Dear Readers,

I am delighted to share with you all a highlight of this past summer, our representation at the Sigma Theta Tau International’s (STTI) 28th International Nursing Research Congress held in Dublin, Ireland in late July.

Dr. Jennifer Clair (Gamma Epsilon Scholarship), Dr. Ethan Schuler, Dr. Lauryn LeGacy and Dr. Scott Weissman were nominated as Rising Stars of the Research and Scholarship Poster Program at this Congress. Bertha Lee, a current NU PhD student, was also a nominated Rising Star. Due to family and work issues at the last moment Dr. Legacy and Dr. Weissman were unable to attend. The Rising Stars presented posters of their DNP scholarly projects as did Dr. Debra Burke, Cl’16. I presented my own current research on toxic stress in preschoolers with my colleague, who happens to be my sister, Dr. Patrice Farquharson. We celebrated by hosting a Northeastern reception at the legendary Oliver St John Gogarty's inviting family, friends and faculty from the Boston area. I was asked to submit a blog of this event for STTI’s Reflections on Nursing Leadership (RNL) journal. (For those who are unaware Dr. Ethan Schuler is featured in the June RNL edition! Way to go Ethan!!!) I am relieved to state that I successfully wrote my first blog -Everyone is a Little Bit Irish if you Look Back Far Enough! Please visit https://postmarkdublin.blogspot.ie to check it out. We all took some time to experience the beauty of Ireland -Another successful international presence for our DNP program.

Furthermore, 3 more DNP alumna, Dr. Jillian Belmont, Dr. Robyn Gagnon and Dr. Jennifer Matney, were chosen as Rising Stars of Research and Scholarship and will be presenting at the 44th STTI Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA to be held this coming October. This newsletter reflects many more scholarly accomplishments and exciting endeavors across the nation and the world-we should be very proud of our DNP global outreach!

Slainte!
Michelle Beauchesne
Congratulations 2017 DNP Graduates!
DNP Scholarly Project Titles

Jillian Belmont, DNP, FNP-BC, SCRN
A retrospective chart review to evaluate current patient-care processes of adult inpatient stroke alerts to determine adherence against national guidelines at a major academic tertiary-care center

Marie Berry**, MHR, BSN, RN
Assessment of Critical Care Nurses’ Geriatric Knowledge

Jennifer Clair, DNP, RN, CNS-BC
Exploring staff nurses’ perceptions of specialty certification at Massachusetts General Hospital using the Perceived Value of Certification Tool

Mary R. Cushing, DNP, CRNA
A National Survey to Evaluate the Demand for a Nurse Anesthesia Postgraduate Cardiotoracic Fellowship

Justin DiLibero, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS, ACCNS-AG
Effectiveness of a Multifaceted Nurse-Led Delirium Assessment Improvement Intervention Using the CAM-ICU in Neuroscience Patients

Robyn M. Gagnon*,DNP, RN, NNP-BC
Practice Patterns in Adherence to Neonatal Abstinence Guidelines: A Retrospective Chart Review

Jennifer Katarivas*, DNP, RN-BC, ACNS-BC
Evaluation of a Diabetes Management Protocol and Escalation Algorithm: A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Compliance by Understanding the Roadblocks the Nurses Face When patients Have Elevated Blood Sugars

Lauryn LeGacy, DNP, RN, FNP-C
Development of an Education Intervention to Decrease Sedentary Behaviors in an Adult Family Practice Population

Kristen Mathieu Gonzalez, DNP, RN
Analysis of LGTBQ-related Content in Selected Undergraduate Nursing Textbooks

Jennifer Matney*, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, FHM
Quality Improvement Project to Evaluate the Use of Telemetry in a Small Community Hospital

Jaime McLennan, DNP, RN
Association between prerequisite science courses, nursing courses and the initial NCLEX-RN pass rate in a single associate degree nursing program

Meghan F. McManama, DNP, WHNP-BC, ANP-BC
Analyzing Engagement Scores in Health Centers Led by Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Non-Clinicians

Sharon C. O’Donoghue, DNP, RN
Incidence and Risk Factors Associated with Hyperactive, Hypoactive and Mixed Delirium in two Adult Medical Intensive Care Units

Alexis Schmid*, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC/AC, CPEN, CCRN
Pediatric Nurses’ Perceptions of Preparedness for Global Health Fieldwork

Paul Ethan Schuler, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC/AC
Evaluation of a Novel Evidence-Based Practice Mentorship Program in a Pediatric Quaternary Care Setting

