew their customers’ names and customers would confide in their pharmacists. Now, many people pick up prescriptions at busy stores staffed by pharmacists who know little about them.

Thanks to several College of Pharmacy alumni entrepreneurs, the independent community pharmacy is still going strong in the New England states. And for Vahrij Manoukian, PAH ’81 and Joseph Bruno, PAH ’78, their desire to serve their communities’ needs grew from offering personalized service at the pharmacy counter into advocacy at the state and local levels.

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Vahrij Manoukian, PAH ’81

Manoukian has owned Hollis Pharmacy in Hollis, New Hampshire for the past 28 years. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, he graduated from the Lebanese University of Science with a degree in chemistry and planned to become a doctor. In 1977, he fled the chaos of the civil war tearing apart his homeland and came to Boston to live with an uncle who was an alumnus of Northeastern. With his background in chemistry and his uncle’s encouragement, he applied and was accepted to the School of Pharmacy. “I cannot thank Northeastern enough for the education. It’s priceless. I was so fortunate to work in the Boston hospitals—the VA, MGH, Children’s. What I learned from co-op prepared me to be part of the workforce,” recalls Manoukian.

Vahrij married and moved to New Hampshire, where he began working as a pharmacist and eventually bought his own pharmacy. Hollis Pharmacy received national attention during the most recent presidential election as Manoukian, former chairman of the Hillsborough County Republican Party, offered his busy pharmacy as a campaign stop for a variety of candidates.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Manoukian is chairman of the Hollis Board of Selectman, vice president of the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy, a member of the Board of Directors of the Child Advocacy Center, and is active in several other organizations. As a Hollis selectman since 2002, he has been grappling
with issues like the skyrocketing costs of health insurance in town and state budgets. He worked tirelessly to get the Prescription Monitoring Program implemented in New Hampshire and describes the day it passed the legislature as “the happiest day of my life.”

“You are measured not by how much money you have in the bank but by how much you give back and serve the community. Boston and Hollis adopted me as a foreigner. I am honored and privileged to serve,” said Manoukian.

Fellow alumnus, Joe Bruno, ’78 is CEO of the Maine-based Community Pharmacies, which operates eleven drug stores in southern and central Maine. Originally from Long Island, New York, Bruno graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1978. After graduation, he moved to Maine and worked for LaVerdiere’s, a Maine-based pharmacy chain. When they were sold to Rite Aid, he moved on to Goold Health Systems, where he brought on fellow alumnus, John Grotton, PAH ‘77. Grotton had the idea for them to buy a pharmacy in Dover Foxcroft and they hired father and son team, Bud, PAH ’68 and Shane Savage, PAH ’96 to run it. Clay Smith, PAH ’78 joined later and John Twadelle, PAH ’78 opened the next store. Mike Coppi, PAH ’79, Stacy Hatch, PAH ’98, and Clark Miller, PAH ’78 are other Northeastern alumni working at Community Pharmacies.

Bruno wanted to create “that old, hometown pharmacy feel” with “knowledgeable employees who know their customers” to provide the best customer service possible. He also wanted to create an alternative work environment for pharmacists who felt restricted by the big chains. “Pharmacists don’t need to be told how to practice, what to charge, how much time to spend with a patient,” said Bruno. “They work best in a nurturing environment.”

Bruno, too, became involved in state and local politics. After testifying before the Maine Legislature on a variety of pharmacy-related issues, Bruno became frustrated at what he perceived to be ill treatment of those trying to advocate. He announced his intention to run for office during a hearing that he found particularly exasperating. He ran and won, and has been advocating in some capacity ever since. Currently the president of the Maine Board of Pharmacy, Bruno served five terms in the Maine House of Representatives and was minority leader from 2000–2004. Two years ago, he was appointed by the governor to head up the creation of the Maine Health Exchange required by the Affordable Care Act and also serves as chair of the Dirigo Health Agency, Maine’s attempt to provide health care to all its citizens.

“Throughout the years, I have gained a lot of knowledge about health care, way beyond pharmacy,” said Bruno. “The biggest issue facing the state of Maine is poverty, and bringing affordable health care to this population in the most cost-effective manner possible is our biggest challenge. I am honored to be asked to help solve this critical problem.”

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JOSEPH BRUNO, PAH ’78

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This year, the School of Nursing is celebrating its milestone 50th Anniversary with a host of activities, culminating in a grand celebration on November 2nd at the Colonnade Hotel that will feature Afaf Meleis, PhD, DrPs (hon), FAAN, FRCN, professor of Nursing and Sociology, Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, as the guest speaker.

**Meleis to Address Future of Nursing**

In a recent interview, Meleis shared her thoughts on the evolution of the nursing profession and the issues and challenges that lie ahead.

