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University of Detroit Mercy College of Health Professions

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Message from Dean Suzanne Mellon

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Suzanne Mellon, R.N., Ph.D., has taught psychiatric/mental health, research, leadership and management, and community mental health, as well as family content in the UDM graduate nursing programs and theoretical foundations of nursing. Her area of specialization is in psychiatric mental health nursing and family mental health. Her area of research expertise and interest is in family survivorship of a cancer illness. She holds a B.S.N. from the University of Michigan, a M.S. in Nursing from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University. Dean Mellon received the President's Award for Faculty Excellence in 1996 and the first Doctoral Nursing Student Fellowship from the Helen Newberry Joy Foundation in 1996. She joined the University of Detroit Mercy in 1989. Prior to her current position as dean, she has served on the faculty and as associate dean and chair for McAuley School of Nursing.



Dear Alumni,

This academic year is off to a great start! We have an increased enrollment in all our programs in the College, with 979 students registered! This is an increase from the previous fall, and we project that our College will continue to show even more growth in the next year. With acute shortages in numerous health professional areas, notably nursing, we are responding to these needs and are able to accommodate more students as we plan for the future. In particular, our accelerated second-degree program, a unique program for individuals with a prior degree to complete their BSN in 12 months, has doubled in size this year. Our prelicensure program in collaboration with Aquinas College and Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center, has also met their capped enrollment on the western side of the state. Additionally, we have expanded programs in graduate HSA and Nursing Health Systems Management, and BSN completion to University Center at Macomb Community College in Clinton Township.

The enrollment growth signifies the continuation of the mission and vision of our College to prepare leaders in health care and to meet the industry's current and emerging needs. We believe that we meet this challenge through our commitment to values-based and ethical practice for our graduates, our strong emphasis on building partnerships in the community, our commitment to student-focused attention and innovative teaching, integration of an interdisciplinary approach, and our ongoing commitment to an urban perspective that now includes national and international perspectives.

We are actively planning to move to the McNichols Campus in August 2004, which will be a major focus of our efforts this year. Plans have been finalized regarding where our new home will be located. We will have a new building addition connected to the south wing of the current Lansing-Reilly Hall, which will also be a part of our new home. We are tremendously excited about a new building and renovation of a large wing that will service our students, faculty and staff! Please see the [architectural plans and renderings](#) related to the new building addition. A major element in the planning has been incorporation of the traditions and heritage of the Sisters of Mercy, which will be reflected in this [new location](#) for our College and School.

Other important spaces in the new building addition will be state-of-the-art Physical Assessment and Instructional Practice Labs, a Virtual Simulation Classroom, Private Examination rooms, a Human Anatomy Lab, and a Computer Learning and Testing Laboratory. Our renovated wing will include student spaces for relaxation and group meetings, a faculty and staff lounge, a corridor of Health Professions Conference Room spaces for alumni and partnership meetings. Large faculty offices are also included in this renovated wing.

We welcome your involvement and commitment to this major undertaking for our College. Our College Advisory Board, Alumni Council and University Advancement Department are working diligently to ensure that this state-of-the-art facility will fulfill our vision for the future for our students, faculty, staff, as well as returning alumni. Each gift, particularly for the building, but also for technology and laboratory investment and student scholarship assistance, is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me (mellonsk@udmercy.edu) at the College if you would like to be involved in this investment for our future.

Suzanne Mellon
Dean, College of Health Professions
McAuley School of Nursing



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The building will feature high-tech classrooms and laboratories, including a number of simulation laboratories, which have become integral to quality health care education.

"Health care graduates don't get on-the-job training. They're providing care to patients from the moment they're hired," notes Mellon. "Simulation labs allow students to practice their skills in settings that closely resemble those they'll encounter at work."

The labs will be critical to the Physician Assistant curriculum, according to Sharon Moser, Physician Assistant instructor and academic coordinator.

"The simulation labs are so important. They're used in so many areas now, like pulmonary, endocrinology and wound care," she says. "Without these labs, students have to wait until their clinicals to get this type of experience."

The new building also will include spaces inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, one of the College's founders. A sweeping two-story atrium will showcase stained glass windows brought over from the Mercy Chapel on the Outer Drive Campus. An adjacent Heritage Reception Hall will celebrate the College's history and accomplishments, highlighting the contributions of alumni, faculty and administrators.

