

National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education Inducts Oncology Nursing Society Member



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Anne Belcher, PhD, RN, AOCN®, CNE, FAAN, was inducted in the first league of fellows for the National League for Nursing's (NLN's) Academy of Nursing Education. The NLN established the

Academy of Nursing Education in early 2007 to foster excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding nurse educators. Fellows support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education that will increase the number of graduates from all types of nursing programs and serve as resources for new educators and those in clinical practice who hope to someday enter the ranks of nursing faculty.

As a newly named fellow, Belcher has been lauded for innovative teaching and learning strategies, nursing education research, faculty development, academic leadership, promotion of public policy that advances nursing education, and collaborative educational, practice or community partnerships.

The induction of new fellows and a meeting of fellows in the Academy of Nursing Education was held in conjunction with the NLN's annual Education Summit from September 26–29, 2007, in Phoenix, AZ. For more information, visit www.nln.org.

ONS Member Receives 2008 Leading the Way Award



The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) has announced that ONS member Jeanne Quint Benoliel, DNSc, RN, FAAN, is the recipient of its 2008 Leading the Way Award. The award was presented at the American Academy of

Hospice and Palliative Medicine and HPNA Annual Assembly on January 31, 2008, in Tampa, FL.

“We are delighted to present Dr. Benoliel with this award,” said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, NHA, chief executive officer of HPNA. “Her contribution to palliative care nursing stands as an exemplary model for aspiring practitioners in the field.”

The HPNA Leading the Way Award recognizes nurses who have been consistent leaders in hospice and palliative nursing, demonstrating a deep and abiding commitment to furthering the philosophy, mission, and quality of palliative care. For more information, visit www.hpna.org.

New York Times Announces Winners of the 2007 Tribute to Nurses Awards

The *New York Times* recently named four winners of the 2007 Tribute to Nurses awards. Now in its fifth year, the program honors nurses and nurse educators in the New York region for their extraordinary achievements in the nursing profession and in patient care.

The *New York Times* held a reception to honor the winners on December 12, 2007, at its new headquarters. Winners were featured in a special advertising section in the *New York Times Magazine* on December 9, 2007, and received a check for \$2,000. Jane Brody, personal health columnist for the *New York Times*, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The 2007 Tribute to Nurses award winners are Pat Bonder, RN, BSN, from Atlantic Health, Morristown Memorial Hospital, and Carol G. Simon Cancer Center in Morristown, NJ; Rachel Jones, BSN, MS, PhD, a nurse educator at Rutgers College of Nursing in Newark, NJ; Carol Odnaha, RN, MPA, from the Visiting Nurse Service of New York; and Kathy Webster, RN, MSN, vice president of Patient Services at the Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Cortlandt Manor, NY.

“We are very happy to once again pay tribute to individuals in the nursing profession whose contributions have truly made a difference. Year after year, this program demonstrates how invaluable nurses and nurse educators are to the healthcare industry and to society as a whole,” said Douglas Latino, advertising director of the *New York Times*.

In 2007, hundreds of award nominations were collected through a print and online campaign that appeared in the *New York Times* and on NYTimes.com. Award winners are determined by a panel of nursing professionals and by the *New York Times*. For more information, visit www.nytc.com.

National Institutes of Health Appoints Timothy C. Birdsall to Complementary and Alternative Medicine Advisory Council



U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt has appointed Timothy C. Birdsall, ND, FABNO, to serve a four-year term on the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine for the

National Institutes of Health. Birdsall is vice president of integrative medicine for Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) and a licensed naturopathic physician. A nationally known lecturer and practitioner of naturopathic medicine, Birdsall is a 1985 graduate of Bastyr University in Seattle, WA, where he served on the faculty for five years. The National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine advises and makes recommendations to the director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) on matters related to the center's research activities and functions. Birdsall will be part of an 18-member council that primarily provides secondary review of grant applications in light of NCCAM scientific program priorities and program balance. The council includes nine members licensed in complementary or alternative medicine and three are from the general public.

As vice president of integrative medicine for CTCA, Birdsall oversees the organization's unique treatment model that combines state-of-the-art conventional medical treatments with scientifically supported complementary therapies within a patient-centered environment designed to meet the special whole-person needs of patients with cancer. Specializing in creating customized treatment pathways for each patient, CTCA provides world-class cancer care that is demonstrating significant outcomes for patients with advanced stage disease, particularly in the area of lung, breast, colorectal, pancreatic, and prostate cancers.

Birdsall's professional achievements include serving as a member of the board of

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directors, speaker of the House of Delegates, and founding editor-in-chief of *Alternative Medicine Review*. For more information, visit www.rehabpub.com/press_release.asp?id=10185771.