In the past, observes Meleis, “nursing was based in experience and tradition. Now, we’ve developed a theoretical basis for nursing and coherent programs of research, which enable us to produce fundamental evidence for quality care and the best models for nursing practice.”

The role of nursing in health care systems has been expanding. Nurse practitioners see patients, write prescriptions, and play a triage role in urgent care and walk-in centers.

“The goal of nursing education today is to prepare graduates for leadership positions—to give them a voice to influence health care policy and increase their impact on patient care,” says Meleis. There is also a growing awareness that teamwork among nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals delivers the best care to patients.

“Thanks to research and evidence, we now know that well-functioning health care teams are the best for optimum quality care,” says Meleis. “This means that interprofessional education is the future.

Educating physicians, nurses, and other health professionals together helps them understand each other’s perspectives and prepares them to be well-functioning members of teams.”

The 50th Anniversary Celebration will honor nurses as leaders within the health care community and will include alumni, parents, and friends of the School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, and all programs in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences. Rhondella Richardson, AS ’90, investigative reporter for WCVB-TV and university corporator, will serve as our Master of Ceremonies. Other honorees will include:

- **JANE AROIAN**, RN, EdD ’86, associate professor and coordinator, nursing administration program, Northeastern University, who has touched the lives of hundreds of students over the last four decades and will receive the Distinguished Faculty Award.

- **JEANETTE IVES ERICKSON**, RN, DNP, FAAN, chief nurse and senior vice president for patient care services at Massachusetts General Hospital, will be honored as our Distinguished Health Care Professional.

- **SHARON GALE**, ADN ’69, BSN ’81, MSN, a registered nurse for over 40 years and the CEO of the Organization of Nurse Leaders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island (formerly the Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives or MONE), will receive the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Tickets are available at [http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/nursing/anniversary](http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/nursing/anniversary) or by calling Julie Norton at 617-373-4839. Space is limited.
Event Ambassadors

A group of alumni, parents, and friends joined Dr. Carol Kenner, dean of the School of Nursing, to serve as 50th Anniversary Ambassadors. This leadership group represents champions of nursing education from across the country who support the future of nursing at Northeastern.

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In honor of this milestone, the college seeks to establish the School of Nursing 50th Anniversary Scholarship, which will ensure that a Northeastern nursing education will always remain within reach for deserving undergraduate and graduate students. Twenty-two sponsors including hospitals, pharmacies, and other organizations have committed their support to the scholarship. We thank our sponsors and donors for helping us establish this endowed scholarship. Gifts can be made in the form of bequests, outright donations, and pledge payments over a number of years. Contact Noël Appel at 617-373-2637 to make your gift.

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Women Who Inspire

Six distinguished women leaders in the medical industry share their stories and advice with Northeastern students, faculty, and staff.

At the first Women Who Inspire panel held this spring, six distinguished women leaders in the medical industry shared their stories and advice with more than 75 Northeastern students, faculty, and staff, as well as professionals from area hospitals and corporations such as IBM, Pfizer, and Novartis. The Women Who Inspire Speaker Series is a Northeastern University initiative to promote the advancement of women in the biotech and pharmaceutical fields and will sponsor four panel discussions this year. Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences, moderated the first panel discussion.

In her opening remarks, Fulmer described the panel of women as “bold, exceptional, and creative.” She said inspirational women rarely think of themselves in that light, in part because they view themselves through the lens of mother, sister, or friend. “They are so motivated, engaged, and focused that they don’t realize the rest of us are looking to them as role models, visionaries, and people to learn from and emulate,” Fulmer said.

Joining the dean were five other accomplished women leaders: Hoda Abou-Jamra, PAH ’97, CEO of TVM Capital MENA; Christine Cournoyer, CSH ’75, CEO of N-of-One; Dr. Elvira Ponce Leon, medical director of U.S. Medical Affairs at Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics; Dr. Nancy Simonian, CEO of Syros Pharmaceuticals and member of the Board of Directors of SeattleGenetics; and Wendy Warring, senior vice president of network development and strategic partnerships at Children’s Hospital Boston.

Each of the women reflected on her unique journey and career path. Christine Cournoyer, now CEO of N-of-One—a life sciences startup that works with cancer patients and molecular biologists to provide alternative cancer therapies and to develop new diagnostic testing tools—started her career as an economist. Hoda Abou-Jamra, CEO of TVM Capital MENA worked as a pharmacist and political activist prior to starting a health care company in Dubai serving the emerging markets of the Middle East and North Africa. Dr. Elvira Ponce Leon, now at Novartis, was an academic doing research in Venezuela and in Cincinnati before creating her own startup, which she eventually sold. Similarly, Dr. Nancy Simonian was studying neurology in medical school with the intention of becoming a
professor when she was approached by Biogen to join the company. They were in the process of developing a new drug to treat MS, but had no neurologists on board. She is now the CEO of her own pharmaceutical startup. Wendy Warring was a lawyer and a prosecutor before entering the health care field.

