

# Rafic Hariri School Of Nursing Newsletter

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# Message from the Director



*Dr. Huda Abu-Saad Huijjer, Director of Hariri School of Nursing*

The Hariri School of Nursing (HSON) celebrated 110 years of excellence in nursing education, research, leadership, and service under the motto 'Expanding Boundaries and Enhancing Partnerships' and AUB's 150th anniversary by organizing in 2016 a number of national and international celebratory events.

A symposium in celebration of International Nurses Day entitled 'Celebrating Nursing Developments; Past and Present Achievements' took place on May 11, 2016 and hosted a number of local and international speakers. The symposium was followed by a fashion show organized by HSON students and a reception.

The second celebratory event was an international nursing research conference 'Development of Evidence-Based Nursing in an Interdisciplinary Era: Achievements & Prospects'. The conference which took place October 6-8, 2016 attracted around 400 participants. It was held in close collaboration with a number of partners and hosted a large number of distinguished nurse leaders and scholars from different disciplines from the USA, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, Jordan, and Lebanon.

The third celebratory event took place on October 6, 2016 and was held in close collaboration with the Association of Arab Nursing Faculties (AANF). More than 60 deans of SON in the Middle East attended this meeting to celebrate these milestones with HSON.

I am also delighted to report that the HSON PhD in Nursing Science proposal was approved by the Board of Graduate Studies, the AUB senate, and the BOT. It was also positively reviewed by two external examiners in October 2016. The PhD program will be launched when approved by the New York State Department of Education.

On research productivity, we are proud to report that HSON accounts for 85% of Lebanon's and nearly 14% of the Arab world's nursing research output; its faculty are amongst the most productive and impactful nurse researchers in the Arab world. HSON ranked 149 out of 503 schools of nursing offering graduate programs based on U.S. News & World Report Ranking.

The school continues to place emphasis on research and scholarly productivity, teaching excellence, faculty and student recruitment, and on expanding our academic programs based on new and innovative strategic initiatives.



# HSON 110th anniversary

## Nursing conference October 6-8 2016

### ***“Development of Evidence-Based Nursing in an Interdisciplinary Era: Achievements & Prospects”***

This conference was held in close collaboration with a number of international speakers and distinguished nurse leaders and scholars. The audience included policy makers from the regional office of the World Health Organisation as well as nurses from Egypt, Sudan, Jordan and Lebanon.



# International Nurses Day May 11, 2016

*"Celebrating Nursing Developments; Past and Present Achievements"*



## Faculty, staff & HSON news

### Approval of Ph.D. program

It is with extreme pleasure that we announce that the Ph.D. program proposal was approved by the AUB Senate and BOT. If and when the New York state Department of Education approves it, we will launch the program.

### Awards

In 2016, Dr. Huda Huijer received two prestigious awards:

- At the World Congress on Pain organized by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), in Japan, Dr. Huijer received an honorary IASP award.
- During a ceremony held by the Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International, held in July, 21-25 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa, Dr. Huijer gave a special lecture and received the International Nurse Research Hall of Fame Award

### New faculty

Meet our two new faculty members.

**Mrs. Hera Tashjian:** obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from HSON and Masters in Nursing from Duke University. She has over 12 years of experience in bedside nursing as an advanced practice nurse and clinical instructor. Her passions are teaching students bedside nursing and improving quality of care for patients. After joining HSON in January 2017, she was appointed to work on a couple of task forces and she is looking forward for starting her own research in critical care nursing.

**Mrs. Nour Alayan:** completed her BSN and MSN at HSON and is in the process of finishing her Ph.D. in community mental health at Rutgers University, United States. Currently, Nour is working as a clinical instructor at HSON. Her previous work experience encompassed bedside nursing, consultancy at a large health care firm, and research. Her Ph.D. dissertation is entitled : "Heart Rate Variability Biofeedback for College Students Recovering from Substance Use Disorder: A longitudinal Analysis of Craving Changes". She is looking forward to transfer the knowledge and skills acquired during her PhD to nurses in Lebanon working in community mental health.



## Farewell for Ghassan Afram



Mr. Ghassan Afram, who worked for more than 10 years at HSON , decided to move to FAFS. Ghassan you will be certainly missed! We wish you the best of luck!

## Faculty promotion

Hard work pays off! Dr. Nuha Dumit and Dr. Hala Darwish were promoted from Assistant to Associate Professors. In celebration, they held a B.B.Q party in the garden where they were presented with a gift from the Social Committee. Congratulations!

## A new addition to HSON family

Mrs. Tamar Avedissian gave birth to a new baby boy. Serge, welcome aboard!

## Nursing Student Society (NSS) activities

Our new NSS elected cabinet include:

**President:** Nicole Dagher

**Vice President:** Dayana Traboulsi

**Treasurer:** Elizabeth Cantrell

**Secretary:** Amr Kayali

**Class representatives:** Senior: Nayla Moukarzel

**Junior:** Ghina Yaacoub

**Sophomore:** Rasha Khoury

## International Nurses Day: Fashion show

Ziad Karamah, BSN IV student at the time, surprised us with his talent when he designed a full series of nurses costumes from Nightingale era till present. The show was presented by BSN IV peers students at the time.



## Graduation gala dinner



A special gala dinner was held at the Rotana Hotel on May 19 in celebration of the 2016 class graduation.





## Bake sale



A fundraising bake sale was held in the lobby of HSON and on AUB campus . The money raised was donated to families in need during the holiday season.



## Volunteer work in Iraq

Miss. Nicole Dagher, a BSN IV student , volunteered in the Emergency Field Hospital (EFH) located at the outskirts of Mosul, Iraq. EFH was set up by the Christian NGO “Samaritan's Purse” in partnership with the World Health Organization to treat wounded civilians and soldiers coming out of Mosul, Iraq. We are so proud of you Nicole!



# HSON news & research news

## Lika2 fi koul kada2



Students from all nursing programs across all universities in Lebanon participated in health screening and awareness campaigns spearheaded by the President of the Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Dr. Nuhad Dumit. This initiative was awarded the National Nursing Association Award by the International Council of Nurse.

## Continuing Education in the United Arab Emirates

HSON in collaboration with the Continuing Education Center from the office of Regional External Program (REP) provided four specialized courses to registered nurses in the United Arab Emirates. These offerings were part of an agreement that was signed between AUB REP and The United Arab Emirates Ministry of Health with the aim of supporting nursing training and education. Participants from different hospitals and health care centers in Dubai attended the following courses:

- **"Nephrology Course"** presented in March 28-30, 2016 by Dr. Samar Nouredine and Mrs. Sylva Dakessian
- **"Primary Healthcare Nursing Conference: The Way Forward"** presented in December 5 by Dr. Gladys Honein
- **"Pain Assessment and Management"** presented in February 19-21, 2017 by Dr. Dina Madi and Ms. Janane Hanna
- **"Medication Management Principles and Practice"** presented in February 26-28, 2017 by Dr. Lina Kantar and Mrs. Danielle Damianos.

## Christmas lunch at Bagatelle

The Christmas lunch was celebrated at Bagatelle. It was attended by most faculty and staff. At this event, Dr. Huijjer was presented with a special gift thanking her for all her efforts.



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