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A word from the Dean:

Dear International Colleagues,

This is our first issue of the International Alumni Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the exciting and important activities taking place at FPB and to improve communication between FPB and our large international alumni community.

The 2001-2002 academic year was a challenging one. The current nursing shortage, unlike others, promises to be long lasting. Nursing faculty are concerned about the paucity of young people interested in nursing. During the year, the nursing school directed resources toward strengthening enrollment and reaching out to the community to improve the image of nursing. In addition, the events of September 11 have caused some disruption of our international recruiting efforts for the graduate programs.

Although this academic year was characterized by discovery and change, the quality of the programs offered remains high. The School continues to rank among the top ten Schools in the country and remains the number one nursing school in the State of Ohio. The faculty is well known for their scholarship within the nursing profession, and our graduates continue to be recruited for leadership positions at home and globally.

While most schools of nursing in the country are reporting faculty shortages and difficulty attracting applicants, the FPB School of Nursing received over thirty applications for faculty positions. We were able to fill four endowed chairs and have applicants for the two remaining chairs. We have a total of eleven chairs, more than any other school of nursing in the world.

We initiated three new MSN programs (beginning Fall 2002) in Flight Nursing, Infection Control and Nursing Informatics and the ND pre-licensure program was reduced to 16 months to compete with other local universities. The University approved the joint MSN/MPH joint program with the Medical School. We also completed the first phase of the Learning Resource Center (the former Skills Lab). The second phase will begin in the near future.

Our goal is to make the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University the best school of nursing in the world. In conclusion, I would like to state our vision which is: To Establish A Caring, Diverse Academic Learning Environment. We would ask that you consider being an Ambassador of FPB.

Sincerely,

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A Word from the WHO Collaborating Center and The International Office at FPB

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Dear International Alumni and Colleagues,

As part of our strategic planning process last year, we identified a gap in our international programs and that was consistent contact with Alumni. Thus the idea for this newsletter was born. In it, we hope to fill you in on events and new programs, happenings with faculty, and other activities involving the international health programs.

We are pleased that the WHO Collaborating Center at FPB was redesignated in August 2001 for another four year term. The terms of reference were changed to focus more directly on home care nursing education and research and evidence based practice.

Two exchange programs have been developed with Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland and State University of Londrina, Brazil. Students from FPB have the opportunity to visit either of the two universities for a period of two or three weeks. Tuition fees and accommodations will not be an expense to the students, they will only be responsible for their air travel and food. Our Midwifery students have already taken advantage of this experience in visiting Napier University in Scotland and students from State University of Londrina, Brazil visited FPB in March 2002. These opportunities will certainly enrich our students' knowledge in nursing abroad and we welcome your thoughts on additional exchange programs.

Summer PhD program:

We are re-activating our Summer PhD program beginning in June 2003. The summer PhD program meets all requirements of the School of Graduate Studies for a PhD in Nursing. This program offers all coursework in the summer and includes one semester on campus during the school year. Applications are now being accepted for more information visit the web site <http://fpb.cwru.edu> or email students services at: admissions@fpb.cwru.edu

ND Program:

The ND program is a postmaster's nursing doctorate to prepare clinical researchers. Coursework can be done in the intensive format. For more information check our web site <http://fpb.cwru.edu>

Fulbright Fellow:

Maya T. Sarykova, MD, from Turkmenistan, spent 5 months working with Dr. Donna Dowling on further development of her research on breastfeeding techniques. We welcome other Fulbright Fellows.

Channel Program:

We have a Channel Program with Universities in Egypt for pre-doctoral studies where students from Egypt complete their coursework, collect their data and come to FPB to work under the supervision of one of our faculty members to analyze data and finalize the research proposal. They will receive the PhD degree from their university in Egypt with FPB faculty acting as committee members. We have had two Channel students, Abeer Eswi and Hala Mohammed to date, Dr. Standing and Dr. Roberts as advisors, respectively.

Korean Public Health Program:

A special public health program was designed for Korean nurses at the request of Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. Twenty five Korean public health nurses attended a two-week educational program at the Bolton School in July 2002.

Annual Home Care Program for International Nurse:

This year we initiated a new program designed for international nurses. We intend this to be an annual program because of the interest expressed by colleagues in other countries on home care nursing. It is a two-week educational program utilizing the rich resources of our clinical partner home care agencies, Cleveland Clinic Home Care, University Hospitals Home Care, the Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland and Hospice of the Western Reserve in combination with the outstanding faculty resources available within the School of Nursing. This program was successfully conducted in June 2002 and will be available in June 2003. For information check our school's website:

<http://fpb.cwru.edu/WHOCC/> or email: intl-fpb@po.cwru.edu

Goals:

One of our goals is to develop an electronic newsletter to obtain a more systematic contact and collaboration with the international alumni for student placement, training and research. We also would like to know what you would like from us.

To help us with this please send us your updated email. We are in the process of creating a new updated email list of international FPB alumni so please forward your email address to Samira Hussney at:
sxh70@po.cwru.edu

International students and visitors:

FPB currently has 53 international students from 14 countries: Thailand, South Korea, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Brazil, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Taiwan, China, Swaziland. Thirty one (31) international visitors visited the School of Nursing during the year 2002.

Important:

Please forward your email address to: fpb-intl@po.cwru.edu and tell us about your exciting news to include it in our newsletter such as promotions, publications, grants or any other information you would like to share with us and your international colleagues.

We plan on sending this newsletter twice a year. Send us your requests on what you would like to hear from us in the newsletter.

Certificate in Implementing Best Nursing Practices:

Continuing Education: contact hours awarded.

DATE: June 12-14, 2003

The overall purpose of this program is to provide information on the development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based practice. This certificate program is designed for quality management and staff development personnel in all health care settings hospitals, home health care agencies, rehabilitation facilities, case management organization and insurance companies.

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