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Dean's Message

Ambitious Goals, Outstanding Achievements

The University of Miami has a distinguished record of leadership across the spectrum of health care, from education and research to clinical care and service for the local and global communities. As the national dialogue on health reform intensifies, our school is moving forward with ambitious goals and strong support from University leadership. Our president, Donna E. Shalala, was recently named chair of a new Institute of Medicine Commission on the Future of Nursing. Supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this commission will draw on the collective wisdom of nursing leaders and others from various private and public sectors to develop a blueprint for action that includes changes in policies at the national, state, and local levels.

This spring our school launched a bold agenda to strengthen the nursing workforce and improve patient safety throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. As one of just 11 World Health Organization (WHO) Nursing Collaborating Centres in the United States, the new center at UM will focus on initiatives tailored to the needs of our neighbors throughout the WHO/Pan American Health Organization region.

The School of Nursing and Health Studies offers unparalleled opportunities for University of Miami students to contribute to programs that advance the quality of care on the front lines of global health. From designing safety initiatives for individual health systems to creating programs that address unique educational needs to learning from nursing leaders from other regions, the center will broaden the range of learning experiences we provide to nursing and health science students.

We live in an era of unprecedented change. The need for highly educated leaders able to consider complex health care issues from a global perspective has never been greater. Thank you for your support, which enables us to prepare health care professionals with the skills, knowledge, and perspective to serve as positive agents for change.

Alumni Focus

Service Under Fire

Alumnus helps soldiers cope with battlefield tragedy and trauma

Throughout the magic of Skype, Christopher Weidlich, BSN ’94, talks every day to his wife, Robin, AB ’94, unless he’s on assignment in a part of Iraq too remote for Internet access. He listens to updates about her, their four children, and the goings-on back home in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

“My biggest stress reliever is talking to my wife,” says Weidlich, commander of the U.S. Army’s 528th Medical Detachment, a Combat Stress Control unit in Mosul, Iraq. When not managing the unit, he’s traveling throughout Iraq, training battlefield commanders in suicide prevention techniques and general coping skills. And when tragedy strikes, he’s on call to help mitigate the emotional impact of the traumatic event.

“Mental health conditions have been part of military service since time began,” says Weidlich, who earned his MSN in 2003 through a military scholarship to become an adult psychiatric nurse practitioner. “In World War II, people used the term ‘shell-shocked.’ In Vietnam we started hearing about ‘post-traumatic stress disorder.’ Being in a combat zone will change you, one way or the other. We help people understand what they’re dealing with.”

The intensely patriotic grandson of a World War II Army veteran and a Marine Corps sergeant, Weidlich grew up in Cape Coral, Florida. He joined ROTC in high school and attended the University of Miami on an ROTC nursing scholarship. A clinical rotation in psychiatric nursing with professor of nursing Doris Ugarriza, PhD, RN, sparked his interest in a mental health career. Aside from working on an inpatient psychiatric ward from 1997 to 1998 in Seoul, Korea, Weidlich remained in the United States until his first deployment to Iraq.

“I joined the Army to take care of soldiers,” says Weidlich. “It’s tough on my family, but it’s my job.”

When Weidlich returns from Iraq this summer, he plans to apply for a military scholarship to earn a doctorate. His long-term goal is to teach and conduct research, perhaps in policy development, where he hopes to address the mental illness stigma still prevalent in American society.

“In recent years the Army has become very supportive of mental health issues,” Weidlich says. “They recognize that everybody has problems and can benefit from talking to someone.”
Honors PT program provides unique opportunity for high-achieving students

Joint Partnership

More people surviving into old age. Athletically inclined “boomers.” A growing number of joint replacement surgeries. For varied reasons, society’s need for physical therapists is on the rise.

The University of Miami is helping meet that need through an accelerated honors program in physical therapy. Based on test scores and grades, eligible applicants to the freshman class are invited to apply to the program. Those admitted receive early admission to the Miller School of Medicine’s highly regarded Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program after completing specific requirements.

Following their first year in the BSHS pre-physical therapy track, students who have achieved a 3.7 GPA may also apply to the physical therapy scholars program, which allows them accelerated access to the DPT.

“This is a great way to recruit exceptional students because you can offer them an accelerated program and a streamlined process for getting into physical therapy,” says Sherrill Hayes, PhD, PT, professor and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the Miller School.