“By sharing their stories and perspectives, these women help to inspire the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs in the health care industry.”

DEAN TERRY FULMER

The wide-ranging discussion moved from “What gets you up in the morning?” to “What are you most worried about?” Across the board, the responses to the first question involved enjoying what one does; finding it challenging, useful, and important; and respecting the people one works with. In response to the second question, the panel focused on a broad spectrum of concerns and challenges facing the health care industry. Responses ranged from the difficulty of raising capital in the current markets and the consequent fear that potential innovations won’t be realized to the bureaucratic hurdles of getting needed drug therapies to the market to the challenge of keeping costs down without lowering the quality of care. The challenges of improving vaccination uptake rates and dealing with the shifting health care policy in emerging markets were also discussed.

All the women agreed, however, that we live in a time of unparalleled discovery, opportunity, and innovation in health care.

“By sharing their stories and perspectives with our students and faculty, these women help to inspire the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs in the health care industry,” said Fulmer.

The next event in the series will be a 7:30 a.m. breakfast on Oct. 16th and will feature a dynamic global panel: Deborah Dunsire, CEO of EnVivo; Joanna Horobin, CMO of Verastem; Rosana Kapeller, CSO of Nimbus; and Daphne Zohar, Founder and Managing Partner of PureTech Ventures.

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KATHLEEN HAGAN, CEO, HAGAN & COMPANY; JOANNIE DANIELIDES, PRESIDENT, DANIELIDES COMMUNICATIONS; AND NOEL APPEL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT. BELOW: DEAN TERRY FULMER INTRODUCES THE WOMEN WHO INSPIRE PANEL.
The Boston Marathon brings together people from all over the world in celebration. Typically a joyful event, this year’s Boston Marathon was plagued by tragedy. Students and faculty members from Bouvé College of Health Sciences were among those particularly impacted by the attack. Physical therapy, nursing, and athletic training students and faculty had volunteered to help in the medical tents, assuming they would be providing care for the typical sprains, strains, and dehydration associated with marathons. After the bombs went off, our students courageously stepped up and provided emergency care—staunching bleeding, dressing wounds, and giving comfort to the bomb victims suffering from physical and psychological trauma. Uniting as a team, these students marshaled their unique talents and expertise to ensure those individuals received quality medical care.

In the days and weeks following, these students reflected on their experience and focused on caring and helping each other heal. Many reported they relied on their clinical skills and worked on instinct. Students expressed satisfaction that they were able to do more than they ever believed they could—that they truly made a difference in people’s lives. They remarked that that day changed them forever; they realized the value of interprofessional teamwork and found new confidence in their ability to exhibit grace under fire. In recognition of their courage and bravery, Walt Disney awarded the Bouvé College of Health Professions the Ride for Justice Award at the Boston premiere of The Lone Ranger.

We are proud of our students and faculty and grateful that we have the opportunity to work with these future health care professionals.
Katharine Mezic, N’15
Learning by Doing

With her mom a hospital microbiologist, Katie Mezic, ’15, had early exposure to the health care field. As a high school student in New York state, Mezic volunteered in a local hospital and observed surgeries. “That is when I knew I wanted to work in a setting with more hands-on patient care,” recalls Mezic, now a second year honors student in the nursing program.

When it came time to apply to college, Mezic set her sights on suburban campuses known for their rolling green hills. But, a fortuitous visit to Northeastern changed all that. “Once I saw the city, the vibrant campus, and learned of the possibilities for co-op in some of the world’s best hospitals, I was sold,” said Mezic, who won a scholarship to the Bachelor’s of Nursing program.

Mezic has been working a co-op at Massachusetts General Hospital since January where, as a nursing assistant, she has had the opportunity to do “everything a nurse would do except dispensing of medicines and note keeping.”

“I have always believed that learning is more about doing than sitting in a classroom taking a test,” said Mezic. “Interacting with patients and seeing how a real nursing team works is invaluable.”

Last year, Mezic participated in Northeastern’s “Dialogue of Civilizations to Kenya,” in which 20 students, some of whom were international business majors, went to Kenya to learn about the culture, politics, and public health conditions of the country. The group worked and learned together from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily while also getting the opportunity to learn Swahili. She was the designated “nurse” on the trip to her fellow students, tending to their occasional mishaps.

A dancer and ballet fan since the age of four, Mezic spends what little free time she has as a member of the dance troupe, No Limits Dance Crew, doing lyrical modern dance.

