Capstone College of Nursing will move to a new building on the east side of campus. The nearly $20 million facility be built at the northeast corner of McFarland in the 600 block of University Boulevard across from DCH Regional Medical Center.

With 63,000 square feet on three floors with high-tech clinical space, the building will be larger than the 20,000 square foot space the college has now. The new building will extend the campus to McFarland Boulevard, making an impressive statement in a highly visible location.

The three-story red brick building will on its exterior reflect the Greek Revival style of architecture that the campus is known for, but inside it will make room for state-of-the-art clinical instruction, using patient simulators and other virtual reality technology. Computer facilities will enable computerized testing for all students.

The stone columns, brick and limestone finishes are meant to give a stately mark to the edge of the campus.

‘The intent was to make this a gateway building, announcing the entrance to campus,’ said Mike Lanier, a vice president with Hoar Construction, the company that oversees UA building projects.

This is a most attractive building,” said Peter Lowe, a trustee from Huntsville. “It will make a most attractive impression on visitors.”

UA has stepped up nursing recruitment in response to calls from the health care profession for more nurses to meet a national shortage. Enrollment at the college had a 213% percent increase since spring 2000 and two new graduate programs have been added.

“With this effort, it is imperative that potential students find a facility that is ‘state-of-the-art,’ adequately sized and designed to support their learning needs,” said Lynda Gilbert, vice president for financial affairs. “This new facility will be designed to meet those needs.”

Dean Sara Barger of the Capstone College of Nursing said she is looking forward to working in the new building.

The nursing building is currently in Russell Hall, built in 1968, which previously was the Student Health Center. Barger said the building was not adequately designed for a nursing school. “It was built as the Student Health Center, not a nursing building,” Barger said.

“Nursing education has changed so much over the last decade and I’m sure it will change even more over the next decade,” she said. “We need space that will take us into the future.”

With this dramatic growth the nursing school has seen in recent years, it is difficult for students and faculty to work comfortably. The current building does not have enough room to hold the classrooms or simulation rooms that are needed.

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What a privilege it was to welcome back our students and faculty in August realizing that we might just be in the most exciting year in the history of the Capstone College of Nursing! Our baccalaureate students now number more than 1,300. Our new Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, a joint effort with UAB and UAH, has 50 students enrolled on our campus alone. Our EdD program for nurse educators, a collaborative effort with the College of Education has 38 new and returning students, all of whom want to be the best nurse educators they can possibly be. In addition, 79 masters students are studying to be case managers and clinical nurse leaders.

With these growing enrollments, is it any wonder that a new building is absolutely essential? And what a building it will be! Since 2002, we have been talking about building a “state of the art” home for nursing here at The University of Alabama. And this is the year that dream starts to become a reality. The college has been fortunate to have the architectural firm of Turner Batson work with us to design a building that will serve as the educational home for nurses for decades to come. The three story structure will be located at the gateway to The University of Alabama on University Boulevard at McFarland Boulevard. In addition to classrooms with the latest multi-media technology, there will be a high-tech simulation center, places where nursing students can gather to discuss the day’s classes, and a quiet study area where they can prepare for tomorrow’s clinical experience. The building has truly become a “labor of love” with many hands making it possible. From our federal and state senators to our Board of Visitors to our faculty and staff, 98% of whom made personal donations to the building, everyone recognized the need and pitched in to make it happen. Our groundbreaking ceremony on October 10th at 2:00 p.m. will be the culmination of the efforts of all of these people. But in many ways, it is just the beginning!
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This causes nursing classes to be held in 13 different locations on campus, which can confuse students.

“It will be really nice to have everything located in one building, especially lecture classes and clinical practice labs,” said Kate Gilly, a junior in her second semester of nursing school. “We need more space in clinical practice lab rooms for hospital beds and supplies.”

Beth Ball, a senior in her second year of nursing school, said she is disappointed that the building will not be done in time for her to study and work in. “I wish it would be done sooner,” Ball said. “The one we’re working in now makes us cramped in rooms and the air conditioning doesn’t work well. We have to walk to different buildings for classes, and it just wasn’t built to be a nursing school.”

Courtney McDaniel, a junior in her second semester of nursing school, said she looks forward to seeing the new building and its classroom space. “We will be happy to have a building built and designed for us,” McDaniel said.

“This is really an exciting time for our college. We have a stellar program, Dean Barger and our Board of Visitors provide outstanding leadership, and we receive wonderful support from faculty, staff, alumni and friends,” said Shelley Jordan, Director of Development at the Capstone College of Nursing. “It’s a great time to be in nursing at the University of Alabama!”

