



# Nurse anesthesia takes center stage



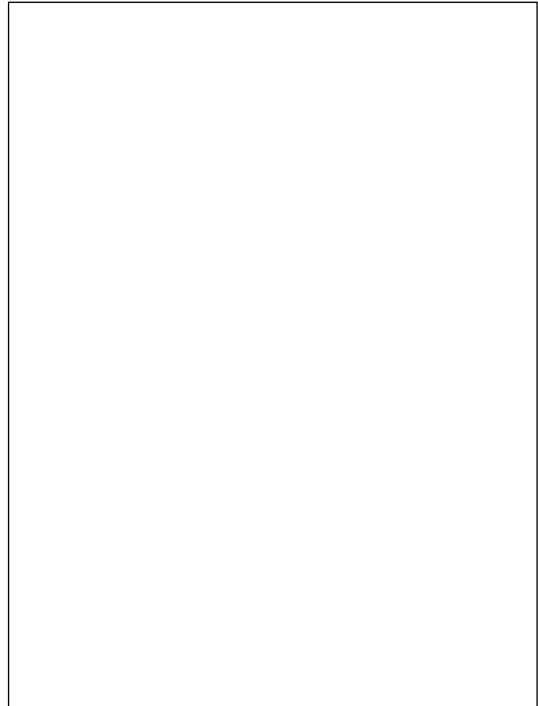
Renee Olander, Associate Vice President for Regional Higher Education Centers, welcomes guests to the Virginia Beach Open House.

## VB Open House draws crowd

Emphasizing our academic footprint in Virginia Beach, Old Dominion University held an Open House on March 3 at its satellite campus in the heart of Princess Anne Commons.

Renee Olander, Associate Vice President for Regional Higher Education Centers, welcomed a packed audience to the largest branch campus of the region’s only research-extensive, doctoral-granting university.

ODU President John Broderick, in addressing the audience, spoke of the ongoing partnerships between the university and Virginia Beach. Among the those partnerships, he highlighted the graduate program in nursing anesthesia that has been headquartered at the Virginia Beach facility since 2012 and the College of Continuing Education and



President Broderick was one of the speakers.

College will hold 2nd Annual IPE Day,

Dental Hygiene alumni reception a success,

Another packed Winter Weekend,





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# Dr. Akpınar-Elci: Zika virus is not a new threat

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..., 7+ & + \$, we learn here about the Zika virus, the latest epidemic to trigger international reverberations. Previously considered a mild, self-limiting illness, the current outbreak has drawn considerable attention, in part because of its link to an increase in babies born with unusually small heads and brains.

We say “current outbreak” because Zika is by no means new. It was first identified, in 1947, in a Rhesus monkey found in the Zika forest of Uganda. Serologic evidence of the virus in humans was first reported in Uganda in 1952.

Fifteen cases later, in Africa and Asia, the virus emerged again on Yap Island, where 49 people were infected in 2007. Yap Island, which sits east of the Philippines, has a population of fewer than 8,000, so it’s easy to see how the outbreak caused few ripples.

Since cases of Zika were reported in Chile (2014) and Brazil (2015), transmission of the virus has been reported in more than 25 countries and territories in Latin America and the Caribbean. Since then, it is by no means

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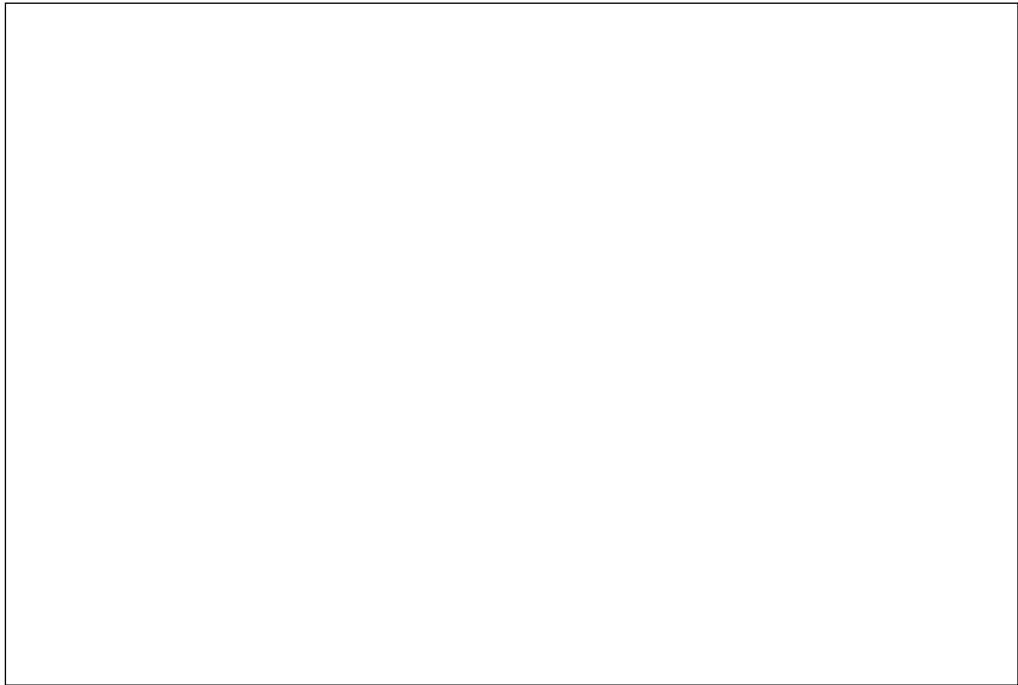
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Professional Development that has been there since 2014.