Students are often drawn to careers as physical therapists because of personal experiences. “Many of our students are former athletes who received physical therapy for career-ending injuries,” Hayes says. “Then they become interested in PT as a career.”

The program’s location in the School of Nursing and Health Studies “creates a nice atmosphere, and the advising is amazing,” says freshman Haley Gordon, who looked at several schools before choosing UM.

Freshman Brittany Oliver—a former dancer who became acquainted with PT while receiving therapy for her own injuries—says the program “is exactly what I wanted, and was a huge factor when deciding whether to come to UM.

“It’s a great program for students who are sure that they want to have a career in PT to get ahead of the game.”

The program enriches the educational experience of our students because it enables seasoned nursing leaders to share their insight with emerging nursing leaders.

“One of the primary goals of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to promote nursing as a profession,” says Dean Nilda P. Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN. “The mentorship program enriches the educational experience of our students because it enables seasoned nursing leaders to share their insight with emerging nursing leaders.”

In January, the school invited several alumni to provide support, guidance, and encouragement to students as part of the program. Josefina Munajj, MSN ’96, welcomed the opportunity.

Student Betty Angerville, who has been paired with Munajj, says conversations with her mentor will help her to clarify her career path: “I value Josefin’s input about the different areas of nursing and my various career options.”

Nursing student David Lee Bridges, who has been paired with Melbourne, hopes to gain knowledge about the local job market. “It’s great to know somebody who knows the places where you might seek employment,” Bridges says.

When Melbourne recently received a promotion at work earlier this year, she shared the news with Bridges.

“I wanted to let David know that, even in this rough economy, nursing offers opportunities for advancement,” she explains. “That sort of information is really encouraging for students who are wondering what their future holds.”

Josefin Munajj finds motivation in the fact that it took her several years—some of them devoted to another course of study altogether—to discover that nursing was her true vocation.

“I always told myself I would not let other people go through what I went through,” says Melbourne, now a nurse manager in the Surgical Services Department at Miami Children’s Hospital. “So if I can help guide people and let them know what nursing truly has to offer, I will do it.”

Alumna Natasha Melbourne shares her insights with BSN student David Bridges through the New Careers in Nursing mentorship program.

DPT PROGRAM DETAILS

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Whether caring for children and families in rural Haiti or designing a curriculum to improve patient safety in Latin America, the School of Nursing and Health Studies plays a pivotal role in shaping health care throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. With its recent designation as a Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Collaborating Centre, the school is poised to extend its leadership even further.

One of just 11 such centers in the United States, the school’s WHO center will pursue a vast and varied agenda designed to advance patient safety and workforce development.

“The global nursing shortage and the migration of nurses out of their home regions are critical workforce issues that impact patient safety,” says Nilda P. Peragallo, DRPH, RN, FAAN, dean and professor, who serves as director of the center. “Collaborating with international leaders in the profession will greatly increase our ability to find solutions and ultimately improve patient safety throughout the Western Hemisphere.”
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Programs to achieve that goal vary. Safety as an official priority; specific collective levels. The health ministries addressed on both the individual and to discuss how patient safety is being Nursing and Health Studies in March on patient safety met at the School of research the impact of these patterns to Europe. The University plans to recruited to work in the United States 55. “We can’t prepare more nurses if we don’t have faculty,” Peragallo notes. The global nursing shortage is particularly acute in the English-speaking Caribbean, where nurses are often recruited to work in the United States and Canada. South America also sees substantial migration among its nurses to Europe. The University plans to research the impact of these patterns on patient safety and to explore recruitment and retention strategies. Five years ago, Peragallo reached out to the National University Andrés Bello, in her native Chile, to help develop the nation’s first doctoral nurs-
ing program. The program graduates its first eight students this year. “The program is critical to preparing new researchers and vision-
ary leaders, and the involvement of the UM School of Nursing and Health Studies has been integral to its develop-
ment,” says Luz Angelica Muñoz, dean of Andrés Bello’s nursing school. Andrés Bello plans to develop a doc-
torate in nursing practice program like that recently launched by the school. The school also plans to create other postgraduate training opportuni-
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Prioritizing Patient Safety

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atient safety has been a priority for the World Health Organiza-
tion since 2004, when it launched its “Clean Care is Safer Care” campaign, which focused largely on preventing infection through hand contact. A second campaign advocates for the World Health Organization; Dr. John Nunn, Director, NIH-National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Dr. Mero Peragallo, Dean and Professor, UM School of Nursing and Health Studies; and Dr. Silvina Malvarez, PAHO Regional Director of Human Resources in Nursing and Health Services Systems.

