We are moving rapidly into the presentation of the 9th National Doctors of Nursing Practice conference. If you have not yet registered or reserved your room, please do so right away as the block of rooms is likely to be sold out. The presenters are in place and this is looking to be one of the best national conferences ever.

As we prepare for this year’s event, registrants will be asked to complete a short survey so that we can be better prepared. Presenters will benefit from the results of this survey to appreciate the depth and scope of talent of those in attendance.

Please share copies of the OUTCOMES newsletter with colleagues (co-workers, faculty, and students). Consider submitting a brief article to demonstrate how you are involved in improving outcomes in your work environment. As a community we have reason to be proud of our contributions.

We look forward to seeing you at the 9th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in Baltimore.
This month’s featured faculty presenter at the 2016 National DNP Conference in Baltimore is

Diane S. Raines, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
Senior Vice President and
Chief Nursing Officer for Baptist Health

Diane S. Raines, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Baptist Health for the past eleven years. Mrs. Raines has served at Baptist Health for more than 35 years in a number of capacities, both nursing and non-nursing: staff nurse, educator, cardiac rehabilitation nurse, Director of Cardiac Services, Director of Business Development, Vice President of Corporate Communications and Senior Vice President of Organizational Effectiveness.

Dr. Raines holds a BSN from Florida State University, an MSN from the University of Florida and a doctorate in nursing practice from the University of North Florida. She is a Johnson & Johnson Wharton Executive Fellow in Nursing and a member of Sigma Theta Tau. Dr. Raines completed a Healthier Communities Fellowship through the American Hospital Association in 1999 and Leadership Jacksonville in 2002. She is a member of the American Nurses Association and the American Organization of Nurse Executives.
First Annual Conference of the Virginia Association of DNPs

Have you ever considered what you can do with the DNP degree? Maybe you are currently enrolled in a DNP program or recently finished and you want to find a position that allows you to practice to the fullest extent of your education and training. You want to work in a position that allows you to use all of those DNP Essentials you worked so hard to learn about and explore.

Over the past 14 months, a small group of recent graduates from Old Dominion University’s DNP program began planning a DNP conference. We shared a vision with our program director, Carolyn Rutledge, to create an association that brings together DNPs throughout the state. Last month, we held the First Annual Virginia Association of DNPs conference in Virginia Beach. The mission of the Virginia Association of Doctors of Nursing Practice is to connect, coordinate, and unite DNP prepared APRN providers and executives in Virginia, thereby, increasing visibility and optimizing their overall impact to improve healthcare and healthcare outcomes of the population.

At this first conference, over 100 participants from across the region came together to share the Wave of the Future, the DNP degree. The Keynote speaker was Karen Kesten, DNP, APRN, CCRN-K, CCNS, CNE Chair of the Certification Corporation Board of Directors of the ACCN. She shared Current and Future Trends of DNP Education: Impact on DNP Practice. Nine panelists shared their experiences as leaders, health policy advocates, and disruptive innovators. Our health care leaders work in various health systems throughout the state of Virginia. The health policy panelists work in the state government, as a nurse lobbyist, and a long time advocate for nurses and healthcare issues. These amazing disruptive innovators are developing new models of care that improve access to care for underserved populations in our state through evidence-based health care services. During breakout sessions, we considered how DNP graduates could become more fully engaged in health care reform, health policy, developing new models of care, and improving access to care as APRNs or Nurse Executives.

The purpose of this conference was to create a forum for the exchange of ideas and networking opportunities between current and student DNPs from the region as well as those nurses that may be interested in pursuing a DNP degree. This opportunity was also meant to inform DNP graduates and students of how DNP s do and can, excel in advancing healthcare and provide students with insight into how to proceed in serving as a nursing leaders. We met all of these goals and more. DNP graduates, students, and faculty in Virginia are energized, motivated, and willing to work to improve healthcare and healthcare outcomes for the population using our education and training as DNPs.

Rebecca A. Bates, DNP, APRN, FNP-C
Secretary, Virginia Association of DNPs
August 2016 Survey Results: DNP Outcome Dissemination

The August 2016 survey aimed to capture activities of graduates after earning the DNP degree, and the support of their respective programs. Interesting results were collected for your review and consideration.

41% if respondents relay that their alma mater continues to support professional efforts after graduation. 59% state that program of graduation continues to provide support either somewhat, minimally, or not at all.

68% of respondents state that their program is listed in the DNP Inc. web site database of DNP programs. 32% are not.

Only 31% of respondents have accessed a repository of practice project, meaning the majority of DNP students and graduates have NOT accessed this type of database.

26% of respondents have had their practice projects submitted to a repository that can be viewed by colleagues and the general public to demonstrate the outcomes of their efforts. This means that 74% do not have their projects displayed or archived in any venue.

Since graduation 29% of respondents have tried to access a database to see a colleague’s project, meaning that 71% have not seen someone else’s scholarly project.

After viewing these results the need for an affordable and accessible scholarly project is more evident than ever. This points to the value of such a service that is being developed and opened for all interested on the DNP Inc. web site.

Click HERE to take the September 2016 survey
ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

To date every known DNP program has been contacted to obtain a username and password to insert information about their respective program and update information as desired. This is a great opportunity to share information about each program and includes a listing of tracks. All listings can be searched using various terms and key words both by delivery processes and geographically. This is a tool that each program can use to reflect both similar and unique characteristics of their program. I have received numerous messages from potential students and faculty asking about various programs available. It’s a pleasure to direct them to this database. To learn more please visit this page. If you have questions or want to assure that your program is listed, please contact us at info@DoctorsofNursingPractice.org.

CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD IN THE DNP ONLINE COMMUNITY:

Chairing DNP Projects
Join this discussion to share your thoughts on who should chair a DNP project: A DNP prepared or a PhD prepared faculty?
http://doctorsofnursingpractice.ning.com/forum/topics/chairing-dnp-projects

Professional Image and the DNP
What do you do to enhance the image of nursing? http://doctorsofnursingpractice.ning.com/forum/topics/re-professional-image-and-the-dnp

DNP and Global Health
What role does the DNP have in global mental health issues?
http://doctorsofnursingpractice.ning.com/forum/topics/dnp-and-global-health

DNP Groups of Interest:
  - Executive Leadership DNP
  - Pediatric DNPs
  - DNP Health Informatics
  - Nurse Anesthetists with DNP
Are Nurse Practitioner Doctors Real Doctors?
Barton Associates
By Dr. Melissa DeCapua, DNP, PMHNP Apr 28, 2016

NLN Academy of Nursing Education Fellows 2016

Congratulations
Janice Palaganas, PhD, RN, NP
and
Mary Terhaar, DNSc, RN, FAAN
on your induction into the Fellowship of the NLN.
Both will be speaking at this year’s National DNP Conference in Baltimore!
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