



## **Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing**

### *Accomplishments: September 2011 to August 2012*

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The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing has, in the last year: brought the number of fellows of the American Academy of Nursing up to 16; appointed a new Associate Dean for Research; launched a “Changing the Face of Nursing” campaign to market the school to underrepresented groups; opened an Office of Student Success to increase student retention; graduated five PhD students in an extensively revised curriculum; and explored mechanism to strengthen partnerships between the School of Nursing and health systems such as the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI), and the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

### *Accomplishments: September 2010 to August 2011*

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The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing has, in the last year: successfully recruited eight key faculty; had seven clinical faculty implement plans to pursue terminal degrees; experienced a 60% increase in research proposals; and launched a new accelerated BSN program with 36 undergraduate students in summer of 2010 and 30 new students in summer 2011.

### *Highlights: September 2005 to August 2010*

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Since implementing its 2005-2010 strategic plan, the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing (NHWSON) has fully integrated service learning into the undergraduate curriculum, requiring every student to engage in service learning experiences. Funding for international projects in Kenya, Dominican Republic, Bangladesh, India, and Ethiopia was secured, including an \$8.1 million Gates Foundation grant received in 2009 to improve maternal and newborn survival rates in rural Ethiopia. The school received a positive 10-year re-accreditation from the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education. The NHWSON welcomed a new Dean in 2009, and shortly after her arrival, Dean McCauley initiated a re-examination of the goals and strategies for the next five years. The NHWSON launched an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum in the past year. Undergraduate quality is increasing, as more students have been admitted who are seeking a second degree. The School of Nursing currently has 474 students enrolled in its nursing programs—the largest group of students in the school’s 105-year history.

### *Accomplishments: September 2008 to August 2009*

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- Recruitment of new dean who began appointment May 1, 2009
- Successful evaluation visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education noting that we have met all standards and are in compliance with all key elements with no compliance concerns
- Invited by CDC to extend our work in Kenya to a new proposal development with Zimbabwe
- Launched planning for new accelerated BSN/MSN track to begin June 2009

### *Accomplishments: September 2007 to August 2008*

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- Four tenured and tenure track faculty secured external funding for international projects in Kenya, Dominican Republic, Bangladesh, and India



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*Implementation Status as of October 30, 2010*

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- The School emerged as a leader among Schools of Nursing for strategic planning among the schools participating in the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses Phase II Pilot Program, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Inc.
- Re-dedicated the focus of the Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing was to Service Learning, based on a survey of the School of Nursing students that indicated that opportunities to engage in service learning was a major reason for their decision to attend Emory

#### *Accomplishments: September 2006 to August 2007*

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- Added 4 tenure track faculty- Ron Barrett, Susan Bauer-Wu, Gerri Lamb, Catherine Vena
- Hired New Director of Service Learning and fully integrated service learning into undergraduate curriculum - every student has required service learning experiences
- New Associate Dean for Research launched the Office of Research and New Associate Dean for Education successfully implemented the strategic plan for improving nursing education by securing external funding to participate in the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses Phase II Pilot School Learning Collaborative
- The Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing hosted the Third Global Government Chief Nursing Officers' Institute & Global Health Partner's Forum – 107 countries represented & over \$400,000 external support raised
- First phase of Interdisciplinary Nursing & Science Initiative was implemented

#### *Accomplishments: September 2005 to August 2006*

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- Research: Succeeded in implementing several recommendations from the faculty research plan, Becoming the Best in Research. These included the following:
  - Recruited Dr. Kenneth Hepburn first Assoc. Dean for Research and the school's second Institute of Medicine Member, Dr. S. Donaldson
  - Launched Interdisciplinary Nursing & Science Initiative and established the School's Office of Research
  - Again increased competitive external research funding and increased the numbers of competitive proposals for external funding by 30%
- Education: Faculty developed plan, Becoming the Best in Education, to guide the development of education in the school. Following moved plan forward:
  - Admitted its best and largest undergraduate class in more than 15 years, stabilized undergraduate enrollment at its maximum capacity, and integrated service-learning experiences throughout undergraduate curriculum
  - Launched a 3/2 dual degree program with Agnes Scott College, which will serve as a model for possible collaboration with Spellman and Emory College
  - Developed a BSN-PhD option, which will be implemented in Fall of 06
  - Collaborated with the Medical College of Georgia in an unique program to increase faculty numbers throughout the region 500K grant to support our work
  - Our student served as President of the National Student Nurses' Association
  - Increased external funding for educational programs by \$282,787 or 38%
  - Received unprecedented findings from State Board of Nursing in its required survey
  - Piloted the Faith and Health Program with the School of Theology



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- Service:
  - Led in significant, sustained response by faculty, staff & students to Katrina victims
  - Led in collaborative efforts with WHSC leadership to get prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses in the state passed
  - Developed ongoing partnership with Gateway 24-7, a full service homeless persons resource center
  - Received external funding to support the annual Moultrie Farmworkers' service learning program
  - Planning third biennial Global Health Partners' Forum and Government Chief Nursing Officer's Institute – 90 countries to date have accepted invitations to attend this Fall
- Other key highlights: The school has continued its leadership in international health, mission and faith based health, and organizational climate and work community. Of particular note:
  - Provided consistent WHSC leadership in quality, safety & improved patient experience
  - Collaborated with HR to implement a multi-dimensional school climate program
  - Completed the Centennial Celebration with a highly successful fundraising gala
  - Verdelle Bellamy received Emory Medal - alumna and first African American graduate from Emory