Vocal Coaching Enhances Students’ Skillset

This year, the class of 2018 received vocal coaching from Leah McKinnon-Howe, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, Cl'16. Dr. McKinnon-Howe is currently the Administrative Director and Nurse Practitioner at the New England Conservatory Health Center. (pictured below with students).

During our October onsite class day, Dr. McKinnon-Howe joined the Class of 2018 when we held a mock rehearsal in October for our annual Leadership Symposium oral presentations. She provided constructive criticism and helpful hints to improve both the oral and visual presentations of the students’ projects.

(Lisa Pugh, Cl'18 pictured above)

The entire session is available on Tegrity.

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

On December 8, 2017 the 9th DNP Leadership Symposium was held at the Alumni Center at 716 Columbus Ave. Over 70 members of our community of clinical scholars attended this annual event, including current DNP students, faculty, project advisors and expert mentors, community leaders, family and friends. This event provides an opportunity for the graduating class of DNP students to share scholarly pearls of the DNP journey with students traveling earlier on the journey. All attending agree that this event is a highlight of the DNP program.

DNP 2017 Nurse Leader

Kathy Prairie, DNP, RN, FNP, Cl'16
Associate Chief Nursing Officer, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie NY

Each year the incoming DNP students interview a leader in advanced nursing practice. Dr. Kathy Prairie was chosen as our 2017 Nurse Leader. She shared the journey that led her to her current executive leadership position and provided exemplars of leadership successes and challenges. We were delighted to have Dr. Prairie join us in person on December 8th. She is an inspiration to our students.

To hear the full Leadership Interview with Kathy Prairie, visit:
https://bluejeans.com/s/gqvAU
2018 DNP Scholarly Project Titles

Cecilia Briggs: Using Interviews to Explore the Concept of Autonomy in Nurse Practitioners Working in a University Health Setting

Cynthia L. Browne: Medication Reconciliation in an Outpatient Clinic: Facilitators and Barriers to Guide Quality Improvement

Linda Cahill: Confidence Levels of School Nurses in the Care of Students Identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ)

Teresa Buckley Dean: The Understanding of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners’ Knowledge of Healthcare for Homeless Children

Carol Femia: An Exploration into Infant Feeding Practices of Asian Women in the Greater Lowell Area

Jennifer D. Fonseca: Exploring Current Practice Trends and Patient Factors that Affect Quality of Care and Hospital Admissions among Newly Diagnosed Adult Veterans with Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

Kerry Gaj: Pericardial Effusion in Post Cardiac Transplantation: A Retrospective Chart Review

Alison Gilmore: Nurse Perception of Patient Handoff with the Unplanned Direct Clinic Admission

Jenny M. Gormley: School Nurse Advocacy for Student Health, Safety and School Attendance: Impact of an Educational Activity

Kathleen A. Hassey: Assessing the Knowledge and Interest of Massachusetts School Nurses Regarding the Use of Telehealth Technology in the School Health Office

Ingrid Herrera-Capoziello: Development of an Education Program to Increase Nurse Knowledge and Confidence on the Use of Continuous Subcutaneous Insulin Infusion Pumps to Maintain Blood Glucose at Target Goal in the Hospitalized Adult Post-Operative Patient

Allyson Kayton: Comparing Heart Rate Characteristic (HRC) Index Score and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Severity of Injury Score in Neonates with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE) Undergoing Therapeutic Hypothermia (TH)

Ann Marie Klaver: Evaluation and Enhancement of the Knowledge and Confidence of School Nurses in Massachusetts Regarding Diabetes Numeracy

Christine LaGrasta: Clinical Descriptors of Pneumothorax Following Pediatric Cardiac Surgery

Kierrah Leger: Understanding Meaningful Recognition in Pediatric Surgical Staff

Julia Lukovsky: A Survey of Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses’ and Holistic Nurses’ Perceptions of Spirituality and Spiritual Care

Nancy P. Mizzoni: To Determine if the Administration of Glucose Gel Prevents the Need for Intravenous Glucose in Infants with Hypoglycemia

Terri L. Moore: Retrospective Chart Review to Evaluate Preterm Thermoregulation in Neonatal Resuscitation Program 7th Edition

Jill A. Taylor Pedro: Evaluation of Discharge Education in the Inpatient Hospital Setting: An Educational Intervention to Improve Patient Safety with Opioid Medications

Lisa J. Pugh: An Initial Evaluation of a Newly Implemented Innovative Program Designed to Provide Comprehensive Hospital-at-Home Care

Deborah A. Reynolds: Ventricular Assist Device: Patients’ Perceptions of Hospital Readmissions

Claire Seguin: A National Survey of Nurse Leaders to Explore the Relationship between Grit, a Measure of Perseverance, and Measures of Psychological Well-Being

Jean Stewart: Nurses’ Perceptions of Fall Prevention: Nursing Perceptions of Barriers Utilizing the Fall Survey for Clinical Nurses

Jessica Smith Yang: Post Hospital Rounds in the Home: An Innovative Nurse Practitioner Role

Trish Zeytoonjian: Appraising Staff Nurses’ Perception of Quiet, Utilizing Focus Group Methodology to Improve the Patient Experience
Debra A. Burke, RN, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC, Cl’16 – who joined the MGH in 1981 and has served in a variety of roles, most recently as associate chief nurse for women and children, mental health, the MGH Cancer Center and Community Health Nursing Practice – started her new role as Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse as of Jan. 1, 2018.

