CCN Integrating Technology Throughout Nursing Education
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DEAN’S MESSAGE

There are times in all of our lives and in the lives of organizations where we ask, “What now? What is the next mountain we were meant to climb?” It is such a time for the Capstone College of Nursing. In the last decade we more than doubled our enrollment, started the joint Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, successfully completed the ten year re-accredidation of our BSN and MSN programs and the initial accreditation of our DNP program and moved into this beautiful new building. This building was a dream of many of us for a long time. And so, it is only reasonable to ask where should we be headed in the next three to five years?

As a first step in determining that journey, we asked Tim Fallon, a consultant focused on strategic effectiveness in a wide range of settings including health care, higher education, nursing, and nursing education, to help us explore trends impacting the future of health care and nursing education. We were fortunate to have members of our Board of Visitors, our graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and staff attend that session.

Of course, we were already aware of demographic trends that would impact the future of health care; specifically the aging of our population and its increasing diversity. And we know that health care costs continue to rise as a percent of our gross domestic product now approaching 18 percent. What is more uncertain is the impact of the Affordable Care Act. Certainly a combination of factors will significantly increase the emphasis on health care value. These are access to care, quality of care, patient safety and health care costs. It will be up to nursing education and specifically the Capstone College of Nursing to determine our place in this rapidly changing environment. Our organizational challenge will be to continue to be a creative, innovative, and adaptive college that is able to take advantage of the current challenges in health care and nursing. That will require input from members of our Board of Visitors, students, alumni, faculty and staff, and our health care partners. I am confident that with all of us, we will create a future of which we can all be proud.

ABOUT THE COVER
Capstone College of Nursing Professor, Dr. Angela Collins, uses technology to facilitate student learning in CCN’s Simulation Center for Clinical Excellence. Cover story begins on page 10.
Students and Faculty Attend 2011 METI Conference

Students Katherine O’Neal, Julia Lesley, Morgan Smith, and Graduate student Johnny Tice joined faculty members Dr. Angela Collins, Dr. Amy Bigham, and Andrea Fowler at the 15th Annual METI Patient Simulation Network Conference at the Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina in Tampa, Florida on February 22 - 24, 2011.

The group collaborated to present a DRESS REHEARSAL FOR A HIGH-STAKES PRACTICE EVENT. The scenario presented a mock malignant hyperthermia code with a Pediasim ECS simulator. This presentation highlighted effective skilled communication, decision making, and psychomotor skills in a high stakes, low frequency emergency situation.

“Through this experience, I feel like if this situation (Malignant Hyperthermia) was to happen in one of my patients, I am armed with the skills and knowledge to take immediate action.”

- Johnny Tice
Graduate Student

Front Row From Left: Morgan Smith, Julia Lesley, Andrea Fowler, Dr. Angela Collins, Dr. Amy Bigham

Back Row From Left: METI Vice-President Tom Doyle, Johnny Tice, and Katherine O’Neal.
Capstone Rural Health Center Receives Awards

The Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative Alliance of the Health Resources and Services Administration presented two awards to a team composed of the Capstone Rural Health Center (CRHC), Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, Alabama Primary Care Association, State of Alabama Pharmacy Director, Harrison School of Pharmacy, Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation and Sanofi-Aventis.

The team worked to identify, track and prevent medication errors and adverse drug events in chronically ill patients. The CRHC program focused on reducing the A1C values of patients. The CRHC team selected a population focus that had an A1C greater than 9 and a medication regimen including five or more prescription drugs. In the 22 patients of focus during a five-month period, 114 potential adverse drug events and 7 actual adverse drug events were identified. The team’s efforts seek to generate improvements in patient counseling, medication reconciliation, drug information services, provider education, and overall improved disease state management.

CRHC was presented with the Life-Saving Patient Safety Award and the Health Outcome Management Award for its accomplishments. The Life-Saving Patient Safety Award is presented to teams that established systems and processes for detecting, identifying and preventing adverse drug events and have saved at least one patient’s life by detecting and preventing a life-threatening adverse drug event. The Health Outcome Management Award is given to teams that reported health outcome measures for at least five consecutive months and are using them to manage their population of focus.

DCH and CCN: A Collaboration

In DCH’s November 2010 newsletter, Nursing News Caring and Sharing, DCH recognized the Capstone College of Nursing in an article entitled “DCH’s Collaboration with the Local Nursing Programs.” The article stated, “Another example of collaboration between DCH leaders, local nurses, and nursing faculty is the new Capstone College of Nursing located right across from DCH RMC. It signifies our region’s interest and support of high quality nursing education. The building is beautiful, the space is well-designed, and of course the location is superb, especially from our perspective. The new school offers state-of-the-art classrooms, the latest electronics, and simulation equipment for all possible clinical scenarios. Novice nurses can now gain theoretical knowledge and complex clinical skills in a safe classroom environment. The students and faculty of the Capstone College of Nursing finally have the much needed space and technology. Please join us in recognizing Dean Barger for her vision of building a new school of nursing. Congratulations to her and her team on this remarkable accomplishment.”
“A Win-Win for All Partners Involved.”

Those are the words of Dr. Karl Hamner, Director of Scholarly Affairs at The University of Alabama’s Capstone College of Nursing, when remarking on the progress of improving health care and access in Walker County, Alabama.

History tells us that a community’s gift can often become its curse. Such is the case with Walker County. The remoteness and unspoiled natural beauty of the region makes an autumn drive along the yet-to-be-completed Corridor X a lesson in conversation. But remoteness means inaccessibility, a damper to industry and a curse to preventative and emergency medical care.

“‘A Win-Win for all Partners Involved.’”
- Dr. Karl Hamner
Working for Wellness continued...

But the residents and partners of the region are rising to that challenge in the same way they triumphed in making the region a coal and mining capital for the state. They are working together and working with the resources they have.

Walker County, located approximately 22 miles northwest of Birmingham, has always had a slight transportation problem. In fact, settlement in the early 19th Century was slow because of the area’s isolation and terrain.

Today, small towns like Carbon Hill, Cordova, Dora, Nauvoo and Oakman are separated from health care providers in Parrish and Jasper by miles of sparsely populated, mostly rural land.