In Haiti, for example, a group of educators is helping auxiliary nurses, the backbone of the rural health system, improve their knowledge of medica-
tions; in Mexico, nurses are designing protocols to prevent patient falls; in Brazil, a network of nurses is focusing on enhancing transparency and error reporting.

Nurturing Nursing Resources

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veloping new faculty across the region is a high priority for the center, particularly as the development of a surgery checklist to make procedures safer. Nurses and organizations around the globe, including the University of Miami, have advanced the campaign’s mission by participating in regional networks geared toward patient safety issues. Members of the regional network on patient safety met at the School of Nursing and Health Studies in March to discuss how patient safety is being addressed on both the individual and collective levels. The health ministries of many countries represented have taken the step of adopting patient safety as an official priority; specific programs to achieve that goal vary.

the United States has made great strides in creating a culture of patient safety. Peragallo says, and the Univers-
ity plans to share those lessons with regional leaders through a culturally tailored, virtual course in patient safety. The University also will invite regional faculty to workshops on patient safety using the school’s state-of-the-art simu-
lation and research facilities. Attendees of the March event were amazed by the facilities. “We have mannequins in our schools, but they’re just that—mannequins, not simula-
tors,” said Leonor Vera Macías, head of nursing at the Hospital de los Niños Roberto Gilbert in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and a member of the hemispheric patient safety network.

All of the programs developed by the school’s WHO center will be tailored to the working conditions and culture of the countries in which they’re implemented.

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Nursing students help UM workers stay well

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

The contract employees who maintain University facilities and infrastructure have direct access to some special maintenance services themselves, thanks to a series of health fairs staffed by UM nursing students.

Conducted since 2004, the sessions are part of UM’s Contract Employee Enrichment Program, which offers educational and health assessment and awareness classes for workers employed by UM contractors.

Offered on the Coral Gables, Miller School, and Rosenstiel School campuses in English, Spanish, and (on the Miller campus) Haitian Creole, a series of health fairs last fall and this spring drew more than 150 employees. UM nursing students provided presentations on varied health concerns as well as cholesterol, vision, blood pressure, and body-mass index screenings.

“The health fairs allow us to provide hands-on, highly diverse experience to our students while helping Human Resources meet its outreach goals,” says Cecilia Calderon Saleburg, contract employee health care coordinator for human resources at UM.

Senior Erica Vergara conducted screenings and educational sessions at three employee events last fall. “I enjoyed the opportunity to raise awareness on health issues while building my skills,” she says.

Andrew Jett, an accelerated BSN student, handled glucose and cholesterol testing at health fairs on both the Gables and medical campuses. “The experience was very gratifying,” he says. “It opened my eyes to the need for community health screenings and the possibilities of providing for the uninsured.”

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Generosity comes in many forms. For some, it means devoting time to a worthy cause. For others, it means providing support to a valued organization—whether it be through financial contributions or gifts of various types of property, from investment holdings to art collections.

For an alumna of the School of Nursing and Health Studies, it meant choosing, along with her husband, to donate their home to the school instead of selling the property when they moved to a new community. The original property will be sold, with the proceeds benefiting the work of the school.

The alumna, who prefers to remain anonymous, has fond memories of her time at UM and returns to campus often, despite living in a different area of the state. “Times have certainly changed since I attended night classes in nursing at UM so many years ago,” she recalls. “While I marvel at the way the campus has been transformed over the years, I’ve always felt at home at UM.

“My husband and I are particularly grateful that nursing has assumed such a prominent role in the life of the University,” she adds.

“This is such a special gift,” notes Laurie Reinhardt-Plotnik, PhD, MBA ’08, the school’s assistant dean for advancement and alumni affairs. “By donating their home to us, this alumna and her husband are truly and forever members of our family.”

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS A ‘CANE’S VIBRANT COMMUNITY SPIRIT

INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

The University of Miami Citizens Board awarded a special nursing scholarship this year in memory of Joyce Galya, AB ’73, MBA ’84, a loyal Miami Hurricane who served as director of the corporate fundraising arm of UM for nearly three decades.

