June 2001, Capstone College of Nursing opened their first nurse-managed center in Parrish as a Rural Health Center. The nurse-managed center was established by Dr. Jeri Dunkin, Saxon Endowed Chair for Rural Nursing, through grant funding from the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Profession, Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (ID11HP00115). The first center was located in a small, cinder block, older building in downtown Parrish.

CRHC operated as a Certified Rural Health Center until 2006 when it became a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike until July 1, 2007. A Community Health Center, New Access Point grant was awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care (H80CS08236). In October of last year the staff and practitioners moved into a much larger new facility on Highway 269 in Parrish. Their space increased from 1100 square feet to over 4000 square feet, giving them additional examining rooms and more space.

The vision of the new Capstone Rural Health Center is to be the premier primary health care provider in Northwest Alabama. Their mission is to provide access to high quality, holistic, culturally appropriate, family-centered primary health care.

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I am pleased that we are spotlighting the Capstone Rural Health Center in this issue of the Capsule. I think the Center is a hidden treasure of the College, a sentiment that would be shared by the citizens of the town of Parrish, Alabama. This small town of about 1200 people is located just south of Jasper and is home to the Capstone Rural Health Center. This clinic, run by the College of Nursing, was the brain child of Dr. Jeri Dunkin, a Professor in the College. She believed that nurses in the College could not only teach, they could also “do”, demonstrating the importance of providing primary care to citizens in rural Alabama. In 2000, Dr. Dunkin applied for a federal grant to start the clinic. These grants were made possible by the U.S. Public Health Service Division of Nursing to fund schools of nursing who wanted to offer primary care services to an underserved population while providing clinical experiences for their students and research opportunities for faculty. And that is exactly what Dr. Dunkin wanted to do. She received that grant of more than a million dollars to be used over five years to start the clinic. She was able to find a vacant small concrete block rundown clinic in the heart of Parrish. While the building was inadequate from the beginning, it was a start. The federal funds were intended to get the clinic up and running but did not provide a source of continued funding. Since the majority of the patients using the clinic were uninsured with limited financial resources themselves, we questioned if the clinic would be able to remain open when the grant ended. Dr. Dunkin worked tirelessly to make sure that didn’t happen. First, she applied for the center to be designated as a rural health clinic. She developed contracts with area companies to provide health screening and wellness services. She also applied for the Center to be designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Dr. Dunkin clearly understood the importance of involving the citizens of Parrish in this venture for this was indeed their clinic and it would need their involvement in order to be successful. And rally around it they did. Now eight years after its very modest beginnings, the Capstone Rural Health Clinic is in a brand new state of the art building located on Route 269. It no longer is “owned” by the Capstone College of Nursing, but instead has its own governing board of community members responsible for the clinic. Now the board receives federal funds in excess of $650,000 yearly for clinic operations and contracts with the College of Nursing to provide staff for the clinic. This staff includes nurse practitioners, nurse case managers and others. Our students experience firsthand what it is really like to provide nursing services in a rural area. We hope this experience will result in some of them working in the rural areas of our state. The clinic had over 3500 patient visits in 2007 and we expect that number to increase in 2008.

I am proud to salute Dr. Jeri Dunkin and the staff of the Capstone Rural Health Center. They demonstrate everyday how nurses working with communities can change lives for the better.
The next priority was becoming compliant with the state guidelines concerning tamper proof prescriptions. Micro Format is a company specializing only in tamper resistant prescription products. After researching their method of Rx compliance, a thermal printer and tamper resistant rolls were ordered. This product has become a hit among staff and patients alike. They are all excited to see that this little clinic in rural Alabama is a step above the rest.

The possibility of electronic vital monitors that could input data directly into the EMR system was explored next. The vital monitors are very accurate machines that monitor not only your blood pressure but pulse oximetry, heart rate, and temperature. This allows for more accurate readings and reduces the possibility of incorrect data inputted into the EMR.

