



Northeastern University

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) Program

Fall 2016 Newsletter

Congratulations to DNP Graduates, Class of 2016!

May of 2016 marked the graduation date for Northeastern University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) 6th Cohort. These doctoral students presented their DNP Scholarly Projects at the December 2015 Leadership Symposium held at the Raytheon Amphitheater on Northeastern University's Boston Campus in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree.

Bouvé College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing leadership and faculty, as well as local hospital nursing leaders, attended graduation.



See Page 2 for Cohort 6's Student Names and DNP Scholarly Project Titles

DNP STUDENTS & FACULTY AROUND THE WORLD

Mary O'Sullivan, DNP, CRNA, (Cohort 1) is volunteering for a year at Phebe Hospital in Bong County, Liberia. She is helping with the training of Nurse Anesthesia faculty and students. She was joined by Janet Dewan, PhD, MS, CRNA, a DNP Scholarly Project Advisor who spent three weeks there, consulting on and supporting curriculum design, classes, and clinical mentoring. This program is a joint venture between SEED Global Health Partnership and Peace Corps.



Janet Dewan (middle left) and Mary O'Sullivan (middle right) donating Lifebox pulse oximeters for OR, ICU monitoring to the hospital Chief Medical Officer and the Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Phebe Hospital.

DNP Program Director Michelle Beauchesne, DNSc, RN, CPNP, FAAN, FAANP, FNAP presented at the 9th International Council of Nurses (ICN) International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network (ICN NP/APNN) Conference in Hong Kong, September 9-11. Michelle presented as Co-Chair of the Council's subgroup on education which also included Jenny Carryer of New Zealand and Sibongi Sibanda of the United Kingdom and DNP student at Queens University in Belfast, Ireland (bottom picture).



Pictured from left to right: Sibongi Sibanda, Michelle Beauchesne, Jenny Carryer.

Heather Farmer (Cohort 6) has a poster accepted for the 23rd International Symposium on Current Issues and Controversies in Psychiatry in Barcelona, Spain. Sicilia Montrond (Cohort 6) presented her poster at the Canadian Nursing Education Conference in Toronto, Canada, and Yasmin Noel (Cohort 6) had her poster accepted at the Sigma Theta Tau International European Conference 2016 in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Full conference information on posters and presentations on pages 3-4.

Congratulations 2016 DNP Graduates!

Cohort 6 DNP Scholarly Project Titles

Georgia Agganis, DNP, RN, CPNP

Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in Adolescence: A Quality Improvement Project to Determine if Adolescent Females with the Long Acting Contraceptive Nexplanon Continue with Condom Use

Pooja Bhalla, DNP, RN

Development of an Urban Leadership Development Seminar Series for Emerging Nurse Leaders at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP)

Jennifer Bragdon, DNP, MTS, RN, CNOR, CPN

Current Nursing Pressure Ulcer Prevention Practice and Risk Factors of Pressure Ulcer Development in the Perioperative Environment

Mary Bronski, DNP, RN

A State Wide Web-Based Survey of the Characteristics and Demographics of Residential Care Facility Residents in Massachusetts

Debra Burke, DNP, MBA, RN

Characteristics of Nurse Directors that Contribute to High Registered Nurse Satisfaction Scores

Carlene Byfield, DNP, RN

Strengthening Professional Resilience in Post Licensure Nurses Who Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Complex Medical Conditions

Immacula Cann, DNP, RN-BC

Assessing for Presenteeism and Interest in "One Body" Stress Reduction Fitness Program in a Healthcare Setting

Julie Cronin, DNP, RN, OCN

Implementing and Evaluating a COMFORT Communication in Palliative Care Curriculum for Oncology Nurses

Heather Farmer, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC

Evaluating Provider Response to the Proposed Addition of the Specifier "With Psychopathic Features" to the Diagnosis of Antisocial Personality Disorder

Kandree E. Hicks, DNP, MPS, APRN, NP-C

Curriculum Design in Postgraduate Education and Training (PGET) Programs for Primary Care Nurse Practitioners: A Multiple Program Analysis

Jonathan Kopchick, DNP, CRNA

Do Elderly Patients Having Hip Surgery Who Receive Intraoperative Ketamine Experience Less Postoperative Delirium? A Retrospective Chart Review

Theresa Lesniak, DNP, PMHNP-BC

Assessing Primary Care Nurse Practitioners' Perceptions in Screening for Depression and Suicidality: An Educational Pilot Study

