

Trinitas School of Nursing Administration and Staff honored

Dean Marybeth Kelley, Assistant Dean Teresita Proctor and Learning/Simulation Center instructor, Karen Lukenda were part of a special group of people honored by Trinitas Regional Medical Center during the Employee Awards dinner held at Solar de Minho Restaurant, Roselle Park, on October 7, 2010 for their many years of service to the TRMC organization. All three have distinctively served Trinitas School of Nursing for a total of 105 years in different capacities toward one goal – excellence in nursing education for Trinitas students.



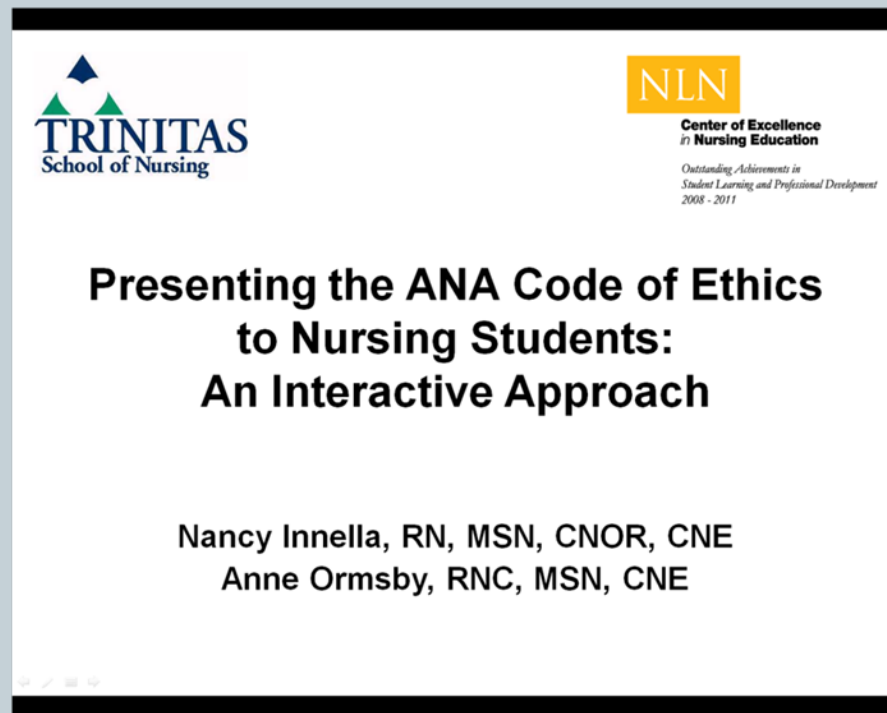
K. Lukenda, M.E. Kelley and T. Proctor (l to r) share the honor and recognition given by Trinitas Regional Medical Center for their years of service to the organization.

TSON Faculty Members Present at the PNEG Convention in Baltimore

Faculty members, Nancy Innella and Anne Ormsby presented their abstract “*Presenting the ANA Code of Ethics to Nursing Students: An Interactive Approach*” as a concurrent session at the 2010 Professional Nurse Educator’s Guild Convention in Baltimore, MD in October 2010.

The goal of this presentation was to provide nurse educators an interactive way to educate nursing students on the ANA Code of Ethics and its implications to their practice in order to become knowledgeable on this topic. This interactive approach includes a debate on scenarios which involved ethical problems that calls for decision-making and the need to apply knowledge gained from the study of the ANA Code of Ethics.

Their abstract was also accepted as a poster presentation at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute Conference to be held in June 2011 in Atlantic City, NJ.



Teresita Proctor, Assistant Dean, Receives NJLN Nurse Recognition Award

Dean Proctor was one of the recipients of the Nurse Recognition Award at the 95th New Jersey League for Nursing Annual Gala held at the Pines Manor, Edison on November 5, 2010.

She was recognized for her leadership role in the integration of educational technologies into the School's curriculum and in the creation of a state-of-the-art simulation/learning center for students and faculty which opened in 2009. Through her efforts and the support of school administration, all faculty members, full-time and clinical adjunct have been educated on how to effectively use simulations as a teaching strategy.

Dean Proctor continues to work on the expansion of the School's simulation program to include partnership with the medical education department at Trinitas Regional Medical Center to be able to provide interdisciplinary team training to students and hospital staff.



Dean Proctor (center) is joined by Dr. Margaret McMenamin, UCC President and Mr. Gary S. Horan, President and CEO, Trinitas Regional Medical Center at the NJLN 95th Anniversary Gala in November, 2010.

Trinitas School of Nursing Hosts Laerdal Simulation Users Network (SUN) Conference

On November 22, 2010, the School hosted the Laerdal Medical Corporation's mini-SUN conference which was attended by 65 educators from nursing schools and other allied health professions and hospital staff educators from all over New Jersey to update their skills and knowledge in the use of simulation as a teaching strategy.

The general session topic on "Developing the Simulation Instructor" was presented by a Laerdal education specialist followed by four break out sessions on "Suspension of Disbelief," "Under the Hood," Running Vitalsim Scenarios" and "Crossing the Bridge: The Use of High-fidelity Simulation in Novice Nurse Orientation. The fourth session was presented by three TSON faculty members – T. Bowers, M. Morales-Allen and C. Kozachek.