The clinic is also in the process of bringing in a new internet service provider for more data transfer ability and are implementing a tele-health project providing LabCorp ability to securely download data to the system. When the nurse practitioner requests labwork to be done, one button is clicked and the information is securely transmitted directly to LabCorp. Once the data is received, run, and a report is ready, it is securely transmitted back to the clinic for the nurse practitioners to sign off on. This will not only ensure the accuracy of labs, but make it more efficient so time can be spent on other needs.

The biggest and final project about to take place is installation of a new server and software. The software will be secured from the server end to ensure no personal health information (PHI) is removed from the network. This will be in place by June 9, 2008 and will allow the ultimate goal of being completely paperless by December.

CRHC is also the first community health center in Alabama to have CHC-TV™, the special health care education and communication system, installed in their waiting room. This system gives patients access to important health education information on a flatscreen TV while they wait to see the nurse practitioner and a telephone system allowing them to make free outbound calls.

Peggy McGraw, LPN for the clinic, said one day, “With many software updates, relocation of building site, new computers, and new hardware CRHC has come a long way in improving the age of the paperless provider client care.” With this excellent staff and the technology in place, CRHC will be the leader of nurse managed facilities in the state of Alabama!
STUDENTS SING PRAISES OF CRHC

Stacey Edwards and Stephanie Woods are Nurse Case Manager Graduate students at the Capstone College of Nursing. They are presently working as NCM fellows at the Capstone Rural Health Center under a fellowship program. They both perform case manager duties two days a week at the clinic. The duties include assisting patients to obtain medications through drug assistance programs, scheduling ancillary appointments, establishing relationships with outside referral sources, transportation assistance, reconciling medications and counseling patients on potential drug interactions, screening patients for eligibility for patient assistance programs, reminding and monitoring patient’s arrival to scheduled appointments, and collaborating with the nurse practitioners regarding patient’s plan of care. “We have thoroughly enjoyed our experience at CRHC as it has provided us with clinical experience involved in holistically caring for patients in rural populations.”

I would like to first start off by saying thanks to the staff at the Capstone Rural Health Clinic for such a great time and a learning experience. On April 3, 2008 I, along with two fellow classmates visited the CRHC for a mental health/ adult health clinical rotation.

This was my first time since starting clinicals in fall 2007 that I gained rural health care experience. I was amazed at the volume of patients that were seen in a day’s time, but I was thrilled to see how appreciative each patient was upon leaving. The nurses and nurse practitioners were all open and willing to let me follow them with each patient and they were eager to show me various new and exciting things.

Throughout the day I saw many interesting patients. I was able to help the nurses by triaging the patients, recording their chief complaint, vital signs, and obtaining a brief history. The CRHC rotation experience is one I will never forget and is one of the many exciting experiences that come along with 3rd semester. I look forward to visiting the CRHC again in the future and once again I would like to say Thanks!!!

Johnny R Tice, Undergraduate Student

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through a nurse-managed model in a teaching-learning environment. Students from Capstone College of Nursing, University of Alabama, and other regional health professional schools receive clinical learning experiences through the center.

CRHC is the only nurse-managed, federally qualified health center in Alabama. The nurse managed model is recognized as key to efficient, sensible, cost-effective primary health care. Research shows that patient satisfaction with care through a nurse-managed center is very high and management of patients with chronic illnesses (e.g., high blood pressure, diabetes) is especially comprehensive and effective. Dr. Dunkin, the CRHC staff and Board of Directors are proud they are successful in increasing access to health care for the rural residents of Walker and surrounding counties. They welcome visits to their center and opportunities to share their experiences and outcomes.

The CRHC Staff, from left to right, Peggy McGraw, LPN, Kim Key, Receptionist, Bobbie Robertson and David Jones, Nurse Practitioners, Jeri Dunkin, Executive Director, Rhonda Black, LPN, Matthew Mauldin, Manager Area Computer Services, Tammy Snow, LPN, Office Manager and Sharon Haygood, Receptionist.