Joseph Lynn, MSN, CRNA*

Implementation of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocol: A Quality Improvement Project to Evaluate Compliance and Outcomes with ERAS Protocol (In Progress)

Terra Mangum, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC

Parental Perceptions of Adolescent Preventive Health Care: A Community Quality Improvement Project

Leah McKinnon-Howe, DNP, APRN-BC

Identifying Knowledge Gaps in Clinicians Who Evaluate and Treat Vocal Performing Artists in College Health Settings

Anne M. Mingolelli, DNP, PMHNP-BC, APRN-BC

Analysis of Current Practices for Re-Entry to School Following Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization

Christina Mitchell, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC/AC

Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Evaluation of Adolescents

Nina Mitchell, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC, ANP-BC

The Implementation of an Electronic Health Record in Behavioral Health: An Analysis of the Patient Story

Sicilia Montrond, DNP, RN, CDN

The Past, Present and Future of Nurse Residency Programs: A Program Analysis

Yasmin Noel, DNP, FNP-BC

A Web-Based Survey Exploring the Perceived Impact of International Immersion Experiences (IIE) on Graduate Nursing Students

Jessica Ochs, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC

Developing, Delivering, and Evaluating an Innovative Pedagogy for Teaching Transcultural Nursing

Caitlin O'Connell, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC

Weaning of Opioid and Sedative Medications in Pediatric Patients with Congenital Heart Disease: A National Survey to Assess the State of the Practice

Kathy Prairie, DNP, RN, FNP, CCRN

A Quality Improvement Project Focused on Reducing Nuisance Ventilator Alarms in a Surgical and Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit

Margaret Reither, DNP, CNM

Midwifery Management of Pregnant Women Who are Obese

Mark Schierenbeck, DNP, MHS, ARNP, CRNA

Inter-rater Reliability and Usability of a New and Innovative Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist Clinical Performance Evaluation Instrument

Donald Van Dam, DNP, CRNA, LTC (Retired Army)

Peripheral Nerve Blockade Outcomes in an Ambulatory Care Center



*Degree to be conferred January 2017

SELECTED STUDENT PODIUM & POSTER ACCEPTANCES & PRESENTATIONS

Agganis, G., DNP Cohort 6

Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIS) in Adolescence: A Quality Improvement Project to Determine if Adolescent Females with the Long Acting Contraceptive Nexplanon Continue with Condom Use. Poster Presentation at Northeast Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference: May 6, 2016 **(Pictured bottom row, far right)**

Bhalla, P., DNP Cohort 6

Developing Emerging Nurse Leaders at a Health Care for the Homeless Program: A Pilot Education Intervention. Poster Presentation at the Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference, Baltimore, MD: October 5-7, 2016 **(Pictured 2nd row, middle)**

Bragdon, J., DNP Cohort 6

Current Nursing Pressure Ulcer Prevention Practice and Risk Factors of Pressure Ulcer Development in the Perioperative Environment. Poster Presentation at the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses Expo, Anaheim, CA: April 2-6, 2016.

Bronski, M., DNP Cohort 6

Massachusetts Rest Homes: Who Are They Caring For? Poster Presentation at the Doctors of Nursing Practice conference, Baltimore, MD: October 5-7, 2016 **(Pictured 2nd row, far right)**

Burke, D., DNP Cohort 6

Characteristics of Nurse Directors that Contribute to High Registered Nurse Satisfaction Scores. Poster and Oral Presentation at Massachusetts's General Hospital Research Day, Boston, MA: May 3-4, 2016

Byfield, C., DNP Cohort 6

Strengthening Professional Resilience in Post Licensure Nurses Who Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Complex Medical Conditions. Poster Presentation at the Ninth Evidence-Based Practice on the Frontline: Building a Culture of Quality, Safety and Nursing Professionalism, Columbia, MO: April 14, 2016

Cann, I., DNP Cohort 6

Assessing Presenteeism and Interest in "One Body" Stress Reduction Fitness Program in a Healthcare Setting. Poster Presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau International/National League for Nursing Education Research Conference, Washington, DC, April 7-9 2016; an Oral Podium Presentation at the Holistics Medicine 2016 Conference, Philadelphia, PA: July 2016

Cronin, J., DNP Cohort 6

Implementing and Evaluating a Comfort Communication in Palliative Care Curriculum for Oncology Nurses. Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Week, Boston, MA: May 2016

