



Partners in Nursing

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Working Together to Support Nurses on Maryland's Eastern Shore

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PIN Director's Update

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

We are proud to announce the second year of PIN! With the knowledge shared by our local nurses participating in the program, we are able to move forward with the next steps:

- Enhancing and strengthening our current program
- Opening the monthly leadership seminars to the wider nurse community
- Planning for sustainability beyond the end of our national PIN grant

These objectives will be met through nurse community networking and sharing insights of personal and professional growth.

With that said, our local nurses are giving their all to provide support and "passing forward" to the next generation. Career planning to promote nursing leadership and education is expanding to incorporate all local nurses at all levels in their career.

This effort, in turn, will strengthen the movement to grow our own and to spark nursing career development that will support our local organizations and the health of our Eastern Shore communities.

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Did You Know:

Nursing students of Salisbury University led the way in November as they taught 86 local Girl Scouts about choices in life and how to develop a career path into nursing. Many thanks to Salisbury University, Department of Nursing, pediatric clinical students, Student Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau and the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay for this huge success.



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a \$10 million grant to AARP to begin the development of the first National Center to Champion Nursing. The purpose of the Center will be to push for state and federal funds to tackle the nurse faculty shortage, promote places for nurse leaders on governing boards of hospitals and other health care organizations, and an educational movement based on new research to inform the public and policy-makers about nurse workforce issues and the link between a trained and adequate nursing workforce and high quality health care. For more information go to www.rwjf.org

Nurse Leadership Lecture Series 2008

Begins January 10th
6p-8p

Open to all nurses and nursing students

Free CEU

Light Dinner

Call 410-572-8709
for more info

Pictures of PIN's Progress



Pictured above, faculty advisor Dr. Elaine Kennedy (left) meets with PRMC Protégés Pam Paulson (c) and Stacey Moyers (right) at the PIN Luncheon held in October to celebrate the First year of our local PIN effort.

Below, SU's Department Chair of the Department of Nursing Dr. Susan Battistoni and Maryland's Nursing Workforce Commission Director Dr. Patricia Kennedy (right) pictured below networking at the PIN Luncheon.



Roll Call

Thank you for your dedication to your profession

Faculty

Elaine Kennedy
(WWCC)

Lisa Seldomridge (SU)

Debra Webster (SU)

Mentors

Julie Buchanan (PRMC)

Donna Bowen (PRMC)

Beth DiPasqua (PRMC)

Tracy Fields (PRMC)

Iris Gehring (PRMC)

Amy Holloway (AGH)

Kim Hatton (Genesis)

Michele Herlihy (PRMC)

Connie Collins (AGH)

Stephanie Joseph
(PRMC)

Alana Lewis (AGH)

Allison Marsh
(McCready)

Carol Moore (PRMC)

Patricia Prinski (AGH)

Tonia Prouse (PRMC)

Jill Rolleston (AGH)

Julie Seif-Sexton
(PRMC)

Patti Serkes (PRMC)

Cassandra Todd (PRMC)

Protégés

Dana Cody (PRMC)

Chris DiPasqua (PRMC)

Bethany Dize (McCready)

Tamara Fitchett (PRMC)

Lori Kneisel (AGH)

Stacey Moyers (PRMC)

Marlo Outen (PRMC)

Pam Paulson (PRMC)

Melissa Scott (Genesis)

Adimu Sutton (student)

Jeannette Taylor (AGH)

Matt Taylor (AGH)

Leslie Weihs (PRMC)



PIN Re-Capped

Partners in Nursing is a two-year program sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in partnership with local healthcare and education partners. PIN is further supported by a generous grant to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore from a partnership of the Northwest Health Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The goals of the project are:

- address the critical retention issue
- provide increased support in the development of nurse leaders
- increase the number of potential new nursing faculty

This creative professional development program will address all three concerns by teaming new nurses (known as Protégés) with mentors during the first year of work and building a support network linking the mentors with nurse education program faculty and the larger nurse community. The opportunity to mentor new nurses will provide a fresh perspective to nurse mentors, a stipend, and an enriched job experience.

Nurses Night in Annapolis

February 13, 2008
5:30 to 7:00 PM
Governor Calvert House
State Circle,
Annapolis

Legislative Briefing begins at 4:15 PM

Open to all Nurses and Nursing Students!
Review the issues before meeting with your delegates

PIN PROGRAM SPONSORS

The Partners in Nursing Program is generously supported by the following local and national partners:

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Northwest Health Foundation

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore

Peninsula Regional Medical Center

Atlantic General Hospital

McCready Memorial Hospital

Wanted! New Graduates

It is our goal to see you succeed.

Let's face it, to be a nurse is a tough job.

Partners In Nursing

A team committed to help you enjoy your journey from student nurse to practicing nurse.



- Flexible program
- Personalized
- Dedicated professional team
- Free continuing education

- Development of career ladder
- Opportunities for leadership
- Trusting and friendly environment

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The mission of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is to strengthen the community by building charitable funds, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants and providing leadership to address community needs.

For more information about the Community Foundation, please call Erica Joseph, Program Officer, at 410-742-9911 or visit our website www.cfes.org.

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