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SCHOOL OF NURSING

SPRING 2022 EDITION



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DEAN'S CORNER

Our Future is Global

The School of Nursing has always inspired students to learn about global health. Students are even required to take a course with content about global health. Understanding the political and social factors that contribute to poor health nationally and globally, is essential for nurses to deliver culture-specific care. Our students analyze issues of cultural care diversity in relation to a trans-cultural nursing framework and how it relates to nursing care being delivered across settings and the lifespan. The School of Nursing remains committed to being a leader in providing nursing students international and domestic opportunities to enhance their understanding of the impact of social determinants on the health of all people.

We were excited to restart our service-learning abroad program in Mach 2022. Dr. Beverly Williams Coleman accompanied a group of students to Belize where they were able to implement what they have learned so far. Due to its commitment to global learning and care, the University of Louisville International Service Learning Program in Belize has been honored twice with a [**NASPA International Education Best Practice Award**](#). The photo below was taken in Belize.



During the fall semester, the School of Nursing Alumni hosted an evening focused on international travel. This event highlighted numerous alumni experiences serving internationally. Dr. Whitney Nash was the facilitator of the evening. [**Watch the virtual event**](#).

Most recently we were honored to hear about Tanzania as our Alumni Ciara Battle described working in maternity wards and providing education to the citizens.

Her presentation was insightful and showed her applications of education obtained at the University of Louisville School of Nursing. Her presentation was viewed by faculty, U of L students, and Central High School students. Her presentation is on [**YouTube**](#).

There is no doubt that our future is global as nurses care for a highly mobile population. We prepare nurses to care for individuals from around the world which helps to set the University of Louisville School of Nursing apart from other schools. Here in Louisville, students can care for individuals abroad and in the local community. You only need to look within your community to see the diversity and importance of Global Health Nursing.

---- Sonya Hardin, Dean UofL School of Nursing



POINTS OF PRIDE



UofL School of Nursing and several other Kentucky universities, in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and other partners, provided free health screenings during the National Farm Machinery Show at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The group was led by assistant Professor Dr. Cheryl Witt, who has been working diligently to bring attention to the mental health crisis among farmers in Kentucky. She is also the project director for the grant-funded initiative Raising Hope KY, which is designed to provide farmers access to resources through research, prevention, intervention and community education. [Learn more about this initiative.](#)

Over spring break, our Owensboro Extension completed their **Community Engagement Experience**, an activity in which faculty, staff and students volunteer their time to support several local organizations. This year, the group prepared and served meals at a homeless shelter, volunteered time helping to organize at a men's drug and alcohol recovery shelter, organized donations for refugees from Iran with the Owensboro International Center, and conducted a drive for items needed at an emergency women and children's shelter.



The Kentucky Board of Nursing approved a request to increase the enrollment for both of our campuses. The baseline enrollment increased to 100 students per year in Owensboro and 300 students per year in Louisville.



CARDINAL NURSE RECOGNITION

Celebrating the successes of our Cardinal nurse family is something we take pride in. We are thrilled about the wonderful work these individuals are doing at our school and beyond.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Trivia Night

The School of Nursing Alumni Council hosted its first trivia night at Saint's Pizza Pub & SkyBar. The night proved to be a lot of fun and nearly 95 alumni and guests were in attendance. The goal of the fundraiser was to support scholarship funds. The winner of the night was Mark Spivak's table from UofL Health Jewish Hospital. The next trivia night will be held on May 20 at Saint's Pizza Pub & SkyBar. [Follow link to register.](#)



Maggie Wilhoite

At a senior awards ceremony prior to graduation, Maggie Wilhoite was surprised to find out she won the Vicki M. Stogsdill Award, which specifically honors program students for having "the courage to be a servant-leader." Winners receive \$5,000 and commit to working for one year at Owensboro Health. In keeping with the award, Wilhoite recently asked if she could return a portion of it for the benefit of other students.

[Read more.](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Holly Wei

Dr. Wei traveled to Egypt on behalf of the School of Nursing to explore opportunities for collaboration with Egyptian universities. Wei visited six universities during her trip, assessing established and brand-new universities. She is currently completing an in-depth comparison of the curricula of the most promising schools and working to develop a full proposal for review.



Dr. Vicki Hines-Martin

Congratulations to Dr. Hines-Martin on her 2020 publication, "**Achieving Health Equity Through Eradicating Structural Racism in the United States: A Call to Action for Nursing Leadership.**" Her publication in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* was recognized by Wiley, Inc. as top cited publication for 2020-2021.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**Ameerah Abdulnur**

Louisville native Ameerah Abdulnur is a junior at UofL. In 2018, she was diagnosed with Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), a chronic condition that she says has impacted her life and academic career. [Read more](#) about what inspired her to pursue nursing and why she thinks UofL and nursing school are worth it.