Farmer, H., DNP Cohort 6

Evaluating Provider Response to the Proposed Addition of the Specifier "With Psychopathic Features" to the Diagnosis of Antisocial Personality Disorder. Poster Presentation at the 23rd International Symposium on Current Issues and Controversies in Psychiatry, Barcelona, Spain: April 7-9, 2016

Hicks, K., DNP Cohort 6

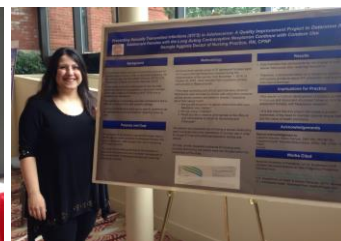
Describing Curricula Across Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Education and Training Programs. Poster Presentation at The 6th Annual Nursing Research Symposium at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY: September 2016 **(Pictured 2nd row, far left)**

Lesniak, T., DNP Cohort 6

Assessing Primary Care Nurse Practitioners' Perceptions in Screening for Depression & Suicidality: An Educational Pilot Study. Poster Presentation at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, July 7-10: Keystone, CO. **(Pictured 3rd row, far left)**

McKinnon-Howe, L. DNP Cohort 6

Identifying Knowledge Gaps in Clinicians Who Evaluate and Treat Vocal Performing Artists in College Health Settings. Poster Presentation at the Voice Foundations 45th Annual Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice, Philadelphia, PA: June 1-5, 2016



Mingolelli, A., DNP Cohort 6

Analysis of Current Practices for Re-Entry to School Following Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization. Poster Presentation at the National Association of School Nurses 48th Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN: June 30-July 3, 2016.

Mitchell, C., DNP Cohort 6

Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Evaluation of Adolescents. Poster Presentation at The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Atlanta, GA: March 16-19, 2016

Montrond, S., DNP Cohort 6

The Past, Present, and Future of Nurse Residency Programs: A Program Analysis. Poster Presentation at the Canadian Nursing Education Conference, Toronto, Canada: May 30, 2016

Noel, Y., DNP Class of 2016

Leadership in Nursing Scholarship, Practice, and Education: How to Impact Nursing as a Caring Profession Globally. Accepted as a poster presentation at STIT European Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands: June 6-8, 2016

Ochs, J., DNP Cohort 6

Evaluating an innovative pedagogy for teaching transcultural nursing in an online format. Poster and Podium Presentation at Sigma Theta Tau International/National League for Nursing Nursing Education Research Conference, Washington DC: April 7-9 2016, and at the Annual Christine Cameron Symposium on Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Care, Woburn, MA, May 13, 2016

O'Connell, C., DNP Cohort 6

Opioid & Sedative Weaning in Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease Patients.
Boston Children's Hospital Nurses Week, Boston, MA: April 2016

Prairie, K., DNP Cohort 6

Reducing Nuisance Ventilator Alarms in a Surgical and Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit. Poster Presentation at the New York State Nurse Executive and Leader Conference, Tarrytown, NY: April 10-12, 2016

Schierenbeck, M. DNP Cohort 6

Inter-rater Reliability and Usability of a New and Innovative Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA) Clinical Performance Evaluation Instrument. Poster Presentation at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist, Washington, DC: 2016

Van Dam, D., DNP Cohort 6

An Evaluation of Peripheral Nerve Blockade Outcomes in an Ambulatory Care Center: Establishing a Center of Excellence for Regional Anesthesia Podium & Poster Presentation at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist, Washington, DC: 2016 (Pictured on p. 3, top row, from left to right: Expert Mentor John Mayer and Donald Van Dam)

*Due to space limitations, only selected presentations are listed here. Many students have multiple accomplishments and this list is not meant to be exhaustive nor fully represent of their achievements; rather it is a representation of their success as nursing leaders

PROMOTIONS

Pooja Bhalla (Cohort 6) has a fellowship with the UCLA Health Care Executive Program.

Julie Cronin (Cohort 6) was elected as one of the Directors of the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts Board.

Cheryl Nimmo (Cohort 4) became president of the Arthroscopy Association of North America, an organization of over 50,000 members, for the years 2016-2017.

Kathy Prairie (Cohort 6) accepted a position as ACNO at Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

Mary Samost (Cohort 2, DNP Advisory Board Co-Chair) is now Chief Nursing Officer at Curahealth Hospital, Boston – North Shore.

Brienne Leary (former DNP Program Graduate Assistant) graduated August 2016 and successfully completed her Pediatric Primary Care Certification.