After completing her undergraduate degree, she hopes to work in an ICU and go to graduate school to become an anesthetist. She also finds the idea of “travel nursing” – the opportunity to live in various cities and to practice in different settings – very appealing. “Working in California or Seattle would satisfy my wanderlust,” said Mezic.

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KATHARINE MEZIC

MEZIC’S CURRENT CO-OP IS AS A NURSING ASSISTANT AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL.
Alumni and health care leaders encourage 2013 graduates to take risks, make the most of education and opportunity, and to help shape the future of health care.
The entrepreneur and benefactor shared a story about his path to success, recalling a moment early in his career when working on the development of Tylenol. Standing in for his former supervisor, he decided to rewrite the presentation of product literature for the now popular pain reliever. “I changed ‘acetaminophen’ to ‘pain reliever’ and put a few other things in layman’s terms. When it was over, I was called to the front desk, assuming I was in trouble. Instead, that initiative launched my career.”

GEORGE BEHRAKIS, P ’57, HON. ’98

Bouvé College of Health Sciences celebrated the graduation of 422 undergraduate and 731 graduate students in a range of events at Commencement Weekend last spring. Administrators, alumni, faculty, and industry leaders came together to wish the graduates well and to share their wisdom and advice as the former students entered the professional world.

Joining Dean Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, in addressing the graduating students at the convocations and pinning ceremonies were University Trustee George Behrakis, P ’57, Hon. ’98; Dr. Sheila Davis, DNP, ANP ’88, FAAN; Catherine Osterman, DPT ’13, 2nd Lt. US Army Medical Specialist Corps; and Lauren Gorgol, DPT ’13.

In his comments to the pharmacy graduates, Behrakis, chairman of Gainesborough Investments and founder of Dooner Laboratories and Muro Pharmaceutical, encouraged students to take risks.

2013 Graduates
Encouraged to Take Risks, Make a Difference
“Knowledge is power. If you want to improve your standing in your profession, you need to be knowledgeable and creative. You have to be able to see what others cannot see.” Reflecting on his own career as a pharmaceutical entrepreneur, Behrakis said, “The opportunities are there if you want to be an entrepreneur. Despite the necessary regulations in the industry, there are many opportunities to be very successful.”

Dr. Sheila Davis, nurse practitioner in the infectious disease unit at Massachusetts General Hospital and chief nursing officer at Partners in Health—an international non-governmental organization that provides health care to some of the world’s poorest populations—addressed nursing graduates. She reflected on her 25-year-career as a nurse, which has taken her from hospitals to community centers and prisons to far away rural villages and urban slums. She shared her experiences practicing in places ranging from Boston to the Navajo Nation, to Botswana, Rwanda, South Africa, Haiti, Thailand, and more.

“To be a nurse is a gift. Nurses are consistently number one in polls of people’s most trusted profession; this trust should not be wasted or squandered,” reflects Davis. “Gaining access to someone’s intimate world is an enormous responsibility and privilege. As nurses we interact and intersect with people at their most vulnerable: times of pain, birth, death, sadness, grief, and suffering. This is a sacred place—we cannot forget that.”

“We have received an amazing education in nursing at the bachelors, masters, or doctoral level at a world class educational institution. We trained at some of the world’s best hospitals and had opportunities that are not available to many in the world today. We are all so lucky; we must make the most of it.”
**Small Business, Big Science**

Entrepreneurship is an attitude, one that Carl LeBel, PhD ’89 believes is best nurtured in a small environment. He is right at home as chief scientific officer at Otonomy, a clinical-trial biopharmaceutical company in San Diego, Calif., that employees just 25 people.

But being an entrepreneur was not even on LeBel’s radar when he graduated from Northeastern with a doctorate in biomedical science. He thanks Amgen for helping him develop that mindset. He worked for the biotech pioneer when its cutting-edge research on recombinant DNA technology started to pay off big—for the company and for patients with serious illnesses. By the time he left as executive director in 2007, Amgen was a biotech behemoth. Along with that rapid growth, however, came a change in the freedom to innovate, says LeBel. At Otonomy he found “the bigger risks and greater thrills of a startup.”

LeBel and his elite R&D team are developing new drug therapies for millions of people with hearing and balance disorders of the ear who have never had drug treatments available. In his new venture, he and his team must find ways to raise capital and to navigate the complicated labyrinth of FDA drug approval. Accustomed to having to operate nimbly, they embrace the challenge, rather than letting it bog down their spirit of innovation.

As an executive member of Northeastern’s Health Sciences Entrepreneurs (HSE), he’s training the next generation to thrive in such an environment, too. This group of alumni shares experiences with students and faculty and offers a mentoring program for alumni who want to start new health sciences businesses. “My hope is to help other people find their outlet for innovation,” he says.

To find out more about the Health Sciences Entrepreneurs program, visit www.neu.edu/hse.

