

## Nursing Department Completes On-Campus Evaluation for Accreditation

### **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**

**T**he Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) sent an evaluation team comprised of three nurse educators and one nurse clinician to the Bethel campus, April 3-5, 2006. The on-campus evaluation is part of the process of seeking re-accreditation for the Nursing Department's baccalaureate and graduate programs. The evaluation team provided a written report summarizing their findings. The report stated that for each of CCNE's accreditation standards, the evaluation team had no compliance concerns; in addition the report cited a number of examples of how the Nursing Department was demonstrating compliance with these standards. The CCNE Board meets October 26-28, 2006 and it is at that time that a decision is made about the accreditation status of the the department's programs.

The departmental faculty appreciates the contributions of all those who made the site evaluation such a successful experience. A special thanks is extended to students, alumni, clinical agency representatives, faculty members and staff from other departments, and the university administration.

### **Faculty Award Winner for the Class of 2006**

Each year the Bethel University Nursing faculty select a senior nursing student to receive the Faculty Award. This award is given to a student who has displayed academic excellence, strong leadership within the department and is one who exemplifies a Bethel professional nurse. The recipient selected is Christine Bloomstrom. Christine has demonstrated high academic achievement and leadership ability. She is an advocate for her peers, volunteering for nursing department committee work, mentoring underclassman, and tutoring others. Above all, she reflects a Christ-like presence in her nursing practice.

## **Keimyung University Exchange**

Once again, for the fourth year in a row, the Bethel University Nursing Department hosted a group of Keimyung University nursing students in an exchange program. Keimyung University is located in Daegu, South Korea. It is also the alma mater to Young-Ja Yang, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Bethel.

This year there were 18 students and 2 faculty members in attendance from June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this program was to provide a glimpse into the healthcare delivery system in the U.S., as well as to provide a cultural experience. The students participated in a variety of tours, lectures and observations of different U.S. healthcare institutions, including community health services, acute care hospitals, and a chemical dependency treatment center. The students were particularly impressed with the advancements in technology and nursing practices in the hospital setting. What they seemed most excited about was the influence and responsibility that nurses have in the healthcare system.

The evenings and weekends were geared toward cultural exposure. Evenings were often spent at a Bethel Nursing professor's home for dinner and fellowship. The group celebrated the Fourth of July, American style, with a leisurely day on the lake, topped off with fireworks in the evening. The last two days of the program, the students had a cultural immersion experience, staying with an American host family.

Many students commented on what an incredible time they had on this program. One student stated that this experience has given them the motivation to study harder. The faculty members expressed their desire to bring another group next year.

Thank you to all who helped to make this program a success; it would not have been possible without your help.

## **Hennepin County-Bethel University Research Collaboration**

Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) and Bethel University Nursing Department are joining together to initiate and conduct nursing research and clinical nursing projects. Currently three research studies are underway: 1) Central Line Site Care with Irita Downs (HCMC), Denise Phillips (Bethel Graduate Student) and Marge Schaffer (Bethel Faculty) as investigators; 2) Factors Contributing to Adoption of Practice Change and Evaluation of Learning with Beth Schafer (HCMC), Barb Gale (Bethel Graduate Student) and Marge Schaffer (Bethel Faculty) as investigators; and 3) Evaluation of Learning and Education Strategies for Younger Staff with Betty Stenglein (HCMC), Suzie Weber (Bethel Graduate Student) and Mary Alkire (Bethel Faculty) as investigators. One nursing project was completed by graduate nursing students for HCMC related to Skin Safety. Tim Bredow (Bethel Faculty) facilitated this project in conjunction with Patti Schoeller and Mary Murphy both from HCMC.

## **New Nursing Department Committee**

The Nursing Department has established a new committee or perhaps more appropriately a club, referred to as the "Grandmas' Club." Sandy Peterson became the charter member of the club at the birth of Liam Cyrus Peterson on September 8, 2005. Liam's parents are her son Christopher and his wife Alisa, Ketty Holt was the other 2005 member, Ryan Lee Holt was born on October 7, 2005. His parents are Amy and Jason Holt, Ketty's son. The third member of the club was Marge Schaffer who joined when Andy Scott Killorian arrived on March 14, 2006. Andy's mother is Marge's daughter Sarah and his father is Kyle Killorian. Club membership continued to grow with the inclusion of Pam Nelson. Pam was able to join when Inessa Alexa Geshe was born on April 26, 2006. Inessa's parents are Pam's daughter, Ingrid (class of 2002) and her husband Jeff. Mary Alkire (Reuland) is the most recent member of this quite selective club. Mary's daughter, Janice, gave birth to Ian Clark Bautista Reuland on August 24, 2006. Ian's father is Alejandro Bautista. All members claim that this is their best committee assignment ever.