Dorothy Mullaney (Cohort 3) is now Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

AWARDS

Jillian Belmont (Cohort 6) received the "Levine Nursing Continuing Education Award" from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Office of Professional Nursing which provides her with \$1500 for a continuing education conference of her choice.

Ethan Paul Schuler (Cohort 7) was awarded the 2016 Inquiry Investment Drives Evidence into Action (IDEA) Grant for his research proposal Evaluation of an Evidence-based Practice Mentorship Program in a Pediatric Tertiary Care Setting.

Kathy Prairie's (Cohort 6) poster received honorable mention in the patient safety category at Albany Medical Center.

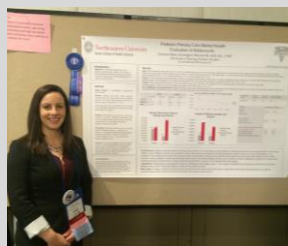
After presenting at the AANA, Donald Van Dam's (Cohort 6) framework will be adapted and used in the CDNA Schoolhouse to track outcomes.

Jenny Gormley (Cohort 8) received the National Association of School Nurses Recognition Award 2016 for her role as Massachusetts Data Champion for the Step Up and Be Counted national school health data collection project. (Pictured below, in blue jacket on the right)

Christina Mitchell (Cohort 6) received the Blue Ribbon for Best Poster in Adolescent Care at NAPNAP (Pictured below on the left)



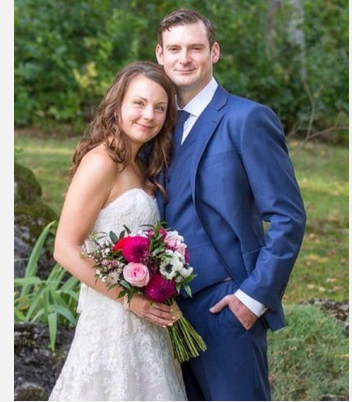
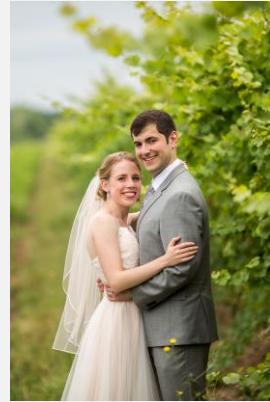
Ann Stadler, DNP, RN, CPNP (Cohort 2, DNP Advisory Board Co-Chair) received the 2016 Loretta Ford Award in recognition of her lifetime contributions to the care of children and families. (Pictured top left with Cathy Haut DNP, RN, CPNP, AC/P, NAPNAP)



Debra Burke received Best Original Research Poster at Massachusetts General Hospital Nursing Research Day (Pictured left, in the middle)

WEDDING BELLS

From Left to Right: Kandree Hicks and her husband eloped shortly after May 2016 graduation. Tess Lesniak said “Yes!” to proposal at graduation. DNP & PhD Administrative Coordinator, Alice Szczepaniak (Murphy), married Kacper Szczepaniak on July 30, 2016. Alexis Schmid (Cohort 7) became Alexis Fogel, September 2016.



FUTURE DNP STUDENTS



This June, Caitlin O’Connell (Cohort 6) and her husband welcomed two twin boys William “Will” Hunter O’Connell 6lbs 4oz and Henry Brooks O’Connell 5lbs 11oz. (Pictured Top Left)

Jillian Belmont (Cohort 7) and her husband welcomed a baby boy named Vincent Belmont born this spring, joining his two older brothers Joseph age 3, and Nicholas age 2. (Pictured Bottom Left)



Jessica Ochs (Cohort 6) and her husband welcomed a new addition to the family – Noah born at 7lbs 12oz.

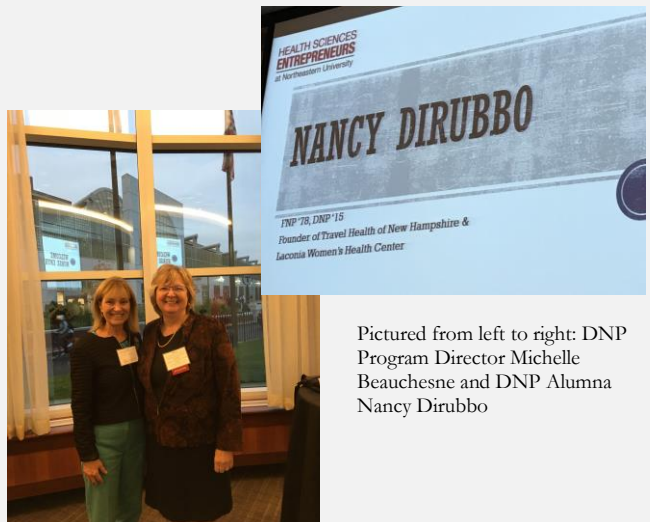
Mark Schierenbeck (Cohort 6) became the proud grandfather of Jude Reinhard Schierenbeck. (Pictured Top Right)

