Central California Center for Nursing Excellence in Education & Leadership Salutes California State University of Fresno Nurses for Nurse’s week May 6th-12th 2010 & 2010 International Year of the Nurse
Celebrating the International Year of the Nurse

- California State University Fresno, Center of Nursing Excellence in Education and Leadership
- Celebrates the International Year of the Nurse through the Nursing Legacy Project
- Join us May 12th, 2-4 p.m. to Celebrate Florence Nightingale’s Birthday at the Center of Nursing Excellence.
CSUF Department of Nursing 50 Years of Caring
California State University, Fresno Depart. of Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing and Nursing Legacy Project will have several events throughout the year:

- May 12, 2-4 p.m. Nurse’s Week at the Center.
- Nov. 2010 Nursing Display at the new Henry Madden Library.
CSU Fresno Center of Nursing Excellence
Nursing Legacy Project

Celebrating the Spirit of Nursing documenting nurse’s oral and written histories

Highlighting Nurses who make a Positive difference in the quality of life and the health outcomes of patients in their varied careers
California Center for Excellence in Nursing Education and Leadership Began in 2006
Nursing Legacy Project
Finding 5,000 nurse alumni & 159 faculty

California State University, Fresno Nurses
Nurses Who make a Positive difference
“Entering Bulldog Country”

“Road Trip to Victory for Fresno State Nurse Alumni”

Documenting the first 50 years of the Journey 1958-2008
Central California Center for Excellence in Nursing

Sharing their Victories and Successes
Real life Heroes in Nursing’s Humanitarian Service
To the community and the world
CSU Fresno Chairs of The Department of Nursing

Norma Beckman Chair 56-58
Fannie Sample-Gardner Chair 59-70?
Dr. Pat Kissell Chair 71-85
Dr. Mary Patterson Chair 1969
John Martin Interim 1971
Dr. Karen Nishio Chair
Dr. Pat Nuttall Interim Chair
Dr. Mariama Mathi Chair 1986?
Dr. Ruth Wilmington Chair
Dr. Pat Nuttall Chair
Dr. Michael Russler Chair 2003-Present

Dr. Shirley Good Chair 1973
Being a nurse educator is without question one of the greatest professions in the world. We need more nurses to get their doctorate before the age of 30. It would make a large difference in the quality of nursing research and ultimately the profession. AD nursing entry into practice should be eliminated as recommended in 1968. Dr. Nancy Clark CSUS

I’m proud to be a nurse and excited about the future of nursing and I try to pass on that passion to nurses. Dr. Mike Russler CSUF

I have always loved nursing. I believe nursing truly personalizes the health care for nursing. I recommend nursing as a profession to everyone I meet. Dr. Pam Springer Boise State Univ. I’m so glad I figured out what I wanted to do at 19 years of age, and became a nurse. Dr. Norman Keltner CSU Bakersfield. ‘76

Dr. Mike Russler ‘74,’78 CSUF Chair Nursing

Dr. Pam Springer ‘80,’84 Assoc. Dean & Chair of Nursing Boise SU

Dr. Pat Nuttall ‘66 CSUF Chair

Dr. N. Keltner ‘76 Chair Nursing Bakersfield

Dr Margo Zink ‘66 S. Conn. S.U.

Dr. Ron Mitchell ‘76 Chair U. ID, George Fox U. OR

Dr. Bette K. Jacobs Dean & Chair of Nursing George Tow Univ. ‘72,’74

Dr. Nancy Clark
Dean and Chair Nursing
CSU Stanislaus ‘68, ‘85
I am proud to be a nurse and excited about the future of nursing. I try to pass on my passion and excitement about nursing to the next generation of nurses. I’m proud to be mentoring the first class of nursing doctoral students at CSU Fresno. Dr. Mike Russler ‘74 & ’78

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Expanded Role Nurse Practitioners
Making a Positive difference in the health of Patients

Go to school, never stop learning, get advise, take better care of your Self, don’t retire too early, never give up. The passion and persistence will get you Where you need to go. I lead by example, Mentor students, try to make a difference. I love what I do and I get paid for it! Rose Marie Sandoval Wickman ’93

Dr. Mike Russler NP, Chair of CSU Fresno Dept. Of Nursing and NP for Fresno State Bull Dog Football Team at home games.