ONE PATIENT’S STORY

“I don’t know what I would have done without this clinic” stated by Janice Brasher after going to the Emergency Room and being told she most likely has lung cancer and needed to see a specialist right away. Without medical insurance she was unable to attend that appointment. Faced with the fact she has cancer and unable to pay for treatment she came to Capstone Rural Health Center where she was referred for care to an organization that was willing to help her without insurance, “We were able to get the ball rolling, sending her to a thoracic surgeon who was willing to help her. She had her surgery and eventually was able to obtain Medicaid coverage” reports David Jones, CRNP. Since then she has undergone radiation and chemotherapy and is presently doing well. She continues to receive her primary health care at CRHC.

Patient, Janice Brasher with David Jones, Nurse Practitioner, at a recent visit to CRHC.
COLLEGE’S NEED MET BY LOCAL BUSINESSES

Simulation is by definition an imitation or representation of a real life occurrence or situation. In order to increase the realism in our simulation center, the college aspired to make each simulation room look and feel more like a hospital setting. Headboards containing oxygen, air and suction regulators are an essential element in providing care to patients, but the college only had one set of these. When Harrison Construction Company heard about the college’s need for these devices they quickly came to our aid. They located the regulators, built the headboards and Price McGiffert Construction Company graciously provided the necessary painting. Because of the generosity of these local businesses, the college now has one headboard device in each of our four simulation rooms. All headboards contain the necessary oxygen, air and suction devices needed to provide more realistic and effective simulation.

The Capstone College of Nursing’s simulation center includes four high-fidelity patient simulators. These simulators breath, blink, have a heart beat and can be programmed to reflect real patient conditions. Students conduct head to toe assessments and provide nursing care in our simulation center to ‘patients’ displaying common occurring conditions or to those with low-frequency, high-acuity conditions. All clinical nursing courses use the simulation center numerous times throughout the semester. The improvements provided by Harrison and Price McGiffert Construction Companies are extremely beneficial to the college to help us remain on the cutting edge of technology in nursing education.

CCN WELCOMES CHIBA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Nineteen nursing students, and their advisor, Akiko Nosaki, from Chiba University in Japan attended the Transcultural Nursing Program at CCN from February 19-29, 2008. It was the largest class to attend the program! The program included nursing classes taught by CCN faculty, informal seminars, clinical tours, and daily English classes at the English Language Institute. Clinical tours included DCH Regional Medical Center, DCH Northport Medical Center, and Capstone Village. Again, Hiroko Smith, who is from Japan, did a stellar job of guiding the tour at DCH Northport Medical Center.

Social activities included dinner at the Cypress Inn, dinner at Dean Barger’s home, a trip to Wal-Mart, and a Farewell Ceremony held at Alston Hall. At Dean Barger’s the CCN ambassadors and the Chiba students shared cultural dances and songs. All of the students were hosted in homes of families in the community over the week-end. At the Farewell Ceremony all of the participants were recognized and given a certificate of attendance. Guitarist, Bo Hembree, a UA student majoring in Jazz Guitar, provided entertainment of special American songs.

The Chiba University Students and the Capstone College of Nursing students enjoying dinner at Dean Barger’s home.

CCN ambassadors were involved throughout the program. Ambassadors participating were Kathleen Benak, Tyler Keenum, Sarah Wilson, Lindsay Thomas, Katherine McGiffert, Johnny Tice, Heather Crow, Kendall Parkinson, Mindy Muir, Rebecca Doughtery, Anna Davis, Sarah Wilson, Corrine Lewey, Amelia McCarrol, Katie Hyde, Amanda Ramsey, and Kayla Gates. Student assistants involved in the program were Amy Burroughs and Megan Pyper.

