

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing 40th Anniversary Celebration on March 2, at 6 p.m.
- Save the Date: The College will host "From Tragedy to Transformation: Reflections and Lessons Learned One Year after the MSD Tragedy" on Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at the College auditorium. Guest speakers include Max Schachter, father of Alex Schachter, and President & CEO of Safe Schools for Alex; Lea Serrano, MSD Survivor; and Dana Serrano, MSD Parent.
- 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](#).
- Save the Date: The 2019 Anne Boykin Institute Summer Academy is June 19-21. The focus is "Social Justice as an Expression of Caring." Register [here](#).
- The Iota Xi Chapter was approved to be Chapter-At-Large with Broward and Palm Beach College. A formal ceremony and induction of new members will be held on March 31.
- Dr. Sue Bulfin was elected to serve on the national nominating committee of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.



FAU College of Nursing Ranks in Top 25 in *U.S. News & World Report*

The U.S. News & World Report released its 2019 national rankings for "Best Online Graduate Programs." FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing climbed from No. 39 in 2018 to the No. 23 spot nationwide and is the top-ranked program in Florida. In addition, the College's online graduate program was listed on the "Best Online Programs for Veterans 2019."

"We are both honored and delighted to be included with our colleagues in the College of Business and the College of Education in this year's *U.S. News & World Report* 'Best Online Graduate Programs.' We are especially proud to be ranked as the No. 1 program in Florida and to be listed as a top program serving our veterans," said Dr. [Marlaine Smith](#), Dean of the College of Nursing. "We continue to soar in these rankings because of our exceptional students and our outstanding faculty and staff who help us to develop and deliver innovative and cutting-edge programs to advance careers in nursing."

The 2019 Best Online Programs methodologies are based on a number of factors, including engagement, faculty credentials and training, expert opinion, student excellence, and services and technologies provided. Now in its eighth year, the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Online Programs" list is a resource for students and working adults who are increasingly seeking online education programs for degree completion and career advancement. Prospective students can use the searchable directory to explore factors such as tuition, program offerings and online services offered to enrolled students. To learn more about the ranking, click [here](#).



Dr. Cheryl Krause-Parello and Colleagues Awarded PCORI Grant to Study Veteran-centered Chronic Pain Research

According to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, chronic pain is a serious health and societal concern in the U.S. affecting 40-70% of veterans, making it one of the leading causes of disability and creating significant negative impacts upon the lives of millions of veterans. Dr. Cheryl Krause-Parello and her colleagues from Rutgers, Ohio State, Rush, Augusta, Duke, George Mason universities, and the University of Maryland are studying chronic pain and working to find solutions for veterans. They were awarded a \$250,000 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant to study "Veterans Action League 2.0: Developing a National Veteran-centered Chronic Pain Research Agenda."

The veteran population may pose greater challenges to treat based on military history and injury. Pain-reducing medication, like opioids, are a common treatment. "This project moves away from 'Take two aspirin and call me in the morning,' giving veterans an active voice in chronic pain management and treatment options," said [Dr. Cheryl Krause-Parello](#), Professor, College of Nursing, and Faculty Fellow, I-HeAL.

Veteran Action League Units will be established in 4 states—serving as a national research platform—where veterans and stakeholders share opinions, challenges, and barriers in managing and treating chronic pain, research ideas for improving pain management and treatment, and ways veterans want to participate in and receive findings on Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) and Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER).



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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