



April 2017



Reunion 2017 is around the corner!

As seniors get ready to transition to alumni, we are ready to welcome you back to campus for [Reunion 2017 on June 8-11!](#) Return home, Nova Nurses, join in the fun and reconnect with old friends. See the [event schedule](#) for more information.

Our alumni are consistently demonstrating their leadership in the community...recent achievements and honors include:

- **Joan Huber '73 BSN**, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Public Health at New Hampshire's Colby-Sawyer College, has been honored with the [2017 Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching](#)
- **Pamela DeCampi '88 MSN**, Executive Vice President, Kirby Bates Associates and a member of Nursing's Board of Consultants, received the [Take the Lead Award](#) from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania for her support of the organization in the Lehigh Valley
- **Cynthia Blank-Reid '83 BSN**, Trauma Clinical Nurse Specialist, Temple University Hospital, was [elected president of the Society of Trauma Nurses](#).

Congratulations!

2017 Undergraduate Nursing Scholars Day



PTSD in veterans, risky teen behaviors, mobile apps to promote breastfeeding, health problems in LGBT populations, and pediatric palliative care are just a few of the topics tackled by Undergraduate Nursing Scholars, showcased during Research Expo Week on Thursday, April 27. Posters were presented in the Driscoll Hall Lobby and four students presented their research during an evening event. It was an impressive way to gain insight into nursing science through the work of the College of Nursing students.

See selected photos in our [Facebook album](#) and watch the [presentations video](#).

Dr. Melissa O'Connor honored for research

Assistant Professor Melissa O'Connor, PhD, MBA, RN, COS-C was honored by the Eastern Nursing Research Society with its Rising Star Research Award at its 29th Annual Scientific Sessions held in Philadelphia in early April. The award is given to a junior investigator who has shown promise in establishing a program of



nursing research. Dr. O'Connor is a recognized expert in geriatric and home health care. Her research aids health care providers in clinical decision-making and care management and, in parallel, helps the elderly age in place in the community, thus avoiding hospitalization. She frequently uses large data sets in her studies. Her work indicates the unique contributions of skilled nursing care in support of the goal of community-based care for older adults.

Senior receives Meyer ICE award



Congratulations to Catherine (Katie) DeLuca, Nursing's recent Meyer ICE award winner on April 20th for her study "High School Students and Sexting: Is there a Relationship between Online Risks and Health Risk Behaviors?" She is seen here with her research mentor Dr. Elizabeth Dowdell, Assistant Dean and Director of the Undergraduate Program Dr. Angelina Arcamone and Associate Dean Dr. Lesley Perry. Katie was an inaugural Villanova Freshman Match research student and presented her research in early April at the ENRS Scientific Sessions in Philadelphia.

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Nursing -Football partnership yields bone marrow donor registrants



"Get in the game. Save a life."...On April 19th, a longstanding partnership between nursing and the football team once again yielded additional bone marrow donor registrants as part of the annual Coach Andy Talley Bone Marrow Donor Drive. College of Nursing clinical groups, with faculty Dr. Carol Weingarten, worked alongside members of the football team to educate prospective registrants and assist them with obtaining cheek swab tissue samples. [The Andy Talley Bone Marrow Foundation](#) has the support of 78 college football teams, adding over 71,000 donors thus far to the registry, and is responsible for 363 transplants, according to its website.

[See the Facebook photo album](#)



Free COPE Webinar - Measuring excess adiposity in children: What's the best method?

On May 3rd at 12 noon, join Babette Zemel, PhD, professor of Pediatrics and director of the Nutrition and Growth Laboratory at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, for a better understanding of the advantages and limitations of BMI vs advanced body composition techniques in children. Webinar participants will learn of the options

available for measuring pediatric body composition and under what scenarios each may most effectively be used.

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Upcoming Events

**Apr
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[April 29](#)
College of Nursing Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony

**May
17**

[May 17](#)
[Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern](#). RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com

**May
19**

[May 19](#)
Commencement

**May
20**

[May 20](#)
Nursing Convocation at 9:00am, Driscoll Hall
Baccalaureate Mass at 4:00pm, Campus Green

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