"The Heritage Hall will help us continue to tell the story of Mercy foundress Catherine McAuley; Francis Warde, who brought the Sisters of Mercy to the U.S.; and Mother Carmelita Manning, who bought the Outer Drive property in 1940 and had Mercy College up and running by 1941. We need to keep telling that story," says Mary Kelly, R.S.M., Health Services Administration chair.

Drawing from the charisms of the Sisters of Mercy, a nearby Reflection Room will offer students and visitors a quiet space for private reflection and prayer. This area will house artifacts from the Mercy Chapel and will include the University Ministry Office for the College of Health Professions.

"The Reflection Room is important in a college of health professions, because what we do is an extension of the healing power of God," explains Kelly. "The concept of Mercy has two components: the sense of feeling for those who are suffering and then the response of doing something to alleviate the suffering. We grow in Mercy by reflecting on it, developing sensitivity to God's children. Education and practice is how we respond."

The decision to relocate the College of Health Professions was part of the University's long-range strategic plan. Moving the College will make better use of University resources, provide more opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange, and allow health professions students to participate in a more vibrant college life.

"It's going to be a positive move in so many ways," says Beth Anctil, assistant professor, Health Systems Management. "Campus life will be richer for our students."

Moser expects her students will enjoy being part of the lively McNichols Campus.

"Our students tend to be very outgoing, active and involved," she says. "They're really going to benefit from being part of the activities at McNichols."

Michael Dosch, Nurse Anesthesia director and chair, says the move will be good for his students.

"Being in a new building is exciting. We'll be closer to IT, the library, and other colleges. Our students and faculty will be better connected to University life," he says.

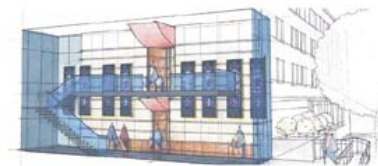
Faculty members say they're looking forward to working more closely with their colleagues in the other colleges.

"We're really excited about working with genetics, chemistry, biology and the other pure sciences," says Moser.

"We've had little chance to know our peers on the McNichols Campus," adds Kelly. "Sometimes the ideas for your best collaborations happen over lunch or after bumping into someone at the library. Now we'll have the opportunity for that."



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College becomes exclusive administrator for anesthesia program

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The University of Detroit Mercy's College of Health Professions will become the sole administrator of its Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) program, July 1, 2004. The College currently operates the program in partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, a member of Trinity Health.

The change will be transparent to students, who still will have St. Joseph as their primary clinical site. However, day-to-day operations will become simpler and easier with just one administrator, according to Mike Dosch, director and chair of the Nurse Anesthesia program.

"The hospital truly values having the students, and it's good for their recruitment and retention of employees," says Dosch. "But patient care is the hospital's core mission, not education. It makes sense for the University to take sole ownership of the program."

CRNA administrators, currently based at St. Joseph, will move their offices to the McNichols Campus when the College of Health Professions relocates there next summer.

"We're looking forward to being part of the McNichols Campus," says Dosch. "It will be a good change."



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Services grow at eastside center

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Photo: Oral health screenings were offered to community residents at the center in September.

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Its name may be shorter, but its list of accomplishments seems to be growing longer each day. Activity at the McAuley Health Center – formerly the McAuley Nurse Managed Center – is definitely in high gear.



The University of Detroit Mercy's McAuley School of Nursing opened the center last January to provide free primary health care to medically underserved patients, primarily uninsured working poor adults. Located on the eastside of Detroit, the center is staffed by UDM nursing faculty, with assistance from graduate and undergraduate students.

College of Health Professions faculty members practicing primary care at the center include Merry Stewart, Janet Baiardi and Pat Rouen. The full-time staff has grown to include medical assistant Melissa Fuller and administrative assistant Leticia Jones. Mental health faculty include Carla Groh, Joan Urbancic and John Knisely.

Currently, one family nurse practitioner graduate student and eight undergraduates are working at the center. The students often "shadow" the center's clinical coordinator, Mary Serowky, to observe first-hand how an advance practice nurse functions.

"Our students are involved in wonderful activities," reports Urbancic, the clinic's project director. "They're conducting outreach programs such as health fairs at churches and senior citizen homes almost every week."

In September, nursing students collaborated with dental and dental hygiene students to sponsor an oral health fair at the center for community residents.