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held October 10, 2008 at the building site. Building construction is estimated to begin February 2009 with doors opening in Fall 2010.
KIDCHECK GOING STATEWIDE

Dr. Marsha H. Adams, professor, Capstone College of Nursing, and Dr. Alesa Judd, technology coordinator and assistant to the Bibb County school superintendent, presented “The Bibb County Child-Caring Project: Outreach Initiatives,” at the Outreach Scholarship Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, October 7-9, 2007. Now, the team’s model is being used as the basis for Governor Bob Riley’s KidCheck program.

KidCheck is a new initiative to bring free health care screenings to school children. At a press conference May 15, Gov. Riley announced the new initiative. He said Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Alabama Rural Action Commission were joining forces to put the work of Judd and Adams into action.

“This is a real community-driven project,” Adams said. “We are the annual exam for a lot of the children we see, about 4,000 a year.”

The project allows Judd and Adams to collect data for research purposes and to determine the general health of children in the community. When needed, children are provided follow-up treatment.

The program currently operates in seven schools, Riley said, but will be expanded to all Rural Action Committee areas. The first to receive KidCheck services will be Bibb, Blount, Hale, Pickens, Fayette and Madison counties and Birmingham city. He said the screenings will help children grow up healthier and perform better in school.

It is being organized through the Alabama Rural Action Commission Governor Riley launched last year, the Alabama Power Foundation and Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Alabama Child Caring Foundation.

KidCheck is modeled after successful school health fairs in Bibb County. These health fairs have been credited with improved access to health care for students and decreased absenteeism. The success of those local programs is leading the Alabama Rural Action Commission to expand this model to interested school systems all across the state.

Each school selects a day and partners with area college nursing programs and organizations from across the state. A room is equipped with 8-10 different stations for physical assessments including height and weight, BMI, blood pressure, heart and respiratory rate, vision, hearing, oral health, and scoliosis. Any student with a parental permission form qualifies for the screening. After, parents receive a report and assistance for children needing additional care. Those who are uninsured and are not eligible for Medicaid or All Kids can be covered through the Alabama Child Caring Foundation.

Dr. Adams, along with the NUR 324: Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practice students and faculty, have been providing these health fairs to Bibb County for the past 14 years.
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PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES WIN-WIN SITUATION

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Capstone College of Nursing have teamed together to provide learning opportunities for current and future nurses. In Fall 07, the ADPH opted to house their Emergency Care Simulator (ECS) at CCN. The simulator, can provide learning opportunities related to a variety of pre-programmed medical conditions. Conditions that are considered high-risk but are infrequently encountered in the hospital or community setting can be used over and over as teaching. The simulator is currently housed in a room set up to simulate a patient's home setting and is a wonderful addition to the College's Simulation Center for Clinical Excellence. Dean Barger stated that “the partnership is a win-win situation for both groups. It assists the college in providing additional learning opportunities for our students and also provides learning opportunities for practicing nurses at the public health department to fine-tune skills or plan for care involved in emergency and disaster type situations.”

In addition to the ECS, a Trauma Disaster Casualty Kit, (TDCK) and a Casualty Simulation Kit were purchased to complement the simulator. The TDCK can be used to introduce blood flow, mucus and secreted fluids through the simulator, while the casualty simulation kit has various trauma applications that can be used with simulation. Both kits bring increased realism into training sessions.

In return for the opportunity to use the simulator, the college will provide security and upkeep as well as training to RNs at the health department as requested. John Hankins, State Director at the Alabama Department of Public Health stated that, “This relationship between ADPH and UA Capstone College of Nursing is a true win-win for students, nurses and faculty. We benefit from integrating nursing practice and nursing education throughout the career cycle.”

Left: Trauma Disaster Casualty Kit (TDCK).

Right: Dr. Melondie Carter and Dean Sara Barger with METI.

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The Capstone College of Nursing hosted the Donna Cox Bridger Endowed Lectureship on March 7, 2008 at the Bryant Conference Center Rast Room. The topic this year was Palliative Care. Topics included: Palliative Care: An Overview by Dr. John Schuster, Director of the Chronic Pain Clinic at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital, Spirituality by Dr. Linda Dunn, Capstone College of Nursing, Symptom Management by Joan Wells, Hospice of West Alabama, Provider Fatigue by Doris Vaughans, Hospice of West Alabama and Organ Donation by Dr. Ann Rayburn, Alabama Organ Center. There were over 120 people in attendance.