16 year as a nurse, still excited about nursing and how it changes and evolves to meet patient needs.

Bits of wisdom, Don’t sweat the small stuff, live each day as if it were your last. Embrace change, and diversity, seek out new experiences and be prepared to be lead to experience your next grand adventure. Kelly Tuttle NP ’92 Nothing learned is ever wasted. Cricket ‘03

Rose Marie Wickman ‘93

Kelly Tuttle NP ‘92

Dr. Mike Russler ‘74,’78

Dr. Cricket Barakzai BA, BSN, MSN,CNM, NP,SN,PhD ‘98, ‘03
CSU Fresno nurse alumni Certified Nurse Midwives & Certified Nurse Anesthetist & Physicians making a difference

Certified Nurse-Midwives

1969 Constance Abell Smith
1982 Sally Cox Mitchell
1985 Chanh Cossman
1972 Janice K. Hammond
1990 Virginia A. Panter
2003 Mary (Cricket) Barakzai

Certified Nurse Anesthetist

1972 Dale Potter
1973 Dr. Janice Lage ’73
1975 Dr. Rick Patton ’75
1980 Francis Gary Lum
1984 Ruth Mae Cox
1990 Jessetta K Allen Joswick

Physicians

1973 Dr. Janice Lage ’73
1975 Dr. Rick Patton ’75
1991 Dr. Leticia Escoto ‘91

Dr. Cricket Barakzai
BA, BSN, MSN, CNM, NP, SN, PhD ’98, ’03

Dale Potter ’72
CRNA Duke Univ. Instructor

Dr. Janice Lage ’73
Chief Pathologist Med. U. So. Carolina

Dr. Rick Patton ’75
Sweden

Dr. Leticia Escoto ’91
FPM M.D. Kaiser & MBA
Nursing is a humanitarian service whether you work for the peace keepers or the peace makers. Military nurses go above and beyond their basic nursing education to serve where they are needed.

There are 39 Military Nurses are from CSU Fresno in the USAF, Navy, and US Army Nurse Corps graduates.

- Lt. Col. Kathy Latona Pluta USAF '71
- Maj. Pam Loewen USAF FNI '66
- Ensign Sharon Klocksieben USN '62
- Jaclyn Bareither USA '73,'04
- LCDR Anthony Beer USN '06
- Maj. Carolyn Tanaka USA Viet Nam '65
- Maj. LeRoy Marklund USA Iraq Trauma team
- Col Liz Doehring USA '75
- Maj. Adrian Algarra '05 & Gen. Petreas
- Lt. Adrian Algarra '05 & Gen. Petreas
There are 525 CSU Fresno school nurses identified as making a positive difference in the health of students. These school nurses have been awarded with school nurse of the year, several are in the CSU Fresno Nursing Hall of Fame. One received the EPA, State CSNO and Federal recognition for developing a tool to reducing asthma rates in San Francisco Schools. The three nurses on the right are Health Care Coordinators for Visalia USD, Fresno County USD, and Santa Barbara Secondary schools. One teaches School Health Certificates courses at CSUF.
Public Health Nurses making a Positive difference in the health of patients and the community

• Several hundred CSUF nurses became PHNs in California & other states over the first 50 years.
• Four nurses became DON OF Health Depts. In CA. One is the Director of Health for Madera CHD
• Brenda Ashkar ’63 became an LA PHN Tuberculosis Program administrator. She received the highest TB award in the State and nation.
• Public Health Nursing focuses on preventive health and communicable disease for individuals, families, and the community. It utilized everything I ever learned from nursing. It was challenging and very rewarding. It is like being a medical detective when it came to communicable diseases and food poisoning outbreaks. You do a lot of coordination in the community with schools, and many other agencies. Lots of teaching and assessment for child & elder abuse prevention, immunization, and family planning. It’s one area of nursing where you can feel you can really make a difference in people’s lives. Pam Loewen ’66, 31 years in Public Health Nursing. Nurse of the Year 1996, MCHD Employee of the Year 2001
Consultants Making a difference in Patient Health Care

• Federal, state and private consultants provide valuable nursing expertise to nurses to help improve the health of their patients and improve the quality of their lives.