It should come as no surprise that this lack of access has contributed to the county’s ranking, by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as 65th of 67 Alabama counties in terms of overall health. In order to provide more readily available access for residents, something had to be done.

What began as a conversation among colleagues in 2007 has become a major community-based partnership and needs assessment between Capstone College of Nursing faculty and Walker County health providers.

WATCH 2010 (Walker Area Transformational Coalition for Health) has evolved from a transactional relationship aimed at studying the health care needs of visitors to local clinics; to a coalition of 13 agencies including UA, Bevill State Community College, Samford University, Baptist Health Systems and the Alabama Department of Public Health. The coalition envisions improving and sustaining wellness programs through additional funding provided by federal research grants.

Paramount to the coalition’s efforts, a needs assessment was led by Dr. Ann Graves, professor in the Capstone College of Nursing, to determine the challenges of improving health outcomes for Walker County’s 70,000 residents. In 2009, the assessment, WARN (Walker Area Resources and Needs), began.

A 2008 proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services garnered a Rural Network Development Grant for the following year. The coalition hit the ground running by funding a needs assessment, a health fair and conference on health care - all of which served to improve collaboration in identifying the problems that lead to health care disparities in rural areas.
“One of the biggest challenges was the lack of information sharing between the health care providers in the area,” says Graves. “But the other major health issues we found are common to rural areas with lower household incomes - lack of insurance, smoking, transportation and obesity.”

Hamner echoes Graves’ analysis and adds that the coalition itself has already made a major impact with its existence. One instance of that coordination helped reduce a backlog of patients at the Hope Clinic in Jasper by treating patients at the Capstone Rural Health Center in Parrish.

“Combining our experiences and resources increases economies of scale and allows us to coordinate to provide more cost-effective ways to ensure better health outcomes,” says Hamner.

WATCH has plans to continue working to improve access to health care in Walker County. The team is exploring telemedicine to combat transportation limitations for rural residents. The ability to reduce or eliminate travel for a doctor’s visit with audiovisual media has the potential to, literally, expand the reach of doctors and nurses into any community.

The coalition hopes to serve as a model for other rural communities facing the same disparities. Hamner specifically mentions the Alabama’s Black Belt community, which faces the same challenges and health risk factors.

“With this project, we see elements of good citizenship and open dialogue for the residents, more cost-effective programs and providers, and the opportunity for research for the academic partners such as UA,” says Hamner.

A win-win for all partners involved.

For more information regarding WATCH 2010, please visit their website at:

All clinical nursing courses at CCN integrate advanced technologies during the teaching/learning process in order to meet individual course objectives. Technology utilized for each course includes multi-media classrooms, low, moderate, and high fidelity simulation where students participate in in-depth simulation scenarios, iPod Touch with nursing references for the classroom and clinical experiences, eLearning - the Learning Management System for course delivery, laptops for testing and accessing unfolding case studies and online resources, Stryker hospital beds including critical care beds, Hospira Plum A+ IV pumps, IV simulators, telehealth equipment and videoconferencing, and METI Vision.

**SIMULATION**

Students practice on high fidelity patient simulators throughout their upper division courses starting with basic assessment in the first semester and finishing with highly complex scenarios in their last semester, putting all knowledge and analytical skills they’ve gained in the program to the test. Simulation supplements clinical experience allowing all of our students to be exposed to scenarios in the simulation center that they may miss otherwise.

**METI Vision**

Records and streams video, audio, patient data and events during simulation scenarios. Students review and perform self-reflection of simulation scenarios during post-scenario debriefing sessions.

Above: Patient Simulation is controlled by a CCN faculty member from a separate control room. This way, faculty can monitor a student’s performance while the instructor is not present in the room, further simulating a real-world environment.
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**TeleHealth**

TeleHealth is playing a larger role in the future of health care, allowing health care providers to interact with patients in remote and underserved areas. Tele-conferencing equipment in each simulation room equipped with medical scope attachments allows students to gain experience examining patients in a home or rural clinic setting while consulting with a physician or assessing home health patients remotely.

**Hospital Equipment Simulators**

Stryker hospital beds, Hospira Plum A+IV pumps, and IV simulators give students hands on experience with high-tech equipment found in today's hospital settings.
High Definition Video
Dual high definition projectors in our classrooms allow for greater detail and clarity when presenting medical materials to students. Faculty use HD video cameras to record simulations and demonstrations for training and learning modules. Students may use the same cameras to record projects.

Tegrity
Tegrity is a classroom capture software that allows students to view recordings of lectures for review or to study before exams. Recordings can be downloaded to mobile devices for convenient playback, as well as viewed at a computer.

Learning Management System - eLearning
All CCN courses are either web supported or totally online. Course materials and testing are delivered through eLearning. There are no longer any paper/pencil tests.
**Laptops**
Students use their own laptops in class for accessing pertinent information, testing and note taking. Laptops are available for check-out if needed. This allows CCN to maintain a smaller computer lab, leaving more space for clinical and simulation labs while making it possible for more than one course to test at a time.

**Mobile Computing**
Smartphones and handheld mobile computing devices replace textbooks and medical references allowing students easy access to information in the classroom or clinical setting. We currently recommend the Apple iPod Touch to our students, but most major platforms and devices are supported and are used by students and faculty.

**Broadband and Wireless**
High speed connections throughout the building make all these data-intensive technologies possible and practical for the use of our students and faculty. Classrooms are equipped with network and power connections at every seat, including the flexible classrooms furnished with moveable tables and chairs. Wireless network coverage makes it possible to use handheld and laptop devices anywhere in the building.
How has technology impacted nursing education at CCN?

“Teaching in Community Health where we include Hospice care, the biggest impact technology has made is in the use of simulation to teach end-of-life care. Most nursing students will leave the program without ever having cared for a dying patient. However, once they become nurses, they will have patient. This can be a very uncomfortable experience for a new nurse. By giving our students an end-of-life METI experience, they get to care for a patient at the end of life and communicate with his/her family member in a controlled environment where they do not have to worry about making mistakes.

Technology in the classroom has allowed me to incorporate many videos that allow the students to see some “real world” examples of what I am discussing in lecture. In addition, I have been able to use videos as case studies that encourage student discussion on a topic.”

