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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) Program

WINTER 2015 – 2016 Newsletter

From the Desk of our DNP Director...

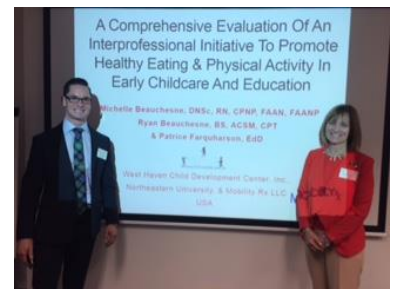
Happy New Year!

It is with great pleasure that I returned to NEU this past May after my Spring 2015 Sabbatical. Although I enjoyed the time to devote to my own scholarly endeavors, it is a privilege to direct this exciting and flourishing DNP program.

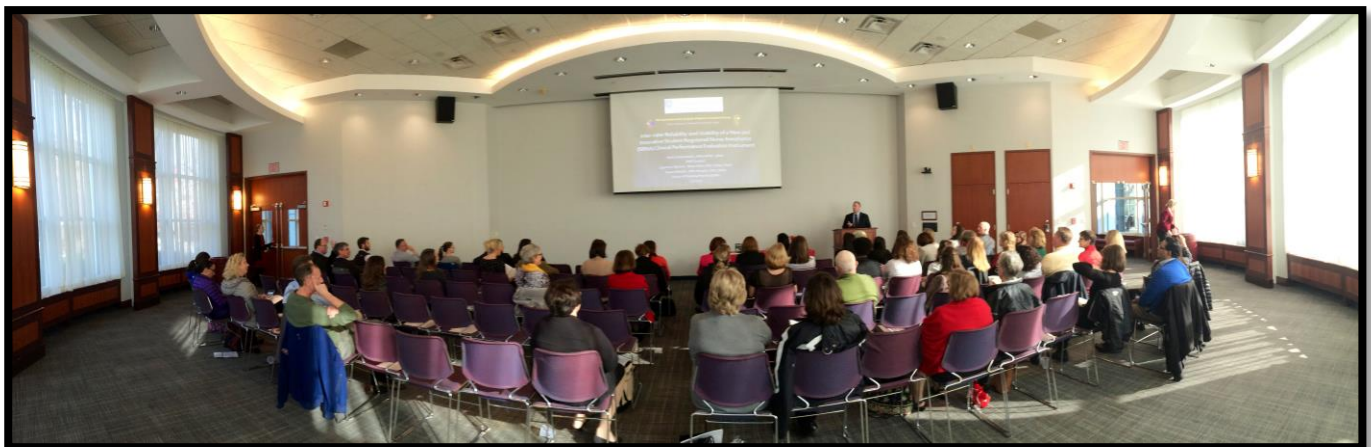
As always, a sincere appreciation to our “DNP Team”, Alice Murphy and Brienne Leary, who along with our faculty, make things happen so successfully. We hope you enjoy reading about the many accomplishments of the students, alumna, faculty, staff and many partners that comprise our vital community of scholars. If we missed you this issue, please keep us posted so we may recognize your achievements in the next issue!

Sincerely,

Michelle Beauchesne, DNSc, RN, CPNP, FAAN, FNAP, FAANP



Dr. Michelle Beauchesne, DNP Program Director, was joined by her son, Ryan, founder of MobilityRx, and Bouvé alumnus, Health Science, B.S. 2013 at Trinity College in Ireland where they presented one of their own scholarly projects about an interprofessional initiative to promote healthy eating and physical activity in early childcare and education.



The Annual DNP Leadership Symposium held on December 11, 2015 in the Raytheon Amphitheater at the Egan Center on Northeastern University’s Boston Campus was yet another success. Students, faculty and advisors look on as Mark Schierenbeck, MHS, ARNP, CRNA, shares his “Capstone Pearls”.

