



University of Windsor

Faculty of Nursing

## 2016 Spring Newsletter

This newsletter captures some of the highlights from the past year. We have many more good news stories and reasons to celebrate on our website: For a full listing of all our latest news and accomplishments – please view our website:

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/nursing/newsfeed>

Please also follow us on Twitter: @UWinNursing for current updates and news.

### **Dr. Maher El-Masri appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Nursing Research.**

Canadian Journal of Nursing Research (CJNR), Canada's leading journal in nursing research and scholarship, publishes original research and scholarly manuscripts that are of special interest to nursing clinicians, educators, leaders, policy makers, researchers, and students; as well as other health care providers. Now published by Sage Publishing Inc., CJNR is committed through its newly appointed Editor-in-Chief Board to pursue a mission that will contribute to the advancement of nursing science and scholarship in Canada and abroad.

“As the newly appointed Editor-in-Chief of Canadian Journal of Nursing Research (CJNR), I, along with the Editorial Board have every intention to preserve CJNR's Canadian identity, while developing it to be one of the leading nursing research journals in Canada and abroad,” commented Maher El-Masri, PhD, RN, Professor and Nursing Research Chair, University of Windsor. “We believe that Canada deserves an outstanding and internationally

competitive nursing research journal, and that with SAGE's publishing expertise and its broad distribution among researchers and libraries, we can make the CJNR that journal.” The appointment of Dr. El-Masri to this prestigious role is a testament to the scholarship and research contributions of members of our faculty in the advancement of nursing science in Canada and beyond.

### **Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Nursing (PhD in Nursing) Launch: September 2017**

The Faculty of Nursing's new PhD program was developed in response to the need for more PhD prepared nurses in Canada. The aim of this program is to prepare nursing scholars for the 21<sup>st</sup> century who will direct and carry out independent research, generate new knowledge, contribute to improving health outcomes and health services, and assume roles as educators in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

The program will involve four years of full-time study and is a combination of coursework, a comprehensive exam and dissertation.

For admission requirements and program overview details, see:

<http://cronus.uwindsor.ca/units/registrar/calendars/graduate/cur.nsf/982f0e5f06b5c9a285256d6e006cff78/57888741085b5a4085257edf0050f667!OpenDocument>

## Memorial bench for Dr. Sheila Cameron



Earlier this year, we lost our dear colleague Dr. Sheila Cameron. Her memory will live on through the establishment of an

undergraduate scholarship via generous donations from her family, friends and colleagues. In addition, the Faculty of Nursing and University of Windsor will honour her memory through the purchase of a memorial bench on campus.

The bench will be placed near the bubbling rock in the heart of the campus by Leddy Library. The cost for the bench, plaque and lifetime maintenance was recently achieved by generous donors. The bench and commemorative plaque will be installed in the near future.

## First Graduate Student (Sam Kellam) Travels to England as a Queen Elizabeth II Scholar

The Faculty of Nursing was very happy to welcome Master's student Samantha Kellam back from the UK in early spring. Sam is our first QEII Jubilee Scholar to complete an international academic experience in palliative care with our partners at Keele University, the Donna Louise Hospice, and the Douglas MacMillan Hospice in Staffordshire, UK. The experience brought her many new insights about how palliative care is delivered in the UK. We are planning several community engagement events where Sam will share her new knowledge. We are currently preparing to welcome Jordan Gerring, our first student from England this fall. Our future newsletter will contain more details.

## DR. SUE READ VISITS FROM KEELE UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Nursing, along with the Hospice of Windsor, hosted a visiting scholar from Keele University in November 2015. Dr. Read is a leading researcher/scholar in England, with recognition for her creation of a Tablet App to facilitate communication between health care providers and patients with disabilities about illness, death and dying. The App, called "PickTalk", is available for free download. Dr. Read gave several talks while in Windsor, including one at the Hospice and one to students from several disciplines.



University of Windsor nursing faculty with colleagues from Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare during Dr. Sue Read's visit to Windsor (center with red purse).

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD PRESENTED TO OUR VERY OWN LECTURER JASON KIERNAN BY THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES IN APRIL 2016.



## THE FACULTY OF NURSING CONGRATULATES...

Tau Upsilon Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing on celebrating its 10 year anniversary as a chapter on April 1, 2016 at Beach Grove Golf and Country Club. Highlights of the evening included the induction of 23 new members into the Tau Upsilon Chapter.



Professor Laurie Carty (pictured left), who will be retiring July 1/16 after a long and distinguished academic career with the University of Windsor.

Student Success Coordinator Fran Meloche, who recently started maternity leave and will soon welcome

her third child. Margo Cameron will be taking on Fran's role while she is on leave.

## GENEROUS DONORS AND THE CREATION OF NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Generous donations to the Faculty of Nursing for the creation/enhancement of endowed scholarships.

1. David Wilson for augmenting the Isabelle and David Wilson Scholarship in Nursing.
2. Naim Ramia, in memory of his beloved wife Marianne Faye Ramia, a BScN graduate from the University of Windsor.
3. Al Cameron and family/friends/colleagues, in memory of Dr. Sheila Cameron.
4. Gary and Sandra Beecroft, in memory of their daughter Karrie, a BScN graduate from the University of Windsor.

## CELEBRATING NURSING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE 2016



The Faculty of Nursing held its annual celebration of research excellence during Nurses' Week 2016.

Professors Kathy Deshaies (St. Clair College) & Kathy Pfaff (University of Windsor) (pictured above with Dean Linda Patrick and Dr. Maher El-Masri) were recognized for excellence in research & scholarship, along with several graduate students who received graduate awards during the year.

Congratulations to all recipients (graduate and undergraduate) of Nursing Awards this past year, and best wishes for continued success.