Long a champion of nursing and nursing education, Galya passed away last fall. The scholarship recognizes her passion for the University and deep personal commitment to improving the quality of life in South Florida through education.

Scholarship recipient Conchita Freitag, RN, BSN, BSC, is a nurse at Jackson Memorial Hospital with a gift for teaching. The scholarship will enable her to complete her MSN in clinical education at UM. A dedicated patient advocate, Freitag offers workshops on topics ranging from chemotherapy and substance abuse to healthy lifestyles for adolescents. She participates regularly in community health fairs and is a facilitator for the Quit Smoking Now program.

“Earning my MSN will allow me to become a more effective patient advocate, a better teacher, and a researcher for best practice,” says Freitag.

“This scholarship gives me hope that, despite these tough economic times, prayers are answered!”

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Always a Nurse at Heart

Kathryn Zeoli, BSN ’75, MD ’79, admits that she “wasn’t the easiest student” when studying nursing at the University of Miami in the early 1970s. “I was always questioning everything,” she recalls. “So one of my nurse instructors suggested that I consider going to medical school after getting my nursing degree!”

These days, with so many advanced nursing education options available, such a conversation might never take place. Still, Zeoli doesn’t second-guess her choice. Perhaps that’s because, even though she is now a dermatologic surgeon, she still considers herself a nurse. “Once a nurse, always a nurse,” she says. “I take care of patients with an empathetic, whole-person approach. I just happen to have an MD after my name.”

After earning her BSN, Zeoli found that she was extremely well prepared for medical education, and not just because of the premed courses she’d taken while in nursing school. “I was way ahead of the typical medical student when it came to patient teaching, empathy, and technical nursing and medical skills,” she recalls.

In addition to maintaining a busy medical practice specializing in skin cancer in Coral Gables, she recently retired to join her family in Durham, North Carolina.

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Class Notes

1970s

Linda Kean, BSN ’73, MSN, recently retired to join her family business after many years of teaching as an adjunct professor and working ED and ICU. She recently returned to the School of Nursing and Health Studies for a tour and introduction to the new building.

Isabel Ayers, BSN ’75, MSN ’78, was recently promoted to vice chair of the ADN Nursing Program at City College on the Fort Lauderdale Campus.

Nancy Koppel Kuniansky, BSN ’77, MSN, has had a very successful and rewarding career in public health and family practice. She now works at a church-based health care center for the medically uninsured and aspires to earn her DNP in the future.

Donna Hoffman (Swangin), BSN ’78, has been married for 28 years to Pat Hoffman. She has two sons, Matthew, 24, and Michael, 24, and one daughter-in-law, Laelyn. She has been working for the past seven years as a clinical service representative for SCA/Tena and currently resides in Memphis, Tennessee.

1980s

Henrietta J. Paca, BSN ’81, works in private practice and has her own law firm, The Law Offices of Henrietta Paca, specializing in real estate transactions, foreclosures, and mortgage modifications. She is married and has three children: Samuel Jr., JoAnna, and Amanda.

Louise Santanna, BSN ’82, MSN ’91, MBA ’94, is currently working as a senior interface requirements engineer for Cardinal Health Carefusions. She first became involved with clinical information systems as an installation consultant and clinical business analyst on both the hospital and vendor side of applications.

Mary Elena Torres, BSN ’84, MSN ’87, is a family nurse practitioner and diabetes specialist at St. John Bosco Clinic in Miami, Florida. She was recently awarded the American Diabetes Association 2008 Valor Award. She also was a finalist for the South Florida Health Foundation’s Concern Award, receiving $10,000 to benefit St. John Bosco Clinic.

Helen Costa, BSN ’86, MSHA, JD, received her master’s degree in health services administration at Florida International University and her Juris Doctorate at St. Thomas University. She is currently at law firm in Miami Lakes, Florida, and is the administrator and director of nurses for MedPro HomeCare Services, a licensed home health care agency in Miami-Dade County. She is currently working on Medicare and CHC certifications.

Dawn Holcomb, BSN ’87, RN, recently relocated from Indiana, Arizona to Wellington, Florida, where her three daughters and five grandchildren reside. She works as a full-time clinical project manager for Eli Lilly and Co., and will be traveling to Indianapolis regularly.