Student & Faculty Accomplishments

Published Manuscripts

- **Jill Becker, DNP'14, RN, CNE**
 - o **Becker, J.** (2015). A primer for nurses on perinatal/neonatal stroke. *Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Nursing for Women's Health*, 19(4), 350-356. DOI:10.1111/1751-486X.12221
- **Kelly A. McCue, DNP'15, RN, AOCNS** and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, DNP Epidemiology Faculty
 - o Abstract on oral chemotherapy adherence published in the *Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (JNCCN)*. Of the 60 abstracts posted, this was one of only a few nurse-authored abstracts published in the physician-dominated journal.

Manuscript in press and available online:

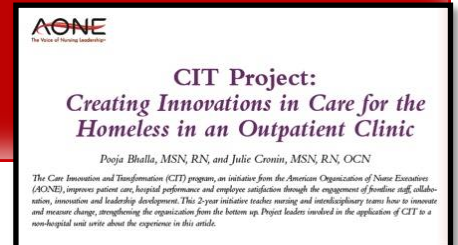
- **Wakako Eklund, DNP'14, APRN, NNP-BC**
 - o **Eklund, W. & Kenner, C.** (2015). Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) Global Neonatal Provider Database initiative (CGNPD): Results from an implementation focus group. *Advances in Neonatal Care*, e-published ahead of print. DOI: 10.1097/ANC.0000000000000236
- **Melissa Taylor, DNP'15, MPH, BSN, RNC-OB, CEN, CPEN, TNCC**
 - o **Taylor, M.** (2016). Impact of advocacy initiatives on nurses' motivation to sustain momentum in public policy advocacy. *Journal of Professional Nursing*. Scheduled to appear in the May-June 2016 issue. Available online October 26, 2015. doi:10.1016/j.profnurs.2015.10.010

Other DNP Student & Faculty Collaborative Manuscripts:

- **Michelle Beauchesne, DNSc, CPNP, FAAN, FNAP, FAANP & Karen Farnum DNP'12, RN, PPCNP-BC**
 - o **Elliot, N., Farnum, K. & Beauchesne, M.** (2016). Utilizing team debate to increase student abilities for mentoring and critical appraisal of global healthcare in Doctor of Nursing Practice program. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, scheduled to appear in May/June 2016 issue. Available online October 15, 2015 at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/aip/87557223>. DOI:10.1016/j.profnurs.2015.10.009
- **Justin DiLiberio, MSN, RN, CNS, CCRN, ACCNS-AG, DNP Class of 2017 & Sharon O'Dongohue, MSN, CNS, DNP Class of 2017**
 - o **DiLiberio, J., DeSanto-Madyea, S., & O'Dongohue, S.** (Jan/Feb 2016). Improving the accuracy of cardiac electrode placement: Outcomes of clinical nurse specialist practice. *Clinical Nurse Specialist: The International Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice*, 30(1), 45-50.
- **Fidelindo Lim, DNP'14, CCRN & Ingrid Herrera-Capoziello, MSN, RN, ANP, DNP Class of 2017**
 - o **Lim, F., Weiss, K. A., & Herrera-Capoziello, I.** (2016). Preceptor education: Focusing on quality and safety education for nurses. *American Nurse Today*, 11(1), 44 - 47.
- **Anat Romem, DNP'13, RN, Michelle Beauchesne, DNP Program Director, Lynn Babington, Former DNP Director**
 - o **Romem, A., Tom, S.E., Beauchesne, M., Babington, L., Scharf, S.M., & Romem, A.** (2015). Pain management at the end of life: A comparative study of cancer, dementia, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients. *Palliative Medicine*, 29(5), 464-469. DOI: 10.1177/0269216315570411 2015
- **Paulette J. Thabault, DNP'13, JD, APRN, FAANP, Associate Clinical Professor, Northeastern University; and Pam Burke, PhD, RN, FNP, PNP, FSAHM, FAAN, Clinical Professor, Northeastern University**
 - o **Thabault, P.J., Burke, P.J., & Ades, P.A.** (2015 May-June). Describing a residency program developed for newly graduated nurse practitioners employed in retail health settings. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 31(3), 226-232. DOI: 10.1002/2327-6924.12319
- **Jay L. (Beezley) Blake, DNP'13, RN & Linda Malone, DNP'09, RN, CPNP, Director of Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program at NEU**
 - o **Blake, J.L. & Malone, L.** (2014). "Current Behaviors, Attitudes, and Knowledge of Nurse Practitioners in Primary Care Toward Skin Cancer Screening/Prevention", *Journal of the Dermatology Nurses' Association*, 6(2), 70-71.