The announcement comes following a year-long nationwide search to find a successor for Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, DNP, NEA-BC, FAAN, who has served as chief nurse for the past 21 years and who will remain active with several hospital initiatives.

"I've worked here for more than 30 years, and I embrace our four-pronged mission," says Burke. “Every day at the MGH, I feel like I'm part of the mission, vision and values of our organization. This place really resonates with me, and it feels like exactly the right place.”

Burke started her career as a staff nurse in MGH Thoracic Surgery, became a clinical teacher in the Surgery and Trauma Services, worked as a nurse manager in Vascular Surgery and Vascular Home Care and later as a clinical nurse for the Boston Red Sox. She has played a major role in a number of MGH initiatives – including the Autism Care Collaborative, the Unit Coordinator Role Redesign team and the Partners Nursing Agency Tiger Team. Burke received her bachelor's and doctorate degrees from Northeastern University – where she now is an affiliate associate professor – and a master's degree in Nursing/Business Administration from Salem State College.

"The MGH is the premier health care organization in the country, and the care that all disciplines and support staff provide gives me great pride," says Burke. “Our staff are highly skilled and passionate about what they do. And I love that the MGH is always pushing to be better. That's the type of organization that I'm passionate about and am excited to work in every single day.”

**Professional Accomplishments**

Bellmont, Jillian Cl’17 was chosen NP of the Year for NH by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) in November 2017.

Bresnahan, Jocelyn, current student, led a mission to Saint Rock Haiti with other advanced practice students earlier this year.

Bresnahan, Jocelyn, (current student) and her daughter Sophie (NU PNP program student) submitted a Commitment to Action proposal, “Mobile Technology for a Healthier Future: Integrating community health worker driven mHealth technology for improved maternal and child health outcomes” based on the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation to the international Clinton Global Initiative University conference held at Northeastern in October 2017.

Gauvin, Robert Cl’19 was selected to represent NU at the Student Health Policy Forum Fellowship this past January.

Gormley, Jenny Cl’18 was elected President-elect for the MA School Nurse Organization (MSNO).

Matney, Jennifer Cl’17 was promoted to Associate Chief Hospitalist for Quality Improvement, Hospital Medicine of Exeter, Exeter, NH, which took effect on October 2, 2017. Her work efforts focus on improving systems/processes to better provide efficient, reliable, high-quality care to the community with the goal of improving patient health outcomes and satisfaction of patients, families and providers.

Mullaney, Dorothy Cl’13 & McKinnon-Howe, Leah Cl’16 joined Michelle Beauchesne, FAANP & AANP President Joyce Knestrick in October at the annual invitational American Association NP (AANP) Northeast Regional Meeting held in Quincy, MA.

Rosato, Erika Cl’19 started serving as the Nursing Director for Ambulatory Oncology Clinical Services at the Massachusetts General Hospital in addition to her current scope in Infusion and Termeer in November 2017.

Reede, Lynn Cl’13, joined the executive team as Chief Clinical Officer at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in 2018. In this new role, Dr. Reede assumes a broader portfolio of responsibilities, including but not limited to strategic relationships, workforce development, and clinical subject matter.

Sharpe, Elizabeth Cl’13 is in a new position as Associate Professor Clinical at the Ohio State University.

Congratulations to Marie Betry Cl’17, Julia Lukovsky Cl’18, Mary Ann Santos Cl’19, Claire Seguin Cl’18 and Trisha Zeytoonjian Cl’18 on their induction to Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society this past February 2018!

**Publications**


Gagnon, Robyn CI’17 (2017) 44th STTI Biennial Convention. Practice Patterns in Adherence to Neonatal Abstinence Guidelines: A Retrospective Chart Review and nominated as Rising Star of the Research and Scholarship Poster Program. Indianapolis IN


Hassey, Kathleen CI’18 (2018) Keynote Speaker 37th Annual School Nurse Conference, South Carolina School Nurses Association, Columbia NC.

LaGrasta, Christine CI’18 (2018) American College of Cardiology. Clinical Descriptors of Pneumothorax Following Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and received 1st place APRN Pediatric Poster. Orlando FL

Matney, Jennifer CI’17 (2017) 44th STTI Biennial Convention. Quality Improvement Project to Evaluate the Use of Telemetry in a Small Community Hospital and nominated as Rising Star of the Research and Scholarship Poster Program. Indianapolis IN

O’Brien, Christine, Current Student (2017) Moderator Nursing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference, Boston MA

Casey Donnelly (current student) welcomed daughter, Maggie Grace Donnelly who was born on January 25, 2018. Maggie is pictured with big brother Patrick.


This just in! Nora Basile (current student) with Corbin Basile Woloschin, born March 2018 and pictured with big sister, Wren.

Soon to be graduating, Cecilia Briggs Cl’18 and family welcomed son, Leo born February 14, 2018.

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