Save the date!  
50 years of Nursing at WCSU! 

Join us for our 50th Anniversary of Nursing events on Oct. 23 & 24, 
Check out the Alumni Nursing Society Facebook page for more information. 

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2020 IS THE YEAR OF THE NURSE!!!

2020 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. She was known as “Lady with the Lamp” and was the founder of modern nursing. She also founded the first scientifically based nursing school called the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London for nurses and midwives working in the workhouse infirmaries.

Spring Event - Cancelled

Unfortunately, due precautionary measures the University has decided to cancel all events on campus through the end of April. We look forwards to seeing you at our 50 Years of Nursing at WCSU Celebration on October 23 and 24, 2020.

Class of 1970
**NEWS FROM THE WCSU NURSING DEPARTMENT**

Hello to everyone - Greetings from the Nursing Department. Well, where should I start?

Congratulations to some of our faculty who have achieved their doctorates from our wonderful Ed.D. in nursing education program!
Dr. Diane Bennett
Dr. Eileen Campbell
Dr. Pat Cumella
Dr. Linda Dalessio
Dr. Mary Nielson
Dr. Monica Sousa

**Up-and-coming future Doctoral Degrees:**
Prof. Doreen Graham – Defended proposal and is now working on Chapter 4 & 5, Data Collection and Analyzation for her research project about “Novice Nurse Practitioner’s Perception of Role Transition.”

Prof. Teresa Puckhaber ’16 is working on a proposal about Academic Nurse Educators and Teaching Efficacy, Psychological Empowerment, and Empowering Teaching Behaviors.

**Reassigned Time for Research:**
Dr. Mary Ellen Doherty has reassigned time for “Exploring Post Traumatic Growth in Women who have experienced loss of spouse or partner.” Series of other studies coming: Post Traumatic Growth in Women who have lost a child, had a near death experience, have been emotionally / physically abused, and/or lived through natural disaster. All of this research will be used toward writing a book titled “Exemplars of Post Traumatic Growth.”

Dr. Doherty is also presenting her research at ENRS in Boston, Massachusetts and American College of Nurse Midwives in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Doherty received word that she will receive an honor of “Fellow” in American College of Nurse Midwives at their annual meeting in June 2020.

**Growth in the department:**
In order to meet the growing number of students across the program we are always looking for those with talent in the clinical area and/or academic area. We are always looking for new adjuncts who have a current pediatric background and/or psych background. Please email lupinaccij@wcsu.edu if interested. Master’s degree in nursing is required.

**Some alumni who are working for us as adjuncts:**
Christopher Balsamo ’11
Cynthia Gran ’91, ’98
Clare Martin ’17
Susan Mogan ’13
Magdalena Szczerbacki ’16
Up-and-Coming Changes:
This coming Spring 2020, we are moving on up. Where do you ask? We are moving our department to the second floor of White Hall. This is targeted to happen somewhere around the end of spring semester. So, if you come in for a visit in the summer or fall, most likely you can find us upstairs. Health Promotion Studies will be moving from Berkshire Hall to the first floor in White Hall.

The med-surg lab where all of you practiced your nursing skills like preparing an IV bag or inserting a Foley catheter will now be on the second floor. We are also gaining another med-surg/fundamentals lab! More space to learn and grow into great nurses.

What else is expanding?
Western Connecticut State University is pleased to announce their new Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program. This program requires a completion of 47 credits of specialized professional course designed to prepare the student in becoming a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The program is designed for part-time study with courses being offered in the evening, hybrid or online. Part-time study requires approximately four years for completion. At the end of the program students will be eligible to sit for the certifying board exam Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification (PMHNP-BC). Interested students should contact Dr. Linda Warren at warrenl@wcsu.edu or Dr. Mary Nielson at nielsonm@wcsu.edu, or call (203) 837-8556.

We are also looking to add a DNP and an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program! More to come on these!

RN-BS: Online style classes. New Clinical Placements. This program is still going strong in Waterbury at the Naugatuck Valley Campus in Founders Hall. If you know of anyone wanting to go back for their Bachelor’s degree, send them our way! Ninety credits transfer in. Amazing!

We are proud to announce:
Western Connecticut State University (DON) was recognized by US News and World News - Best Colleges.

We just received our 10-year accreditation from CCNE (Fall 2018).

We are celebrating 50 years of Fabulousness in the Department of Nursing. Please save the date! Homecoming Weekend October 23-24. More details to follow. Possible activities: Cocktail Hour Friday and Brunch/Tours Saturday, followed by Reunion City - then off to the homecoming game.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jeanette Bjurback-Lupinacci ’04, Department Chair and Alumna
WCSU is celebrating 50 years of Nursing and 2020 is the Year of the Nurse.

In honor of our 50 years, we ask you to post your selfies, group and family pictures – anything that defines YOU as a nurse on our Facebook page.

The more we see, the more we can celebrate you!

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Window Decals Available

New WCSU Alumni Nursing Society window decals are now available for $5. Some of the previous window decals are also still available. Please see Terri-Ann Tilquist, Nursing Department secretary, to purchase one, or email Monica Sousa at Sousam@wcsu.edu.

The Nursing Lab Campaign Continues!

We are looking for donations to help grow our nursing labs. Funds donated go toward replacing equipment that is old or broken, as well as buying new and innovating equipment to enhance the learning experience of the nursing students at WCSU. We greatly appreciate any donation you can give.

Please check out the video made to highlight the simulation labs. www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6eJ0PIbGS8
Please print, complete and return this form along with your donation, by May 1 to:
WCSU Alumni Office, Attn: Alumni Nursing Society, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

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