SUN Conference attendees enjoy creating moulage for different types of wounds and lesions during the "Suspension of Disbelief" session.

The conference was rated highly by all attendees and the School received many compliments for its state-of-the-art Learning/Simulation Center.

TSON well-represented at the Drexel Simulation in Healthcare Conference

Prof. Janine Graf-Kirk and Assistant Dean Teresita Proctor were session presenters at Drexel University's Simulation in Healthcare Conference held in Orlando, FL on March 22-25, 2011. Their abstract dealt with improving students' therapeutic communication through pre-clinical simulation and debriefing.

J. Graf-Kirk and Dean Proctor have worked together in facilitating senior psychiatric/mental health simulations and developed an evaluation tool that measures students' perceptions of their ability to communicate effectively with their actual clients.

This presentation will also be repeated at the Drexel Nursing Education Institute in Atlantic City on June 30, 2011 as a concurrent session.

A poster presentation on this topic was presented by Prof. Graf-Kirk at the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Conference in Tucson, AZ in April 2011.



J. Graf-Kirk, NURE 232 faculty and T. Proctor, Assistant Dean, during their presentation at the Drexel University Simulation in Healthcare Conference in Orlando, FL

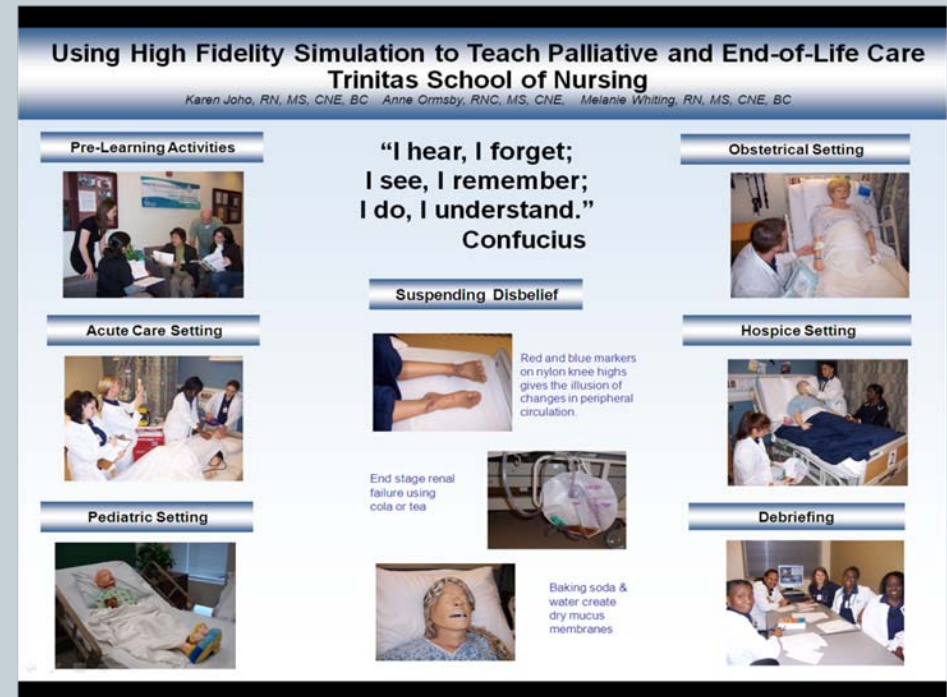
J. Graf-Kirk alongside the poster presentation at the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Conference in Tucson, AZ




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Karen Joho, Anne Ormsby and Melanie Whiting also were in attendance at the Drexel Simulation Conference in Orlando, FL to present a poster on “Using High-fidelity Simulation to Teach Palliative and End-of-life Care” describing where TSON uses high-fidelity simulation to teach these concepts throughout the lifespan. The faculty shared their expertise in the development and running of these scenarios with nursing and allied health professionals both in the academic and practice settings.


TSON faculty members continue to present on the topic of simulation as a teaching strategy at the state, national and international level.





Using High Fidelity Simulation to Teach Palliative and End-of-Life Care
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Karen Joho, RN, MS, CNE, BC Anne Ormsby, RNC, MS, CNE, Melanie Whiting, RN, MS, CNE, BC


Pre-Learning Activities


Acute Care Setting


Pediatric Setting


Obstetrical Setting


Hospice Setting


Debriefing


**“I hear, I forget;
I see, I remember;
I do, I understand.”
Confucius**

Suspending Disbelief

Red and blue markers on nylon knee highs gives the illusion of changes in peripheral circulation.

End stage renal failure using cola or tea

Baking soda & water create dry mucus membranes

Dean M. E. Kelley Receives Honors from Union County Human Relations Commission

Dean Mary E. Kelley was honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission (UCHRC) with the Unity Achievement Award on May 2, 2011. *This award recognizes individuals and organizations that have contributed in an extraordinary manner to promote respect for human rights, human dignity, and cultural diversity throughout Union County.* Dean Kelley has, for the last forty years, championed cultural diversity and educational mobility of nursing students at Trinitas School of Nursing.

The UCHRC tenth annual awards presentation was held at the Atrium of the Elizabethtown Gas Company in Union, NJ.



Dean Kelley (r) shown with UCHRC Commissioner Alice Holzfaphel, who presented the award.



Dean Kelley (seated 2nd fr the right) was one of 15 award recipients