Dr. Jeanette Rossetti has been awarded the prestigious NIU Presidential Teaching Professorship for 2017-2021. She becomes only the second recipient from the School of Nursing in the 27 year history of the award, with Dr. Lorys Oddi being the first in 1996.

The award was established in 1990 to recognize outstanding teachers who inspire students, apply rigorous standards, demonstrate extraordinary commitment to students and their welfare and explore new effective instructional methods. With the award comes an expectation that awardees will carry out a continued agenda of instructional improvement during the four-year award period. They are awarded an additional $5,000 each of the four years to support their efforts. This is an example of reinforcing success!

Eligibility for the award includes being a tenured faculty member at the rank of full professor with at least six years of service at NIU. Dr. Rossetti will be recognized in a ceremony on April 20, 2017 at Altgeld Hall and will receive a medallion intended for wearing with academic regalia.

Dr. Rossetti has been a faculty member with the School of Nursing since 2002. She has earned a number of awards, to include Outstanding Teacher of the Year (2006), the CHHS Lankford Award for Teaching Excellence (2007), and the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2009). We are proud to have Dr. Rossetti on the School of Nursing team!
Karen Burg, Class of ’82

Hometown: Mt. Prospect, IL (currently resides in Oshkosh, WI)

Background and Career: Karen began as a staff nurse at Evanston Hospital from 1982-1988. After moving to Missouri and starting a family, she returned to the area, working at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. After her children started their own adult lives, she moved to Wisconsin and is looking for a new nursing opportunity. Two of her three children are in the Army (daughter Stefanie at Fort Bragg, NC and son Jeff is at Fort Stewart, GA.) and she is a proud Army mom!

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, garden, crochet and all things outdoors

Advice to current nursing students: Do what you love with no regrets. Always challenge yourself and others, care for your patients like you would want your loved ones cared for, and never stop learning. Believe that you can make a difference and you will.

Huskie Alumna Blazing a Trail

Erin Fallis (’12) recently became a “first”. On February 10, 2017, Erin was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and will be the first recipient of the military’s Healthcare Provider Scholarship Program (HPSP) for midwifery. After completing her DNP at UIC and becoming a midwife, Erin will begin to fulfill her eight year obligation to the U.S. Army – the first three of which must be on active duty. The remainder may be satisfied through reserve service.

Erin came to this unique position by combining two passions – a love for working with veterans (her husband is a veteran and she currently works for the VA) and midwifery. With her husband’s help, they sought out options with a military healthcare recruiter and after a one year process, all is set. Good luck, Erin!

Information about the HPSP can be found here.
2017 Graduate Colloquium

On March 30, 2017, the NIU School of Nursing held its annual Graduate Colloquium. This year’s presentations were:

“How not to prescribe benzodiazapines: You’re getting nervous already, aren’t you?”
Presenter: Tony Amberg, MS, MSN, APN, PMHNP-BC

and

“Chronic pain and addiction treatment in the opioid epidemic”
Presenter: Joe Lyon, FNP-BC

The colloquium was attended by about 40 people, both in person and remotely. The School of Nursing would like to thank both presenters for an informative evening.

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It’s time to take the next step.

NIU is accepting applications for its new online DNP program; classes start in fall 2017.

Post-master’s and post-bachelor’s programs available
Staying Politically Engaged

Thanks to generous donors, the NIU School of Nursing was once again able to offer the opportunity for nursing students to attend the annual “Student Nurse Political Action Day” in Springfield, IL. The event is hosted by the American Nurse Association – Illinois and is a chance for student nurses to interact with their political representatives and hear about current legislative matters concerning the nursing field.

Donor dollars paid for the registration fees and travel costs to send over 30 students this year.

Service Learning!

On February 2, 2017, NIU nursing students participated in the Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) EKG screening at Larkin High School in Elgin.

YH4L is the largest heart screening program in the U.S. and offers free heart screenings to detect conditions that could lead to sudden cardiac death later in adults.

Students from Dr. Karin Glenn’s and Alicia Connolly’s Population Health classes participated in the event.

Spring 2017 Pinning Ceremony

YOU’RE INVITED!

The NIU nursing program’s Pinning Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 13 at the Egyptian Theatre in DeKalb at 1:00 pm. We would like to encourage all friends, family and alumni of the program to come. Show your support of the nursing profession’s newest members (and your Huskie pride) by joining us. We hope you’ll come!
Each semester the Chair of the School of Nursing recognizes students who score 950 or higher on the Med/Surg II or Exit HESI with induction into the coveted 950 Club.

The HESI exam is a predictive exam designed to both test students’ knowledge and prepare them to pass the NCLEX upon graduation. Studies have shown that success on the HESI is an indicator of likely success on the NCLEX. This semester, 60 nursing students achieved a 950 or better on one of these two HESI tests.

The 950 Club ceremony also provided an opportunity to present Emily Bunton with the 2017 College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Award. Emily was nominated by School of Nursing leadership. One award is made annually to each school within the college. Congratulations, Emily!
Dr. Laura Beamer

Dr. Beamer recently presented at the National Nursing Ethics Conference at the University of California in Los Angeles on March 23 & 24, 2017. Her presentation was titled “Application of the ANA Code of Ethics to Genetic/Genomic Nursing”.

Samantha Posch

The School of Nursing would like to welcome Samantha Posch to the team! She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from NIU and her master’s degree from Lewis University. She is a nurse practitioner at Edward Hospital in Naperville and now serves as clinical instructor for the School of Nursing. Welcome, Samantha!