A special thanks to CCN faculty and staff who assisted with the program: Dr. Linda Dunn, Dr. Marilyn Handley, Dr. Janyce Dyer, Dr. Jeanette VanderMeer, Tom Little, Becky Edwards, Stephanie Wynn, Dr. Ann Kelley, Susan Mitchell, Karen Silliman, Dr. Donna Packa. Monica Gragg and Olivia May assisted Dr. Susan Gaskins in coordinating the program.
NEW NURSE EDUCATOR PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Given the need to provide superior education and training for the next generation of nurses, and the need for qualified nursing faculty, The University of Alabama is offering the Ed.D. with nurse educator specialization and M.S.N./Ed.D. programs to prepare nurses for the role of nurse educator. Through an interdisciplinary collaboration between the Colleges of Nursing and Education, practicing nurses will receive the training necessary to develop the teaching and research skills required of faculty in university and college nursing programs. These programs prepare practicing nurses with the knowledge and skills to be nurse educators, scholars, researchers, policy makers and institutional leaders.

“This program will serve the health care and academic communities in two ways. First, it will serve a dire need to train practicing nurses for teaching positions in our community colleges and universities. Second, it can serve as a model for others in the academy to emulate in creating collaborative, interdisciplinary graduate programs that serve state and national needs,” stated Dr. Natalie Adams, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Professor of Instructional Leadership.

Both Dean Sara Barger (Nursing) and Dean Jim McLean (Education) are enthusiastic about this collaboration between their respective colleges. Dean McLean stated, “I think this program is a great example of how two colleges can partner to address the critical state shortage of nurse educators.”

Dean Barger expanded, “We are pleased to be engaged in this cooperative effort with the College of Education. As we all know, the limited supply of qualified nurse educators has limited the supply of students that we have been able to accept into our programs and consequently the number of nurses we have been able to produce. This program will produce nurse educators who are well prepared, not only for the clinical role, but also for the role of nurse educator for our next generation of nurses.”

For more information about the nurse educator program, please contact Marietta Stanton, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs, Capstone College of Nursing (mstanton@bama.ua.edu or 348-1020) or Natalie Adams, (Nadams@bamaed.ua.edu or 348-8280).
UA NURSING PROFESSOR AWARDED ARMY MEDAL

Dr. Marietta Stanton, professor and director of graduate programs, was presented with the military’s Legion of Merit Award May 7. Dr. Stanton helped Reservists injured in Iraq receive follow-up medical care closer to their homes. Major General Gale S. Pollock presented the retired Colonel with the award.

The Legion of Merit Award, established by Congressional Act on July 20, 1942, is presented for “exceptionally meritorious service.” It is the nation’s seventh highest military award.

An Army Reserve officer, Stanton was activated in the U.S. Army in March 2004 and deployed to Fort Gordon, Ga. She was one of four experienced professional nurses with the rank of Colonel mobilized by the Army Medical Department to serve as senior case managers in the nation’s regional medical commands. She returned to part-time status, and to Tuscaloosa, in April 2005. During this mobilization, Stanton was senior case manager, clinical operations, at the Southeast Regional Medical Command. Senior case managers’ specific focus is Reserve Component soldiers activated for duty in Iraq.

Stanton was involved in implementing and evaluating a special option for Reservists, called Community Based Health Care Initiative, allowing them to receive follow-up treatment within a 50-mile radius of their home. Soldiers requiring follow-up treatment can be assigned a case manager at a Community Based Health Care Organization within their home state. The case manager then coordinates a network of contract, military and VA services to help the soldier return to health.

Stanton’s group set up four such health care organizations in Florida and case managed soldiers requiring follow-up treatment. She served as an adviser, consultant and educator to the nurses, social workers and other health care professionals who have been mobilized as case managers in these facilities.

In October, 2005, as a Reserve officer, Stanton was assigned as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee, or IMA, for the chief in the Department of Nursing Science, Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

As a civilian, Stanton has provided classroom and clinical instruction of the case management practicum at UA for more than 120 students during the past eight years. Dr. Stanton, we salute you!