- Michele Montgomery, PhD MPH, RN
Assistant Professor, Capstone College of Nursing

“The best thing about increased use of technology has been the increased access to educational experiences- providing complete programs of study to associate-degree prepared Registered Nurses to complete a BSN and MSN, graduate programs of study in nursing case management and clinical nurse leadership, and the doctoral of nursing practice program. In addition, undergraduate students access clinical situations that occur infrequently in real practice via the human patient simulators that increase confidence and competence essential for professional nursing.”

-Ruby Morrisson, DSN, RN, CNC
Professor, Capstone College of Nursing

“I joined Dr. Vivian Wright’s last class meeting for AIL 601: Integration of Technology in Teaching and Training to see how many students were learning and using emerging technologies. These students are immediately seeing the benefits of the program and are using technology in creative ways.

When discussing technology and how it has transformed their current careers many of the students shared exciting opportunities they have had to put their new technology skills into action. For example, Alison Rudd helped other faculty members at her institution use screen capturing programs and iPhone simulators to teach students. Lisa Tardo-Green is now leading a grant effort at her institution to upgrade simulation development and training. Susan Gunter has developed tutorials to help the efficiency of her company. Japonica Morris and Emily Burleson have used Camtasia [a screen capturing program] as a classroom tool while Angie Davis and Sallie Shipman used Camtasia to develop staff training.

As the students continued to share their experiences, it was clear that the technology they have learned is being incorporated in their current careers to offer new, exciting, and effective teaching and learning to many different populations.”

-Becky Odom-Bartel, MS
Coordinator for Student Recruitment
UA Nurse Educator Program

“Concerning the technology used here at the university, I would say that it helps! I am only a Freshman, and I have only seen the technology that the upper division uses, but it looks very efficient and I would think that it helps students master skills that they would not have been able to practice before on older equipment.”

-Julia Meneghetti
Freshman, CCN
2010 Homecoming on the Lawn

The Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association hosted a Homecoming pre-game feast on October 16, 2010. The classes of 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 were recognized. A special thanks goes to Russell Catering for providing a delicious meal and congratulations to the CCN Ambassadors and students who won the 1st place prize for their Homecoming Float!
2010 CCN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The 2010 Office Holiday Luncheon was held Monday, December 13, 2010 at Wintzell’s Oyster House in Tuscaloosa. Faculty and staff gathered to enjoy amazing seafood while playing dirty Santa.
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Carly Evans, Sophomore

Carly, a CCN Ambassador, was recently elected to the UA Senate. “Senate is a branch of the Student Government Association on campus, and it is a legislative body comprised of representatives from each of the colleges at UA. I received tremendous support from the nursing students during my campaign and received the most votes of all the candidates for Nursing Senator. I was truly humbled to have had so much support and encouragement during my campaign. It took the efforts of many to help me reach my goal of becoming a nursing senator. As a senator, I will attend all senate meetings where we will discuss, write, and pass campus-wide legislation. I will also have the opportunity to present the needs and concerns of the nursing students to the SGA and work to make sure that changes are made where they are needed.”

- Carly Evans

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Johnny Tice, Graduate Student

Johnny Tice, a 2009 graduate of CCN, has returned to further his touch on others’ lives, but with a spin. While all of his classmates are returning to school for MSN degrees as Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Leaders, and Nurse Anesthetists, Johnny on the other hand is pursuing a M.A. in Health Studies with a focus on Health Promotion. He works part-time as a Cardiac Nurse at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama and part-time as a Graduate Assistant with the UA Office of Health Promotion and Wellness. Upon graduating, Johnny wants to work with work site/organizational wellness or maybe even with cardiac rehab wellness. He is very excited to be back at the Capstone, “Ever since I took Community Health in Nursing school, I knew there was something about it that clinched my liking.”

- Johnny Tice

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Janis Bishop was chosen Professional of the Year 2010 by Strathmores’ Who’s Who Worldwide Edition.

John Blakney co-authored “Innovative Partnerships: The Clinical Nurse Leader Role in Diverse Clinical Settings” that was published in the Journal of Professional Nursing.

Sue Johnston has been named to the national committee within the VHA Office of Nursing Service Metabolic Syndrome/Diabetes Field Advisory Committee.

Janice Neill’s scholarly project “Impact of Discharge Timeout on Medication Accuracy, Readmission within Thirty Days and Patient Satisfaction” was accepted for poster presentation at the AONE 44th Annual Meeting and Exposition scheduled for April 13-16, 2011 in San Diego, California.

Sheila Montgomery has been accepted for a poster presentation at Sigma Theta Tau’s International Nursing Research Conference, July 14-15, 2011 in Cancun, Mexico. Her poster is entitled “Blood Pressure Cuff Usage: Disposable vs. Reusable.”

Mary Smith’s article “Access to Health Care Among the Elderly” was published in the Nurse Practitioner World News Journal.

Mary Smith, Lauren Rodier, Connie Hampton, Ashley Taylor and Carlotta Taylor-White’s study, “Utilizing Healthcare Informatics to Assess the Risk of GI Bleeding Among the Elderly Taking NSAIDs” has been selected to be published in the Nurse Practitioner Journal.

Mary Smith, Lauren Rodier, Carlotta Taylor-White, Ashley Taylor, and Lynne Jacobs had a publication accepted for the Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing entitled “Clinical Quality Indicators: Infection Prophylaxis for Total Knee Arthroplasty.”

Jessica Thomas’s “The Circle of Caring Model for Neonatal Transport” was published in the Neonatal Network Journal.
HONORS DAY
APRIL 8, 2011

JAMES SEARCY SNOW, MD
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

May 2010
Kalin E. Gurley

December 2010
Courtney E. Allshouse

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Anna C. Phillips

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN NURSING
AWARDS

Casey E. Beutjer
Joseph S. Handley
Leah N. Sanders
Livia F. Woodard

CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING
LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Amber M. Miles
Somyr C. Stephens

KATHRYN M. CROSSLAND
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

Amber-Leigh Rush (May 2011 Graduate)
Joshua B. Thomas (December 2010 Graduate)

CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING
OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR AWARD

Amber-Leigh Rush

THE AWARDS FOR SIGMA THETA TAU,
EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER

Outstanding Undergraduate Award
Joshua Thomas
Amber-Leigh Rush

Outstanding RN Mobility Student
Remona W. Winston

Outstanding Graduate Student
Mary A. Smith

BOARD OF VISITORS EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING AWARD

Ren Pate
Instructor

JANET S. AWTREY DISTINGUISHED
NURSING LEADER AWARD

Andy Romine
Chief Nursing Officer
Trinity Medical Center

The following awards were presented at the
August 2010 Commencement Reception:

MSN Excellence in Writing Award
Jessica A. Thomas

MSN Innovative in Practice Award
Kelly J. Gervera

Sara E. Barger Outstanding
Graduate Student Award
Dara J. Warren
Congratulations to our newest graduates!

