



College of Nursing *Highlights*

- The foot-care project for homeless persons led by Drs. Opalinski and Dyess of Nursing and Dr. Stein of Anthropology has been chosen for the National Academy of Medicine [“Visualize Health Equity” nationwide community art project.](#)
- The FAU Student Nurses Assoc. received several awards at the FNSA state convention, including the prestigious Diamond Chapter Award. Sarah Thurlow, Nigam Reddy, Anthony Goldberg, Isabel Cruz and Kiara Bradley were elected to exec. board positions.
- PhD students Christine Moffa, Elizabeth Olafson and Diane Gullet were recognized as Rising Stars at the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Convention.
- PhD students and Jonas Scholars Raquel Brown, Ashley Rivera and Ayse Kaltsas attended the Jonas Scholars Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.
- The Hester C Klopfer Global Health Award was presented to Dr. Rhonda Goodman on behalf of Iota Xi Chapter at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.



Dr. Marlaine Smith Steps Down as Dean of the College of Nursing

Marlaine Smith, RN, PhD, FAAN, Dean and Helen K. Persson Eminent Scholar of FAU’s College of Nursing, announced she plans to step down as dean June 2018. She will remain on the faculty, and return to her teaching and research after a year-long study leave.

For the past seven years, Dean Smith has further developed and strengthened caring-based nursing education, research and community engagement. In 2017 and 2018, the College was ranked as one of the Top 50 colleges of nursing by *U.S. News and World Report* for its online graduate programs, and MSN and DNP programs. Under Dean Smith’s leadership, the College created Florida’s first Freshmen Direct Admit track for the BSN program. Also, the College ranked in the Top 50 for NIH funding to support research, to name just a few accomplishments.

As Dean Smith steps down from her current role, she credits Christine E. Lynn, nurse and philanthropist, for her unwavering support, and Dr. Anne Boykin, dean emeritus, for setting the College on the visionary course upon which she was able to build. She is grateful to the talented students, passionate alumni, generous donors and the committed advisory boards who have worked to enhance the College’s programs and mission in the community. “I’m so proud of our faculty, staff, students and alumni. Together, we have accomplished so much, and the future of the College is brighter than ever,” said Dean Smith.

FAU’s Office of the Provost recently launched a national search for a new dean.



College of Nursing Celebrates a 100% NCLEX Pass Rate for its 2017 BSN Graduates

The pre-licensure Bachelor of Nursing degree (BSN) graduates of 2017 received a 100% success pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®). This is the national standardized exam all nurses must pass to be recognized as a registered nurse in the United States. The purpose of the NCLEX-RN® exam is to determine if it is safe for a graduate of a nursing school to practice as an entry-level registered nurse.

“This is a significant achievement and demonstrates the College of Nursing’s commitment to excellence. It takes a collaborative team for this kind of achievement, and we are proud of our students, faculty and staff for their dedication to teaching and learning, and living our caring-based philosophy,” said Dean Marlaine Smith.



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