Scott Weissman, DNP, ANCP-BC, FNP-BC
Exploring the Reasons Nurse Practitioners in Massachusetts Choose Whether or Not to Precept Students

*degree conferred August 2017
**degree anticipated January 2018
**Selected Student Podium & Poster Acceptances & Presentations**


Beauchesne, M. (2017) "Transforming the Traditional Online Discussion Forum into a Student Led Scholarly Discourse" AANP Doctoral Conference, Coronado, CA, January

Belmont, J. Cl'17 (2017) American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Advances in Stroke Care Conference. Rosemont, IL, August

Belmont, J. Cl'17 (2017) Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) Quality & Safety Fair, Lebanon, NH, May Viewers Choice Award pictured bottom

Cann, I. Cl'16 (2016) American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) 31st conference and received kudos from the editor of the JAPNA for her poster, Phoenix, AZ, October.


Dirubbo, N. Cl'15 multiple Travel Health presentations -NPACE, Boston, November (2016) and AANP Philadelphia, June (2017): International Society of Travel Medicine, Barcelona, Spain, May, October.

Gagnon, R. Cl'17 (2017) accepted 14th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference, Honolulu, HI.

Gormley, J. & Hassey, K. Current DNP Cohort 8 students, (2017) 19th Biennial School Nurses International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July.-footnote-I received an email from Rhonda Goodman, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, Associate Professor Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Florida Atlantic University and mother of Tess Lesniak, CL’16 (!) commending their outstanding presentation!

Hicks, K. Cl’16 (2016) 6th Annual Nursing Research Symposium Montefiore Hospital Bronx, NY October. Best Poster Award Quality Improvement Project, Pictured left middle


McManama, M. Cl’17 (2017). AACN Faculty Practice Preconference to Doctoral Conference, recipient SON scholarship, Coronado, CA, January.

O’Donoghue, S. Cl’17 (2017) Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS), Philadelphia, PA, April, Recipient SON Scholarship, pictured right middle

---Featured Shout Out---

Prairie, K. Cl’16 (2017). 63rd International Respiratory Care Convention and Exhibition in Indianapolis, IN, October.

Reither, M. Cl’16 (2017) 63rd American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Chicago, IL May pictured top

Ricciardi, R. (2017) Healthcare Scientist, agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Rockville MD, “Federal Funding Updates and Anticipated Trends” & Marquerite Littleton Kearney, PhD RN, Director, Division of Extramural Science, National Institute of Nursing Research, Bethesda, MD AACN Doctoral Conference, Coronado, CA, January

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DeGrazia, M. et al. (2017) Premie Orthotic Device (POD) to Manage Deformational Plagiocephaly in Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants. Boston Children’s Hospital Nurse’s Week, Boston MA
Dr. Leslie Altimier, Cl’14 is now Director of Clinical Innovation and Research at Philips Healthcare, Cambridge MA

Dr. Jillian Belmont, Cl’17 is an acknowledged clinical leader in the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) Stroke program which received multiple recognitions in 2017: attained advanced certification by The Joint Commission; Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center; American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Silver Quality Achievement Award; and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Target: Stroke Honor Roll.

Dr. Pooja Bhalla, Cl’16 in August 2017 moved from her position as Director of Nursing at Healthcare for the Homeless in Boston to become Vice President of Programs for Illumination Foundation, of Orange County, CA https://www.ifhomeless.org

Dr. Carlene Byfield, Cl’16 is training nurses in Haiti, learning the language trying to establish a clinic www.HEAL-Haiti.org

Dr. Chris Callahan, Cl’13 recently shifted a career focus from MGH Quality & Safety to become the nurse manager for a non-oncology infusion unit in neurology in that internationally renowned institution.

Dr. Julie Cronin, Cl’16 sits on the Board of Directors of the ANA MA and was on its 2017 Conference Planning Committee.

Dr. Charles Darling Cl’14 and Dr. Mark Schierenbeck, Cl’16 were both promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army reserve after approval by the U.S. Senate on September 15, 2016.

Dr. Michele DeGrazia gave the 2016 Lillian R. Goodman Lectureship in Graduate Nursing at UMass-Worcester.

Janet Dewan, PhD, CRNA DNP Faculty Advisor and Mike Butera, MS, CRNA, current DNP student, were awarded Bouve’s Simulation Faculty development grants in December 2016.

