College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: The College of Nursing Lamplighter Reception is April 9 at 4 p.m. at the College of Nursing atrium. If you are interested in sponsoring a student with a Lamplighter scholarship, click [here](#).
- The College welcomes Melissa Stires, Director of Development for FAU’s College of Nursing.
- FAU College of Nursing students and faculty volunteered this past weekend at the Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities.
- Approximately 30 nursing students volunteered for the annual Tour de Broward event hosted by Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital.
- Four PhD students from Thammasat University in Thailand are studying at the FAU College of Nursing with four faculty co-advisors.
- The FAU Student Nurses Association and Dr. Rhonda Goodman were both selected as a 2019 Hero in Medicine Award Winner by the Palm Beach County Medical Society.
- Miramar Commissioner Darline Riggs was awarded the FAU College of Nursing Outstanding Young Owls award.
- Dr. María Ordóñez will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**FAU’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Celebrates 40 Years**

Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing has grown from offering an RN-BSN degree with approximately 10 students to enrolling more than 1,100 students in four degree programs. Today, the College has nearly 7,000 alumni, and more than two-thirds of them reside in South Florida and provide vital health care services in the region.

A special thank you to the College of Nursing’s 40th anniversary committee for their time and efforts, including co-chairs Terry Fedele, College of Nursing Advisory Board Chair, and Dr. Patricia Liehr, Associate Dean for Nursing Research and Scholarship.

Gold sponsors of the event were Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Dick and Barbara Schmidt and the Schmidt Family Foundation; silver sponsors were Bobby Campbell, Gene and Susan Folden, Lynn University, and the Mathew Forbes Romer Foundation; and bronze sponsors were American Traveler, Barbara C. Gutin, Bob Sheetz and Debbie Lindstrom, Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, Margaret Mary Shuff/Boca Raton Magazine/JES Media, and Memorial Healthcare System.

More on the College’s 40th anniversary can be found [here](#).

**FAU College of Nursing Students and Faculty Provide Care to Families in Guatemala**

Over a three week period, approximately 50 College of Nursing NP and BSN students and faculty saw more than 1,000 indigenous Maya patients in Guatemala. This study abroad experience is a rich and meaningful cultural immersion for these students who learn about the social determinants of health for the indigenous and their health care practices.

Nurse practitioner students complete practicum hours by providing primary care, including health promotion to entire families, all ages across the lifespan, under supervision of faculty and licensed physician preceptors. They screened women for cervical cancer and provided treatment, as needed.

During the university’s Spring Break, several BSN students traveled to Guatemala and provided school wellness checks to children, footcare clinics to older adults with diabetes, and installed wood stoves.

“Every student who goes on these trips writes in their journals that they are forever changed,” said Dr. Rhonda Goodman, Associate Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner. “Many return with me for a second and third, and even fourth time.”