• Top left: USPHS Lt. Commander Latrica Robertson PhD, Region 9 Consultant serving Ca., Nev., and Hawaii CSUF ‘75

• Middle left: Dr. Margo Zink CSUF ‘66 private consultant on home health care federal regulations. Her FSC student nurse uniform and cap in case.

• Barbara Patton, ‘71 MSN NP, Sr. VP Camden Medical Group, Private Consultant teams for hospital and Health Care facilities in trouble.
Health Care Policy Makers making a Positive difference in the Health Policies for the Community

- Judy Case RN Class of 1976
- 1985 MBA
- Chair of Fresno County Board of Supervisors
- Case & Sheriff Mims perform CPR in Washington D.C. subway.
- Nursing is a profession that one can really see that it makes a difference on people’s lives. I have remained close with many of my nurse classmates.
- As a county supervisor I have the opportunity to impact peoples’ daily lives. I work closely with county departments that provide for health care needs, safety, and welfare. When asked whether I think like a nurse or a politician, my answer is that I think like a nurse.
Life is precious and short, we are all appointed to die at some unknown time for various reasons. Knowing that I could be a patient at any time, makes me want to improve the profession for myself and loved ones. I’ve seen so many nurses do so many great things over the years without any credit being given, all do great things on the job. Jerry Rodriguez CSUF class of 1986, 23 years Critical Care Nursing Kaiser Permanente PACU.

Pat Austin ‘62 32 yrs CRMC
I love nursing. I was active for over 45 years, and never felt burned out. The most rewarding part of my career was training nurses and helping them develop. I have kept in touch with many of them, I feel like they are my children. I retired in 2006, but “I WILL ALWAYS BE A NURSE!”

Jerry Rodriguez ’86 Critical Care Kaiser 23 yrs.

Pat Austin ‘62 SUP. Nurse 45 yrs. CRMC

Jackie Soares ‘85 Ward clerk to VCH PICU to CSUF Proff.

Pat Schied Austin ‘62 SUP. Nurse 45 yrs. CRMC
Flight Nurses Making a positive difference in health outcomes of patients in transport

“My dream job!” I love it. Improving outcomes for neonatal transports.
Debbie Biederwolf FN ‘98 Reach Private air ambulance Bay area.

Flight Nursing in the USAF was an exciting rewarding challenge every day to make a difference for patients. The Medivac Plane was the “Nightingale.”
Maj. Pam Loewen FN instructor ‘66
Hospital Chief Nursing Administrators
Making a Positive Difference

Nursing was a great career and I believe it will always provide opportunity for a person to learn, grow and to be of service to people. Nurses are needed. Rowena Taylor, ‘72 Clinical Dir. Porterville Dev. Hospital 32 yrs, Dir. Landerman Dev. Hosp. 5 yrs.

I have learned that having the privilege to care for the sick is a gift that should be appreciated and valued. Dr. Kimberly Black Horton ‘98 DON Alameda MC, former DON Mercy West Hosp. Bakersfield

My mother was a nurse and worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. She would tell me stories about her nursing experiences and how much she loved being a nurse. She impressed upon me how important it is to be well educated, to do your best, and to serve people in need. Nancy Hollingsworth ‘82 CEO St. Agnes Medical Center former DON

Rowena Taylor ’72 DON Porterville & Landerman Dev. Hospital.

Dr. Kimberly Horton ’98 DON Alameda MC, former DON Mercy West Hosp. Bakersfield

Mary Contreras ’74 CNO CRMC

Nancy Hollingsworth ’82 CEO St. Agnes, & Former DON

Barbara Volker ‘64 Former DON VCH, Dir. Madera Hospice

Paula Richards ‘98 DON VMC Salinas Former DON Tulare DH

Former DON Tulare DH
Maternity Nursing Making a Positive difference

- RN of the year 1993 from St. Helena Hospital. My 15 minutes of fame, was delivering a baby at a firehouse during the Napa River flood. Associated Press and local TV news got wind of it. I love my job! It’s a shame I get paid to do what I love so much. Lucia Bouett-Osborn CSUF class of 1987

- Rebecca Donahue, Baby Mason and Dad at CSUF graduation 2007. Making a difference at Sierra Kings Birthing Center Reedley
Hospital Staff Nurse Educators & Epidemiologists
Making a difference by Ensuring the Quality of Patient Care by Staff

• Naomi Rohrig-Davidson ’62. Helped VMC develop RN certification for starting IVs, Basic life Support certification, nurse Defibrillation certification for ICU, NICU, Critical care, ER, before any national certification was in existence. Developed schedules to retain staff RN with the 7/70 work week (7-10 hour days with the next week off.) Also helped support the independent role of Nurse Practitioners in the Hospital.