The Donna Cox Bridger Endowed Lectureship was established by Joseph C. Bridger to honor the memory of his wife and to promote awareness of current topics in the fields of nursing and health care from an interdisciplinary perspective. Lecture attendance is open to faculty, students, health care professionals, and the community.

Donna Cox Bridger was recognized for excellence throughout her 36-year career in nursing. She received her B.S. in Nursing from East Tennessee State University, an M.S. in Nursing from the University of Virginia, and an Adult Practitioner Certificate from the University of Alabama School of Nursing at Birmingham.

A true proponent of lifelong learning, Donna retired as Associate Chief of Nursing Service for Education at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tuscaloosa. She served on the faculties of East Tennessee State University and the Piedmont Hospital School of Nursing, and was an adjunct faculty member at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing. In 1997, Donna was honored with the prestigious Janet S. Awtrey Distinguished Nursing Leader Award by the Capstone College of Nursing in recognition of her vision and creativity in nursing practice, tap all available resources, synthesize research information and then organize and coordinate activities and education programs to meet new goals. So it is only fitting that the Capstone College of Nursing honor her name through the Donna Cox Bridger Endowed Lectureship in Nursing and Health Care, a lectureship intended to educate not only nurses, but also health care professionals across disciplines and the community-at-large.

The Donna Cox Bridger Endowed Lectureship in Nursing and Health Care continues her legacy of lifelong learning.
CCN recently hosted the Southeast METI Regional Conference. A special thanks to the hard work of the LLRC staff, Dr. Marsha Adams, Lisa Tyner, presenters, CCN faculty and the METI team from Sarasota, Florida.

We had 54 people in attendance, which was the largest regional conference for our area. States represented were Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Kevin King, Program Director, ORNGE Transport Medicine in Canada, who spoke on *Advanced Integration Strategies for High Fidelity Simulation*.

Sessions the first day included:

- Stan and METIVision which captures the entire simulation event that can easily be played back during debriefing sessions.
- University of South Alabama faculty spoke on the use of simulation to demonstrate psychomotor, communication and critical thinking skills.
- Grant writing assistance was presented by METI team members.
- Dr. Angela Collins and Dr. Ann Graves presented an anaphylaxis scenario that Angela wrote for our PediSim. Joey Guin, LLRC student worker, played the child’s voice. Fourth semester students Katie Hyde and Ashley Carlee and fifth semester students Ashley McClennon and Sarah Doss Yarabrough participated in the scenario.

The second day started with METI giving a preview of their new eDose software, a web-based drug dose calculation and assessment product. Then three sessions followed.

- Mr. Mark Tuttle, Clinical Educator, from METI demonstrated the Trauma Disaster Casualty Kit (TDCK) which we have used before to make METI bleed from different outlets and overlays.
- Dr. Ann Graves and Dr. Angela Collins presented on how to take the Program for Nursing Curriculum Integration (PNCI) from paper to set-up. As the scenario goes, the patient had been working at his home Meth lab when it exploded causing extensive burns to his upper body. Dr. Marsha Adams and Ms. Becky Edwards told the ‘CCN Story’. They emphasized how important it is to get people involved and the ways that this has been done successfully at CCN.

Thanks, again, to all who had a part in making our METI Southeast Regional Conference a success. The Capstone College of Nursing was portrayed very positively and you should be proud.
Moniaree Parker Jones, a 54-year old legal nurse consultant from Pelham believes that learning is something that can be done over a lifetime.

She received a master’s degree from the Capstone College of Nursing while her son, Drew, 21, received a bachelor’s in Latin with a minor in history, which he achieved in just three years.

“It’s something we’ve been looking forward to for a while since we found out we were graduating together,” Drew said. “The Capstone holds a special place in my heart as well as my mother’s and it is a true honor to be able to walk with someone whom I not only love dearly, but also someone who has worked so hard to accomplish so much,” he said.

“I think it is wonderful to share this unusual experience with my son,” said Jones. “I never dreamed anything like this would happen 21 years ago when he came into the world.”

Moniaree received an associate degree from Troy University in 1974 and a bachelor’s from Alabama in 1980.

Before returning to the Capstone, Jones worked as an instructor of medical law and ethics, anatomy and physiology at Virginia College and taught health occupations education at a high school in Dothan.

