



*Above: Dr. Terris Kennedy, le , the Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Vice President of Riverside, and School of Nursing Chair Dr. Karen Karlowicz sign the agreement for concurrent nursing program. Below: From le , ODU Provost Carol Simpson; Wade Broughman, the EVP and COO of Riverside Health System; and College of Health Sciences Dean Shelley Mishoe also sign the agreement. / Photos courtesy Hyunsoo Léo Kim*

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ODU, Riverside collaborate to create historic program to increase BSNs among nursing workforce.

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## From the Editor

# There are so many stories yet to tell

As we make the turn from 2014 to 2015 and I reflect on my time here at the College of Health Sciences, I can do little but smile about the experiences I've had and the many stories I've been able to tell.

I am surrounded by a group of consummate professionals who are dedicated to educating and helping others. They not only reach out to students, but reach out to the community and beyond. They form

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“Through this partnership, we at Riverside can continue to reinforce the strength of what we’ve been doing for almost 100 years.”

Karlowicz couldn’t agree more.

“What makes this program special is the willingness of ODU to respect the goals of Riverside Health System and its School of Professional Nursing and the willingness of Riverside to make changes that fit with ODU’s requirements for admission to the BSN program,” Karlowicz said. “We are both very committed to the needs of our students and the goals of both organizations to provide a quality nursing education.”

Riverside School of Health Careers, Professional Nursing Program was established in 1916 as a training school for nurses associated with Newport News General and the Non Sectarian Hospital Inc. In 1921, the hospital’s name was changed to Riverside Hospital and its nursing program to Riverside Hospital School of Nursing.

Since 1961, Riverside has been continuously accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Inc. The school has a reputation for consistently high pass rates on the NCLEX RN licensing exam.

ODU’s School of Nursing is one of five schools in the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Shelley Mishoe, dean of the College of Health Sciences, praised the teamwork demonstrated by Karlowicz, Kennedy and the team.

“This collaboration is ideal to give more students the chance to earn their BSN, drawing from the large pool of applicants to ODU’s program while enhancing the nursing workforce in our region,” Mishoe said.

The school has educated more than 6,000 nurses in baccalaureate, masters and doctor in nursing practice programs since it was established in 1967. For more than 25 years, it has provided RN to BSN distance education to students in local and rural communities in Virginia. The School of Nursing is fully accredited by the Collegiate Commission of Nursing Education.

Aside from boosting the number of nurses with BSNs and streamlining the degree process for students enrolled in Riverside’s AAS degree program, Karlowicz also is encouraged by the graduate study possibilities.

“We anticipate that students who graduate from this concurrent enrollment partnership program with Riverside will look to ODU for their graduate education,” Karlowicz said. “And if not ODU, with another excellent graduate program in the state of Virginia.”







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# Dean kicks off wellness program with walking group

By Irvin B. Harrell

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## Global Health Corner

### Event promotes corneal donation, global health

Old Dominion University's Center for Global Health participated in the China Eye Project event on Jan. 9. This fundraiser was aimed at increasing awareness and educating the public by promoting corneal donation in China.

The collaborated project was initiated in 2013.

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## Dental hygiene team wins seed funding

Tara Newcomb, an assistant professor with the College of Health Sciences School of Dental Hygiene, and her research team was one of the winners of Old Dominion University's 2015 Research Seed Funding Program (RSFP).

The Office of Research recently announced the awards to five research teams totaling nearly \$190,000. The groups include 14 ODU faculty members as well as a number of collaborators from other institutions.

The teams are working on collection of macroscopic particles in deep sea environments, micro scale brain map reconstruction, a modified external aiming device for use in mobile dentistry & vicim identification, high performance particle collider simulations, and super resolution & real time optical nanoscopy in biomedical work.

The project Newcomb's team is working on is titled "A Modified External Aiming Device (MEAD) for Portable X

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## Dean's list

A total of 462 students made the College of Health Sciences Dean's List! Their names will be posted on the dean's display board.

Here are the totals from each school:

Community & Environmental Health (73)

Dental Hygiene (79)