DNP Collaboration in Print!

DNP Students Pooja Bhalla, MSN, RN & Julie Cronin, MSN, RN, OCN, worked together to write an article published in the August 2015 issue of AONE's *Nurse Leader* about an innovation journey that nurses from MGH and Boston Health Care for the Homeless participated in. The paper describes the remarkable experience of BHCHP and MGH nurses in the national Care Innovation and Transformation (CIT) initiative. *Bhalla & Cronin are expected to graduate this Spring 2016.*



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Poster Presentations

Upcoming Presentations:

- **Jennifer Bragdon, MSN, MTS, BA, RN, CNOR, CPN, DNP Class of 2016.** "Pressure Ulcer Prevention", accepted for poster presentation at AORN's Surgical Conference & Expo, April 2-6, 2016, Anaheim, CA.
- **Dottie Devanna, DNP'15, RN, ACNS-BC,** and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Northeastern University is her capstone advisor and co-author.
- **Immacula Cann, MSN, RN-BC, DNP Class of 2016.** "Assessing for Presenteeism and Interest in 'One Body' Stress Reduction Fitness Program in a Healthcare Setting". Accepted for poster presentation at the STTI/NLN Nursing Education Research Conference, April 7-9, 2016, Washington, DC.
- **Leah McKinnon-Howe, MS, APRN-BC, DNP Class of 2016.** "Identifying Knowledge Gaps in Clinicians Who Evaluate and Treat Vocal Performing Artists in College Health Settings." The Voice Foundation's 45th Annual Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice. June 1 – June 5, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.
- **Alice Murphy,** Administrative Coordinator for the DNP & PhD Programs will present her poster, "Engaging Student Veterans on Campus: A Theory and Sample Program" at the 2016 NASPA Symposium on Military-Connected Students, Feb. 4-6, 2016, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- **Jessica Ochs, MSN, APRN, ANP-BC, DNP Class of 2016.** "Evaluating an innovative pedagogy for teaching transcultural nursing in an online format." Poster presentation at the STTI/NLN Nursing Education Research Conference, April 7-9, 2016, Washington, DC.
- **Christina Simington, CPNP-AC/PC, DNP Class of 2016.** "Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Evaluation of Adolescents." Poster presentation at the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners' (NAPNAP) 37th National Conference on Pediatric Health Care. March 16-19, 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- **Marry Wiggin-Loux, DNP'14, MS, RN.** "How 360 Degree Peer Appraisal Affects Behavior and Outcomes." Poster Presentation at the 27th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care (IHI), December 2015, Orlando, FL.

Past Presentations:



Glenda Francis, DNP'15, MBA/HCM, RN, CCRN, CLNC, NEA-BC (pictured above) presents her poster, "An Exploration of the Benefits of Napping on Night Shift Nurses' Health and Patient Safety" at the *22nd National Evidenced Based Practice Conference Sponsored by STTI & University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics*, April 23 & 24, 2015, Iowa City, Iowa.

Adrienne Loulouides, DNP'14, RN, CPNP presented her capstone project as a poster presentation at the *22nd Annual Northeast Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference*, May 2015.

Elizabeth McGrath, DNP'15, APRN, AGACNP-BC, AOCNP, ACHPN, presented her poster "Comparison of the NCCN-Distress Thermometer and Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale in Cancer Survivors" at the *Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society Annual Meeting* on October 24, 2015 in South Portland, ME. Dr. McGrath also moderated a panel on Nursing Leadership at the meeting.

Susan Sykas, DNP'15, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CNE (pictured below) presents her poster, "Evaluation of a Pilot Project on Group Visits for Well-Baby Care in a Rural Pediatric Practice" at the *31st Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference*, July 9-11, 2015, Chicago, IL.