Her decision to come back to school seems to have been an easy one. She attended a conference where she learned about the M.S.N. program from Dr. Marietta Stanton. “That was all it took to ignite the slow flame burning beneath my heart,” Jones said. “The experience has been wonderful and challenging. The encouragement of the professors and their personal desire to see you succeed is like no other place,” she says.

“I have to say that it’s been much more meaningful to me this time around than ever before,” Moniaree said. “After you’ve been out in the working world awhile, it just has a whole different meaning, because you’ve actually done a lot of those things, and you’re going a little further into depth on the subject.”

Moniaree said the biggest problem in going back was fear of the unknown — which for her was computers.

Drew said that though they were in completely different disciplines, the two found ways to support each other academically. “She would read my papers for me and check them for mistakes, and then I would read hers,” Drew said. “We became sort of editing partners.”

To balance parenting, studying and a career, Moniaree said she was inspired by the medical concept of triage doing the most important thing first, then second and so on.

Moniaree has been accepted into a into the Ed.D program at CCN. Drew plans to pursue a master’s in either Latin or history.
ODE TO PROFESSOR STANTON

I think that I shall never see,
a poem as lovely as a tree.
And I thought that you would never see
a poem written by Moniaree.

This poem is written for a professor to celebrate,
from your Capstone MSN students Class of 2008.
We are not that easy to forget,
On that we know you can bet.

Like the Crimson tide fast and swift you came into our hearts.
Lending us knowledge to impart.
And yet without our knowing you changed our internal course.
Gifting us with wisdom from some unknown force.

“You know you can do it” were the words you thundered,
Believing in us even when we blundered.
While we doubted, we fretted, we almost said “no”,
Suddenly in our dreams the voice, “Here we go!”

Your encouragement, your wisdom we can never repay.
We are thankful for a professor who came south, our way.
As we walk at Commencement we hope you will see,
Proud graduate nursing students who go forth with great glee.

Memories of a professor who encouraged us along the way.
A step ahead of her time in this present day.
Who taught us theory like Benner, Rogers and Nightingale.
A Professor like Marietta Stanton who refused to let us fail.
You are now an official Southern Belle!

Written by Moniaree Parker Jones
In Honor of Dr. Marietta Stanton
from the Capstone College MSN Class 2008

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Community-based health care organizations like CRHC serve millions of medically underserved people living in vulnerable communities. Since its inception in 2002, almost 500 executives have graduated with enhanced management and leadership skills. Eighty participants, representing organizations that serve over 1 million annually at 475 sites nationwide, will have graduated from the two programs in 2008.

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CAPSTONE WELCOMES NEW FACES TO DNP PROGRAM

Fifty one (51) advanced practice nurses from around the country are now enrolled in the inaugural offering of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the Capstone College of Nursing. “We really seem to be attracting some of the very best nursing has to offer. These are very accomplished and bright nurses who are seeking to have an even greater impact on the lives of patients. This is very exciting for the Capstone and I could not be more pleased”, Dr. Marietta Stanton, Professor and Director of the Graduate Program stated. According to Stanton, many of the new students now enrolled in the DNP at the Capstone have felt the need and desire to continue their nursing education but simply did not have a means to do so.

Most of the students are nurse practitioners but the class also includes Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and nurse administrators/executives. The class is almost equally divided among residents of Alabama (49%) and other states including Texas (18%), Virginia (8%), Massachusetts (2%), Florida (6%), Louisiana (8%), Georgia (2%), Mississippi (4%), Arkansas (2%), and even Hawaii (2%). Two students are currently on active duty with the military, one in the Pacific and the other in Europe.

The Capstone is able to attract students from across the country because of the excellent reputation the University of Alabama enjoys and the flexibility afforded through the on-line program format. Students may elect to go full-time or part-time and complete course requirements as their schedules allow.

One feature of the program that sometimes surprises people is the high degree of interaction among students and faculty. Students log onto the e-Learning network several times a week to post assignments, ask questions and comment on other postings. Feedback is almost immediate and the frequency of interaction allows the students to bond with each other. Another benefit of the high degree of interaction is that it allows students to feel “connected” with the university.

The DNP is a practice-focused terminal degree reflective of the highest level of educational preparation in nursing. It is designed to prepare experts in specialized advanced...
nursing practice and focuses heavily on practice that is innovative and evidence-based, reflecting the application of credible research findings in achieving improved patient outcomes. The program can be completed in one year of full-time study.

The Capstone College of Nursing partners with the College of Nursing at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and the School of Nursing and School of Health Professionals at the University of Alabama in Birmingham in offering the DNP program. The program is targeted to Masters prepared nurses in advanced practice including nurse practitioners, CRNAs, nurse midwives and nurse administrators.