## Faculty News

### Goings

**Nancy Olen** retired at the end of the 2005-2006 academic year after 24 years as a Bethel University faculty member. Her retirement plans include continuing to collaborate with Joann Wessman on their research on faith-health integration in the elderly. She is also consulting with the International Council for Educational Development to improve baccalaureate nursing education in Anqing, Anhui, China.

### Comings

Two full-time faculty members are joining the Nursing Department beginning fall 2006. **Kristin Sandau** (CAS, class of 1985), prior to her appointment as a faculty member, was Project Manager in Education Services at United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to her B.S. from Bethel University, she received a MS and PhD in Nursing from the University of Minnesota. Kristin will be teaching junior and senior-level courses in the pre-licensure program and in the RN degree completion baccalaureate program. She is a dedicated nurse researcher, currently analyzing data on the impact of formal preceptor orientations on nurse preceptors and orientees in acute care settings and serving as the health-related quality of life investigator for a study of Brachy Therapy with the Minneapolis Heart Institute. Kristin is married to Alan and the mother of Alaina, who is in kindergarten, and Ian, who is in pre-school.

Also joining the Nursing Department as a full-time faculty member this fall is **Ann Holland**, (GS, class of 1999). Her BSN was from Indiana University and she is currently a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota in Higher Education. Her primary research interest is the development of critical thinking in nursing students using mixed methods to study this issue. Before joining the Nursing Department faculty at Bethel, Ann was Dean of Educational Services at Anoka Ramsey Community College. She will be teaching senior-level courses in the pre-licensure program and in the RN degree completion baccalaureate program. This past summer she completed a clinical internship in the intensive care unit at Unity Hospital, Fridley, Minnesota. The Holland family connections to Bethel are many. Her husband Brian is a faculty member in the Business Department; her son, Ryan, is a 2003 graduate from the Business Department; and her daughter, Stephanie, is a senior studying art with a minor in business.

Also joining the Nursing Department this fall are three adjunct faculty members. **JoAnn Becklund**, who during her master's program completed an internship at Bethel, will be teaching NUR303, *Foundations of Nursing Practice*. Her master's degree is from the University of Minnesota and she has been most recently involved in school nursing. Joining the NUR 401, *Nursing Care with Childbearing and Childrearing Families*, will be **Raquel Busse Beucler** (CAS, class of 2002) and **Leslie Gluskin Stamper** (CAS, class of 2004). Raquel's master's degree is from the University of Minnesota in public health, and she is currently a case manager at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. Leslie completed her master's degree in nursing education at the University of Minnesota and works in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

The Nursing Department feels blessed by the addition of these well-qualified nurse educators. They bring a depth and variety of experiences to their roles as faculty members.

### Doings

**Karen Drake** is the recipient of Fulbright Award, Senior Scholar for Research and Lecturing in Uganda. She will be using a full year sabbatical to continue her work with Uganda Christian University (UCU) on the development of their RN baccalaureate degree completion program. **Dave Muhovich** spent time in Uganda this summer, consulting with UCU on program development. **Kim Meyer** will be on sabbatical this fall. Her sabbatical projects include writing articles for publication on her dissertation research on on-line nursing education. She will also be beginning research on women and the transitions experienced during midlife. This new research project will contribute to the department's research agenda, faith integration across the lifespan.

## **Sixth Annual Nursing Research & Practice Symposium**

The Bethel University Department of Nursing's sixth annual Nursing Research & Practice Symposium was a great success! The theme for the symposium was "Global Perspectives on Nursing Practice and Scholarship". There were approximately 350 participants who attended the event. The symposium provided Bethel University Department of Nursing faculty, current students, and former students the opportunity to present their research; display projects completed, and learn from each other. Twenty one metropolitan clinic and hospital agencies that provide learning experiences and employment potential for our nursing students took part, providing an opportunity to showcase their organizations. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Jeong Sook Park, Professor, Keimyung University, Daegu, Korea who spoke about healthcare in Korea. Other featured speakers: Bethel faculty; Marjorie Schaffer, RN, PhD spoke on End of Life Care in Norway; Karen Drake, RN, PhD and David Muhovich, RN, MPH, MS spoke on Nursing Education in Uganda; Bernita Missal, RN, PhD and nursing students spoke on Cross Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care in the United Arab Emirates; and Bethel alumna, Karlyn Kanowitz, RN, BSN spoke on Missionary Nursing in Guinea. Next years symposium will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

### **Dates to Save**

HOMEcomings - Department breakfast on Saturday, September 30th, 9:00AM

2007 NURSING RESEARCH & PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM - Thursday, May 3rd

PARISH NURSE COURSES - January 12-13, 2007; February 9-10, 2007; March 9, and April 7, 2007 For more information contact: Joann Wessman at 651-638-6386 (email [joann-wessman@bethel.edu](mailto:joann-wessman@bethel.edu))

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