



# ONTRACK

BON SECOURS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

## THE TOP TEN ISSUE



### #1 C & C WITH THE DEAN

Dr. Sorbello held her first Coffee and Conversation with the Dean session on Monday afternoon, October 13. The topic chosen was Nurses Leading at the Point of Care. Several viewpoints, characteristics and examples of leadership demonstrated by nurses, including advocacy for safe patient care and nurses serving as role models were shared by the participants. Dr. Sorbello plans on holding a Coffee and Conversation with the Dean session each semester.

### #2 COLLEGE AMBASSADORS GET BUSY

Our inaugural class of College Ambassadors has already made their mark this semester—becoming immersed in our admissions events such as new student orientation, giving tours of the campus, assisting with college marketing, acting as spokesmen during information sessions, promoting our wellness events, and participating in early career decision. As we gear up for December graduation, their presence will be felt to make sure this important day goes smoothly. Interested in learning more about being a College Ambassador? Inquire with our Admissions Office. Applications for the next academic year will be available in late spring.



### #3 CELEBRATING BSMCON'S INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS SUCCESS STORIES

At the October 13th Campus Forum, BSMCON celebrated its first year engaging in the Journey of Institutional Effectiveness (JoIE). Nine departments took part in the JoIE process during the last year. The process consisted of “telling the story” of objectives - what the office/unit was supposed to be doing; activities—what it was doing to achieve each objective; assessments—how it knew it was doing what it was supposed to be doing; and decisions—how assessment findings informed decision making and improvements. Three departments were recognized for telling outstanding stories: Continuing Education, Library and Student Success. The top winner was the Office of Student Success.

## #4 MAKING HEADLINES



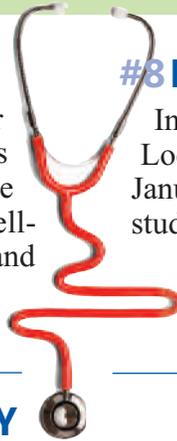
**Trina Gardner** recently co-published an article in the September 2014 issue of Nursing 2014 Critical Care magazine with a colleague from Children's Hospital of Richmond. The article, "Congenital atrial septal defect," discusses atrial septal defect (ASD) in children and treatment options. In addition, Trina was recently recognized by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses for 20 years of CCRN certification. CCRN is one of the most advanced professional credentials that can be achieved in the nursing field of acute and critical care.



**Holly Pugh's** abstract "Best Practices for Designing a Simulation Center" was accepted for presentation at the 15th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare to be held in New Orleans, LA in January 2015. Holly will be co-presenting with colleagues from the NLN Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators.

## #5 EARLY CAREER DECISION

Early Career Decision was held on Monday, October 6. More than 20 nursing managers from Bon Secours Richmond Health System were on site to interview the class of December, 2014! The students were well-prepared for their interviews, dressed professionally and impressed everyone they met. We'll offer one in the spring—stay tune for details!



## #8 BUILD YOUR RESUME AND SKILLS

Interested in doing a Nurse Externship next summer? Local hospitals typically post these opportunities in January each year on their website. It is intended for students between the junior and senior year—or in the case of our students, also between the first and second senior semester. Contact Allison Peterson, Career Counselor, for more information.

## #6 WELCOME NEW STAFF & FACULTY

We have several new faces here at the College. Please join me in welcoming:

### New Staff

Polly Conover, Dia Lisner, Becky Roberts

### New Faculty

Full-time: JeanMarie Digges, Jan Ivey, Catherine Mikeleitas, Robin Nasi, Lara Ratliff, Melissa Roberson

Adjunct Nursing: Connie Garrett, Amanda Hatton, Tonya Hawkins, Yui Matsuda, Patricia Porta, Erin Robson, Curtis Stowers, Cynthia Woods

Adjunct General Education: Kelly Lockeman, Caleb Oladipo, Nicholas Setliff, Dr. Kelly Stuart

Returning Adjunct: Gloria Booker, Carrie Butler, Kelly Spann

## #9 EMPLOYEE GIVING, A SUCCESS!

This was an exciting year for the BSMCON as we garnered a 54 percentage participation rate on the annual Employee Giving Campaign—more than ever before! Many of this year's donors made first time gifts, a great feat for any organization. The generous giving spirit of faculty and staff was appreciated and will help the College achieve its goals. And remember, it's never too late to give. Gifts can be made by credit card, payroll deduction, or PTO. Deductions do not begin until January 2015. If you are in a position to make a Fleur-de-Lis gift (\$1,000 or more) or a leadership gift to the Westhampton renovation, please contact Audrey Thomson, senior development officer, for the College.

## #7 CLASS-A-ROLL STOPS BY BSMCON

Class-A-Roll parked at the College this fall to teach us a few things about healthful dishes. This Bon Secours Virginia Health System mobile kitchen is dedicated



to empowering people to make smart and healthful decisions around food and nutrition. Students, faculty and staff were given a food preparation presentation and enjoyed delicious food before leaving with recipes to recreate healthful, tasty dishes at home.

## #10 FREE TAX HELP IF YOU QUALIFY

Our director of Financial Aid, Crystal Filer-Ogden, wants you to know about a resource that provides free tax preparation for residents with low to moderate income. MetroCASH Tax Coalition, a group she volunteers with, was formed in October 2002. Their goal is to address economic issues that negatively impact the Greater Richmond community, such as unclaimed tax credits and dollars lost in tax preparation fees and refund anticipation loans. For more information, visit [www.metrocash.org](http://www.metrocash.org).