Special points of interest:

- Health Science Building on Irby and Evans is ready to start construction!
- The nursing students in Mrs. Vicki Martin’s pediatric course have donated 32 hours to the McLeod Children’s Radiothon & assisted in raising $92,000.00. That is a record year!

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**MSN/FNP Update:**

**MSN-FNP Update by Dr. Deborah Hopla**

We have one FNP student graduating in Spring 2015, with the larger class graduating in December. Our graduates have begun their new employments and are excited to begin the new realm of functioning as FNP’s and taking care of patients in their new roles.

With admissions in Spring, Fall, and Summer I, the faculty are busy with the oversight of clinical sites, preceptors, and students. This is an exciting time to be at FMU!

The new Health Science building will be completed by June of 2016, and plans for equipment are being finalized.

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**RN to BSN Update:**

The RN to BSN Mt. Pleasant Update by Nina Russell, APRN, MSN-Ed.

The RN to BSN Mt. Pleasant Program utilizes a hybrid learning format allowing students to enjoy the flexibility of online instruction without forgoing the advantages of classroom instruction. Currently, there are seven students attending the Mt. Pleasant program with an anticipation of more applicants in the coming summer and fall semesters.

Many of the current students have expressed an appreciation for the hybrid learning environment and attribute their successful progression to the program’s design. As course faculty for the RN to BSN Mt. Pleasant program, it is clear that the face-to-face interaction has enhanced social dynamics by providing students with personal contact with the instructor as well as building peer relationships.

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**Student Nurses Association Update by Jamie-lee Nel, FMU BSN Student**

The Francis Marion University SNA sent four members to the National Student Nurses Association national convention in Phoenix, AZ from April 7-12, 2015. Annie Moss, Jamie-lee Nel, Lindsey Powell, and Lora Meadows were in attendance. Of the numerous focus sessions offered, three of the students attended a course on disaster preparedness offered by the Red Cross. It was a great opportunity to represent our program on a national scale.

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**Update from the Chi Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Nursing Honor Society**

On February 19th, the Chi Lambda chapter of STTI held its first induction ceremony following our chapter chartering ceremony this past October. A total of 29 new members were inducted including: 24 BSN students, 1 RN-BSN student, and 4 nurse leaders. We welcome our newest members! Inductions of new members are held every February. Next fall we will be soliciting nominations for nurse leaders for induction. Any alumni interested in being considered for induction can contact an officer for review of the eligibility requirements.

On April 2, 2015, the chapter had their spring educational meeting. Dr. Kelly Jones provided an excellent presentation entitled, “Evidence-Based Medicine Brain Teasers: How Conundrums Drive Us to Better Medical Decision-Making.”
Please send in any personal or professional news to rwittmannprice@fmarion.edu for July newsletter by June 15th! THANK YOU