1990s

Audra Horton Lopez, BSN ’90, MSN ’93, ARNP, FNP-C, CNS, is currently working as a nurse practitioner for the Liver Transplant Program at Broward General Medical Center. She is actively involved with the International Transplant Nursing Society and Life Alliance Board of Directors. She has been married to her high school sweetheart since 1990 and has three children.

Angela Parish Russell, PhD ’92, ARNP-C, FNP-C, ANP-C, COHN-C, is currently a division administrator/clinical coordinator for the Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Department of Neurology.

Robyn Farrington-Avila, BSN ’96, was promoted to the position of trauma care manager at Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Ryder Trauma Center in February 2008. She continues to live in Plantation, Florida, with her husband and two children.

Natasha Hamilton Melbourne, BSN ’98, MSN ’00, was promoted to nurse manager of the Surgical Services inpatient unit at Miami Children’s Hospital. She recently pursued her entrepreneurial spirit and purchased a mobile coffee cafe franchise with her husband. As part of the franchise’s commitment to the community, they participated in KAPOW (Kids and the Power of Work) through Miami-Dade County schools. They sponsored several students for summer camps and participated in many community fundraisers over the past year.

Julie Luengos, BSN ’98, has accepted a clinical nurse informatics specialist position with the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Jaidee Salameda Saavedra, BSN ’98, MSN, worked at Mercy Hospital in the open heart intensive care unit after graduating with her BSN and went on to become the assistant nurse manager there. She then obtained a Master of Science in anesthesiology from Barry University in May 2007 and has since returned to Mercy Hospital to join the anesthesiology group. Her anesthesiologist contract at Mercy.

Jane Denight, BSN ’99, MSN ’01, opened a small gynecology practice on South Beach called Solie Gyn. She is a fellow of the ASCCP and was honored to be selected for membership on the 106-year-renowned cervical cancer and HPV expert, to be part of the ASCCP Committee on New Technologies and Generational Learning. Her Solie Gyn practice was highlighted by ASHA for its unique health care approach and featured in the online publication HPV NEWS.

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Jean Tilghman, PhD ’03, is the associate dean of master’s education at Helene Fuld School of Nursing at Coppin State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Julie M. Rodriguez, BSN ’04, RN, is a nursing instructor for specialty critical care at Keiser College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Linda Blackburn Brown, BSN ’06, has worked for the past six years as a care coordinator RN at South Miami Hospital. Recently she has been spending most of her time in the OB unit, which recently opened a new NICU Level III 15-bed unit. She enjoys contributing to the school and keeping in touch as an alumna.

Beverly Fraz, RNC, MSN ’06, APRN-BC, was recently promoted to the role of the Director of Nursing Excellence in the Jackson Health System through the Fresh Start for Nursing grant from the Health...
Jane Denight
McKenzie. Chance, and daughter, Addison her husband of three years, in Culpeper, Virginia. She cur-
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International, in Cancun, Mexico. She also presented "La Mancha
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ces with Substance Abuse, Violence and Risk for ‘HIV’" at the
34th Annual National Associa-
tion of Hispanic Nurses Con-
ference in San Antonio, Texas. She has published "Contempo-
rary Hispanic Risk among
Women of Reproductive Age” in
Women’s Health Issues; “Intimate Partner Violence, Depression and
Resource Availability among a Community Sample of His-
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tal Health Nursing; and “Trauma and Violence” in Women’s Mental
Health: A Clinical Guide for Pri-
mary Care Providers.

Elaine Kauschinger, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, associate professor, has recently published “A
Participatory Action Research Pilot Study of Urban Health Dis-
parities Using Rapid Assessment
Response and Evaluation” in
American Journal of Public Health. She was the only nurse/nurse
practitioner involved in this interdisciplinary research journal article.

Denise M. Korniewicz, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and senior
associate dean for research, has given several presentations including: “Reduction of Needle
Stick/Sharp Injuries During Surgery” and “A Randomized
Controlled Clinical Trial Examining the Effectiveness of a
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JoAnn Trybulski, PhD, ANP-BC,  
associate dean for master's and DNP programs; recently presented  
“I Survived MSN Boot Camp: Preparing Students for  
AACN Master’s Education Conference  
in Orlando, Florida. She published  
“Making Sense: Women’s Abortion experiences”  
in the British Journal of Midwifery.