For information about the Doctorate of Nursing Practice, contact Dr. Marietta Stanton at 205-348-1020 or visit our website at http://nursing.ua.edu/graduate.
ATYPICAL PATH TO PATIENTS REQUIRES PATIENCE

There were times, Lynnette Moats says, when quitting work to pursue a nursing degree seemed like a 4-year poverty sentence for her entire household, including her daughter and the two nieces she’s homeschooled throughout her college career.

But now, with her University of Alabama graduation behind her, Moats, 44, who sports a perfect 4.0 GPA, says she feels she’s escaped a poverty sentence that, without an education, “could be lifelong” for both her and her daughter.

“I realized I was never going to earn enough to make a decent living for Julie Ann and me,” Moats says of her former job. “I knew UA had a good nursing program. I knew I would always be able to find a job as a nurse, and it seemed like a perfect match.”

While the match may have been perfect, it was not without adjustments, including Moats’ daughter and nieces sometimes attending UA classes alongside her, particularly during the early portion of her college career.

“They would sit in the back row, and they learned about anatomy, physiology and chemistry,” she said of the girls, now ages 18, 13 and 13, respectively. And the adjustments weren’t limited to the car-pooling variety.

“There were a lot of times when our dining choices were peanut butter or ramen noodles. We celebrate Christmas in January after (college) Financial Aid comes.”

Moats’ atypical college journey began after she and her former sister-in-law, Paula Diehl, decided to combine households after each went through a divorce. It seemed logical at the time to combine our households and share expenses, two moms, three kids, one house. And that, for the last six and a half years, has been our life.”

Diehl earned her MBA degree from UA in May.

When Moats wasn’t in class, studying, homeschooling with the kids, training in her Tae Kwon Do classes, or participating in her church’s worship ministry, she found time to conduct research alongside Dr. Ruby Morrison, associate professor of nursing at UA.

Wherever her career takes her, Moats says she envisions continuing to conduct health care research in some capacity.

During her college career, Moats, who lives in Moore’s Bridge in rural Tuscaloosa County, has completed clinical rotations at four different hospitals, working in areas as varied as oncology, pediatrics and adult critical care but says she doesn’t yet have a favorite field.

“I’ve felt the call to nursing for a long time and have trained as a CNA, an EMT and as a Medical Transcriptionist, but they never satisfied the calling.

“I love patients,” she says. “I love meeting their needs and helping them in some of the most difficult times of their lives. I just want to get out there. Show me the patients; let me at ‘em.”

Lynnette Moats, shot on location at UAB Hospital
Lynnette Moats homeschooled her daughter and two nieces throughout her college career.

Lynnette Moats, left, and Paula Diehl, moved in together and went to college after their marriages failed.
Jessica Hinkle won the Excellence as a Student Nurse Award from the Greater Birmingham Chapter of AACN. This means that CCN students have won this award for the last three years! This award recognizes students who have demonstrated not only clinical proficiency but also patient centered care as a core belief.

Lauren Perkins received the (first) Annual Award for Outstanding Performance in Chemistry by a Nursing major.

During the summer, students are selected to participate in the Acute Care Internship. Selection is based on academic and clinical performance in clinical nursing courses. In this experience, students spend eight weeks on clinical units at three acute care facilities gaining intense clinical experiences and skills. Forty students were selected and participated in clinical at DCH Regional Medical Center, Baptist Princeton Hospital or Trinity Medical Center. The College of Nursing values the partnerships of these institutions and the clinical enrichment for CCN students.
Hello Alums and Roll Tide! It’s going to be a great year at the Capstone. The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association is honored to help make history at the Capstone. Many of you have pledged your financial support for the construction of our very first building dedicated to nursing education. The UACCNAA would like to thank all of you who have participated in this historical event.

The UACCNAA will host our annual Homecoming BBQ on November 1, 2008. Our homecoming tent will be located on the front lawn of Russell Hall (current nursing building) on University Blvd. We changed the location from the quad to make accessibility easier for all alums. We will be honoring the graduating classes of 1978, 1988, 1998, and 2008. Please contact Shelley Jordan at 348-9876 to reserve your tickets for the BBQ. The meal will be served 2 hours prior to kick-off.

Again, we appreciate you supporting the UACCNAA as we help support the Capstone College of Nursing. Your financial support is critical for the future of nursing education. We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

As always, Roll Tide Roll!!!

