

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Alumni Newsletter

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## UI CONnection

Dear alumni, colleagues and supporters,

What a difference a year makes! The faculty, staff and students are extremely excited about the fall 2019 semester and the newly completed and rededicated College of Nursing building. On September 5th, President Harreld, Dean Zerwic, Lynette Marshall and CON student Alexa Atkins performed the ribbon cutting honors to make the renovation official. We had an amazing audience including state legislators and several Iowa Board of Regents members. If you haven't heard the next project will be a complete renovation of the outside terrace area, which is scheduled to begin next spring.

Homecoming 2019 is rapidly approaching! On October 18 we will be hosting our tailgate event at the CON building. If you can possibly make it back to Iowa City you are invited and we would love to see you! As always we are so appreciative and proud of our alumni and the support you have given us during the past year. GO HAWKS!!

Sincerely,

Scott Ketelsen

Executive Director of Communications, Alumni and External Relations



### **O'Sullivan Named Anesthesia's Program Director of the Year**

Dr. Cormac O'Sullivan, director of UI's Doctor of Nursing Practice Anesthesia program, was selected as Program Director of the Year by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

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## Creating a Culture of Access to Care

Megan Lough (BSN '19) knew she would get a quality education at UI's College of Nursing. The school had popped up when she searched for the best nursing colleges. What she didn't expect was how her academic experiences abroad would unveil her true passions in health care.

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## Article Penned by Bunch et al. Published in JAMA Journal

"Assessment of Rapid Response Teams at Top-Performing Hospitals for in-Hospital Cardiac Arrest", a manuscript co-authored by College of Nursing Assistant Professor Jacinda Bunch, along with Kimberly Dukes and Saket Girotra, both from the Department of Internal Medicine at UI's Carver College of Medicine, has been published by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Internal Medicine.

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## HRSA Grant to Further Iowa's Geriatric Outreach

Associate Professor Marianne Smith was recently informed that Iowa's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program grant has been funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Through this funding, Dr. Smith will be leading a highly collaborative project that focuses on training and practice change to advance use of geriatric best practices using advocacy-driven social change approaches.



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### **Herr Bestowed with GSA Nursing Research Award**

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) recently announced that Keela Herr, PhD, RN, AGSF, FGSA, FAAN, Kelting professor in nursing and associate dean for faculty at the University of Iowa College of Nursing, is the recipient of the 2019 Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award. This award is presented to a GSA member who has a record of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research.

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### **Tonelli Accepted to Visiting Nurse Faculty Program at Parkinson's Foundation**

Instructional track lecturer Shalome Tonelli has been accepted to the distinguished Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty Program at the Parkinson's Foundation. The highly prestigious, 40-hour accredited "train the trainer" program improves Parkinson's Disease nursing care by training faculty leaders across the United States to educate nursing students.



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**PHOTOS**

[DNP & CNL Celebration – May 2019](#)

[RN-BSN Orientation – August 2019](#)

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Death notices for UI College of Nursing alumni. Links to online obituaries provided when available.

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