While the center's patient load has been growing steadily, partnerships with a number of organizations mean its services will reach even more in the community. They'll soon be treating breast and cervical cancer patients as part of a federal program administered by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The center is finalizing an agreement to see Medicare recipients, and another to treat patients of Havenwyck, a psychiatric hospital.

Going forward, Urbancic says one of the center's goals is to incorporate spirituality into practice.

"It's so important to the healing process," she explains. "We're exploring how best to do that."

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McAuley names Judith Lewis associate dean

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Judith Lewis has joined the McAuley School of Nursing as its new associate dean. Lewis comes to the School from the University of Akron College of Nursing, where she was director of nursing education.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Lewis decided at an early age to follow in her mother's footsteps and pursue a career in nursing. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Ohio State University, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Cincinnati.

She's held numerous teaching and administrative posts at several institutions, including the University of Alabama, the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, St. Louis University and Marquette University.

The decision to join the McAuley School of Nursing was an easy one, according to Lewis.

"It was a good fit," she explains. "I was looking for an associate dean's role, had enjoyed my experiences working in Jesuit institutions, and I was impressed with the Mercy approach to nursing education. I liked their focus on students, community, partnerships and service learning."

Lewis expects her first year in Detroit to be a busy one. Her agenda includes the School's plans to boost enrollment, expand the Second Degree Option program, and increase student involvement in governance – in addition to relocating to the McNichols campus and an upcoming accreditation visit. Faculty development will be another priority.

"Our faculty and staff are involved in some very exciting things," Lewis says. "We need to support their development."



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Martha G. Titler speaks at Nurse Scholar Lecture

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Photo (left to right) : Mary White, president of Lamda Zeta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau; Barbara Hertzler, senior vice president of Patient Care Services, Trinity Health; Marita Titler, Distinguished Nurse Scholar; Suzanne Mellon, dean of the College of Health Professions and McAuley School of Nursing; and Judith Lewis, associate dean of the McAuley School of Nursing.

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Ninety-four registered nurses and student nurses attended the McAuley School of Nursing's Eleventh Annual Distinguished Nurse Scholar Lecture, October 21, in UDM's Ward Conference Center. Guest lecturer Marita G. Titler spoke on "Evidence-Based Practice: Challenges and Opportunities."



As director of Research, Quality and Outcomes Management in the Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Titler has extensive experience with evidence-based practice (EBP), and is a frequent guest lecturer on the topic.

During her talk, Titler discussed the benefits of making health care decisions based on research such as improved patient outcomes, decreased costs, and staff retention. She also described the role of nurse leaders and nurse educators in promoting EBP in the practice setting.

Titler also spoke at an afternoon presentation on "Teaching Evidence-Based Practice" for McAuley School of Nursing faculty. She provided numerous resources for faculty to learn more about EBP and examples of how to integrate EBP into both the baccalaureate and graduate-level nursing programs.

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UDM offers additional programs at University Center

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Photo: University Center at Macomb Community College.



The University of Detroit Mercy's College of Health Professions launched two master's degree programs this fall at University Center, located on Macomb Community College's Center Campus in Clinton Township.



Both programs – the Master of Science in Nursing with a major in Health Systems Management and the Master of Science in Health Services Administration – are designed for working adults and can be completed within two years.

The Health Systems Management program was developed specifically to equip registered nurses to lead and manage in today's dynamic health care environment, utilizing skills in such areas as program development and evaluation, quality improvement, financial management, case management and informatics. The Health Services Administration graduate degree program prepares students for executive-level careers in health care. The College also offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration at University Center for students interested in entry and middle-management positions or clinical supervisory roles in health care.

"The shortage of nurses in this country also means there's a great need for capable leadership in health care," says Beth Anctil, assistant professor, Health Systems Management. "These are very well-designed programs that help meet that need."

UDM is the only university offering Health Services Administration and Health Systems Management programs in the Macomb County area.

"By offering these courses at University Center, we're making them accessible to more students," notes Julia Stocker, assistant professor and coordinator of the Health Systems Management program. "That's important because it benefits not just the students, but also employers, hospitals and patients in the Macomb area."

The College will offer its Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion program at University Center next semester. UDM recently hired a recruiter, Lynn Vitale, to promote its programs in Macomb. In addition to College of Health Professions programs, the University also offers a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Administration at University Center.

"Having a full-time recruiter will make a tremendous difference in raising awareness of UDM programs at University Center," says Nancy Ann Surma, OSF, UDM associate vice president for academic services.