A reception was held in the CCN Rotunda on December 11, 2010, following commencement exercises for the Fall 2010 graduates and their guests. Dean Barger, faculty and staff offered congratulations and well wishes to the new graduates.
FALL 2010
NURSING GRADS

Ashley Adkins, BSN
Courtney Allshouse, BSN
Carly Baker, BSN
Jillian Barnette, BSN
Miranda Beams, BSN
Barbara Boreen, DNP
Samantha Brown, BSN
Mary Buford, BSN
Jaime Burgio, BSN
Ashley Burnham, BSN
Andrea Burton, BSN
Tonia Butler, DNP
Sarah Callaway, BSN
Ashley Christian, BSN
Mary Coleman, BSN
Kimberly Crowe, BSN
Matthew Curtis, BSN
Lori Darden, BSN
Shannon Drake, BSN
Tiffany Dupree, BSN
Kathleen Eadon, BSN
Sarah Esslinger, BSN
Sara Fenttiman, BSN
Jessica Gardino, BSN
Meredith Glenn, BSN
Alana Greenberg, BSN
Doris Grice, MSN
Jennifer Hackett, BSN
Mallory Hall, BSN
Sarah Hamilton, BSN
Lindsay Hammock, BSN
Spencer Handley, BSN
Leandra Henderson, DNP
Amy Hollinhead, BSN
Hannah Hooper, BSN
Vance Irvine, BSN
Kimika Jackson, BSN
Ashley Johnson, BSN
Randie Jones, BSN
Kelly Keimer, BSN
Ashley Keith, BSN
Ryan Krone, BSN
Jessica Lee, BSN
Kelly Lovell, BSN
Adam Lynch, BSN
Kaitling Lyons, BSN
Nicole Marotta, BSN
Jessica Mata, BSN
Courtney McCarty, BSN
Steven McKinney, BSN
Margaret Meacham, BSN
Shaina Parker, BSN
Jill Parrish, BSN
Holley Parten, BSN
Adrienne Patrick, BSN
Lauren Perkins, BSN
Alexis Petelos, BSN
Megan Quintana, BSN
Alexandra Ray, BSN
Staci Richards, BSN
Grayson Sandy, BSN
Marjorie Seltzer, BSN
Caitlin Shepherd, BSN
Aaron Smith, BSN
Julienne Sullivan, BSN
Ashli Taylor, BSN
Katie Taylor, BSN
Kelsi Taylor, BSN
Meagan Taylor, BSN
Wendy Taylor, DNP
Heather Tenneson, BSN
Elizabeth Thomas, BSN
Joshua Thomas, BSN
Kelly Thomas, BSN
Janet Tisdale, BSN
Margaret Vickers, BSN
Jane Ward, MSN
Emma Weatherly, BSN
Ashley Whitehurst, BSN
Livia Woodard, BSN
The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who has helped make our dreams come true. We believed we could build a building...We committed ourselves to make it happen...And...We did it!

On September 9, 2010, we honored our commitment and dedicated our new building for CCN. The CCN building is a reminder to nurses and our community of the sacrifices that were made in order to make nursing education a top priority at the University of Alabama.

The UACCNAA is very thankful for its members and the success we have gained in establishing our first alumni endowed scholarship. We encourage you to continue your financial support of the UACCNAA so that we can continue providing nursing scholarships for our students.

On behalf of the UACCNAA, we thank you for your generous support.

Roll Tide Roll,

- Philip B. Fikes, CRNA, MNA
UACCNAA President

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 Stephanie McGee at smmcgee@ua.edu or call (205) 348-7429.

UACCNAA BOARD NOMINATIONS:

The following have been nominated to join the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing Alumni Association Board of Directors. Please vote my marking either (Y) for Yes or (N) for No and return your ballot to the address below.

Nominees:    Y N Nate Bush     Y N Pat McCullar
             Y N Dr. Tony Roberson   Y N Johnny Tice

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Dr. Dorcas Cobb Fitzgerald (BSN 1965, MSN 1969) is retiring at the completion of this academic year after 46 years in nursing education. Presently, Dr. Fitzgerald is a professor at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio where she has been a faculty member for the past 25 years. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate nursing students. In addition, she is Coordinator of the RN-BSN Completion and Nursing Home Administration Programs. Dr. Fitzgerald, who earned her doctorate from The Catholic University of America, is also a clinical nurse specialist in gerontology, active in her local and state nursing associations, serving on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Nurses Association. Although an Ohioan for many years, all her students know of her “Crimson Tide” loyalty!

Phyllis Bryant is currently retired from nursing and teaching high school biology, anatomy, and physiology.

Jean Terry Brannon is still enjoying and practicing nursing. After 29 years of ER nursing, flight nursing, and 5 years of management jobs she has chosen hospice nursing as her final path in her nursing career.

Andre Prewitt has a remarkable dual career as an RN and mechanical engineer. As a full-time project engineer, he will successfully complete his MSN degree in Nursing Informatics from Troy University in Spring 2011.

Margaret Oglesby Smith has gone on to receive a MSN from the University of Tennessee in 1994. She has been married to Art Smith since 1985 and they have two sons. She currently works as Chief, Quality Management & Performance Improvement at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sharon Dauchy’s family is continuing the tradition of attending CCN- her daughter Krystal Dauchy graduated in 2008 and is employed at DCH in MICU, and her youngest daughter Kimberly Dauchy is currently a second semester nursing student here at CCN.

