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THETA KAPPA CHAPTER

present

Sister Madeleine Clemence Vaillot Scholarship Day
A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

4:15pm - 5:15pm

Claire T. Carney Library Living Room

5:15pm – 6:30pm

The Stoico/FIRSTFED Charitable Institution

Grand Reading Room

Program

4:15 pm Poster Presentations

5:15 pm Welcome

Martha Whitfield, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, Scholarship Day Committee Member
Ramprasad Balasubramanian, PhD, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Kimberly Christopher, PhD, RN, Dean College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Mary McDonough, PhD, RN, C-EFM President of Sigma Theta Tau

5:30 pm Student Presentations

Baccalaureate student presenter: Tahlia Salgado

Title: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Stress, Burnout, and Associated Self-Care Interventions: A Qualitative Study

Introduction by Dr Ouida Dowd, Community Nursing Department

DNP student presenter: Jill DeSa RN

Emergency Department Nurse Knowledge and Attitudes Surrounding Opioid Use Disorder

Introduction by Dr Martha Whitfield, Community Nursing Department

PhD student presenter: Danielle Shaver, PhD, RN, CNE

Understanding the Nursing Faculty Advisors' Perception of Voluntary Attrition among Four-Year Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

Introduction by Dr Jennifer Viveiros, Adult Nursing Department

6:15pm Awards

PhD Student Candidacy: Kristen Sethares, PhD, CNE, FAHA, FHFSA

Student Awards: Mirinda Tyo, PhD, RN

Top GPA Awards: Dean Kimberly Christopher, PhD, RN

Announcement of Poster Award Winners: Mirinda Tyo, PhD, RN

6:30 pm Closing

Perceived Barriers to Medication Adherence in Latinos with Hypertension using the World Health Organization's Multidimensional Adherence Model

Chelsea Martinez

The Effect of Bedside Shift Report on Patient Safety and Satisfaction

Saray A. Hernandez, Chelsea E. Martinez, Alexis T. DaSilva, Erin J. Reyenger

Supportive Physical Activity Intervention in Middle-Aged Sedentary Women to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Risk and Increase Knowledge

Erica Leventhal

Reduction of Falls Utilizing Preventative Devices in Admitted Geriatric Patients

Marissa Mourato, Delaney Rasmussen, Erica Leventhal

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Stress, Burnout, and Associated Self-Care Interventions: A Qualitative Study

Tahlia Salgado

The Impact of Electronic Turn-Monitoring Systems on Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injury (HAPI) Prevalence in Acute Care Settings

Tahlia Salgado, Hallie Thatcher, Alyssa Vandenboom

Undergraduate Nursing Education on Caring for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Elizabeth Sarro

The Impact of Education on SIDS

Jaclynn Branco, Taylar Rymszewicz, Elizabeth Sarro

Implementation of Barcode Scanning to Reduce Patient Specimen and Laboratory Identification Errors

Mareena Arruda, Kileigh Holt, Alyssa Loranger, Genice Lynch

Biometric Technology Use to Reduce Identification Errors in Hospitalized Acute Care Settings

Caeleigh Aubin, Hannah Caouette, Candice Darteh

Advancing Patient Care: Evaluating Wearable pressure sensors in high-risk hospitalized patients

Mikayla Camara, Madison Bettencourt, Sylvia Calvi

Promoting Health through Education and Screening in Persons with Substance Use Disorder

Martin Dafov

Wellness Rooms: Reducing Nurse Burnout in Emergency Department

Priscilla Benevides, Sydney Boland, Bailey Ferreira, Sophia Medeiros

Decreasing Negative Outcomes Using Skin-to-Skin Contact Following Cesarean Deliveries

Sarah Barbosa, Izadora Gonçalves, Natalie Portal

Decreasing Fall Risk for Older Adults with Dementia through the Use of Exercise Interventions

Sean Reall

Reducing Readmission Rates Through Family Involvement in Children and Adolescents in Psychiatric Facilities

Taliah Wilson, Kiely Medeiros, Hannah Morrisette

Increasing Patient awareness through Whiteboard Communication

Brianna Correia, Anya Aadland, Neisha Boiteux

Eat, Sleep, Console: A Gentle Approach to Shorter Hospital Stays

Jordan Soufy, Riley Tavares, & Madison Razzino

Bridging Migrant Health: Bridging the Atlantic

Sarah Elise Nuernberg (BTA group)

The Bridging Humanity Project: Bringing a Community Together

Bridging the Atlantic-American & Azorean Students

Ten Years, Two Shores, One Bridge: A Decade of Bridging the Atlantic

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Bridging the Gap: The Impact of Language Barriers on Discharge Education and Patient Outcome

Alexandra Coelho, Sarah Soares DeCastro, Jacqueline Molina, Hailey Murphy

Central Venous Catheter Insertion Sites and Subclavian vs. Femoral Effect Central Line Associated Infections

Jhane Martin, Kiara Spooner, Lila Young

In admitted adult patients receiving medications, how does implementing strategies to minimize distractions and interruptions during medication administration compared to facilities without protocols affect the rate of medication administration errors over 6 months?

Jaimee-Lyn Webber, Grace Sitkowski, & Dominique Roderiques

Disease Management in Children with T1DM: The Impact of Creative Education Plans on A1C Levels

Emalisa Depina, Maegan Lundin, and Danielle Guglielmi

DNP Students

Culturally Sensitive Care for Transgender Individuals in an Outpatient Substance Use Treatment Center Setting

Barbara Ahigian

PhD Students

English Language Acculturation and Health Literacy Influences Self-Care Confidence in People with Heart Failure

YeoJeong Nam

Promoting Resilience in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurses: An Integrative Review

Anne L Brum

Assault against nurses: Development of the Theory of Respect in Interpersonal Relations

Nicholas DiGiovine

Concept Analysis: Communication and Chronic Illness in Rural Populations

Victoria English

Health-Related Quality of Life Among Persons with Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

Cynthia Callahan

Self-Management in Relation to Type 2 Diabetes

Danielle Ambrose

Deconstructing Gender in Nursing: A Foucauldian Approach to Increasing Male Participation

Ryan McMahon

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