Snead, UA Partner for Nurses

Lindsay Bridges is excited Snead State Community College and the University of Alabama have created a partnership allowing her and students like her to take nursing classes online. “When I graduated in 2002 from high school, there were online classes just starting to be available, but you still had to come to campus to take the tests,” she said. “Back then I thought ‘wow’ But today, this is awesome.”

Sara Barger, dean of the Capstone College of Nursing, and Jeanette VandeMeer, RN mobility coordinator, were on hand Wednesday afternoon with Robert Exley, Snead State president, and other Snead State officials to formally sign the agreement.

Under the pact, registered nurses will be able to seek a bachelor’s degree online in one year without facing restrictions of being in class at a certain time. The concept thrills Bridges. “I worked a third shift Sunday night, didn’t get off work until 7:30 a.m. and missed my Monday class. I got online and watched the class,” she said. “Sometimes I get online to re-watch the class if there is something I don’t catch or I didn’t quite understand the first time.”

Snead State Dean of Academic Services Greg Chapman said the opportunity for Snead State and Alabama to work together was too good to pass up. “This is a wonderful thing for Snead State,” he said. “We look for every opportunity that we think is creative. We do what we can to give our students everything that is possible for them to reach their goals.

“We ventured into the online world to give classes to the students who needed them. Students can get their theory classes online and get the hands-on experience in the hospitals and doctor’s offices. They won’t be tied to a school anymore.”

Allen Champion, Snead State’s vice president, said the pact will not only benefit the students but also the city, county and state as well. “The students will be able to get a degree in a shorter amount of time than it usually takes,” Champion said. “We will have an influx of RNs in this community. That’s awesome.”

Barger looked to similarities between Snead State and Alabama: “We both have such rich traditions,” she said. “We’re the oldest university in the state, and Snead State is the oldest community college in the state. We all appreciate the past but are also willing and eager to move into the future together.”

VanderMeer said the pact with Snead State is one of 11 within the state between community college and Alabama. “We designed this around the working nurse. She has a family, she has a job and she wants to get a degree. She may not have the time to drive here and there to get classes and clinicals,” VanderMeer said.
Student Highlights

Semester IV student, ANNA BYRD, successfully kicked a field goal in the “Win a Semester Tuition” contest during the LSU game this past fall in front of 92,000 fans. If you aren’t aware of this competition, two students attempt to kick a field goal during each home game. The successful students compete again to see who wins a free semester of UA tuition. The big winner is then presented with a check for tuition for the next semester.

Anna Byrd, second from right, with the other 7 finalists for the 2007 University of Alabama Kicking for Tuition contest.

Lower Division student, ALEX WOODARD, was recently selected to represent the USA at the triathlon World Championship in Vancouver, BC in June 2008. He will participate as a member of Team USA. This is a big honor and he’s very excited. The collegiate national championship was held in Tuscaloosa on April 19. Alex was to participate in this event with the UA team but is currently dealing with a severe tendonitis of his hip and is going to physical therapy. His orthopedic surgeon thinks he should be full speed in a couple of weeks.

Seniors, AMELIA MCCARRELL and SARAH PALECEK were featured students on the HSPN METI Conference 2008 wrap-up video.

Amelia McCarrell (left) and Sarah Palecek (right) at the 2008 HSPN METI Conference in February in Tampa, Florida.
The award winners, Casey Albritton (left center) and Amy Bedingfield (right center) accompanied by three board members: Susan Allison of St. Vincent’s East, Cindy Briner of Brookwood Medical Center, and Diane Wheaton of UAB.

Congratulations to **CASEY ALBRITTON** and **AMY BEDINGFIELD** on each being awarded a five hundred dollar scholarship for educational expenses from the Greater Birmingham Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

**CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING** won FIRST PLACE in the Homecoming Float competition this past October. The students did an outstanding job of putting this together. A word of congrats is in order for all the Ambassadors and other students who worked during homecoming week to make this happen.

