College of Nursing Highlights

- Dr. Dee Ray will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017 from her alma mater, the University of Colorado College of Nursing.

- Dr. Charlotte Barry is the new editor, and Drs. Beth King and Maria Ordonez are the new Associate Editors for the Journal of Art and Aesthetics.

- Dr. Debra Hain received a two-year appointment to the American Board of Nursing Specialties Research Committee.

- Dean Marlaine Smith was elected to a two-year term as Director of the Nursing Consortium of South Florida.

- PhD students Beth Pratt and Zahra Rahemi both defended their dissertations and will graduate this summer.

- Dr. Katherine Chadwell recently presented a poster at the 2017 ELSI Congress: Genomics and Society: Expanding the ELSI Universe at the Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine and UConn Health in Farmington, CT.

FAU Receives $1.4 Million Grant for Nurse Practitioners

Nurse practitioners (NPs) help meet the rising demand for health care due to older population growth, especially in underserved populations. The College of Nursing is playing a key role in ensuring that South Florida has an adequate workforce of NPs. The College received a $1.4 million grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for an evidence-based curriculum to prepare NPs to deliver relevant, culturally competent, and skilled primary care services for underserved populations in Broward County.

FAU’s College of Nursing has established new academic and practice partnerships with Broward Health, Holy Cross Hospital, and Broward Community and Family Health Centers, Inc. to train and ultimately employ NPs who will care for patients in Broward County’s underserved populations.

Through the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce Program of HRSA, FAU’s “Recruitment, Education, and Employment of Primary Care Providers” (REEP) project will support academic partnerships and traineeships to nurses who are pursuing advanced degrees as primary care NPs. This workforce project provides advanced education traineeships for the Bachelor of Science to the Doctor of Nurse Practice, Family and Adult Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner students.

Collaborators on the REEP project include Drs. Susan Bulfin, Karethy Edwards and Lynne Dunphy. For more information, visit here.

Nursing Students Hold Health Screenings at Local Schools

Children enrolled in the Head Start program at Village Academy and Pine Grove Elementary, both located in Delray Beach, recently received health screenings conducted by the College’s Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students.

More than 180 children received vision, hearing, and BMI screenings, as well as nutrition counseling. The FNP students also reviewed the children’s medical histories for chronic health conditions to assist with the development of individual health plans.