

May 2013

# College of Health Sciences Newsletter



According to the Career  
Cast.com, University Professor

**College of Health Sciences Award Recipients:**

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award - Dr. Kathie Zimbardo, Nursing

Outstanding Excellence in Teaching Award - Dr. Jackie Sharpe, Community & Environmental Health

Outstanding Staff Award - Ms. Linda Wray, Nursing

Gene W. Hirschfeld Faculty Excellence Award - Dr. Kimberly Adams Tufts, Nursing

**Student Award Recipients:**

Alumni Award went to Stephanie A. Willis, GPA 4.0 a nursing major.

Kaufman Award Nominee from our college was Jocelyn L. Weidner, a nursing major also.

May 6 through 12th was Nurse's Week and we along with many others around the world take this time to acknowledge those special health care providers who provide a strong foundation for care for so many of those who are in need of care. During a layover at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam I was surprised to see the name "Florence Nightingale"



Dominican Republic students listening to a lecture given by Martha Walker, chair, Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. Pictured in white blouse, Gail Grisetti, associate professor, Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.



### Dominican Republic

University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Some weeks warmer than for most of the year, similar great conditions in nature at various times of the year. The climate is generally warm and humid, with a rainy season from May to October. The weather is generally free spring.

The need to improve the quality of life of the population is a priority for the government and the private sector. The focus is on health, education, and economic development.

The training program included reinforcement of physical therapy concepts. This training included education, health promotion, and research. The program also included a field experience component.

#### CONCLUSION

The program was successful in providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the Dominican Republic's health care system and the needs of the population.

To gain a better understanding of the women's daily struggles and living conditions, the students conducted field research in the community. They worked with clients in their local neighborhoods. Students also toured the maternal child health center.

"Access to health care is a significant problem for women of the lower and socioeconomic classes in Santo Domingo," said Janice Hawkins, chief academic advisor for the ODU School of Nursing. "The program provided a unique opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of the health care system in the Dominican Republic."

Dominican Republic is a beautiful country with a rich cultural heritage. The students enjoyed their time in the Dominican Republic and the experience was a valuable learning opportunity.

abroad trip...

international work, having worked with women who... it was interesting to meet the Resource Mothers in... different as I imagined."

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### History of the Resource Mothers

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Norfolk... the Resource Mothers... the Resource Mothers...

### About Physicians for Peace

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### ODU's Office of Global Health

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"I saw this trip as a way to gain a different perspective from what I've been learning in nursing school," said Marcella Kennedy, (back row, right) an ODU nursing student



A "Resource Mother" showing off her ODU Nursing Bag.

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Retirement of Chair, Michele L. Darby and  
Appointment of Acting Chair, Marge L. Green  
Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene  
College of Health Sciences  
Old Dominion University (ODU)

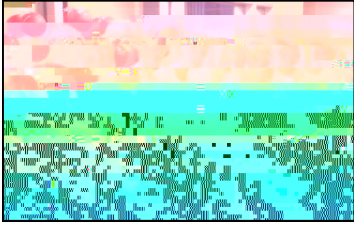
After more than 39 years at ODU and a total of 41 years in academia, Michele L. Darby, Eminent Scholar, University Professor and Chair of the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2013. In addition to three major textbooks, Professor Darby has over 50 peer-reviewed publications and is a leader in higher education and dental hygiene. Professor Darby has lectured across North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East receiving numerous honors and awards throughout her career including being a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar. She is a recipient of the Warner Lambert-ADHA Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene, the Rufus Alan Tonelson Distinguished Faculty Award from the Old Dominion University Alumni Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the intellectual development of the University, the Virginia State Council on Higher Education Faculty Award, Outstanding Achievement Award from the Friends of the Old Dominion University Library. In 2007-\$, Dental Hygiene Alumna 2011 Award from the School of Dental Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. In 2012 under her leadership, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene was awarded the Health Heroes Award from for community engagement. Professor Darby is already missed as she is currently on leave of absence. The College of Health Sciences wishes Professor Darby continued success with her planned writing projects and also the chance to pursue new adventures with her family and friends.

Effective April 25, 2013, Marge L. Green has assumed the duties and responsibilities as Acting Chair of the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene. Professor Green is no stranger to ODU as an actively engaged adjunct faculty member who also had the role of tenured, Associate Professor/ Clinical Supervisor in the School from 1971-1976. Professor Green earned her Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Degree from Columbia University, School of Dental Medicine, her Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from California State University and Certificates in Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine.

Professor Green is a national leader in dental hygiene education and foundation fundraising

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Distinguished Dental Hygiene Alumni Award presented at the Student and Alumni



On April 13, 2013, nursing students registered 101

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Dr. Jeng to Serve as Council Member and Session Chair