Mary Ellen Cole has gone on to receive a MSN in 1992 and NP in 1995 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is currently enrolled in the DNP program here at CCN and works as a NP at the Clinic for Rheumatic Diseases with Dr. Richard Jones.

George David Andrews currently works for MED3000 as Supervisor for Health Services.

Sueanne Mordecai Davidson recently graduated from the UAB’s DNP program and works at a rural health clinic in Millport, Alabama. She also teaches FNPs at the Mississippi University for Women. She spent last summer in Rio Piracicaba, Brazil on a medical mission trip where she held a medical clinic seeing over 800 patients and taught the village girls how to care for a severely burned patient she encountered in the mountains. She currently resides in Carrollton, Alabama.

Amy Lee, MS, WHCRNP has become a Women’s Health NP from the University of Hawaii in 1995. She works at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a Women’s Health NP for the Gynecology Service. She is an Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing (JHSON). She has precepted many JHSON NP students and been a contributor to the Johns Hopkins Manual for Gynecology and Obstetrics-4th Edition. She is also a Health Expert blogger for Yahoo.com, a RN First Assistant, and served on numerous hospital committees. She is currently authoring a chapter in an upcoming Medical Surgical Nursing Textbook on reproductive disorders.
Kirsten recently accepted the position as the Chief CRNA for Anesthesia Consultants Medical Group at Surgery Center South in Dothan, Alabama. She and her family (husband and three children age 4, 8, and 11) just returned from working overseas as missionaries for over two years with the International Mission Board. She was able to provide medical care in Ecuador and Costa Rica to people in need. She shares her story with us:

“Some people say they feel a call to be a nurse. I never really understood what that meant until I was over 2,400 miles from home in the jungles of Ecuador. My husband, three small children and I embarked on an adventure to serve as missionaries with the International Mission Board three years ago. We served in Costa Rica and Ecuador during our over two years with the Board. We knew God had called us to serve as missionaries ministering to the poor, drug addicts, homeless, teaching Bible studies, but it was the opportunity I had working as a CRNA in the small villages of Ecuador that showed me the calling of nursing God had placed in my life.

For many years nursing and anesthesia had been a fun, sometimes exciting, and lucrative career choice. Although I had volunteered as a nurse in the past, going to a country with people much less fortunate than us opened my eyes to the blessing God had given me to serve others as a nurse. I remember in particular doing anesthesia for a lady in her 20s with a one-year-old baby boy. She was bed bound due to her severe rheumatoid arthritis. Operation Walk came to Quito where we were living and allowed me to help them with the over forty joint replacements they did that trip. After receiving bilateral hip replacements, I had the wonderful privilege of helping her take her first steps in over four years. Tears streamed down her face as she told me with joy that now she could take her little boy to play in the park, something she had never been able to do. The gratitude shown by these people was overwhelming. So many times I felt like I was the one honored to take care of them.

If I can say one thing to any of my colleagues and future colleagues it is this: Do not look at nursing as merely a career choice. Use your God-given talents to be a blessing to others less fortunate than yourself. You will receive so much more than any paycheck, promotion, or peer accolades can give. There are wonderful organizations out there for medical professionals to give us an outlet to serve others in the community and overseas. For you, nursing will be the calling through which you can be used to bless others, and maybe even have that blessing returned to you in the joyful smile of a patient.”

- Kirsten Nevison Nelson

“I want to encourage everyone to look outside of their normal jobs and seek to help people in their community and overseas through mission work and community service. I feel like I gained so much more of a blessing from the Lord by doing this than even my patients received.”

- Kirsten Nevison Nelson

1992 CCN Alumni
Danielle Boisdore Sutley, RN, BSN currently works as a contract nurse educator for B. Braun Medical, Inc. and she and her husband recently welcomed their first child, Maggie Drew Sutley, on October 2, 2010.

Shellye Morgan Vardaman is currently completing her dissertation entitled “The Lived Experience of Transitions in International Nursing Students” and anticipates graduating with her PhD in May 2011 from The University of Texas at Tyler. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Troy University School of Nursing and maintains Board Certification in Medical-Surgical Nursing from ANCC and is also a Certified Nurse Educator from NLN.

Alice Keene Kemp, RN, BSN, MBA currently works as RN staff at the Brewer-Porch Children’s Center, a department within the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Alabama. She graduated with a Master’s in Business Administration from Grand Canyon University in 2006. She graduated with her BSN from CCN in 1997.

Jason E. Farley, PhD, CRNP was recently invited to the World Health Organization/President’s Emergency Plan for Aids Relief planning meeting on scaling up nursing and medical education and was named in the Daily Record’s first annual “Successful by 40 VIP List.”

Cindy Richards, BSN, RN, CNN is a very active member of the American Nephrology Nurses Association and currently serves as chapter President (2010-2012) for the Hazel Taylor Chapter 239, and previously served as president-elect for the 2009-2010 term. Her regional and national level involvement include Pediatric Special Interest Group Committee Member 2007-2010, Mentoring Advisor 2008-2010, Southeast Region Chapters Coordinator Elect 2010-2011, Southeast Region Chapters Coordinator 2011-2012, and All Region Advisory Committee 2010-2012. She co-authored a book chapter for ANNA in the Core Curriculum for Nephrology Nursing, 5th Edition on “Care of the Infant Adolescent with Chronic Kidney Disease” and has received the following awards: 2010 ANNA Gloria Scharf Beedie Grant Recipient, 2009 ANNA Outstanding Contribution to Transplantation Nursing, and 2009 ANNA Clinical Practice Grant recipient. This year she presents two poster presentations at the ANNA National Symposium in Boston, MA, one on camp BRIDGES and one entitled “Algorithm for PED Transplant Recipients Using the KDIGO Guidelines to Enhance Clinical Outcomes” and will receive another practice grant at the National Symposium. Since 2007 she has been an active team member of an International Medical Mission to Honduras, and has served as Team Leader since 2009.

Amanda Thomas has gone on to receive her MSN from Hunter College in New York City as an Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. She became ANCC certified in January of this year and currently resides in New York where she works at the New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Hospital.