Dr. Justin Dilibero, Cl’17 in July 2017 was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN); appointed in November 2016 to AACN Adult and Geriatric Acute Care CNS (ACCNS-AG) Item Writing Committee.

Robert Gauvin, of the incoming DNP 2017 cohort, currently Director Region 1, was elected Treasure to the Board of Directors of the national American Association Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).
Dr. Cathryn Imperato, Cl’12, is an NP at UC Berkeley's University Health Services and adjunct clinical instructor with the FNP program at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, CA.

Allyson Kayton, current DNP student, is a member of the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee of NANN and its representative to the LACE Network (Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education)

Dr. Kelly McCue, Cl’15 as Administrative Liaison for Brattleboro (VT) Memorial Hospital (BMH) Center for Wound Healing, accepted the “Center of Distinction Award” given by Healogics, the nation’s largest provider of wound care services in May 2017.

Dr. Elizabeth McGrath, Cl’15, a Nurse Practitioner in the Medical Oncology-Gastrointestinal Program, was promoted to Assistant Professor at Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in March 2017.

Dr. Leah McKinnon-Howe, Cl’16 was appointed Administrative Director and Nurse Practitioner, New England Conservatory (NEC) Health Center and in May 2017 received the prestigious Massachusetts Coalition (MCNP) Lifetime Achievement Award recognizing nurse practitioners who have made significant lifetime contributions to NP practice.

Dr. Cheryl L. Nimmo, Cl’14 has been the 2017 President of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Dr. Jessica Ochs, Cl’16 is now Director of Master’s Nurse Practitioner Programs, School of Nursing, Endicott College, Beverly, MA

Dr. Kathy Prairie, Cl’16 is the Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, part of the HealthQuest System in Poughkeepsie N.Y. & in June 2017 completed Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification by Pivotal Resources and HealthQuest.

Claire Seguin, Cl’18, was promoted this August to Associate Chief Quality Officer throughout MGH/MGPO network.

Dr. Alexis Schmid Cl’17 in April 2017 completed “Humanitarian Response Intensive Course” at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Cambridge, MA; in June 2017 was selected for “Health Emergencies in Large Populations Course” in Geneva, Switzerland by the International Committee of the Red Cross in partnership with the World Health Organization and the Geneva Center for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action.

Dr. Liz Sharpe Cl’13 is serving a 2nd term as Director at Large on the Board of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NAAN)
**Wedding Bells**

From Left to Right: Kandree Hicks and her husband eloped shortly after May 2016 graduation and celebrated with family and friends in Suffolk, VA. in 2017.  
Julie Cronin became Julie Higden (Cl’16) this past June 2017.

**Future DNP Students**

Ally Edelstein Page (Current Student) welcomed Solomon on 10/18/16 (Pictured Top Left)

Jessica Smith Yang (Cohort 8) welcomed Madison Elizabeth Yang on July 5 this year. (Pictured Bottom Left)

Dr. Colleen Dutile Koob (Cohort 1) became the proud grandmother of Bella Marie Dutile born June 8th 2016. (Pictured Top Right)

Remember Arthur Agganis, son of Dr. Georgia Agganis (Cohort 7). Today, you can see him sporting DNP future alumna fashion. (Pictured Bottom Right)

**DNP Students in Action**

Dr. Justin Dilibero, Cl’17 completed his term as our representative to the AACN Graduate Student Nursing Academy (GSNA) after 2 years in this role and transitioned this responsibility to newly nominated Jennifer Gormley, Cl’18.

Dr. Ethan Schuler, Cl’17 completed his 3 year term as DNP student representative to the DNP Advisory Board.

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to both Dr. Dilibero and Dr. Schuler for their dedication and outstanding service to our DNP program, School and nursing profession! Kudos to you both!!!!!

As you know we also sent Alice Murphy Szczepaniak best wishes in March of 2017 as she moved on to a new position at Boston University in line with her new NU Master’s degree in Counseling conferred in May 2017. We wish Alice the best in this new endeavor. At the same time, we welcome yet another NU Husky alumna to our fold-Ali Salinger, Bouve College Cl’14 who joined us in June. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Ali, pictured with her husband Ari.


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SAVE THE DATES

DNP Leadership Symposium
Friday, December 8, 2017
7:30am - 12:30pm at the Alumni Center
716 Columbus Ave, Boston

DNP Spring Networking Reception
Friday, March 23, 2018 4:15-6:15 pm
TBA

DNP Convocation, reception to follow
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
TBA

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