**STEPHANIE HIGGINBOTHAM**, a senior second semester nursing student in the Capstone College of Nursing, received a scholarship given through the Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association, Inc. Her father is also an alumnus at UA.

**Dr. Marsha Adams, Director Undergraduate Programs** congratulates Amy Bedingfield after the awards ceremony on the Mound.

The University of Alabama honored its top students of 2007-2008 for their academic achievement and leadership Friday, April 18, during the Tappings and Awards Ceremony, the highlight of UA’s annual Honors Week, April 14-18. Nursing student, **AMY BEDINGFIELD** of Madison, was named Outstanding Senior.
Alumni Support

The 2007-2008 Board of Visitors gathered for their Fall 2007 meeting at North River Yacht Club.

Above, second row, (left to right) Becky Danford, Paula Quarles, Sherry Falgout, Allen Klein, Beth Bramlett, John Beard, Lynn Jackson, Darlene Bray, Margie Phelps, Angela Bale, Sharon Harrison, Elizabeth McGiffert, Adrienne McGhee, Kay McGiffert, Eula Das.

Front row, (left to right) Delores Cole, Allison Chandler, Phyllis Grant, Laurie Gautney, Wayne Hogg, Nell Bethany, Julie Wilson, Fran Loper, Gail Windham, Leslie Ferguson.

The Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association, in their effort to raise money for the new building designated for nursing education, hosted Big Al Friends. Association Board members are Justin Carroll, Melondie Carter, Cindy Chastine, Hilary Davis, Philip Fikes, Steve Galvez, Amy Gibson, Tiffany Golub, David Lee, Stephanie Massey, Donna Medders, Chris Moore, Bill Orrell, Donna Poe, Kim Talley, and Melanie Tutor Marbury.

We had a lot of fun with Big Al and everyone who participated in our photography session. We are hoping to schedule another photo session with Big Al this football season. Look for us on the quad with Big Al.

As always, Roll Tide Roll!!!

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.

Sam Holley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Holley of Tuscaloosa, shows Big Al how to shoot webs like Spider-Man.
TOMEIKA SPICER, May 2007 graduate, recently attended the Region 6 Leadership Meeting of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses in Atlanta Georgia. There she was able to share her dream of starting a nurse managed clinic in her home town with the National President of AACN, who was very impressed with our graduates. This clinic would be located in the Black Belt in an area where there is no physician. Tomeika is a first generation college graduate and has overcome many obstacles to be one of our top tier graduates.

FORMER STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR TIME HERE AT THE CAPSTONE...

Hi Dr. Adams!
My name is Ashley Walter and I graduated in December. I moved to Philadelphia PA and am working at Hahnemann University Hospital in the Surgical Trauma ICU. I just wanted to say thank you for providing me with one of the best programs in the nation. I am so proud to be from the Capstone.
I took care of my first patient on my own yesterday and my preceptor was so impressed with me. She said that she has never had a new nurse orientee who has been so prepared. She was impressed with my confidence, my skills, and my knowledge of knowing when I need to tell the doctor something. I just wanted you to know and say thank you to all the teachers for making the program the best. It feels so good to be that person that is so prepared so thank you all!!

Hope the semester is going well. :)

—Ashley Walter, RN

December 2007 graduate, KRISTEN LUNDBURG is a giraffe trainer at the Birmingham Zoo. She is also interested in all forms of non-verbal communication working with gorillas who speak in sign language. She recently went to Washington DC to study about these aspects of communication.

FORMER STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR TIME HERE AT THE CAPSTONE...

Dean Barger!
Hey! How are you doing? I thought about you and the Capstone College of Nursing today as I helped nursing students on my floor. I just wanted to say thank you so much for an excellent education! As I watch some of these new nurses I actually feel sorry for them and their lack of education and the quality of instructors they have! I have often been thinking about how fortunate I am! Even tonight as I called Angela Collins to ask her a question, she is still so willing to teach me! I just wanted to send you a note of encouragement that you are doing things right! You have an excellent staff and I just thought you should know!
Have a great rest of the week!

