

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: Raising Your Publishing IQ Lunch and Learn, featuring Dr. Peggy Chinn, editor of *Advances in Nursing Science*, May 14 at noon in Room 209.
- Dr. Rose Sherman received the American Organization of Nurse Executives Foundation's 2018 Nurse Research Award.
- Winners of the Undergraduate Research Day presentations are Christopher Demezier, Jessie Gushue and Emily Schayes.
- Dr. Nancy Harris won the Exceptional Teaching Award - Northern Campuses, and Michelle Keene received an outstanding student award.
- Dr. Debra Hain received the Helen Feigenbaum Award for the Promotion of Excellence in Nephrology Nursing from the American Nephrology Nurses Association.
- 2018 Honors Convocation Awards: Dr. Lisa Wiese, Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching; Javaris Hammond, Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Advising; Jean-Joseph Rendel, University Scholars; Jessie Gushue, University Club Merit; Alexandra Miller, Undergraduate Researcher of the Year and Student-Athlete of the Year.
- FAU's Committee on Student Organizations recognized the Student Nurses Association as The FAU Student Organization of the Year.



Grants Fund Breast Cancer Research in Minority Populations

Breast cancer is a major public health issue in the United States. Black women have a higher incidence of early-age onset breast cancer before age 50 and are twice as likely to be diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer, an aggressive form of breast cancer associated with a *BRCA1* gene mutation. Black women also have a 42 percent higher mortality rate from breast cancer compared to White women.

Dr. Tarsha Jones, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, recently received two grants, a \$182,812 diversity supplement grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, awarded through Columbia University, and a \$5,000 grant from the DAISY Foundation. These grants will further Dr. Jones program of research on cancer prevention and control, and the identification of minority women with hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome to promote personalized cancer care. Her work also emphasizes improving the uptake of genetic counseling and testing among young breast cancer survivors, particularly those who are Black and Hispanic women, as they suffer disproportionately from breast cancer.

“The underutilization of genetic testing by minority women represents a critical barrier to the progress in the field of genetics and cancer care,” said Dr. Jones. “Genetic testing should be the standard of care for all racial and ethnic groups with a cancer risk, and provides an opportunity to promote health aging for current and future generations.”

To learn more about the grants and Dr. Jones research, [click here](#).



College of Nursing Partners for Homeless Foot Care Event

Drs. Opalinski, D'Avolio, and Wiese, along with 36 BSN and MSN students, provided foot care for 189 persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County. This community partnership with Holy Cross Hospital, Christ Church United Methodist, Broward Sheriff's Office, and Bombas Sock Company allowed

the opportunity for each person experiencing homelessness to receive needed foot assessment and foot care, a new pair of sneakers, two pairs of socks and a hot meal. Thank you to all who participated in this important event.



Caring is a Science, and we study it. Caring is an Art, and we practice it. Caring is a Way of Being, and we live it.



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