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**Information Technology, Improving Outcomes**

Hoda Sayed-Friel, PAH ’80, executive vice president, strategy & marketing, MEDITECH, was a featured speaker for the School of Nursing’s 50th Anniversary Celebration pre-event held in September.

Sayed-Friel is a long-time champion of her alma mater and was one of the first to step up as a School of Nursing 50th Anniversary Ambassador to provide leadership and direction on planning the anniversary’s activities. She is a leading national advocate for the use of information technology to improve the safety, quality, and efficiency of health care and has leveraged the collective expertise of the MEDITECH community to address the complex challenges health care organizations face today.

Her lecture, entitled “New Health Care: It’s Time to Nurse IT” offered nurses CEU credits and covered three important topics—care outcomes, population health, and cost effectiveness. As a precursor to the School of Nursing 50th Anniversary dinner, this event drew over 175 alumni and students around issues relevant to the nursing community.

As a 50th Anniversary Ambassador, Sayed-Friel has worked closely with friends and alumni to encourage involvement in the anniversary celebration on November 2nd. She has also generously provided an anniversary sponsorship and has been a long-time supporter through MEDITECH’s School of Nursing Scholarship. “I am honored to be a part of this,” says Sayed-Friel. “As one of the top programs in the country, the school has made a positive impact on the quality and safety of nursing. I am proud of the contributions its students and alumni have made in the advancements in patient care.”
What’s New?

Greenberg Colloquium
After more than 40 years, Suzanne Greenberg, associate dean for Graduate Education, retired in June. Greenberg is best known for establishing the Physician Assistant (PA) program at Northeastern in 1971. She served as its director until 2006.
The PA profession has grown in the more than four decades since Greenberg began her career, with many of her students helping plot its still-evolving course. “There were only a couple of programs like ours when we started and now we’ve got PA programs all over the country,” recalls Greenberg. “We were charting new ground.”
In honor of Sue’s retirement, the Greenberg Colloquium will be held on Wednesday, December 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on campus. Mitchell Rabkin, MD, Distinguished Institute Scholar at the Shapiro Institute and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, will be the keynote speaker.

Warner Retires
Nancy Warner, senior academic advisor for Bouvé College, has retired after 28 years. Warner arrived at Northeastern in 1985, initially to teach Medical Laboratory Science (MLS). While working in the MLS program, she began to advise graduate and undergraduate students and, when a position opened up as academic advisor, she decided to apply. At a recent celebration honoring her life and work, her son Eric, MBA ’05, described his mother’s tenure at Bouvé: “These students and this university have provided a platform for her to solve problems, to nourish, and ultimately for her to flourish.”

Advancing Oral Health Care
Global society faces no greater health care challenge than the “silent epidemic” of oral diseases and oral health disparities. In the United States alone, the burden of oral diseases impacts millions of children and adults, particularly those in our most vulnerable and underserved populations. With generous funding from the DentaQuest Foundation, Bouvé College of Health Sciences has established Innovations in Interprofessional Oral Health Care: Technology, Instruction, Practice, and Service (TIPS), a program to help prepare students from multiple health professions to enter practice ready and willing to address the oral health needs of their patients. The program, led by Nursing Associate Professor Maria Dolce, teaches students how to identify dental disease and to help individuals who are at risk find treatment. According to Dean Terry Fulmer, the key to oral health promotion is “interprofessional education.”

Transitional DPT Program: Going Strong
While many transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT) programs are closing their doors, Bouvé College’s program is thriving, with enrollment up 18 percent from last year.
The tDPT program is an online program, offered to practicing physical therapists by the College of Professional Studies, with a flexible curriculum designed to allow adult learners to pursue a doctorate in their particular areas of interest in as little as one to two years. “The ability of the students to participate in a high quality, clinically relevant degree program from the comfort and convenience of their own home is a strong incentive for them to go back to school,” explained Program Director Dr. Susan Lowe.

To learn more about the transitional DPT program, visit http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/doctoral/transitional-doctor-physical-therapy.php, or email s.lowe@neu.edu.

To learn more about this program, please contact Maria C. Dolce, PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor, School of Nursing & Program Director, Innovations in Interprofessional Oral Health Care, 617-373-3114 or m.dolce@neu.edu.
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Gifts and support from all members of the Bouvé College community enable us to provide scholarships, enhance faculty teaching, expand research, and offer experiential learning opportunities. Below are just a few of the recent gifts to Bouvé that are already having an impact.

Physical Therapy Student Travel Fund

With the generous support of David and Pamela Waud, Pnt. ’12, the Physical Therapy program has received funding to enable students to travel to co-ops, make presentations, and participate in other valuable experiences during their time at the university.

