

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: Palm Health Foundation is honoring all Palm Beach County nurses with Nurses Night Out and a Heart of Gold Reception on May 2 and 9. Learn more [here](#).
- Dean Marlaine Smith joined other AACN deans and Florida students on Capitol Hill to meet with senators and representatives.
- 39 nursing students and four faculty traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for bills which would impact the discipline and practice of nursing.
- Dr. Rhonda Goodman was selected as a recipient of the 2019 Presidential Award for Outstanding Faculty-Led Community Engagement. Dr. Lisa Wiese was selected as the University Faculty Service Award winner by FAU in recognition for her notable service to the community.
- The College of Nursing's Iota Xi chapter of Sigma's International Nursing Honor Society was re-chartered as Iota Xi Chapter at-large and now includes FAU, Broward College and Palm Beach State College.
- Congratulations to Isabella Botero, Sarah Thurlow, and all our BSN Honors students who represented the College at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.



Dr. Safiya George Named New Dean of FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Florida Atlantic University named Dr. Safiya George as the new Dean of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. She is only the third Dean to be appointed in the College's 40-year history and will assume her role effective July 8.

Dr. George previously served as a member of the faculty at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing until she was recruited in 2015 to the Capstone College of Nursing at the University of Alabama, where she served as Assistant Dean for Research, Director of the Office of Scholarly Affairs, and a member of the board of the Alabama Life Research Institute. Dr. George's primary research aims to promote the health and holistic well-being of individuals with or at risk for HIV/AIDS through evidence-based psychosocial interventions focused on social determinants of health.

"I am both humbled and excited about the opportunity to join the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and to serve as dean. I truly look forward to working with everyone, including our phenomenal faculty, staff, students, alumni, advisory board, as well as members of the community-at-large," said Dr. George. "I have a passion for people, holistic health, caring and nursing science, and I believe that I can contribute to and further support the impressive initiatives and programs at the College and across the campus. I already have grown to love Florida Atlantic University and the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, especially the caring philosophy that transcends and represents everything about the College."

"We warmly welcome Dr. George to our FAU family to continue the College's legacy of outstanding educational programs, research, practice, and service missions," said Dr. Bret Danilowicz, FAU Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. "We extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Marlaine Smith for her numerous contributions and successes in her role as dean since 2011."



Dr. María Ordóñez Awarded Grant to Provide Specialized Dementia Care and Supportive Services through Community Partnerships

Dr. María Ordóñez was awarded a \$521,493 federal grant by the Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL), under the Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative, to continue and expand the impactful

programs she has been working on since the initial ACL funding in 2015 of \$1.3 million.

With this new funding, Dr. Ordóñez will expand two promising components of the initial program: Nurse practitioner-led comprehensive memory and wellness-focused geriatric assessments at the patients' homes, and educational/supportive Memory Café-inspired activities in the community to meet the needs of an aging faith-based Spanish-speaking community, as well as an aging population living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We're thrilled to have received this grant, as these programs have already made a positive impact in the quality of life and health of well over a thousand people comprised of persons living with memory disorders and their family caregivers, as well as healthcare professionals and students," said Dr. María Ordóñez, Associate Professor and Director of the Louis and Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center.



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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