

Greetings,

The role of the [Michigan Center for Nursing](#) is to facilitate activities designed to ensure that an adequate and ongoing nursing workforce is available to meet the health care needs of the citizens of the State of Michigan. The Michigan Center for Nursing is working in partnership with the [Michigan Department of Community Health](#) to keep you informed with information on nursing issues in Michigan. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Michigan Nursing Summit "Joining Forces for Change"

*(Pre-Conference on Simulation
on Mon., Aug 3 at MSU)*

**Tues., Aug. 4 and Wed., Aug. 5,
2009 - Sheraton in Lansing**

The [Michigan Center for Nursing](#), the [Michigan League for Nursing](#), the [Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives \(MONE\)](#) and [RN-AIM](#) invite you to the **2009 Michigan Nursing Super Summit**. We are building a great program for this year's Summit. We are working collaboratively to bring together nurses from around the state.

Keynote speaker: **Suzanne Gordon** -
Author of *Nursing Against the Odds* and
Michigan's First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhurn

This year's Summit will also include a Simulation and a Geriatric Track.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Michigan Center for Nursing's Has a New Website Design New Nursing Program Mapping Feature Added

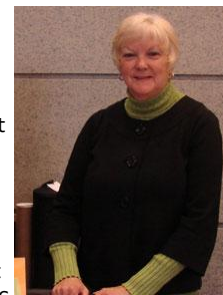
Be sure to check out the new Michigan Center for Nursing website.

We have added several new sections and features - including a search feature and a mapping programs that shows where nursing programs are located in Michigan.

www.michigancenterfornursing.org



Michigan Center for Nursing Director Carole Stacy, MSN, MA, RN



Here it is almost May and I'm anxiously awaiting those May flowers from all those April showers! It's a good thing that rain can't dampen nurses' enthusiasm. We recently hosted our ninth Institute of Nursing Excellence and it rained every minute that we were together but that did not stop us from having a fantastic Institute. Nurses are the BEST!

As Nurses' week approaches please take a few minutes to tell your nursing colleagues what a **great job** they do and how much you look to them for support and encouragement each and every day. I know we think our employers should be the one to show us how much we are appreciated but nurses need to show each other appreciation.

Every article I read about the topic of lateral hostility makes me very sad. This is not something that we should be doing against each other. Some days when I have a spare minute I think about my time in nursing school and how we banded together to all make it through. Well that same camaraderie needs to continue to exist.

Take a minute to say "**thank you**" or "**good job**" to a nursing colleague. We based our recent Institute around a great book called "Three Good Things Everyday" by Erika Oliver. Make the time to read this book (just takes an hour) and start thinking about three good things that happen every day and I hope at least one of those good things involves a nursing colleague.

Have a great Nurses Week and know that I appreciate and value each and every one of you!!

Also, just a reminder about social networking. Many nurses and nursing groups are connecting online through Facebook or other social networking sites. I invite you to "friend us" and connect online on our MCN Facebook Fan page.

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Nurse2Nurse Fund - Now Available

**Nurse2Nurse
FUND**

*Helping Nursing Students
Through Tough Times*

Nurse2Nurse is a new project funded by Michigan's nursing organizations and individual nurses to provide emergency grants-in-aid to prelicensure RN and LPN

students facing a one-time need that otherwise would force them to leave school. The **Nurse2Nurse** grants-in-aid will not exceed \$250. Watch for a **Nurse2Nurse** Piggy Bank at Nursing meetings this winter to help contribute to the fund. As of April, we have given out over \$1,100 in **Nurse2Nurse** emergency funds.

For more information on **Nurse2Nurse**, contact the Michigan Center for Nursing at (517) 347-8091 or visit online at www.michigancenterfornursing.org

"Nursing Care Makes A Difference" Moment in Nursing

by Tonia Modelski- Schoolcraft
College Student

When I made the decision to enroll in nursing school, I didn't think that as a student I would make much of an impact on the clients that I would encounter. The clinical assignments only lasted seven weeks, two days a week. I had a different client each day so how much impact can one really make. I was more focused on passing my exams, learning the concepts and applying critical thinking skills correctly and safely. Days go by that I neglect my own family and friends because I am concentrating all my strength on learning this new information.

It was the third week of my 1st clinical rotation at a nursing home. I was assigned to "Jane Doe" (name withheld for privacy), a 72-year-old female presenting with depression, seizures, a fractured tibia and edema in lower extremities.

[Click here for more of Tonia's Story.](#)

Information about H1N1 Swine Flu from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The human swine flu outbreak continues to grow in the United States and internationally. The CDC reports additional cases of confirmed swine influenza and a number of hospitalizations of swine flu patients. Internationally, the situation is more serious too, with additional countries reporting confirmed cases of swine flu.

[Click here for a link to the CDC website.](#)

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Nurses Week Celebrations National Nurses Week May 6-12

**Nurses Week
Celebration** at the **Holiday
Inn Express in Okemos**
(near Lansing) will be held on
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
(4-7p.m.)

[Click here for more information](#)



Spring 2009 Institute of Nursing Excellence Participants



The Michigan Center for Nursing (MCN) and the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives (MONE) are pleased to announce the participants of the Spring 2009 Institute of Nursing Excellence (INE) held April 19-22, 2009 at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Michigan.

The Institute of Nursing Excellence is a 3 1/2 day retreat style professional development program designed to reward excellent direct-care nurses; encourage them to remain in the profession; increase their capacity for leadership; and enhance their ability to be role models; and enhance their ability to attract others into the profession.