Hoda Sayed-Friel, PAH ’80 and the Future of Nursing

Hoda Sayed-Friel, executive vice president, strategy and marketing, MEDITECH has supported the School of Nursing 50th Anniversary. Additionally, she engaged with the School of Nursing to envision, host, and conduct the lecture and reception entitled, “New Health Care: It’s Time to Nurse IT.” She was a key player in the MEDITECH gift of the Health Informatics System to incorporate the Medical Record into the Health Sciences curriculum.

Joseph Bruno, PAH ’78 Pharmacy Business Plan Competition Fund

The School of Pharmacy will formally launch a business plan competition due to the generosity of alumnus, Joseph Bruno. This program will develop future entrepreneurs and will work with participants in the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). Funding will support travel to local and regional NCPA meetings, honorariums for speakers and judges, and student awards.

William B. Hugg, Jr. Scholarship Fund

William Hugg, DMSB ’57, P’62, is supporting a scholarship for freshman students in the School of Pharmacy who are in financial need. This new scholarship was awarded for the first time during
the 2013/14 academic year with a preference for female minority students.

**Class of ‘62 Alumni Join Together**

The Physical Therapy Class of ’62 came together to support scholarships for Physical Therapy students. They mobilized as a class through communication and gathered to celebrate the physical therapy profession and collaborate on an investment in the education of future students.

**A Gift of Sculpture from Artist David Bakalar**

With the generous support of artist David Bakalar, Northeastern University is now the home of two additional sculptures from his collection. In 2011 a stainless steel and painted bronze piece titled Adam was installed on campus near the entrance to the Behrakis Health Sciences Center. The new pieces are titled Quantum Figure and Homage to Galileo. They are situated on campus in locations that ensure maximum exposure for our community of students, faculty, and friends. Bouvé College is grateful to Bruce Ployer, campus curator, for his steadfast work with David, ensuring that the home for these pieces fully complements their beauty and David’s desire for them to be enjoyed for years to come.

**Arnold S. Goldstein, P ’61, PhD ‘90, Simulation Laboratories Suite**

Thanks to the generosity of Marlene Goldstein, the Bouvé College of Health Sciences formally dedicated the Arnold S. Goldstein Simulation Laboratories Suite on September 19. The new laboratories suite is uniquely designed to engage Bouvé students from more than eight different health professions to learn about, from, and with each other to improve health outcomes. Students have the opportunity to apply principles of interprofessional collaborative practice in a variety of realistic settings such as hospitals, community health centers, and clinics. Students acquire competencies in communication, teamwork, and collaboration. Left to right: Jamie Musler, Marlene Goldstein, Ilene Order, and Dean Terry Fulmer at the construction site.

**BOUVÉ ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**OCTOBER 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - MANHATTAN**

“A Conversation about Health Care Education: Assuring Quality and Safety for Patients,” hosted by David Hogan and Bouvé College of Health Sciences, University Club, Manhattan, www.alumni.neu.edu/bouvenyc

**NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - BOSTON**

School of Nursing 50th Anniversary, Colonnade Hotel. All Bouvé alumni and friends are invited to this special evening which will feature a keynote address by Afaf Meleis, PhD, DrPS(hon), FAAN, Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. (See page 4 for more information and to register.)

**NOVEMBER 15-16 - BOSTON**

Empower Campaign Kickoff - Boston Campus.

**NOVEMBER 20, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 P.M. - BOSTON**

Inside the Venture/Mentor Experience Event and Reception sponsored by the Health Sciences Entrepreneurs and IDEA, Curry Student Center Ballroom, Bradley Waugh, CEO & President, Tunstall Americas, will offer the keynote address. www.neu.edu/hse

**DECEMBER 4, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - BOSTON**

Greenberg Colloquium with special guest speaker, Mitchell Rabkin, MD, Distinguished Institute Scholar at the Shapiro Institute and professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Northeastern/Boston Campus.

To learn more about these events, please contact Julie Norton at j.norton.neu.edu or 617-373-4839.
New Talent Joins Bouvé College

Dean Terry Fulmer is proud to welcome the following scholars and researchers to the faculty of Bouvé College.

JEFFREY AGAR
Associate professor and interdisciplinary faculty member in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology in the College of Science, the Center for Drug Discovery, and the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Agar’s main research focus is on ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

ROB BAGINSKI
Medical director and assistant clinical professor of the Physician Assistant program. Dr. Baginski earned his MD from the University of Connecticut in 1999 and did his residency in emergency medicine at Hartford Hospital. In 2010, he traveled to Haiti to aid people injured by the earthquake.

DEBRA BANGS
Assistant clinical professor in the Physical Therapy Department. Dr. Bangs earned her BS in Physical Therapy from Northeastern in 1990 and completed her DPT in 2010 at the MGH Institute of Health Professions. Previously, she was a lab assistant at Northeastern and Lasell College.