Upcoming Podium/Oral Presentations

- **Immacula Cann, MSN, RN-BC, DNP Class of 2016.** "Assessing for Presenteeism and Interest in "One Body" Stress Reduction Fitness Program in a Healthcare Setting". *Holistics Medicine 2016 Conference*, July 2016, Philadelphia, PA.
- **Jessica Ochs, MSN, APRN, ANP-BC, DNP Class of 2016** was selected for a podium presentation to share her DNP capstone project at the *Cameron Symposium* sponsored by *Hallmark Health* in May 2016.
- **Mary Wiggin Loux, DNP'14, MS, RN:** "How 360 Degree Peer Appraisal Affects Behavior and Outcomes." *2016 OR Business Management Conference*, February 21-24, 2016, Glendale, AZ.

Recent Podium/Oral Presentations

- **Melissa Taylor, DNP'15, MPH, BSN, RNC-OB, CEN, CPEN, TNCC** presented her Capstone project (right) at the *University of Toledo Nursing Research Conference* in February 2015 and as a poster at the *Emergency Nurses Association Conference* in Fall 2015.



- **Leah McKinnon-Howe, MS, APRN-BC, DNP Class of 2016 & Nancy Dirubbo DNP'15, FNP-BC, FAANP,** represented the DNP Program and their co-authors for their poster presentation "Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Student Perspectives on an Innovative International Immersion Educational Experience" at the *American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2015 National Conference*, June 9-14, 2015, New Orleans, LA. Co-authors included DNP students and alum: **Tara Brown DNP'15, CPNP-AC/PC, Thomas Lansden, DNP, CRNA, Mae O'Donnell, DNP'15, CRNA, Kathy Prairie, MS, RN, FNP, CCRN (DNP Class of 2016), Margi Reither, CNM, MS (DNP Class of 2016) and Karen Farnum, DNP'12, RN, PPCNP-BC,** Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor, Northeastern University.



- **Kandree Hicks, DNP Class of 2016,** also attended the conference and supported the group.

What it's all about... Translating Research Into Action

"As part of the Health Policy class I provide a session on translating research results to the policymakers and how to present your results to a variety of media personnel. Carlene is putting the content into action on a real world issue. This is an example of the strength of the DNP program..." – **Dr. Ric Ricciardi, Adjunct Faculty in the NEU DNP Program, on the power of Carlene's interventions.**

Carlene Byfield, MSN, RN, DNP Class of 2016, has taken on a challenge in her home country of **Jamaica**. She returned in April to speak out via the media to prevent the closing of her high school that provided her the education needed to prepare for her career.

Recent Podium/Oral Presentations (cont.)

Nancy E. Dirubbo, DNP'15, FNP-BC, FAANP, CTH. "Bugs, Bites & Beyond: Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya" & "Adult Travel Immunizations", Podium presentations the *American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2015 National Conference*, June 9-14, 2015, New Orleans, LA.

Wakako Eklund, DNP'14, APRN NNP-BC. "The State of Neonatal Nursing, Global Perspective, Seizing Opportunities". Oral presentation at the *National Neonatal Nurses Association Annual Conference*, October 2015, Dallas, TX 18-21, 2015

Dorothea (Dottie) Devanna, DNP'15, RN, ACNS-BC, DNP Adjunct

Clinical Associate

Professor (pictured

right) presented her capstone project, "Implementing and

Evaluating a Nurse Driven Mobility Protocol" in an oral

presentation at the *Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) Conference* in San Antonio TX on October 1, 2015.



Kelly McCue, DNP'15, RN, AOCNS, DNP Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor served as a panelist at the

Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society (NNECOS) annual spring meeting speaking about the work that she did on oncology patient oral chemotherapy adherence.

Donald Van Dam, MSN, CRNA, LTC, DNP Class of 2016, served as an instructor on upper and lower peripheral nerve blocks at the *American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) Conference* in September 2015.

The DNP Advisory Board

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Student Representative:

Ethan (Paul) Schuler, BA, RN, MSN, CPNP-PC/AC,
DNP Class of 2017

Certifications, Awards & Scholarships

- **Debra Burke, MSN, MBA, RN, DNP Class of 2016** was awarded the *Organization of Nurse Leaders' (ONL) Sharon A. Smith Scholarship*. She was recognized during the Awards Dinner at the ONL Annual Meeting June 4th, 2015 in North Falmouth, MA.

