College of Nursing Highlights

- Save the Date: The 12th annual Keep Memories Alive Walk benefitting the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center is Nov. 5, 9 a.m. at the Town Center at Boca Raton. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

- Hot off the press! The 2017 issue of the College of Nursing’s “Transforming Care” magazine is now available. The issue is focused on “Well-being through Caring” and how that theme has shaped the College’s education, practice and research missions.

- Dr. Maria Ordóñez, Director of the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center, was named an Emerging Edge Runner by the American Academy of Nursing.

- Dr. Lisa Wiese was nominated as a Soroptimist Woman of Distinction in the health care category.

- Dr. Charlotte Barry received the Mary Cash Award at the Florida Nurses Association Membership Assembly for her outstanding contributions to cultural diversity in nursing and health care.

Nursing Faculty Deployed to Puerto Rico for Disaster Relief

Dr. Kathy Harvey, a faculty member and alumna of the College of Nursing’s FNP and DNP program, has participated in disaster relief since 1992. In 2003, she joined the Texas 4 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) as a nurse practitioner. In September, Dr. Harvey and her team were deployed to Puerto Rico for disaster relief as a result of Hurricane Maria.

Dr. Harvey and the Texas 4 DMAT team, made up of highly trained nurses, paramedics, NPs, pharmacists, physicians, command staff, as well as logistics and communication personnel, knew they needed to be prepared to be without food, water or electricity and packed accordingly. Their mission was to operate a field hospital on the campus of the only Level 1 Trauma Center that had sustained damage due to the hurricane and was running on a generator, while receiving patients from all over the island, as many other hospitals had been damaged and needed to be evacuated. They worked around the clock every day. Nursing and medical students from Puerto Rico, who weren’t able to attend classes due to school closures, became their translators. During breaks in patient flow, Dr. Harvey and others on the team taught the students basic health procedures, such as suturing, and reviewed pathophysiology.

“When my team demobilized, we left Puerto Rico exhausted and sad to be leaving our new found friends but knowing that we had answered the call for help from our fellow Americans and proud of what we were able to accomplish,” said Dr. Harvey.

Become a Lamplighter: Ignite the Flame Illuminating a Student’s Nursing Education Journey

The College of Nursing admitted its 4th class to the Freshman Direct Admit track in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The 120 freshman admitted from over 1,000 applicants had an average 4.17 GPA.

These nursing students need support for their books, uniforms, stethoscopes and supplies. For a gift of $500, you will be named a Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Lamplighter and provide a very special welcome to our youngest students. Each student will receive the name of their Lamplighter, and the College will host a gathering for students and their Lamplighters during the spring semester.

Please become a Lamplighter and send your gift today by visiting here. Be sure to indicate your donation amount, and in the drop down menu, designate “Lamplighter Program.” Thank you for your support.