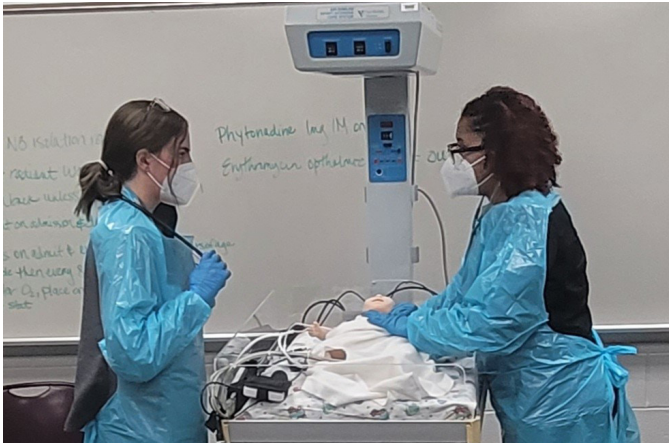
**Black Student Nurses Association**

The BSNA students represented the School of Nursing at the Go Red for Women event. The group joined forces with the Cultural and Equity Center to offer services to the Cardinal Community. Services included free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. The group was also featured on the Women's History Month Calendar.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**Kimberly Heller****Jeanne Ward**

Congratulations to PhD candidate, Kimberly Heller, and PhD student, Jeanne Ward, on their selection for the AACN Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA) Digital Innovators Program. [According to GNSA](#), the program offers modern approaches and creative methods to educating the future nursing workforce.

IN THE MEDIA



School of Nursing and UofL Health employees were featured on CBS 60 Minutes. The segment focused on the nursing shortage in the Commonwealth. [Watch the special.](#)



Dean Hardin sat down with KET's "Kentucky Health" host to talk about the nursing shortage and the different pathways UofL offers to become a nurse. [Hear what she had to say.](#)

WELLBEING



Cardinal CREW kicked off this semester. The goal of the group is to create a virtual and in-person community of support for those interested in increasing physical activity on the Health Sciences Campus. [Find the group on Facebook.](#)

EVENT NEWS

DEMENTIA AND CAREGIVERS



Breaking the ice can be difficult when having conversations about dementia with family. Assistant Professor Candace Harrington partnered with the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Kentucky and Indiana to review the recent studies surrounding caregivers and the challenges they face. [Watch special](#)

BLOOD DRIVE

In February, the School of Nursing partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. The blood drive responded to the emergency shortage of blood by donating 39 units. There were 40 total donors, 13 being first time donors. Due to the drive, there were 117 potential lives saved. The drive was held in the School of Nursing's simulation lab. The next blood drive is scheduled for October 17, 2022. Mark your calendars and join us to make an impact and save lives.

EVENT NEWS

DIVERSITY IN NURSING CARE



Alumna Cierra Battle spoke to UofL faculty and students, and Central High School students about healthcare in Tanzania related to maternal and child health and the importance of patient populations of different cultural and religious backgrounds. Cierra said her experience as a nurse in Tanzania improved her cultural awareness and increased her cultural sensitivity. [View highlights from her time in Tanzania.](#)

TRANSITION CEREMONY



We welcomed Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students to upper division at our annual transition ceremony. This is the first time since 2020 that we've had the ceremony in person.

CONVOCATION



Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2022! All of their hardwork led to this proud moment. The School of Nursing will hold its second in-person convocation ceremony on May 16. Family members, faculty and staff will come together to celebrate their milestone.

CLINICAL NURSE LEADER GRADUATING CLASS

In May, the inaugural cohort of the Clinical Nurse Leader is graduating from our Master's Entry into Professional Nursing (MEPN) Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) program. Graduates of this unique two-year, or six semesters program, receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing. Upon graduation, the direct-entry master's students will be eligible to sit for National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nursing licensure and the Clinical Nurse Leader Certification Examination offered by the AACN Commission on Nurse Certification. The CNL applies evidence-based practice to assure that cutting edge advances in care are in action and are positively influencing patient outcomes. Responsibilities include: developing patients' care plans, and leading healthcare teams, managing processes, using data to create and implement evidence-based practice, and addressing challenges experienced by patients and colleagues during the caregiving process. [Learn more about our program.](#)

BY THE NUMBERS

ENROLLMENT

Lower Division	421
Upper Division	549
Graduate programs	192

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Ethnic Diversity of Student Body

White	71%
Non-white	29%

Gender Diversity of Student Body

Undergraduate	14% Male	86% Female
Graduate	14% Male	86% Female

Student Nurse Residency

Kentucky residents	83%
Out of State	17%

GRADUATION TRENDS

Anticipated degrees awarded in May 2022

BSN	149
DNP	3
MSN	27
PhD	2

****This unofficial data reflects Spring 2022**



DID YOU KNOW?



In 1954, the first Black students were admitted to the program. Lillian Foxall, Latach Scott and Flora Ponder were admitted in to the program (known as General Hospital's School of Nursing at the time). Mayor Broadus had pledged in his campaign for office that Black women were allowed to take nurse training at General. Men were prohibited from enrolling until 1964. The women were also allowed to live in the student nurses home. Flora recalls being asked by local Black leaders to apply because she attended nursing school in Hanover, Indiana but didn't complete her studies. The leaders were concerned that the school would try to reject Black students as unqualified, but they figured it would be difficult to find Flora unqualified given her background.

JOB OPENINGS

Do you know anyone interested in joining the Cardinal family? The university encompasses diverse perspectives that are devoted to teaching, learning and developing leaders. The School of Nursing has a number of open positions. For more information and how to apply, [click here](#).



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