- **Catherine Holub-Smith, DNP'14, APRN-C** won the State of New Hampshire's "2015 Nurse Practitioner of the Year" Award

- **Nightingale Apps**, founded by **Tiffany Kelley, PhD,**



MBA, RN, Adjunct Associate Professor & DNP faculty, was listed as one of "Becker's Healthcare Top 10 Startups to Know for 2016"

- **Brienne Leary, BSN, RN, CPON, CCRN, DNP** Grad Assistant and PNP student, won "Best Oral Abstract (Nursing)" for the *Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Tandem Meeting 2016 Conference* and will present her research in Honolulu February 22, 2016.

- **Theresa Lesniak, MSN, PMHNP-BC, DNP Class of 2016** was named a *2015 American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Board of Directors Student Scholar*. Scholarship includes registration, travel and lodging expenses to attend the APNA 29th Annual Conference, along with a complimentary membership to APNA from July 2015 through July 2016.

- **Linda Malone, DNP'11, RN, CPNP**, Director of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program at NEU received the *SAMHSA Training Grant* (subcontract with Boston Children's Hospital for SBIRT with Adolescents) to continue her collaborative efforts to integrate mental health & primary care.

- **Kristen Mathieu Gonzalez, MSN, RN, DNP Class of 2017** received a *NEU Inter-professional Simulation Faculty Development Grant* from the *Arnold S. Goldstein Simulation Lab* in conjunction with the *Bowvé College of Health Sciences Simulation Leadership Council*

- **Kelly McCue, DNP'15, RN, AOCNS**, Adjunct DNP Faculty passed the Advanced Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) Exam

- **Meghan McManama, MSN, RN, DNP Class of 2017** was accepted into the "Future Faculty Program for Teaching in Higher Education", offered by the *Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning Through Research* at NEU. She completed the first seminar in the fall of 2015 and has been accepted to continue through the spring 2016 semester.

- **Jessica Ochs, APRN, ANP-BC, DNP Class of 2016** received a \$1500 Faculty Development Award from Lawrence Memorial/Regis College in support of her capstone project.

Happy Life Events!

Weddings and Engagements:



Brienne (Johnson) Leary, BSN, RN, CPON, CCRN (left) our DNP Graduate Assistant and student in the MSN Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program married her husband, Sean, on August 1, 2015 in the Seaport!



Alice Murphy, *Administrative Coordinator* for the DNP and PhD Programs is engaged to be married this coming July 2016!

Christina Simington, RN, BSN, MS, CPNP-PC/AC, DNP Class of 2017 (right) was married in December 2015!



Birth Announcements:

We would like to extend a warm welcome the newest members of our DNP Family!



Jonathan Kopchick, DNP Class of 2016 and his family welcomed a baby boy into the world on November 18, 2015!

Ingrid Herrera-Capoziello, DNP Class of 2018, and her family welcomed a new baby boy into the world on January 12, 2016!

SAVE THE DATE



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SCHOOL OF NURSING CONVOCATION CEREMONY

**Thursday, May 5, 2016
10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**SHERATON BOSTON
HOTEL**

**Grand & Independence
Ballroom**

39 Dalton Street
Boston, MA 02119

*Reception to follow –
Back Bay A/B/C*

Cuba Trip Update

Recent DNP graduate
Nancy DiRubbo, DNP'14, FNP-BC, FAANP led a group of APNs and DNP students to Cuba in November 2015 for a continuing education



program. The trip was a huge success! Be on the lookout for other opportunities in the future.

Faculty Appointments

- **Jill Becker, DNP'14, RN, CNE** was named *Curriculum Coordinator* for the Nursing Program at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) in February 2015 for which she created & presented an intensive orientation program for new faculty.
- **Adrienne Louloudes, DNP'14, RN, CPNP** became *Associate Director* of the Master's Family Nurse Practitioner program at the School of Nursing at Endicott College in Beverly, MA this Fall 2015



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