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New look for college web site

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The College of Health Professions has transformed the look of its [web site](#). The new format is now consistent with the University's web design, which was implemented last February. Program content and information about College activities have also been updated. An important feature includes a link to information and images regarding the College's move plans in 2004.



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Faculty/Staff News

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The College of Health Professions welcomes the following new faculty:

Sandra Cleveland (Fleming), assistant professor of Nursing, received her MSN from Wayne State University, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at WSU. She previously served as an adjunct faculty with McAuley School of Nursing.

Joette Lambert, assistant professor of Nursing, is currently a doctoral candidate in the College of Nursing at Wayne State University and also works in the AIDS Research Center & Education Center at WSU. She previously was an adjunct faculty member with McAuley School of Nursing.

Lynda Stallword, Nursing instructor, received her MSN from Wayne State University in pediatric nursing and is currently a doctoral student at WSU. She was previously a project director for a NIH project at WSU.

Julia Stocker, assistant professor and coordinator, Health Systems Management program, earned her BSN from the University of Michigan and her Master of Science in Community Health Nursing from University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Nursing at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Prior to joining UDM, she held teaching and research positions at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

Kimberly Texley-Quigg, assistant professor of Nursing—Grand Rapids, received her MSN from Wayne State University. She previously worked as a nurse practitioner for Aquinas College.

Other faculty/staff news includes:

Grant allows faculty to further their education

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan awarded the College of Health Professions \$15,000 for the creation of the McAuley Network for Nurse Educators. The grant, which was submitted by Dean Suzanne Mellon, will allow for faculty development and training in online and other current methodologies. The grant was written and submitted by Judith Lewis, associate dean for the McAuley School of Nursing, Sarah Halter, assistant professor and chair, Accelerated Nursing Program, and Dean Suzanne Mellon.

Martina (Martie) Kuechle, senior academic affairs coordinator, was recognized for 20 years of service at UDM's Colleague Recognition Program, November 20.

Suzanne Mellon, dean, College of Health Professions and McAuley School of Nursing, received a federal grant from the National Institute of Health's National Institute of Nursing Research for a research project on "Family Decision Making Regarding Inherited Cancer Risk." As principal investigator on the study, Mellon will work with Wayne State University and Karmanos Cancer Institute.



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HSA students receive scholarships

Last spring, Health System Administration students Sherry Wiggins-Baker, Zina Shikhman and Crystal Golson received scholarships from the Michigan Healthcare Executives Group and Associations. This group is the professional organization of healthcare executives in southeast Michigan and is affiliated with the national organization, the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). UDM's student chapter of ACHE also received the Regents-at-Large Award.

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PA Student News

The PA program held its "white coat" ceremony, August 19, for new PA students.



PA students take the Physician Assistant oath. PA alumna **Lisa Morrison '98**, provided the closing remarks at the ceremony.



PA Chair **Suzanne Warnimont** congratulates new PA student **Andrea Nemeth**.

Medical Relief in Cambodia



PA alumni **Christopher Stramecky '95**, and **Susan Klimist '85**, organized a four-week medical relief trip to Cambodia in August/September. They provided needed medical care and help to rebuild the country's medical infrastructure, under the auspices of the Asian Medical Doctors' Association of Cambodia.

Red Cross Blood Drive

In recognition of PA day, UDM's PA students sponsored a Red Cross blood drive on the Outer Drive Campus, October 7. PA Day commemorates the day when the first PA students completed the PA program at Duke University on October 6, 1967.



PA Alumni News

PA alumni **Abby Kerr '01**, and **Raymond Mooney '75**, appeared on the public access cable TV program, "Focus on Health," in July to discuss the role of a physician assistant.

PA alumnus **Lonna VanAst '98**, joined the practice of Internist Bennet Cecil, last spring to assist him in a Detroit-area clinic devoted exclusively to the treatment of hepatitis C infections (HCV). Cecil and VanAst provide individualized patient treatment plans using the latest biotechnology products to destroy the virus. HCV is the most common chronic blood-borne infection with estimates that nearly 2,000 new cases of HCV will be reported in Detroit this year.



PA student **Rocelious (Roe) Goodson** received the 2004 Michigan PA Foundation Scholarship. He was awarded a check for \$1,000 and a laptop computer. (Also pictured is **Dave Martin '99**)

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