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College of Nursing Highlights

- The College ranked 25th on the list of Top 50 Best Online RN to BSN Nursing Programs by The Best Schools.

- The 2016 ANCC Certification Exam results arrived, and the College had a 100% pass rate on the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exam.

- Dr. Ruth Tappen received the Journalism Award from the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators for the Decision Guide developed to help those in nursing homes facing possibilities of re-hospitalization.

- Manika Pencharet, PhD student, received second place for her poster, “The Challenges Faced by Mothers of Children with Special Needs in Thailand,” at the FAU GPSA 8th annual Research Day.

- PhD student Natalie Bermudez attended the AACN Graduate Student Policy Summit in Washington, DC. She and Dean Smith joined doctoral students and deans from Florida to advocate on Capitol Hill for legislation important to nursing education.

- Drs. Barry and Hain led an initiative to integrate assignments from DNP courses to promote real-world application. DNP students presented their posters at the FNA South Region Symposium.

Anne Boykin Institute Plans Summer Academy on Interprofessional Partnerships Grounded in Caring

The Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing, developed in 2011, serves as the global catalyst for promoting the universal visibility and significance of caring in nursing. It supports the value of caring across disciplines and provides the global leadership for nursing education, practice and research grounding in caring.

Each year the Institute sponsors a Summer Academy, where academicians and health professionals gather for critical dialogue using a model of improvisational learning. The focus of this year’s Summer Academy, on June 25-27, will be interprofessional partnerships grounded in caring science. We invite physicians, psychologists, social workers, pharmacists, health administrators and other professionals dedicated to person-centered care to engage in a spirited dialogue led by “evocateurs” from various disciplines. Regina Holliday, patient rights activist, author, speaker and artist who uses painting as a catalyst for change, will open the Academy on Sunday evening and serve as “artist-in-residence.” The event will be held in FAU’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing in Boca Raton. For more information or to register, visit the 2017 Summer Academy website or contact Dr. Anne Boykin.

FAU Community Health Center Provides Integrated Primary and Mental Health Care

The FAU Community Health Center, located in Westgate, is a nurse-led center that features interprofessional team-based practice. Services include comprehensive primary care, mental health care, diabetes management, social services, case management, outreach, Telehealth, genetic testing and more. Center staff integrate a focus on mental health in primary care visits. The Center serves as a clinical practicum site for students from FAU and other universities studying nursing, medicine, social work and pharmacology.

The Center’s community outreach team travels throughout Palm Beach County to provide screenings and health promotion/disease prevention services. These services focus on early detection of disease and referrals to appropriate levels of care.

A profile of the Community Health Center was recently published in the Palm Beach Post.

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

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