Michelle Baran - Oakwood Southshore Medical Center, Janice Cushman - Genesys Regional Medical Center, Nancy Denton - William Beaumont - Troy, Sandra Dorsey - University of Michigan Hospital, Donna Dunbar - Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, Sheri Frank - DMC, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Margaret Haglund - Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, Lori Holzhueter - Metro Health Hospital, Annette James - St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Roberta Ignatowski - War Memorial Hospital, Amy Lesausky - Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, Anu LoCricchio - Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Sharon Morawski - St. John Macomb-Oakland Macomb Ctr., Renee Pelton - St. John Macomb-Oakland Macomb Ctr., Scott Piszczewski - Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, Kristin Quint - Oakwood Annapolis, Christine Rivers - Metro Health Hospital, Sherry Royster - Genesys Regional Medical Center, Karen Wolthuis - Chelsea Community Hospital

[Click here for a list of the previous INE Participants](#)

Article: Hospital Job Growth Flat-Lines in 2009

Healthleaders Media

Here is a link to an interesting article in Healthleaders Media in the April 27, 2009 edition entitled Hospital Job Growth Flat-Lines in 2009 written by John Commins.

[Click here for the article.](#)

Mildred A. MacGregor - World War II Nurse from Michigan Publishes Memories

In late 1942, along with so many others who signed up to support the war effort, thirty-year-old Mildred Radawiec left a comfortable position as a nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital and postponed her marriage to a soon-to-be dentist to volunteer as a surgical nurse in the major battle theaters of the war. Radawiec was one of thirty volunteers from the hospital surgical staff that comprised the University of Michigan Unit, the 298th General Hospital, as the University of Michigan Hospital was called.

Radawiec's first-person history recounts her wartime experience with sharp detail and grace and sets the stage for a you-are-there experience-from the thrill of signing up and shipping out; to the harrowing ocean crossing and the arduous trip through many of the World War II theaters of war.

This stirring personal account of war will mesmerize anyone interested in World War II history and women's too-often-overlooked role in it. Carole Stacy and Katie Kessler recently sat down with Mildred and listened to her story (Photo Below). Excerpts from the interview will be available soon on the Michigan Center for Nursing website.



Mildred A. MacGregor is ex. Lieutenant Mildred A. Radawiec, Army Nurse Corp. She was part of the Third Auxiliary Surgical Group in World War II and was stationed in England, North Africa, France, and Germany. She is 95 and lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This is her first book.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Other Conferences, Events & News

Michigan State University Annual Women's Health Conference - May 1, 2009

Sponsored by: MSU College of Human Medicine Department of Internal Medicine and co-sponsored by the MSU College of Nursing. Location: MSU Radiology Conference Center, East Lansing, MI
For information: Call 517-355-3393 or go to www.nursing.msu.edu/continuing.asp

3M Taskforce Meeting - May 29, 2009 in Traverse City

Michigan Nursing Summit - August 4-5, 2009 at the Lansing Sheraton - [Click here for info.](#)

Preconference on Simulation will be held August 3 at MSU.

Integrating Geriatrics Nursing Best Practices into the CNA Curriculum: Preparing CNA's to care for older adults - Sheraton Hotel Lansing - Wed., August 5, 2009 - [click here for brochure](#)

2009 Conference on Pain - October 15, 2009

Sponsored by: U of M Health System, MSU College of Nursing, Wayne State University School of Nursing, Henry Ford Health System, St Joseph Mercy Health System. Location: The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth, MI. For information: Call 517-355-3393 or go to www.nursing.msu.edu/continuing.asp

MCN Appreciates Your Continuing Support

Every year, the [Michigan Center for Nursing](#) has advanced its efforts to solve Michigan's nursing shortage. We work year-round with nurse leaders, nurse educators and staff nurses from all sectors of the field to make a difference in the working lives of Michigan's current and future nurses. Honor a nurse, a family member, a friend, or yourself with a donation to the MCN. Make your checks payable to Michigan Center for Nursing - 2410 Woodlake Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Your donation is tax deductible as we are a non-profit.



2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service is pleased to announce that it is seeking applicants for the 2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program.



The Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers. Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years. In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, **up to \$20,000** of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans.

To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/> or contact the HRSA Call Center at 1-800-221-9393.

Nurse iCON: Nursing's Resource for Professional And Career Development

Since 2001, **Nurse iCON** (www.nurseicon.org) has been committed to supporting nurses in their professional development, educational goals and career needs. It is because of that commitment we continue to work hard to evolve **Nurse iCON** far beyond being a job board to create a one stop career information resource for nurses across the State of Michigan. Not only is **Nurse iCON** a resource for nursing job opportunities throughout Michigan, it is also a resource for your total career and professional development.



If it has been a while since you have visited **Nurse iCON**, we encourage you to revisit us at www.nurseicon.org. We have added new links that include detailed information on: **Professional Development**. This link provides relevant information on how to create a resume, prepare for an interview, write a cover letter, network effectively and address salary expectations. All information is in a printable format for easy access and future reference.

Scholarships. This link has been updated with information on over 30 scholarship opportunities that are available for nurses. These scholarships resources are for new nurses as well as those who are seeking to move their career to the next level.

Career Fairs/Events. This link will take you to a listing of career fairs and nursing focused events taking place across the state with active links or emails to obtain additional event detail.

As nursing professionals, we encourage you to utilize ALL the resources available on **Nurse iCON**. Our goal is to make sure nurses are provided with tools and information necessary to help them successfully navigate and grow their career in health care. For more information, please contact: Cindy Whittum, Director, Health Professions/Nursing Recruitment - Michigan Health Council at 517-347-8090 or cindy.whittum@mhc.org

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