JENNIFER BHUYIAN
Assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Bhuyian received her PharmD from St. John’s University in Queens, NY. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the Brooklyn Hospital Center and PGY2 Advanced Pharmacy Practice residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in 2013.

ALICE BONNER
Associate professor in the School of Nursing. Previously deputy associate regional administrator for the northeast region, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, she holds a PhD in Nursing from UMass, Amherst, an MSN from the University of Lowell, and a BSN from Columbia.

SHAW BRONNER
Associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy. Dr. Bronner holds a PhD from UMDNJ and is a visiting professor at Yale University Medical School. She is the director of the Analysis of Dance and Movement Center in Brooklyn, NY.

CAROL CONNOLLY
Director of the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program and a clinical instructor in the School of Nursing. Prior to coming to Northeastern, she was the lead mid-level clinician and clinical nurse practitioner in the electrophysiology section of the Division of Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Carol received her BSN from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and her MSc from Northeastern.

CAROL FEMIA
Clinical instructor in the Direct Entry Online program of the School of Nursing. Previously a professor at Middlesex Community College School of Nursing, she is a nurse at Lowell General Hospital and holds a BS in Biochemistry from St. Lawrence University and an MSN from MGH Institute of Health Professions.
ANITA FINKLEMAN

The Lorraine C. Snell Visiting Clinical Instructor in the School of Nursing. Dr. Finkleman received her BSN at TCU, Fort Worth and her MSN at Yale. Her research and clinical areas of interest include psychiatric-mental health nursing, community health, and health care policy.

DANIELLE GINGRAS

Assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Gingras received her BS in Pharmacy Studies and her PharmD from Northeastern. She completed a PGY1 residency with a focus in ambulatory care at the Bay Pines Veterans Healthcare System in Bay Pines, FL.

OSCAR GONÇALVES

Professor and chair of the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology. Dr. Gonçalves holds a PhD from UMass, Amherst and is the former dean of the School of Psychology at the University of Minho in Portugal.

PAULINE C. HAMEL

The Lorraine C. Snell Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences. Dr. Hamel received her physical therapy degree and MEd from Northeastern, her EdD from Boston University and was a clinical professor and director of Clinical Education in the DPT program at Northeastern until 2008.

TRENT HONDA

Clinical instructor in the Physician Assistant program. Previously an assistant clinical professor at UCLA in the School of Advanced Practice Nursing, he received his BA from California State University, his MMS from St. Francis University, and his PA certificate from the Riverside County Regional Medical Center/Moreno Valley College PA program.

HOLLY JIMISON

Professor of practice and interdisciplinary faculty member, the College of Computer and Information Science and the School of Nursing. Dr. Jimison was an associate professor at the Oregon Health & Science University. She holds a PhD in Medical Information Sciences from Stanford and joins Northeastern from the National Institutes of Health, Office of Behavioral & Social Science Research.

DANIEL KIM

Associate professor of Health Sciences and Social Epidemiology in the Department of Health Sciences. Previously associate social policy scientist in the Behavioral and Policy Sciences Department at the RAND Corporation, he received his MD from the University of Toronto and his MPH and DrPH in Social Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health.

TANYA KONRY

Assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Previously an instructor and assistant in bioengineering at Harvard Medical School/MGH, she received her MSc and her PhD from the Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University.

THOMAS MATTA

Assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Matta received his PharmD from Xavier University of Louisiana, completed his PGY1 residency at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and his PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

NANCY MIZZONI

Clinical instructor in the School of Nursing. Previously, Ms. Mizzoni was a professor of Nursing at Middlesex Community College. She received her BSN from Boston University and her MSN from Northeastern.

JEANINE MOUNT

Associate dean of undergraduate education and professor of practice in the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Mount joins us from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, where she has been on the faculty since 1985 in the Division of Social and Administrative Sciences. Since 2012, she has served as associate dean for strategic initiatives and was the associate dean for academic affairs from 2004 to 2012. She holds a PhD from Purdue and is currently directing the Prescriber Opioid Risk Reduction Strategies Study (PORRS), an FDA-funded project that examines physician efforts to evaluate and manage the risks of opioids in treatment.
TOM OLSON
Associate dean of graduate education and clinical professor of nursing. Dr. Olson’s most recent positions include serving as dean of the School of Health and Natural Sciences at Mercy College in New York; executive associate dean, New York University College of Nursing; and professor and director of the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD program, the College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing, University of Texas at El Paso. He holds a PhD in Nursing from the University of Minnesota and has conducted research on obsessive-compulsive disorder, as well as on the evolution of nursing education.