Katelyn B. Johnson has gone on to do many things as Management, ER nursing, and MS nursing. After five years, she went back to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to get her Master’s degree as a FNP. She currently works in Maryland as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a Family Practice Clinic for a large health corporation.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

‘00 COURTNEY TRUETT, RN
Princeton Baptist Medical Center selected Courtney Truett, RN and quality performance improvement analyst, as the employee of the year.

Truett, a graduate of the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing, began her career at Princeton in April 2001. She works in Princeton’s Quality Management department and has worked as a nurse in Princeton’s MICU and Endoscopy Department.

Courtney demonstrates Baptist’s mission value of advocacy by taking the initiative to organize or lead community oriented events in support of the BHS (Baptist Health System) mission. In the past year, she has been a team captain for several charity walks and a weight loss group and most recently, a team captain for the American Heart Association Heart Walk. The team she led for the AHA Heart Walk was in memory of a dear friend that lost her life to heart disease at a young age.

She is teaching her young sons to be involved with community service with the small magazine ministry they do for the Princeton ICU waiting rooms. They work together to collect magazines and post a favorite Bible scripture on each one.

Courtney is a resident of Hueytown and attends Concord Baptist Church. She has been married to Noah for eight years and together they have two sons, Eli age 5 and Sam age 3.

‘04
Jennifer Luker completed the Nurse Anesthesia program at Samford University’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing in Birmingham, Alabama in May 2010. She is now a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Shands Hospital at The University of Florida in Gainesville.

Sara Middlebrooks went on to graduate from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Master’s degree in Nurse Anesthesia in 2008. She has been a practicing Nurse Anesthetist for two years and is currently working at Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Regina Henry Franco’s grant, “Laying the Foundation for Healthy Survivorship in Diverse South Carolina Breast Cancer Survivors” has been funded.

‘06
Krysta Graben Hood and Elizabeth Deslattes both went on to obtain a MSN in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in December 2009. Currently, Liz practices as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner in Urgent Care and Krysta in Public Health. Both alumni plan on returning to the Capstone in 2012 to obtain their Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

‘07
Marybeth Everett Lee worked as a Pediatric RN for three years. Recently, she received her MSN from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in primary care pediatrics and currently works as a Nurse Practitioner at Internal Medicine and Pediatrics of Cullman in Cullman, Alabama.

Kaylie Patrick worked at UAB as a Labor and Delivery nurse for two years. In 2009, she received her MSN from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She currently works as a Women’s Health NP at UAB.

‘10
Alejandra Olivares Day recently got married this past September and currently works in the Lymphoma/Myeloma unit at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.
Amanda was recently promoted to O-3/Lieutenant in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps. She was commissioned as an officer in 2008 as an O-2/Lieutenant Junior Grade. The USPHS is an elite team of more than 6,500 full-time, well-trained, highly-qualified public health professionals dedicated to delivering the nation’s public health promotion and disease prevention programs and advancing public health science. As one of America’s seven uniformed services, the Commissioned Corps fills essential public health leadership and service roles with the nation’s Federal Government agencies and programs such as the CDC, FDA, and National Institutes of Health. She shares her story with us:

“It was at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that I was exposed to the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps by a fellow nurse. I joined the USPHS in November 2008 after taking my first and only travel nurse assignment at NIH as a pediatric nurse. I went to a two-week Officer’s Basic Course the following March and learned the ins and outs of being an officer in a uniformed service, as well as my responsibilities on deployments. I often compare being an officer in the Commissioned Corps to being a superhero: officers work at their respective agencies on a full-time basis, but when an emergency occurs we put on our BDUs and deploy.

Deployments consist of a national emergency as declared by the President, a public health emergency as declared by the President or Secretary, or a National Special Security Event declared by the Secretary of Homeland Security, such as Inauguration of Fourth of July on the Mall. My only deployment thus far has been to the 2011 State of the Union Address, which is considered a National Special Security Event. I was part of a strike team comprised of nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, and EMTs. We were staged in various areas near the Capital to assist the Office of Attending Physician (OAP) with any health care needs that should arise.

As far as my day-to-day job, I work as an Inpatient Clinical Research Nurse on the pediatric unit at NIH. NIH is one of the agencies were USPHS officers can work in a hospital setting. Other agencies that employ USPHS officers are the FDA, CDC, Indian Health Services, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Officers can be stationed throughout the United States, including Hawaii. Recently, the USPHS Commissioned Corps joined forces with the Department of Defense to facilitate the Traumatic Brain Injury initiative for our soldiers. This allows officers to work at variour DoD bases throughout our country.

Being a part of this uniformed service has opened my eyes to a broader world of nursing. I had no idea the various roles that a nurse could have, such as a Nurse Consultant at the FDA who aids in the verification of data for drugs needing approval or an Infection Control Consultant for the Hospital Epidemiology Service at NIH tracking outbreaks of Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci and Acinetobacter Baumannii on the inpatient units. I realized I could have a job like this full-time, but if a hurricane hit our country, I could deploy to that area and help protect the health of those affected.”

- Amanda M. Heath
Betty Ann Hogan Howard was known by many names: Betty Ann, Bunch of Daisies, Nurse Howard, Bet, Mrs. Howard, Dean Howard, Dean, Dr. Howard, Mom, Top Banana, Aunt Betty, Ma Howard, “M-I-L” and Grandma Betty.

Professionally, she was a Nurse, Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Educator, Dean of Women, Dean of Students, and Professor. She was educated at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama College at Montevallo, Atlantic Union College, Columbia Union College, Walla Walla College, and Hinsdale Adventist College.

Born 77 years ago in Aldrich, Alabama, where ladies were educated to pour tea properly, Betty chose to become a nurse anesthetist. In light hearted conversation she could lapse into authentic Southern drawl, then abruptly switch into her professional idiolect. At 13, walking to school in Montgomery, Alabama, she went by the Jackson Hospital daily. One day she asked for a job at the hospital. Its founder, Dr. Jackson, saw her potential, gave her a job, and invited her to live in the nurses’ dormitory. It was her invitation into nursing. Her nursing career was underway when Dr. Frank Howard III, a soft spoken physician, came to Nurse Ronnie Lackey’s table in the hospital cafeteria and asked, “Who is that girl over there?” He was attracted to her gregarious ways and remarkable good looks.