—Amy Gillis, RN BSN ;)

FORMER STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR TIME HERE AT THE CAPSTONE...
Announcements

**DR. MARSHA ADAMS**
was re-elected for a second 3 year term on the NLN Board of Governors.
Dr. Adams is now on the Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship Editorial Board.

**DR. ANGELA COLLINS**
spoke in Chicago the first week of May at the National Teaching Institute for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. This is a great showcase where 6,000-8,000 nurses attend the many presentation sessions.
Dr. Collins has been inducted in the Circle of Excellence Society of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The Greater Birmingham Chapter also received the President’s award for chapters.

**DR. JANYCE DYER**
has been selected as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services.

**DR. MARIETTA STANTON**
has been chosen to receive the College of Continuing Studies’ 2007 Award for Teaching Excellence. The award is given to individuals who best: display a caring attitude toward learners, model effective teaching behaviors, demonstrate the ability to motivate learners, and exhibit a commitment to lifelong learning.

**DR. JENNETTE VANDERMEER**
has been elected secretary of the Faculty Senate.

**LINDA PATTERSON**
received the Alabama League for Nursing Lamplighter Award at the Annual Meeting on April 3, 2008. This award pays tribute to individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the nursing profession and/or society.

**DR. EWEN DANN, DR. MARILYN HANDLEY & DR. MITCH SHELTON**
had “Spiritual Well-Being, Anxiety, and Depression in Antepartal Women on Bedrest” published in the November issue of Issues in Mental Health Nursing.

**DR. JERI DUNKIN**
has been named Executive Director of the Rural Nurse Organization.
In an effort to offer more networking opportunities in smaller settings, The Alabama Primary Health Care Association divided the state’s community health centers into four regional districts. The Association elected a Chair for each district at the March Meeting. Dr. Jeri Dunkin of Capstone Rural Health Center in Parrish will chair District 1. District chairs will offer and host quarterly network meetings each year to provide clinical and professional development opportunities for district health center leadership and their staffs. The first district events will be in June.
CCN BIDS FAREWELL

After thirty years of service, **Becky Edwards** will be leaving the Capstone College of Nursing in August. Becky was honored with a reception, Thursday, May 1 at the Gorgas Library.

With creativity, endurance, and a “can do” attitude that always says “We can do this and I’ll help you”, Becky Edwards’ years at the Capstone began as a part-time instructor in community and adult health in 1978. In 1980, she started full-time as an assistant professor, then became course leader in community health.

From there she taught seniors and a graduate course. She taught folklore elective several times, but found her niche when she joined the Lowery Learning Resource Center in 1990. It was one of those times that the job just kept growing, and Becky grew right along with it. By now, she is responsible for all of the technology associated with on-line courses, human patient simulation, and everything else that it takes to run a state-of-the-art college in a 1960’s building.

Becky, we will all miss you greatly.

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**Epsilon Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International** has been selected as a recipient of the 2007 Chapter Key Award. The chapter’s entry is an excellent reflection of the work of a vibrant chapter and was honored at The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s 39th Biennial Convention that was held November 3-7, 2007, in Baltimore, Maryland. The presentation at this awards event is a special opportunity to recognize chapters for their achievements.

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**Dr. Marsha Adams** was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society that was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University. Students nominate a limited number of faculty and staff members each year. Inductees are tapped on the mound on Honors Day.

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Faculty and staff release balloons in front of Russell Hall as a send off for Becky (front row, far right).
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EVENTS

AUGUST 11  UACCNA Board Meeting
AUGUST 20  Classes Start
OCTOBER 9-10  Board of Visitors Meeting
NOVEMBER 1  Homecoming on the Lawn
TBA  Scholarship Banquet

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