

Oncology Nursing Society President-Elect Named Alumni Fellow



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) President-Elect Carlton G. Brown, PhD, RN, AOCN®, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Delaware in Newark,

has been selected by the School of Nursing at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, his undergraduate alma mater, as a 2010 Alumni Fellow of the Year. Brown will compete with 10 other Fellows for Alumnus of the Year for the entire university and will go to Louisville in October 2010 for induction. Brown, a researcher with a focus on adverse symptoms during cancer treatment, has been an ONS member for more than 17 years. His term as president will begin in May 2010 and will run until 2012.

"Past Alumni of the Year have included governors, senators, and judges, so I'm in great company," said Brown. "I'm thrilled with the award and am certain that my visibility as ONS president has helped drive this nomination."

For more information, visit <http://louisville.edu/alumni>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Nurse Education Grant Recipients

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF's) Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education (EIN) program announced awards from its first cycle of grants to four colleges of nursing to conduct evaluations of innovative programs that expand teaching capacity or promote faculty recruitment and retention. Grants went to the University of Portland in Oregon, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Grantees were notified of their awards in late 2009. Each of the grants funds two-year evaluations. A second cycle of grants will be awarded in fall 2010.

"We selected grantees who are implementing innovations that have significant

promise in addressing the nurse faculty shortage, and we funded evaluations to determine what works, how and why it works, and what it will take to replicate it effectively in other settings," said Michael Yedidia, PhD, director of the EIN national program office at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

The School of Nursing at the University of Portland in Oregon received \$299,534 to evaluate a dedicated education unit model, in which hospital staff nurses assume significant teaching roles, with guidance from nursing faculty. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts-Boston received \$299,985 to evaluate a dedicated education unit model called PDQ (Partners for Dedicated Education Unit Development and Quality), which employs different strategies for using faculty and staff nurses to provide clinical education. The College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque received \$297,746 to evaluate a Web-based teaching application called the Neighborhood. The evaluation will focus on faculty work life, faculty recruitment and retention, and student graduation rates. Finally, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh College of Nursing received \$298,720 to evaluate an accelerated BSN program relying on advanced technology, innovative course scheduling, and a combination of on-campus and remote sites for classroom and clinical education.

Through the EIN grants, RWJF aims to increase the number of nursing school graduates by evaluating strategies that address the nurse faculty shortage. Findings about successful strategies will be disseminated across the United States, as will guidelines for effective replication in other nursing education settings.

For more information, visit www.evaluatinginnovationsinnursing.org.

ONS Member Honored for Nursing Excellence

ONS member Mary Ann Heddon, RN, MSN, OCN®, an oncology clinical trials coordinator at South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC) in Valdosta, has been presented a Profile in Caring award for nursing excellence by Valdosta State University (VSU). Heddon is one of two inaugural recipients in 2010.

The VSU College of Nursing bestows the Profile in Caring award to honor nurses who have demonstrated a positive impact on the nursing profession. Honorees are selected based on their exceptional caring contributions within their individual scope of practice. Heddon's work has influenced a multitude of patients and families and helped to promote outstanding care and optimal patient outcomes.

As the oncology clinical trials coordinator at SGMC's Pearlman Cancer Center, Heddon focuses on the education of nurses and patients to promote high standards in healthcare options. She is the codeveloper of a survivorship program for community cancer centers. Heddon also is a member of the Society of Clinical Research Associates and holds certification as an oncology certified nurse and certified clinical research professional.

For more information, visit www.valdosta.edu/nursing.

ONS Member Receives Distinguished Researcher Award



ONS member Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, FPCN, a research scientist at the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, CA, and principal investigator of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project, has been selected by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) as the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Researcher Award. The award recognizes a nurse who has demonstrated longevity and consistency in hospice and palliative nursing research presentations and publications in a variety of peer-reviewed journals.

Ferrell has conducted research in oncology for 32 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in the areas of pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Ferrell has obtained fellow status with the American Academy of Nursing as well as with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. She also is chair of the National Consensus Project.