Betty gave birth to their son two years later, Frank Howard IV, at the University of Alabama Hospital - and motherhood laid upon her unanticipated challenges: her son had a hole in his heart. Borrowing money from her in-laws, Betty flew to Mayo Clinic to seek recently developed procedures, but the doctor told her plainly, “With a heart in this condition, he can’t live.” Knowing the ways of hospitals, Betty discovered the doctor’s rounds schedule. As he emerged daily, she would accost him. Ten days passed. Finally he said, “Well I think we’ll do it.” Betty has said repeatedly, “He was saved for a purpose.”

Three and a half years later, the young mother became a widow. The hospital invited her into the nurse anesthetist course. At a time when head nurses averaged $345 per month and nurse anesthetists were making $500 a month, the single mother needed added skills and income. Classmates remember her academic quickness and her engaging manner with colleagues and patients.
Dorothy Grace Hallman Mink
Class of 1956

Dorothy Grace Hallman Mink, age 81, of Adger, Alabama died February 12, 2011. A graduate of the Druid City Hospital of Nursing, she had a long and distinguished career as a Registered Nurse. She was known for her independent spirit, boundless fortitude, passion for genealogy, and immense love for her children. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas Mink and a son, Jeff Mink.

She is survived by her five sons, Robert Mink (Linda), Keith Mink (Sonia), Lee Mink (April), Stanley Mink (Barbara), and Randy Mink, and one daughter, Lou Anne Worthington (Robert). She was a grandmother to two grandsons, seven granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter; a sister to two brothers, Lee Allen and Lloyd Hallman, and four sisters, Mackie Hallman Martin, Eppie Dell Hallman Burchfield, Faye Hallman Price, and Ann Hallman Graham.

And with determination she provided for her son. She couldn’t buy books, but she read him books from the nearby library; purchased quality classical records, and saved enough money for a child’s chemistry set. When her son failed to gain admission at Loma Linda University because of modest funds, Betty encouraged him to apply to Harvard University, which scholarshiped his four year medical education. Frank credits his mother for her persistence to save his life, for his love of reading, for his love of science, and for her consistent encouragement.

Betty accepted the 24-hour-a-day career of a residence hall dean, where housing was assured and the dormitory environment became a safe place to raise her son. This woman, who never owned a home, provided a home for hundreds of women, first at Southern Missionary College in Madison, Tennessee, and later at Walla Walla College, Columbia College, and Hinsdale Hospital School of Nursing.

Betty broadened her own schooling, completing a master’s in counseling and guidance at Andrews University in 1974, and a doctorate at the University of Maryland in 1988.

Betty was on the ground floor with numerous innovations at Columbia Union College (CUC) as women’s dean, faculty, and as interim dean of students. She supervised the establishment of a cooperative education program and also oversaw the Testing Center. In the Summer Start program for at-risk students, she designed curriculum and enriching experiences to prepare students for the rigors of college life. Becoming full-time Director for the Academic Resource Center at CUC, she raised funds from grants to equip and operate the Center. It seems particularly fitting that the Center will be named the Betty Howard Center for Student Success. Somehow she had the energy, will, and time to become the first founding President of the Adventist Women on June 13, 1982. She was chosen as the Adventist Woman of the Year in 2001, and Alumnus of the Year at CUC in 2007.

Betty made every effort to watch over her family, beginning with her son—and she found adequate space in her realm for a multitude of friends who have benefited from her wit, her support, and genuine interest in their pursuits.

Alice Gray McLendon
Class of 1956

Alice Gray McLendon of Leeds, Alabama died on March 19. She was the daughter of James and Cornelia Gray of Birmingham. Alice was a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, received her B.S. in Nursing Sciences from The University of Alabama, and earned a degree in Spanish from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She leaves behind her husband, Huston McLendon; son, Bill and his wife Jacki; daughter, Robin McLendon; and son, Patrick and his wife Heidi; grandchildren, Madeline, Connor, Logan and Gigi McLendon; brothers, Dr. Bob Gray, Randolph Gray, and Jim Gray. Alice was a wonderful person, nurse, mom, and wife. She always looked for a way to help people and placed herself last.

Captain Gene R. Yeatman
Class of 1982

Retired U.S. Air Force Captain Gene Ray Yeatman, age 57, of Montgomery, died March 20, 2011, at Baptist Medical Center South.
DR. MARSHA ADAMS
received a Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professions HRSA grant in the amount of $275,800 for the project entitled “Telehealth: Making it Real in Nursing Education.”

DR. JEANETTE VANDERMEER
was chosen by the College of Continuing Studies to receive their 2010 Award for Teaching Excellence. The criteria for the award includes a caring attitude toward learners, modeling effective teaching behaviors, and demonstrating the ability to motivate learners, and exhibiting a commitment to life long learning.

DR. ANGELA COLLINS
and Dr. Ann Graves co-authored with D. Gullette and R. Edwards the article “Developing An Interactive Micro-simulation Method in Pharmacology” and it was published in the Journal of Nursing Education, 49 (7), 410-413.

Dr. Collins also presented “Achieving the Elusive Target: Handoffs from the OR to ICU” at the National Teaching Institute of Critical Care Nurses in Washington, DC in May 2010.

DR. ANN GRAVES
co-authored along with Pamela Payne-Foster, MD, MPH, Rebecca Kelly, PhD, RD, CDE, and Dana M. Lewis, BA the article “Learning and Living Diabetes: Development of a College Diabetes Seminar Course” in the Winter 2011 issue of Diabetes Spectrum.

DR. FELECIA WOOD
co-authored along with M. Pisu, Yi Kim, K. Elder, M. Martin, and L.C. Richardson the article “Treatment for Older Prostate Cancer Patients: Disparities in a Southern State” and it was published in Medical Care, 2010 October; 48 (10): 915-22.
DR. KARL HAMNER
was named to the 2011 Leadership University class. It is designed to prepare aspiring faculty and professional staff to assume positions of higher responsibility within the University and other higher education arenas.

DR. ANTHONY ROBERSON
received the Rising Investigator Award in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from The Southern Nursing Research Society at the 2011 Annual Conference.


DR. LESLIE PALARDY
and Dr. Alice March have one publication in press entitled “Applying the Circle of Caring Model to Increase Medication Compliance in Cardiac Transplant Patients” in Nursing Science Quarterly.


