WCSU Alumni Nursing Society

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

See pictures from the New Simulation Labs Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which was held on March 16, 2017 https://www.flickr.com/photos/westconn/albums/72157680304967800

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Spring Event

April 25, 2018, at 4 p.m.

Location: White Hall 122

Guest Speaker: Jennifer DiBlasi BSN, RN
"Hospice: The Basics and Benefits"

Jennifer DiBlasi earned her BSN from Western Connecticut State University in 2017. She is the Team Manager for VITAS Healthcare's footprint in the northwest part of Connecticut, including the hospitals in New Milford, Bristol, Southington and Torrington. Prior to her four years at VITAS Healthcare, the nation's leading deliverer of hospice services, Jennifer spent six years in hospital-based nursing (mostly, medical-surgery) after earning her Associate in Nursing from Naugatuck Valley Community College in 2007. In addition to her rewarding nursing career, Jennifer spent 7 ½ years in an equally satisfying capacity as a veterinary technician.

The WCSU Alumni Nursing Society would like to thank VITAS Healthcare for providing the guest speaker for the spring event. We greatly appreciate their support.

The Senior Class will present their Capstone Projects. Also, students from the first study abroad course to Greece will share their experiences and what they learned about health care in Greece.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Annual membership dues for the Alumni Nursing Society are due each year on **May 1**. Please continue to support the Society. Membership dues help with expenses such as materials, mailings, scholarships and events. Please see Membership and Pledge form enclosed. We thank you for your support.

Change of name and address?

For name and address changes, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8298 or email alumni@wcsu.edu

For more information about what is going on at WCSU, go to www.wcsu.edu/alumni.

If any master's - prepared alumni are interested in teaching as an adjunct or helping the nursing department, we'd love to hear from you!

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NEWS FROM THE WCSU NURSING DEPARTMENT

- The new Simulation Suite is up and running. We have four beautiful, state-of-the art simulation rooms. The Sim manikins include a new maternity lab with Sim Mom. There is an ICU lab with the advanced 3G manikin.
- Dr. Monica Sousa and Dr. Cathy Rice will be traveling to Thessaloniki Greece, for the very first nursing study-abroad course in March 2018. This is part of a 3 credit course. Students will have the opportunity to visit public and private hospitals, outpatient clinics and an elderly community center, as well as spend time in a refugee camp. There are 15 students who will be traveling; 12 undergraduate students and three graduate students.
- BSN had 41 graduates; MSN had 24 graduates this past academic year. Of the MSN graduates, we had 20 take the exam to date and 20 who have passed.
- Cohort two of Ed.D. is in the dissertation phase, conducting research.
  - Dr. Eileen Campbell, WCSU faculty was first to successfully defend her dissertation.
- WCSU nursing students—both generic undergraduate and RN/BS have been participating in community health fairs to promote wellness and preventative health care practices.
- RN/BS students attended the legislative day spring 2017 and Connecticut Nurses' Association Convention, Oct. 2017.
- Dr. Susan Burger presented her research at the convention.

Upcoming Sigma Events

- On Feb. 28, Kappa Alpha Chapter of Sigma will host a Research Tea at 3 p.m. in White Hall 122. If you are interested in submitting a poster, please contact Dr. Linda Warren, Dr. Jeannette Lupinacci or Dr. Joan Palladino.
- Sigma Induction will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, in the Westside Campus Center Ballroom located on the second floor of the Westside Campus Student Center.

Window Decals Available

New WCSU Alumni Nursing Society window decals are now available for $5. Some of the previous window decals are also still available. Please see Terri-Ann Tilquist, Nursing Department secretary, to purchase one, or email Monica Sousa at Sousam@wcsu.edu.

WCSU Alumni Nursing Society
Membership Form

Please print, complete and return this form, along with your donation, by May 1 to:
WCSU Alumni Office, Attn: Alumni Nursing Society, 181 White St., Danbury, CT 06810.

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Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

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City _____State_____Zip_____

☐ Yes, I want to join the WCSU Alumni Nursing Society. $25 _____
☐ Yes, I want to renew the WCSU Alumni Nursing Society Membership. $25 _____
☐ Yes, I want donate $_____ to the **Nursing Labs Campaign.**

Enclosed is my membership payment of $25 plus an additional for a total of $_____.

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News Updates: Let us know what you have been up to professionally and personally (career moves, accomplishments, retirement, etc.)

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