



College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life's inaugural [Mindful Boca 2018: An Evening with Glennon Doyle](#) kickoff will be held on Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Lynn University.
- Save the Date: The Iota Xi Sigma Theta Tau Induction will be held on Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. at the College of Nursing.
- Dr. Lisa Wiese completed a Faith Community Nurse Program through Holy Cross Hospital and received the designation of Faith Community Nurse.
- Dr. Deanna Gray-Micelli was honored as an Outstanding Alumna by Fairleigh-Dickinson University.
- Congrats to graduate student Natalie Bermudez on her presentation, "Exploring Moral Comfort in Nurses." She was a finalist in the 2017 FAU Three Minute Thesis Competition.
- The Florida Nurses Foundation awarded scholarships/grants to Rivka Averbukh, Jessica Gushue, Joanna Svezese, Angela Hicks, Shanna Stokes, Natalie Sanz, Ayse Kaltsas, Rosalie Del Valle, Christine Moffa and Diane Gullett.



Largest Class of Nursing Doctoral Graduates Receive Degree at FAU's Fall 2017 Commencement Ceremony

FAU conferred 20 Doctor of Nursing Practice and six PhD degrees to College of Nursing students at its Fall Commencement Ceremony. This marks the largest class of doctoral graduates in the College's history. In addition, there were 16 master's degrees and 42 bachelor's degrees conferred to nursing graduates.

The College's DNP graduates included Mark Ellis Basiratmand, Linda Diane Bataille, Tom Long Biddle-Xing, Alexandria Marie Changtin, Dorothy Chatelier-Orelus, Tracey Lynn Cursons, Kimberly Dare, Junie Diaquoi, Samantha Leigh Golden, Clare Josephine Johnston, Kelly Allison Miller, Ellen Anne Morris, Jennifer Catherine Peterson, Edna Petit-Homme, Vanessa Sasha Petit-Valal, Jessica Lynne Priest, Mercedes Angela Shuler, Jill Marie Shutes, Marcia Antoinette Tracey and Carmen Denise Wesley. PhD graduates were Olga Abiri, Jacinto Jose Garrido, Diane Lee Gullett, Mary Ann Leavitt, Christine Moffa and Heather Paige Saifman.

"I'm so proud to celebrate the hard work and achievements of this graduating class. I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the community," said Dean Marlaine Smith.



Researchers Find Most Hospice Workers Don't Have an Advance Directive

There are approximately 6,100 hospices providing care to 1.6 million patients annually. Daily, health care providers, such as hospice workers, witness the importance of advance directives to help ensure the

wishes of their patients. One might assume the majority of individuals who work within hospice would have their own directives; however, researchers from FAU's College of Nursing and College of Medicine found the majority of hospice health care providers had not completed an advance directive. Among 890 respondents, less than half (44 percent) had completed an advanced directive. The results are published in the [American Journal of Medicine](#).

"Advanced directives are associated with fewer hospital deaths, fewer intensive care admissions and fewer life-prolonging measures, as well as better quality of life for patients at the end of life," said Dr. Terry Eggenberger, Associate Professor in FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.

Dr. David Newman, College of Nursing, and Drs. George Luck and Charles Hennekens, FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, also co-authored the study. Read more on the study [here](#).



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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