DR. MELONDIE CARTER
was part of the team from the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness that won the 2010 Sam S. May Commitment to Service Award. Dr. Carter is the Assistant Director of the program. The team was nominated for its demonstrated excellence in the delivery of campus health and wellness programs that are changing lives and for its continued commitment to customer service and its creative and innovative programs.

DR. ALICE MARCH
and Dr. Leslie Palardy have one publication in press entitled “Applying the Circle of Caring Model to Increase Medication Compliance in Cardiac Transplant Patients” in Nursing Science Quarterly.
Capstone College of Nursing Welcomes New Faculty and Staff to The Family!

**Shelley Vold, MA, M.Ed**  
Academic Advisor  
Joined CCN in January 2011. She received her undergraduate degree in Human Performance from UA and went on to receive a Masters in Exercise Physiology from UAB and a Masters in Health Education from UA. She is married to Aaron Vold who is employed at the Crimson Tide Foundation with UA Athletics. They have one daughter, Lily, age four who is involved in soccer, gymnastics, tap, and ballet and one four-legged child named Baker, who is a mutt but a great guard dog. The family enjoys boat rides, fishing, concerts, and attending UA athletic events.

**Rebecca Owings, MSN, RN**  
Instructor  
Joined CCN full-time in August 2010, after working here part-time since 2006. Received B.S. in Biology in 1989 and a BSN in 1993 from UA. Worked for DCH in the Trauma-Surgical Intensive Care Unit for 4 years, Orthopedics & Urology for 2 years, and the Northport Medical Center for 7 years in Endoscopy, Pain Management and Surgical Services. Received her M.S. in Family Practitioner Program from UAB and attained ANCC certification in April 2010. Currently a full-time student in the Instructional Leadership in Nursing doctoral program here. She is married to an electrical engineer and has one son who also attends UA.

**Tony Roberson, PhD, PHMNP-BC**  
Associate Professor  
Joined CCN in August 2010. Dr. Roberson completed the PhD in Nursing Science at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds Masters degrees in Psychiatric Mental Health Care for children and adolescents, specifically incarcerated individuals, and consent/assent issues related to psychiatric mental health treatment. He is a ANCC certified Adult and Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. He teaches in the bachelor, master, and doctoral programs at CCN. He is a graduate of the UA School of Music, where he received his degree in Piano Performance. He continues to study piano with his undergraduate professor, and periodically gives recitals. He is an avid Crimson Tide fan and attends various sporting events on a frequent basis.

**Cristina Horen**  
Office Associate II  
Joined CCN in January 2011 after working as an Office Associate for the UA Police Department for four years. She graduated from the University of North Alabama in May 2000 with a B.S. in Theatre, and also received an Associate Degree in Office Administration from Calhoun Community College in August 1997. She has been married to her husband, Geoff, for five years and enjoys attending UA athletic events, traveling, reading, and music.

**Andrea Creighton**  
Receptionist  
Joined CCN in December 2010. Previously worked as Customer Service Staff at Publix and as an Office Clerk at a small business in Birmingham, Alabama. She is currently a UAB student, but is taking time away to work. Wants to one day have a career in Broadcasting and/or filmmaking. She is the mother of two girls, Amauria (4) and Ambrin (6 months), and is engaged to Jermaine Foster who works at UA’s Child Development Research Center. They will be married this July. In her free time she enjoys filmmaking, scrapbooking, doodling, graphic design, theater, and to travel.
DEBORAH HOLLAWAY
Secretary
Deborah retired this Spring after 25 years of service to the University of Alabama with 12 of those spent here at the Capstone College of Nursing. Deborah’s support of nursing faculty has been invaluable. Her kindness and generosity are unmeasurable and we will miss having her around!

JERI W. DUNKIN, PH.D, RN, FAAN, CHCE
Saxon Chair for Rural Nursing, Director of Practice and Community Partnerships, Professor
After almost 14 years of service here at the Capstone College of Nursing, Dr. Dunkin will be retiring this May. She recently completed a life-long dream when she was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in Fall 2010.

As the Saxon Chair for Rural Nursing, she focused her service and research activities in the area of rural health care. She developed a nurse-managed center, the Capstone Rural Health Center, for the provision of primary care to rural underserved residents in southern, Walker County, Alabama. The center was designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (330b) in 2007 and has been involved in outreach activities in Walker and Lamar Counties with plans for expansion of services to Winston, Fayette, and Marion counties. Dr. Dunkin also founded the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care.

As Director of Faculty Practice and Community Partnerships, she facilitated the discipline related service/practice of CCN faculty members. As a part of that, she maintains her own practice in the area of medical cost management.

She served not only as professor, but also as mentor and friend to all CCN faculty and staff. Her knowledge, encouragement, and fearlessness has meant the world to so many, and her uplifting spirit will be greatly missed around the office!
FACULTY AND STAFF

CCN NEW ADDITIONS

Say hello to the newest members of the Capstone College of Nursing family! Our future sure does look bright!

Raz Carter IV
October 5, 2010
9 LB. and 10 OZ.
Born to Raz III and Megan Carter

Ambrin Diondrea Foster
September 3, 2010
8 LB. and 13 OZ.
Born to Andrea and Jermaine Foster

Walker Daniel Welch
October 21, 2010
7 LB. and 14 OZ.
Born to Rebekah and Wes Welch
Create your legacy.

Imagine that you changed the future. That with your help, someone became a teacher who turned at-risk students into high achievers. Or a professor who discovered a medical breakthrough.

How can you make this happen? Establish a donor-advised fund at The University of Alabama. You recommend grants to support public charities dear to your heart. Like those active in the arts, education, health care and human services. The fund is similar to a charitable foundation, minus the administrative burdens. You receive an immediate tax deduction and investment alternatives that provide choices on how your fund can grow.

To learn how a donor-advised fund at The University of Alabama can fulfill your ongoing commitment to philanthropy, call 888-875-4438 or visit us online at http://daf.ua.edu.
to contribute to the capstone college of nursing’s scholarships, programs, and activities please email shelley jordan at sdjordan@bama.ua.edu or call (205) 348-9876.