• Phyllis Nygren Lea ‘62 VAH Nurse Epidemiologist counseled over 200 HIV patients who lost their lives the first year prior to new meds being developed.

Nancy McDaniel ‘64 Hosp Staff Edu /Inst. AD Nursing

Naomi Rohrig-Davidson ‘62 VMC Nurse Educator

Phyllis Nygren Lea ’62 Epidemiology NP& St. Agnes
Mission, Parrish, Red Cross, Project Hope, and Peace Corps Nursing making a Positive difference above and beyond their normal jobs

- 4 parish nurses have been identified, 1 peace corps nurse alumni, 1 chaplain, 3 short term missionary nurses, 1 doctors without borders, 1 nurse volunteered for Haiti, 1 nurse travels to So. America with surgeons for free corrective eye surgeries. They serve to help improve the lives of others less fortunate and to make a positive difference in patient’s lives.

Heather Schwartz ‘06
PT Missionary RN

Sue Louck ‘66
So. America Surgery team RN

Nancy Mehrton ‘66
Peace Corps RN

CherAmi Pannell ‘66 Missionary RN
So. America

Betty Bergey ‘67
Missionary RN S.Am

Marion Deffenbach
‘66 NP, Project Hope Jamaica

Judy Long ‘68
Parish RN

Dr. Cricket Barakzai
‘98,’03 NP Mexico

Louise Armstrong ‘66 Parish RN
Nurse Alumni making a difference through Authoring Nursing Texts

Dr. Norm Keltner
‘71,’72 Chair Nursing
CSU Bakersfield
Authored Psychiatric Nursing Text

Dr. Phyllis Schubert ‘71,73,83
Co-Author of Community Health Nursing: Caring in Action
Men in Nursing
CSU Fresno nurse alumni making a Difference

Dr. Mike Russler ‘74,’78 NP Chair Nursing CSU Fresno
Dr. Norm Keltner ‘76 Chair Nursing CSU BF
Dr. Ron Mitchel ‘76 Former Chair Nsg. Boise State & George Fox Univ.
Dale Potter ‘72 CRNA Duke Univ.
LCDR Anthony Beer ‘06 USN
Lt. Jose Mercado ‘03 USA Iraq & Gen. Petreas
Lt. Adrian Algarra ‘03 USA Iraq & Isolation team, Research
Jerry Rodriquez ‘86 Critical Care Kaiser
Maj. LeRoy Marklund ’93 USA Hosp. Com. Iraqi Freedom Trauma & Isolation team, Research
“Top Dog” Outstanding Nurse Alumni Award

Carol Smittcamp Copeland ’68 “Top Dog” 2004 NP & Alumni Scholarship donor

Pam Loewen ’66 Top Dog 2008 Nursing Legacy Historian & Alumni Liaison

Dr. Betty Keltner Jacobs ’72 , 74 “Top Dog” 2007, Dean & Chair Dept. Nursing George Town Univ.

Judy Case ‘76 “Top Dog” 2009 Chair Fresno Co. Board of Supervisors & St. Agnes House Supervisor
Nursing Hall of Fame
Fresno State Nurse Alumni

Dr. Carolyn Drake ‘76, ’82
Marilyn Hawkins ‘62
Carolyn Tanaka ‘65

Dr. Nancy Clark ‘68, ‘85
Irene Mendez ‘82
Dr. Cricket Barakzai ‘98, ‘03

Bev Miller ‘64, ’81
2010 Celebrates the International Year of the Nurses who make a difference

- Become a part of the written and oral history project.
- If you have not already done so, click on the Nursing Legacy Project, and tell us your story.
- Check out our Face Book Fresno State Nursing
- Join the Fresno State Alumni Association Nursing Chapter
- Plan to attend the nursing centennial events
- Consider donating to the Nursing Legacy fund.