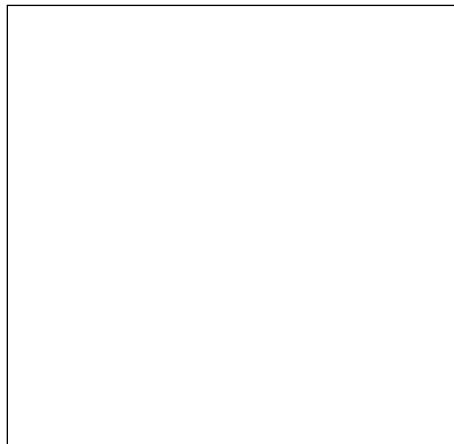
Nathaniel Apatov, director of the Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, expounded on the success of his program, including the hard work by students, their commitment to helping others and the program's 100 percent job placement rates.

Virginia Beach City Manager David Hansen and James Shaeffer, ODU's Dean of the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development, also spoke at the event. Following the speakers, the event's guests were invited to take tours of the educational facility.

Cheryl Rutherford, a graduate of the nurse anesthesia program, delivered a very passionate testimonial on her education experience at the Virginia Beach campus, why she was drawn her from Oregon and why she decided to settle with her family in Virginia Beach following graduation.



Nathaniel Apatov, Director of the ODU's Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, center, was one of the key speakers at the Virginia Beach Open House event.



Cheryl Rutherford, left, spoke to the crowd about her experiences in the Nurse Anesthesia Program.

## Old Dominion University College of Health Sciences is turning 30 this year



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College of Health Sciences Assistant Dean Debbie Bauman, center, flips through historical scrapbooks.

# Alumni Reception

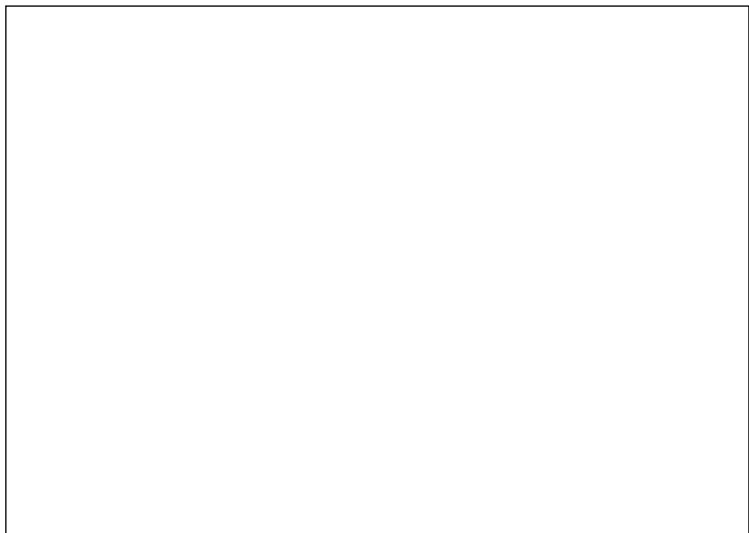
On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene held a reception for Alumni and Friends at the Virginia Beach Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel.

In total, 58 guests came together to meet and mingle and learn more about the future of the School of Dental Hygiene from chair, Dr. Susan Daniel. The reception was sponsored by a grant from the ODU Alumni Association.



Chair Susan Daniel addresses the crowd.

From left, Dean Shelley Mishoe, Deanne Shuman, Jan Olsen Samarelli and Donna Beard are all smiles.





- April 6 IPE Day, 1-4 p.m., Ted Constant Center
- April 11 Military Appreciation Luncheon, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Location: Room 2110  
RSVP ksalamon@odu.edu by March 31
- April 17 School of Dental Hygiene Awards and Pinning Ceremony, 2-4 p.m., Batten Arts  
and Letters, Room 1012
- April 25 College Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ted Constant Center
- April 28 Spring Classes End
- April 30 Exams Begin
- May 7 Exams End
- May 6-7 Spring Commencement, Ted Constant Center