Georgia Agganis (Cohort 6) and her husband welcomed baby Arthur on April 8, 2016. (Pictured Bottom Right)

DNP STUDENTS IN ACTION

Students Kathy Hassey (Cohort 8) and Jenny Gormley (Cohort 8), Directors of the Northeastern University School Health Academy, developed and provided a School Nurse Summer Academy for 142 Registered Nurses in Hyannis, MA, August 17th-18th. Topics included Vision Disorders and Learning Issues, Revolutionary Change Management for School Nurses, SBIRT Planning and Implementation, Diabetes Care Support for Students, Teaching Health in the Classroom, Dermatology, Zika Impact, Working with English Language Learners, LGBTQ Student Safety and Data Collection and Analysis.

DNP Alumna Nancy Dirubbo (Cohort 5) presented at Northeastern University’s Nurse Entrepreneurs: Leaders in Healthcare Innovation Networking and Panel Discussion. Nancy is the founder of both Travel Health of New Hampshire and Laconia Woman’s Health Center.



Pictured from left to right: DNP Program Director Michelle Beauchesne and DNP Alumna Nancy Dirubbo

DNP Faculty Accomplishments

Michele DeGrazia (NRS 7920, 7921, 7922) completed a phase 1 clinical trial (safety and feasibility) of the Premie Pouch device to prevent deformational plagiocephaly (DP) in infants weighing < 1 kg; the findings of this study indicate the device is safe and feasible. Data also suggests the Premie Pouch is effective in managing DP, though further studies are warranted to confirm these results. This study was funded by Boston Children's Hospital 2013 Innovation Acceleration Program (IAP) Investment Grant Program and the Department of Nursing. Additional funding was received from Plagio LLC, Avon MA.

Richard Ricciardi (NRS 6302) had a number of blogs featured on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality website including this one: Create Positive Change – Lead from the Middle, <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/blog/ahrqviews/create-positive-change.html>.

Kelly McCue (NRS 5121), the Operations Manager of Oncology and Breast at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, is now also the Administrator for the Center for Wound Healing. This responsibility includes operative oversight of the wound clinic and hyperbaric oxygen chambers. (The only one in the state of Vermont). In May 2016, Kelly started the Cancer Risk Assessment Program at the hospital in collaboration with the genetic and high-risk counselors of the oncology and surgery departments. She also received a grant in July 2016 from the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This is the 6th time that she has received this annual grant award.

Sharon Kuhrt (NRS 6306, 6300) is now Chief Nursing Officer at the New England Rehab Hospital of Portland.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Knorr, A, Gauvreau, K, Serino, E., Porter, C., **DeGrazia, M.** Use of the Cranial Cup to Correct Positional Head Shape Deformities in Hospitalized Premature Infants. *Journal of Obstetric Gynecologic and Neonatal Nurses*. 2016; 45(4); 542-52.

Ricciardi, R., Moy, E., & Wilson, N. J. (2016). Finding the True North: Lessons From the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report. *J Nurs Care Qual*, 31(1), 9-12. doi:10.1097/ncq.0000000000000164

Shoemaker, S. J., Parchman, M. L., Fuda, K. K., Schaefer, J., Levin, J., Hunt, M., & **Ricciardi, R.** (2016). A review of instruments to measure interprofessional team-based primary care. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*, 1-10. doi:10.3109/13561820.2016.1154023

Ricciardi, R. (2015). I'm in an NP State of Mind: A Tribute to Dr. Henry K. Silver on the 50th Anniversary of the Nurse Practitioner Profession. *J Pediatr Health Care*, 29(5), 397-399. doi:10.1016/j.pedhc.2015.06.009



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*Pictured above from left to right: Ann Miller (Cohort 2),
Michong Rayborn (Cohort 2), Lynn Reed (Cohort 4),
Thomas Lansden (Cohort 5)*



SAVE THE DATE



DNP Leadership Symposium

Friday, December 11, 2016

8am-12:30pm at the Alumni Center

DNP Spring Networking Reception

Friday, March 24, 2017

4-6pm at the Alumni Center

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