



# January 2016

Mark your calendar! The 27th Annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday April 2 in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. All are invited to celebrate with the College of Nursing as our distinguished alumnae are honored with the College's Medallion: Margaret "Meg" Robins Garrett '72 BSN, Christina Larson Kelly '74 BSN, and Janet Nash '08 MSN. Catherine Loper McDonald '00 BSN will receive the Emerging Scholar Award.

We congratulate these alumnae and look forward to seeing all of you on April 2!

## From Market to Misinformation: Addressing the Science and Facts of Vaccines - March 10

Official establishments such as the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control have acknowledged that the increase in life expectancy in the 20th century was largely due to improved access to vaccinations. Today there is a race to develop new vaccines for diseases such as Ebola, HIV, Streptococcus A infections and even cancer. In spite of these ground-breaking, scientific advances some people still elect not to be vaccinated or have their children vaccinated. So what does this mean for the society's health? A panel of experts will discuss the bigger picture of infectious diseases and vaccinations, as well as the science that brings them from market to patient.

[Learn more about this Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series offering.](#)

## In the media: Janet Dunn '13 DNP

Doctor of Nursing Practice alumna Dr. Janet Dunn, a nurse practitioner specializing in palliative care for heart failure patients, was featured in the Sunday, January 24th edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in the cover story in the health section. There is amazingly complex care happening in the community.

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## Selected faculty achievements

**Dr. Patricia Bradley** was inducted as an [honorary member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority](#), Inc. in recognition of her service to humanity, which reflects the motto of the sorority. A psychiatric-mental health nursing specialist, she has a career-long commitment to her research related to breast cancer.

**Dr. Tamara Kear** was elected to serve as a director on the Board of Directors of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association. She begins her two-year term in May.

**Dr. Meredith MacKenzie** has been appointed a member of the American Nurses Association Advisory Group for the Palliative & Hospice Nursing Professional Issues Panel. The work begins in February 2016 and is expected to continue through January 2017.

**Dr. Helene Moriarty** co-authored the recent publication: Winter L, Moriarty HJ, Piersol CV, Vause-Earland T, Robinson K,

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Newhart B. Patient- and Family-Identified Problems of Traumatic Brain Injury: Value and Utility of a Target Outcome Approach to Identifying the Worst Problems. J Patient-Centered Res Rev. 2016;3:30-39.<http://dx.doi.org/10.17294/2330-0698.1204>

**Dr. Melissa O'Connor** is the recipient of the [Springer Publishing Company Geriatric/Gerontological Nursing Award](#) for a distinguished published research manuscript. She is the lead author on "The Impact of Home Health Length of Stay and Number of Skilled Nursing Visits on Hospitalization among Medicare-Reimbursed Skilled Home Health Beneficiaries."

#### **April 1-2, Advance Care Planning Oncology Conference**

On April 1-2, 2016 the College presents "Advance Care Planning Reimagined: Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology" a conference supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund. The keynoter is Ira Byock, MD, a nationally recognized, leading palliative care physician, author and public advocate for improved end of life care. [More...](#)

#### **Director of Continuing Education**

The College of Nursing invites applications for a full-time Director of Continuing Education (CE). The Director will hold a faculty position and manage and be responsible for CE programs and activities for the College. The Director will conduct needs assessments; develop strategic initiatives, interprofessional offerings and College lecture series; develop, plan and evaluate CE programs; teach; maintain ANCC professional accreditation status; develop revenue streams; and oversee the Center on Obesity Prevention and Education.

To learn more and apply, visit <https://jobs.villanova.edu> and click on Faculty Positions.

#### **Join our LinkedIn group**

Join the College's LinkedIn Group [Villanovans in Nursing](#) to access job postings, externships, new grad residencies and professional development opportunities. Network with other Villanova Nurses!

#### **Free webinars from COPE**

Don't miss the latest webinar from the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE). On February 16th, hear from Cheryl Dolven, MS, RD, speaking on "Dining for Health: Tips and Tricks Using the New FDA Menu Labeling Regulations." [Read more and register online.](#)



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## **2016 EVENTS**

**March 8 - [Graduate and Adult Education Open House](#)** (transfer students, second-degree, RN-BSN, master's, DNP, PhD)

**March 10 - [Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series](#)--** "From Market to Misinformation: Addressing the Science and Facts of Vaccines" with Robert Leggiadro, MD, '72 CLAS, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biology, Villanova University and previous Medical Director Vaccines, Pfizer, Inc.; Robert McNally, PhD, '70 COE, President and CEO, GeoVax, Inc.; and Patricia Stinchfield, APRN, CNP

Director of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Director of Children's Immunizations Project, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

**March 16** - [Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com) .

**March 22** - [Annual Research Symposium](#) - Building the Evidence Base for Nurses' Work

**April 1-2** - [Advance Care Planning Reimagined: Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology](#) -Supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund.

**April 2** - 27th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony @ 6 p.m.

**April 7** - [Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series](#)-- "Cherish the Ladies: a Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Southeast Haiti" with Louise Lindenmeyr, FNP-BC

**April 10** - Open House for High School Students

**May 18** - [Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com) .

**July 20** - [Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com) .

**September 21** - [Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com) .

**November 16** - [Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to [RSVP@VillanovaU.com](mailto:RSVP@VillanovaU.com) .

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