Alma Vega, EdD, MSN, ARNP-C,  
clinical assistant professor; has given several presentations, including  
“Learned Experiences of HIV Spe- 
cialty Nurses: Exploring and Identifying  
Successful Learning Strategies”  
at the International Sigma Theta Tau Confer- 
ence in Cancun, Mexico, and  
“HIV Update for Medical Providers in Spanish;”  
“HIV Update for Medical Providers”  
and “Osteoblastic High Risk Com- 
plications” at the Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (AMHC) in Miami, Florida.

5. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE NURSING? Nursing embraces everything I want in a profession. It prepares you to do so many things—from research and teaching to bedside care, administration, and performance improvement. Nursing is more interesting and dynamic than any other career.

6. WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE UM EXPERIENCES AND HOW HAVE THEY CHANGED YOU? As an undergraduate in a community health class, I was assigned to work with a pregnant 14-year-old. I taught her about women’s health, diet, and pregnancy issues, as well as how to take care of herself and her baby while dealing with her difficult economic situation. This experience really broadened my view of nursing to encompass everything around our patients so that we provide quality care and ensure successful outcomes.

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ulty. In one of my classes, I was able to go to Miami Chil- 
dren’s Hospital to meet one of my professors at her place of work. She was always available to help us. That taught me that we can find time and space at any moment, no matter how busy we are, if we really want to help others.

7. CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Nurse of the Year from the Site Disease Group, UMSylvestre Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2005; Member of the National Brain Tumor Foundation Financial Aid Committee Review, 2006; Trophy from UM/JMH for continuous participation as a nurse volunteer in the ING Miami Marathon, 2007.

8. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES: I love traveling, reading, and dancing. I volunteer for the yearly career day at Winston Park K-8 Center, where I speak about nursing. I’m also a volunteer parent for the Boy Scouts, since two of my sons are scouts.

9. FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: My current role as a nurse manager poses challenges that require me to enhance my knowledge about nursing theory and practice on a regular basis. That’s why I chose to pursue the DNP! Enjoy making positive changes in my organization and the nursing profession. I have made it a personal goal to teach our community about nursing and encourage people to consider the profession as a career option.

10. ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Relish and take an active role in your education and professional life. Highly educated nurses are needed to make positive changes in our profession and our health system. You have the power to make a difference.

Ten Questions for DNP Student
Jacqueline Cereijo, RN, BSN ‘03

1. BACKGROUND/HOMETOWN: I was born in Cuba, the eldest of three sisters. I decided to immigrate to Miami during my last year of medical school. It was a difficult decision because I left behind my lifelong dream of becoming a physician. I have been studying ever since I arrived in February 1994. This country gave me the opportunity to be successful in my professional career and to enjoy the freedom I did not have in my original country.

2. DEGREES EARNED: Nursing Associate Degree, transitional program from Miami Dade College, 2000; Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UM, 2003; Master of Business Administration, Nova Southeastern University, 2008. I am currently in the first class of DNP students at UM.

3. CURRENT POSITION: I’m the nurse manager of the OPD/Spinee Clinic at the UMSylvestre Comprehensive Cancer Center. Among my many responsibilities, I supervise and optimize efficiency of clinic operations, supervise primary care nurses and other staff, help develop nursing standards for the specialized clinic, and develop and implement performance improvement programs in compliance with JCAHO standards and other regulatory agencies.

4. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE U M? I think it’s important to obtain a graduate degree from an organization that is a leader in research; offers excellent programs; has highly qualified doctoral faculty; offers a holistic, multicul- 
tural approach in its nursing curriculum; and embraces multicultural alumni. UM’s nursing school is among the nation’s best, and its programs are designed to accommodate working professionals while maintaining an excellent nursing curriculum.

System in Reducing the Rate of Catheter Related Blood Stream Infection in Intensive Care Unit Patients” at the Nursing Consortium of South Florida in Miami, Florida, and “A Study in the Observed Practices of Asepsis with Perioperative Nurses as Scrub Nurses in the Operating Room” at the Nursing Excellence: Bringing Best Evidence to the Point of Care”.-SOUTH Florida Winter Evidence-Based Nursing Conference in Miami, Florida. She published “A National Online Survey on the Effectiveness of Clinical Alarms” in the American Journal of Critical Care, an Official Publica- 
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calists in Pediatric Nursing  
Adolescents” in the Journal of Peri- 
operative Practice. She has recently published, “Effect of Emotionally Complex Roles on HIV-Related Simulated Patients,” in Medical Education.

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