

NOTABLE NURSES

MEET

JOANNE SINGLETON

*Chair of graduate studies and director of DNP program,
Pace University College of Health Professions, Pleasantville, N.Y.*

Nursing professor Singleton, RN, FNP, PhD, chair of graduate studies and director of the recently developed DNP program at Pace University's College of Health Professions, was inducted as a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in November.

Singleton joins an elite group of about 3,000 fellows, including physicians, nurses and healthcare administrators, who are selected for a combination of certification in a healthcare specialty, scholarship and active involvement in professional and community change. The academy is an effective advocate in public health reform and a major center for health education.

"Joanne significantly contributes to urban health through her own work and the extension of her work through that of her students," Harriet R. Feldman, RN, PhD, FAAN, the university's interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said in a news release. "Her teaching and mentoring have helped prepare well over a thousand family nurse practitioners through Pace's master's degree program, and now she is bringing her gifts to students in a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program that she played a significant role in developing."

Nearly 10 years ago, Singleton led Pace faculty members in revising Pace's Family Nurse Practitioner curriculum to use an evidence-based practice framework. The curriculum includes innovative practice assignments to help students learn all aspects of EBP and a "Put Prevention into Practice" assignment she developed that each student completes in clinical rotations.

Singleton was one of the faculty members who led development of Pace's Doctor of Nursing Practice curriculum including the key contemporary healthcare concepts of EBP, cultural competence and developed an innovative EBP project strategy for the capstone. She also strengthened mentoring partnerships with clinical agencies such as Mount Sinai Medical Center, Montefiore Medical Center, Elmhurst Hospital Center, the VNSNY and Northern Westchester Hospital. •



Nurses at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y., have news to share. Heather Clark, RN; Latoya Duckett, RN; Lisa Douglas, RN; Diana Park, RN; Victoria E. Gray, RN; and Estee Bury, RN, received med/surg certification. Laura Gabriel, RN, received certification in neonatal intensive care nursing. Jacqueline P. Devivo, RN, achieved CCRN certification.

Donna Hangan, CHRNC, CWS, ANP, who works at the Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Treatment Center at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, N.Y., presented the unit's performance improvement project and outcomes at the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society's Northeast Chapter annual Scientific Meeting in Providence, R.I. The interdisciplinary team successfully decreased the amputation rates in diabetics with lower-extremity wounds from 31% to 7% using hyperbaric-oxygen therapy in conjunction with multiple performance improvement indicators, such as smoking cessation, off-loading devices, management of HA1C levels and nutrition counseling.

Rory P. Sweeny McGovern, RN, EdD, was named director of nursing education and professional development at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y., and was inducted as a fellow into the New York Academy of Medicine.

Michael E. Impollonia, RN, MSN, NE-BC, was named assistant director of nursing education and research at Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lisa Quinones, ANP, RNC, MS, OGNP, ICCE, was named Grand Prize Winner, APNs, in the 2011 Cherokee Inspired Comfort Award. A professor of nursing at Suffolk County Community College in Selden, N.Y., Quinones devotes her vacations to crossing borders and traveling the world to help others. As a volunteer brigade member for the nonprofit Hope for a Healthier Humanity, she shares her expertise as a nurse practitioner on medical missions to areas of Honduras, Panama and the Dominican Republic that require special and sustained efforts just to maintain life. She has interwoven her work with HHH into the lives of her students and colleagues as evidenced by the 165 birthing kits they funded and created. Quinones delivered the kits on a return trip to Honduras, one of six medical missions she helped lead in 2010.

Robert J. Lucero, RN, MPH, PhD, assistant professor of nursing for the Center for Evidence-Based Practice in the Underserved at Columbia University School of Nursing, was inducted into the New York Academy of Medicine on Nov. 9. •

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