

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Please join us for the [Keep Memories Alive - Walking with the Stars Affair](#) on Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. at the Town Center at Boca Raton.
- Recipients of the Provost's Certificate of Recognition for Publishing included Richard Cabral, Valarie Grumme, Christine Moffa, Beth Pratt, Zahara Rahemi and Michael Reilly.
- Dr. Debra Hain was recently inducted into the Fellowship of the National Kidney Foundation.
- Dr. Maria Ordonez was one of five winners of the Women of Distinction, awarded by Soroptimist International. She won in the category of Health Care.
- The College of Nursing recently held its White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony instills a commitment to provide compassionate care among future health professionals and promotes humanistic, patient-centered care among incoming nursing students.



1st Cohort of Honors in Nursing Program Students Selected

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing program proudly announces the admission of its first cohort to the Honors in Nursing Program, fall 2016. The Honors in Nursing Program provides an enriched learning experience focusing on the enhancement of research, and culminating in a thesis and dissemination of the student's work. Students are actively beginning their individual research proposals guided by faculty mentors.

The Honors in Nursing Program was funded through the FAU Curriculum Grants Program to engage students in the process of discovery as part of FAU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) program: Distinction through Discovery. Congratulations to these six outstanding nursing undergraduates!

Pictured from left to right, first row: Christopher Demezier, Delray Beach, FL; Jean-Joseph Rendel, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; second row: Derricka Dixon, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Jessica Gushue, Boca Raton, FL; Alexandra Miller, Oviedo, FL; and Emily Schayes, Boca Raton, FL.



Spirituality Helps Parents Cope with Tragedy

Focused on caring for patients and caregivers as part of its mission, researchers from the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and their partners recently sought to understand if there was a role for spiritual activities, such as self-reflection, confiding in others, cultivating friendships, and religious activities, in the coping strategies for

parents following the death of a child.

The researchers conducted a racially and ethnically diverse nursing study that examined parents' mental health and personal growth following their child's death in the hospital, and the role of spirituality or religion in helping them cope. They measured variables of grief, including hopelessness, sadness and loneliness, as well as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

"If through this research we can better address the needs of parents, then we are carrying out our mission as healthcare providers to treat not just the body, but the whole person," said Dr. Dawn Hawthorne, RN, assistant professor.

Learn more about this 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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