MISHA PAVEL
Professor of practice and interdisciplinary faculty member in the College of Computer and Information Science and the Department of Health Sciences. Dr. Pavel holds a PhD from New York University and specializes in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering. Previously, he was program director for Smart Health and Well-being and Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation.

STEVEN PIZER
Associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Pizer received his AB in Social Studies from Harvard and a PhD in Economics from Boston College. He is the director of the Health Care Financing and Economics Research Group at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and has been an associate professor at the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

MONICA RAMIREZ-Andreotta
Assistant professor in the Department of Health Sciences. Dr. Ramirez-Andreotta received her MPA in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia and her PhD from the University of Arizona. Dr. Ramirez-Andreotto served as the Coordinator of Research Translation at the University of Arizona’s Superfund Research Program.

ROBIN REED
Interim program director of the Physician Assistant program. Dr. Reed has been the medical director of the program since 2006 and has been teaching in the program for 25 years. She received her BA from Stanford and her MD from the New York University School of Medicine.

RACHEL RODGERS
Associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology. Dr. Rodgers received her BA and PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Toulouse, France. She completed her Fulbright postdoctoral fellowship at Northeastern.

CATHERINE SADOWSKI
Clinical instructor in the Physician Assistant program. Previously an assistant professor at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of PA Studies and South University PA program, Ms. Sadowski holds a BA from the University of Virginia and an MHS from the Duke University PA program.

LAURA SENIER
Interdisciplinary faculty member and assistant professor in the Department of Sociology in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and in the Department of Health Sciences at Bouvé. Prior to coming to Northeastern, Dr. Senier was an assistant professor in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. She received her PhD in Sociology from Brown.

SARA WYLIE
Interdisciplinary faculty member and assistant professor in the Department of Sociology in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and in the Department of Health Sciences in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences. Dr. Wylie received her PhD from MIT.

EMILY ZIMMERMAN
Assistant professor in the Department of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. Previously a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Newborn Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, she received her BA, MA, and PhD from the University of Kansas.
Empowering Future Students
Linda Kovitch, Ensuring Nursing Education

For Linda Kovitch, UC ‘81, MSN ‘96, RRT, CRNA, nursing is, and always has been, a calling. It is a vocation that demands compassion, caring, patience, humility, as well as competence—and one that fosters appreciation and gratitude.

Like most nurses, Kovitch knows much about helping others. She has provided direct patient care at numerous hospitals and is quick to declare, “I really get a lot of satisfaction helping others in their most vulnerable times.”

As a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), Kovitch credits the Bouvé College of Health Sciences with preparing her for professional success and for pointing her in the direction of selfless service. Her humanitarian and volunteer work has led her all over the world in an effort to improve the health and quality of life of countless children.

Because of these experiences, Kovitch has found yet another way to assist others: She has established a planned gift at Northeastern that will educate future generations of nurses. Kovitch named the university as a beneficiary of one of her qualified retirement plans, which enables her to make a substantial commitment to nursing education without impacting her current lifestyle.

It is a gift that will impact not only students, but also innumerable patients who will benefit from the care those students will one day provide. As Northeastern celebrates the School of Nursing’s 50th anniversary, Kovitch explains, “A planned gift allows me to create a vision for my support—and to influence the future of nursing education while also meeting my personal and philanthropic goals.”

The School of Nursing 50th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship is one of the ways that other nursing alumni, parents, and friends can make an investment in the future of nursing education in ways similar to Kovitch’s generosity and vision.

SECURING THE FUTURE
Legacy gifts have a lasting impact on the Bouvé College of Health Sciences. They help to secure its future by providing financial aid to students, helping the college to recruit and retain renowned faculty and scholars, and to advance cutting-edge research.

By utilizing any of a number of planned giving tools, alumni and friends of the university can make a significant contribution to Northeastern without affecting their lifestyle, cash flow, or family’s security.

BEQUEST
A bequest allows donors to make a long-term commitment to Northeastern without impacting their current standard of living by designating, through a will or living trust, a dollar amount or percentage of their estate.

RETIREMENT PLANS
Naming Northeastern as a beneficiary of an IRA or qualified retirement plan allows alumni and friends to support the university while eliminating the taxes the estate would be subjected to if left to non-charitable beneficiaries, including one’s heirs.

For more information on these and other gift options, contact the Office of Gift Planning, 617-373-2030, giftplanning@neu.edu, or northeastern.edu/giftplanning.
Through the Empower Campaign, the Bouvé College of Health Sciences will build on its momentum of excellence and rise to meet longstanding and emerging health care challenges confronting our global community.

Join with us as we pursue this ambitious goal, so that more practitioners of science-based health care may be “Bouvé-prepared.”

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or by contacting Noël Appel, Associate Dean of Development, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, at m.appel@neu.edu or 617-373-2637.