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EXCELLENCE IN NURSING DONNA CARLSON, RN

One of our favorite things to do at the center is to celebrate nurses and nursing. We've decided to add a special section to our newsletter, highlighting nurse exemplars throughout the state as a way of saying thank you to the wonderful nurses who stand out in their profession as nursing leaders. This quarter we introduce you to Donna Carlson, RN from Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay. Donna Carlson was selected for this issue after attending our Leadership Conference in May 2006.

Donna Carlson decided she wanted to pursue a career in nursing after working in a hospital laboratory where she was exposed to nurses in a clinical setting. She attended SW Oregon Community College in Coos Bay and has been working at Bay Area Hospital for the past 5 years.

Oncology unit manager, R. Sam Boyd RN, BSN, OCN said of Donna, "It is a joy to work with such an enthusiastic individual who's goal of improving

the health of the patient acts as her guiding example." Ms. Boyd suggested she attend the Building the Foundation: *Clinical Leadership at the Point of Care* conference, hosted by the Oregon Center for Nursing and the Oregon Nursing Leadership Council and held in Portland on May 15-16, 2006.

"The entire conference was wonderful, and what really stood out was how all of the speakers stressed the word "team" for better patient care", Carlson said. She also appreciated the discussion on end of life care, finding the topic pertinent to her work in oncology. After returning from the conference, she said she communicated about end of life care frequently with colleagues. In addition to sharing what she learned, Donna explained that Bay Area Hospital has made some changes that have positively affected team building and efficiency in her unit as a result of attending the leadership conference in May. Some of those changes include: the use of S-Bar format, training opportunities and resources for staff, the implementation of a rapid response team and an on

call resource nurse.

Donna Carlson is a motivated leader who says she enjoys the work she is doing, especially at the bedside. She is bright and resourceful and when asked if she had any future aspirations of becoming a unit manager or nurse administrator she said "I think I am at the best place I can be right now. I am at the place where I can provide valuable feedback to my manager. I am a link in a really important chain." Donna's goal for the coming year is to get her IV therapy training and National certification in chemotherapy. She currently works in the Outpatient Infusion Dept at Bay Area Hospital.

OCN is pleased to recognize Donna Carlson for her excellence in nursing and leadership at the point of care.

If you have a nurse leader you would like to recognize in future publications, please contact us at: robertso@up.edu

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KRISTINE CAMPBELL, RN, PHD

The Staff and Board of Directors would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We have some big goals for 2007. Currently, the Oregon Center for Nursing relies solely on grants and donations to keep the organization operational. Thank you to our sponsors and the many friends of OCN who continue to support our work and the mission of the center!

One of our biggest challenges this year is to secure stable funding.

We are excited to be a part of the Johnson and Johnson, *Promise of Nursing for Oregon* event and look forward to honoring and celebrating nurses in Oregon. Read more about it on page 2.

We also look forward to the development and implementation of phase II of our Leadership Development Initiative which will begin in the spring with a series of statewide workshops targeted at nurses at the point of care.

Please visit our website for additional information, materials or volunteer opportunities.

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Happy New Year!



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LPN TASK FORCE

Beginning in Sept. 2006, OCN began hosting an LPN Task Force to examine the role of the LPN in Oregon. Executive Director, Kristine Campbell, co-chairs the workgroup along with Cyndi Andrews from the Community College Health Action Plan (CCHAP). The group has met monthly to discuss how to better serve LPN's in practice as well as students considering an LPN degree.

Two sub committees have been formed to address these topics: an LPN competencies committee aimed at re-examining the existing LPN competencies, and a best practices committee which intends to review the literature about best practices in regard to LPN's.

The group has a shared vision of examining the role of the LPN and creating

recommendations for the future.



Faculty and students during a "Nursing is Cool" workshop

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON PROMISE OF NURSING FOR OREGON

This year Oregon will join a distinguished group of states who have helped host a Johnson & Johnson fundraising event/ gala to benefit nurses and nursing students in their state. It is a celebration of nursing that will raise funds to be used for undergraduate nursing student scholarships, graduate nursing education fellowships to prepare nurse faculty, and grants to regional nursing schools in need of

program expansion. 100% of funds raised will go to nursing programs and scholarships in Oregon.

This is an exciting event for Oregon which will be held on June 7, 2007. Steering committee members from around the state have committed to help find sponsorships and have met twice to begin the planning phases of the event.

So far we have 24 organizations on board. There is still time to get involved and if you or someone you know would like to join the steering committee and be a part of this wonderful event, please contact our office soon.

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STUDENTMAX– NURSING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

The Regional Nurse Clinical Placement program, StudentMAX continues to gain momentum. We have sold the license to 9 states, have another 1 in process and several others who are interested in the software.

StudentMAX2, a statewide database, went live in November 2006.

The Regional Nurse Clinical Placement workgroup is busy with many projects to improve the clinical placement process. Current committees are: the Executive Council, Clinical Requirements, Operating Procedures, Community Partners, and Internal Funding.

Awareness about the program continues to grow as

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has expressed interest in the StudentMAX program. This is encouraging as their support could mean a lot to increase the nationwide usage of the software.

To learn more about nursing clinical placements and the StudentMAX program contact Carol Mitchell, Clinical Nurse Coordinator at:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January

19 ONLC Meeting– Welcome Gloria Larson, ONLC President!

22 OCN Leadership Development Planning Committee Meeting– 10-11:30am, University of Portland

Long Term Care Leadership Development Committee–12-2pm, University of Portland
LPN Task Force Meeting– 2-4pm, University of Portland

February

7 Archimedes Movement Nurse Workgroup Meeting, 9-10:30am, University of Portland

13 LPN Task Force Meeting, 2-4pm, University of Portland

16 OCN Board of Directors Meeting, 9-12pm, University of Portland