—Philip B. Fikes, CRNA, MNA
President, UACCNAA

Keeping in Touch

We want to spread your news to fellow alumni. Share your experiences, ventures, career news, honors, stories, photos, and awards.

Email your news to Shelley Jordan at sdjordan@bama.ua.edu or call (205) 348-9876.
The University of Alabama
Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association

invites you to a

Homecoming Bar-B-Q on the Lawn

Saturday, November 1
2 and 1/2 hours before kickoff

FREE to UACCNAA members!
$12 for non-members

Join the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association, faculty, and staff on the lawn of Russell Hall for a pre-game feast and fun. We will be raffling Alabama memorabilia...Each participating UACCNAA member will receive one free raffle entry!

Please make reservations no later than October 15th!

MEMBERS: RSVP to Shelley Jordan at (205) 348-9876 or sdjordan@bama.ua.edu

NON-MEMBERS: Please send checks (with the names of those attending) to:
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Announcements

**DR. MARSHA ADAMS**

had a manuscript accepted entitled, “Lessons Learned from a Decade in a University Community Partnership: Keys to Successful Engagement and Outreach” to the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement.

Dr. Marsha Adams and Dr. Carol Lammon had the manuscript Obesity and Blood Pressure Trends in Rural Adolescents over a Decade accepted for publication by Pediatric Nursing.

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**DR. ANGELA COLLINS**

became an inaugural member of the AACN Circle of Excellence Society. The Circle of Excellence Society will permanently connect award recipients to one another and AACN. The Society will provide a rich network of experts who will continually generate innovation and excellence. Society members will be instrumental in shaping its future activities and will participate in selecting future award recipients. Individuals who previously received a Circle of Excellence award will become the inaugural members of the Society.

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**DR. MELONDIE CARTER**

along with two NUR 580 students, Derenda Lovelace and Carla Taylor, presented a paper they developed at the Case Management Society of America Convention.

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**DR. ANN GRAVES, DR. MARILYN HANDLEY, & DR. ANGELA COLLINS**

submitted a competitive abstract and were invited to attend the Technology Integration Conference in Nursing Education at Duke University August 2-5th.

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**DR. MARILYN HANDLEY & DR. ANGELA COLLINS**

coauthored Autoimmune Complications in a High Risk Pregnancy in the Vol. 12, No. 2 2008 issue of the Nursing for Women’s Health.

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**DR. ANN GRAVES**

has been selected as a finalist for the 2008 Martha N. Hill New Investigator Award. The Hill Award oral abstract competition is scheduled at Scientific Sessions 2008 on Sunday, Nov. 9th in New Orleans.

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**DR. MARIETTA STANTON**

attended the editorial board meeting for the Journal of Professional Case Management. She also attended the Case Management Society of America Convention and participated on a panel to introduce a concept paper she drafted along with Kathy Craig representing the opinions of CMSA and the National Association of Social Workers on safe caseloads.

Dr. Stanton also collaborated with former student Lisa Kell along with AQAQ and DCH on the development of the CMS Care Transitions project.

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**DR. LINDA DUNN**

is Co-PI on the Community-Based Partnership Grant “Building Partnerships with African American and White Faith-Based Organizations to Promote Successful Aging” with Dr. Michael Parker (PI) of Social Work. This $5000 seed grant will create a prototype senior information center in faith-based organizations.
Announcements

**Dr. Carol Lammon & Dr. Marietta Stanton** coauthored the “Wins” of Change, Evaluating the Impact of Predicted Changes on Case Management Practice in the Vol. 13, No. 3 2008 issue of Professional Case Management.

**Dr. Felicia Wood, Dr. Carol Lammon, & Dr. Linda Dunn** have passed both the objective and simulation components of the national Clinical Nurse Leader Exam administered on May 8 and are official CNL’s.

**CCN Abroad**

Dr. Angela Collins “took a journey of faith to Africa.” She says her heart has been rearranged and the lesson learned from the trip is that the world is very vast and that all populations need the help of caring nurses. In five clinic days they saw from 1,200 to 1,300 patients. She reports that, “I saw nutritional diseases and congenital disorders that I have only read about.”

Members of CCN’s Faculty and Board of Visitors (BOV) shared their talents on a recent medical mission to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Left to right: Dr. Ann Graves (CCN), Sherry Falgout (BOV), and Gail Windham (BOV).

They are shown here with a few of their new friends.

Dr. Angela Collins, center, with some of the children who received the hats collected.

Some of the children modeling their new hats.
Faculty and Staff

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