Red Carpet Event on Capitol Hill Raises Awareness for Cervical Cancer Prevention

Legislators, women's health advocates, and policy makers on Capitol Hill attended a Hollywood-style red carpet event to mark the conclusion of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and kick off awareness efforts for the rest of the year. The event, hosted by the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO), invited special guests to walk the red carpet for the premiere screening of a film featuring real women who share their stories of triumph over cervical cancer. The film highlighted women and their doctors who reveal how advancements in screening and prevention made a difference in their lives and health.

"'Hollywood on the Hill' was a creative way to bring attention to progress in the fight against cervical cancer and the distance yet to go. By educating women and Congressional decision makers about advances against this deadly disease, we're empowering them to take action," said Susan Scanlan, chair of NCWO.

NCWO's Women's Health Task Force advises that women should understand several important points to communicate effectively with their healthcare providers. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second-most-common type of cancer that strikes women—behind only breast cancer—resulting in 288,000 deaths a year.

"Women shouldn't suffer or die from cervical cancer. By combining these new technologies and urging women to be screened, almost every case of cervical cancer can be prevented," said Scanlan. "It's important that women get the facts about the right cervical cancer screening options for them so they can make informed decisions in conjunction with their healthcare providers."

For more information about "Hollywood on the Hill" and to find out what you can do, visit www.say-something.org/hollywood.html. The event was sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from QIAGEN.

Comedian and Nurse Hosts New Blog for Aspiring Nurses

The Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions announced a new blog (<http://blog.passnclx.drexel.edu>), NCLEX Forum, that combines humor and insight to help nurses across the country survive the



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trials and tribulations of nursing school.

Moderated by the witty and informative Kelli Dunham, RN, BSN, a nursing graduate, book author, and professional standup comic, the new blog promises to be a highly relevant, interactive outlet where nursing students and recent graduates can share their experiences and react to Dunham's thought-provoking musings.

"We hope that NCLEX Forum becomes an online community where nursing students share with one another the ups and downs of being a nursing student," said Tom Harkins, director of continuing nursing education at Drexel University. "It brings some smarts and a bit of levity to help aspiring nurses get through what can be a stressful and trying period."

Author of the irreverent nursing career guides, *How to Survive and Maybe Even Love Nursing School* and *How to Survive and Maybe Even Love Your Life as a Nurse*, Dunham said, "I'm excited to host the NCLEX Forum and to share the nitty gritty on how to make it through nursing school." "I'll include some posts with a lighter side: profiles and stories to inspire young nurses, make them laugh, and help them remember

why they started this whole process in the first place."

NCLEX Forum carries posts at least twice weekly during the school year on topics such as time management, study skills, surviving clinical rotations, dealing with stress, job-hunting tips for recent graduates, and a resource review that evaluates products, Web sites, and books.

With more than 20 years' experience in NCLEX Preparation, Drexel University has the only accredited university-based NCLEX-RN program that offers courses nationally. For more information, visit <http://passnclx.drexel.edu>.

Disease Models and Mechanisms Seeks Submissions

Disease Models and Mechanisms (DMM) is launching its first issue in the summer of 2008. *DMM* is committed to understanding human disease through the use of model organisms and is the first journal specifically devoted to this increasingly important field. Published by the Company of Biologists, the nonprofit publishers of *Development*, *Journal of Cell Science*, and the *Journal of Experimental Biology*, *DMM* offers a unique commitment to serving this community of researchers. For more information, visit www.biologists.com/DMM.

Bravo! Job Well Done! Pat Yourself on the Back!

Have you been awarded recently for your dedication and commitment to oncology nursing? Have you been appointed to a new leadership position at your institution? Are you helping to coordinate an event that is particularly relevant to oncology nurses? If so, the *Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)* wants to share these and other achievements with its readers.

ONF accepts news of member accomplishments for People and Events. Submissions can include a recent photo and should be less than 250 words. For more information, contact Associate Editor Diane M. Otte, RN, MS, OCN®, via e-mail at otte.diane@mayo.edu or ottedm@charter.net.

Correction

In the January issue of *Oncology Nursing Forum* (volume 35, issue 1), the Online Exclusive article titled "Symptom Clusters in Adults With Chronic Health Problems and Cancer as a Comorbidity," by Catherine M. Bender, PhD, RN, Sandra J. Engberg, PhD, RN, Heidi S. Donovan, PhD, RN, Susan M. Cohen, PhD, FAAN, RN, Martin P. Houze, MS, Margaret Q. Rosenzweig, PhD, RN, et al., did not report a funding source. The research was funded by the Oncology Nursing Society through the Health Research Formula Funds, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.