

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. ([09-12-2016](#))
- Dr. Marilyn “Dee” Ray was elected as an Honorary Distinguished Fellow of the European Society for Person-Centered Healthcare. She will be accepting her award on Sept. 29 at the University of London.
- FNP students conducted oral health assessments for the Community Partners Bridges program as part of an academic service learning project.
- Dr. Karethy Edwards, Professor and Assoc. Dean for Academic Programs, will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing on Oct. 22.
- Drs. Hain, Eggenberger and Keller presented at the “All Together Better Health,” 8th Intl Conference on Interprofessional Practice and Education at Oxford University, UK.



College of Nursing Unveils New Website

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing unveiled its new website this month. The website delivers a variety of information for prospective students, current students, faculty, alumni, friends of the College and members of the community in a modern, mobile responsive and user-friendly way.

For the past year, under Dean Smith’s direction, the College’s communication and web teams have worked tirelessly on creating a dramatically improved website experience for the College community. The dynamic design and navigation work together to communicate information in an efficient manner. Integrating with the University’s website, user content will update frequently and remain user-friendly. Also, a new quick links and updated search function will aid those searching for information quickly.

We hope you enjoy learning more about the College and its many stories through the new website. It has been optimized to inform the community about the many exciting programs occurring at the College of Nursing. We warmly invite you to visit nursing.fau.edu and provide us with feedback on the website at mperkings@health.fau.edu.



New Technology Provides a ‘Voice’ for Hospitalized Patients, Empowering those who are Voiceless

A tablet-based communication application called “Speak for Myself™” was developed by Rebecca Koszalinski, R.N., Ph.D., during her doctoral studies under the guidance of Ruth Tappen, Ed.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., the Christine E. Lynn eminent scholar and professor. The new technology enables a patient to

communicate his or her pain level using an analog pain scale. It also helps them convey feelings of fear and loneliness, as well as their physical needs. The app has a graphic for indicating location of pain and the level of pain they are experiencing.

“When patients are not able to clearly verbalize their needs, there is an elevated risk of misinterpretation and misunderstanding, which could lead to errors and unintentional poorer quality of care,” said Dr. Tappen.

Results of a pilot study of Speak for Myself™ was recently published in *Computers, Informatics, Nursing*. Learn more about this technology and 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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