We, at School of Nursing, are hope you are having a safe and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing all of you back at DePaul University.

We hope you have an incredible Winter Quarter with us in the School of Nursing. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, happy thoughts, or anything else under the sun.
I hope you all have had a great Fall Quarter. I’ve been in my position since August 1st and I am still learning about all the processes that come together to run the School of Nursing (SON). I recently looked back to the beginning of August when I began this endeavor. The organizational chart is revised and we have added a Senior Associate Director, Dr. Shannon Simonovich!

We will be continuing to assess both the physical and organizational structures of the SON. We are in the process of planning an extension and renovation to our SON facilities. The new renovation will include more faculty offices that will accommodate our Rosalind Franklin faculty and staff, our new BSN program labs and space for a Student Lounge, an office for the DSNA and Sigma organizations and a concierge reception area.

**DSNA**
I recently visited the October DSNA meeting and enjoyed sharing my nursing journey and answering questions from students. Our students are amazing and inspiring. I am so proud to be working to ensure that you are getting the best education possible.

**Sigma Theta Tau**
We have a very important Honor Society of Nursing, Zeta Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International. This honor society will invite high achieving students to be inducted. If you are invited to be inducted you should strongly consider joining! It encourages leadership, networking and scholarship. I went to Dublin and presented my research in 2004 and it was an amazing experience! We have had students and faculty involved in the international conferences in Scotland, Singapore and many more countries. If you have questions, Michelle Neuman is the president.
One of my goals is to continue to elevate the SON profile and increase awareness of all we have to offer students. Our SON was represented at a display at the the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) and Magnet Conference October 12-14th. (https://www.magnetpathwaycon.org/ ) The conference hosted almost 12,000 nurses from all over the country! Our School of Nursing had a display table that provided information about all our programs. Thanks to those who volunteered to be at the table. Angel Butron, Tiffany Kwai, Mark Vega, Karen Nedjl and Michelle Neuman.

I attended the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) from October 27-30th In Washington D.C. The conference discussed trends in nursing education, new certification expectations including the CCNE Essentials and many more important issues. I will highlight those at our next SON Meeting. https://www.aacnnursing.org/anlc

We had a group of staff, faculty and students attend a display table at the 26th annual Power of Nursing Event on November 3rd. (https://pnl.uic.edu/). The Power of Nursing event is an excellent networking event for hospitals, health care systems and nursing schools throughout the state of Illinois. I was awarded a Pinnacle Leadership Award for my mentoring and leadership for thirty years at DePaul in the School of Nursing.

Have a peaceful and restful December Break!

Kim Amer, PhD, RN  Director of the School of Nursing
The Illinois Nursing Foundation has named our own Dr. Jennifer Sandoval their 2023 Nurse of the Year! She also received their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Scholarship Award. The award was created to intentionally invest in the professional development of nurse leaders that have been historically and systematically marginalized in nursing. As the 2023 Award recipient, Jennifer will receive funding to support her attendance at the DEI Leadership Institute American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

In December, The National Association of Hispanic Nurses of Illinois awarded Dr. Sandoval as their Nurse Educator of the Year! Also honored with a scholarship was current MENP Student Daniela Rendon.

CONGRATULATIONS!
The Illinois Nurses Foundation announced the 2023 40 under 40 Emerging Nurse Leaders Award winners, Roshni Shah, Dr. Jennifer Sandoval, and Dr. Anne Kowalczyk. This award was established in 2015 to highlight and celebrate young nurse leaders. It celebrates those who are impacting health care and the nursing profession today and who will undoubtedly shape the future of the profession in Illinois!

~Source: Illinois Nurses Foundation
SON Faculty, Staff, & Students Attend Power of Nursing Leadership Conference

Front: Nicole Souphis, FQ ‘23, Laura Devaney, Stephanie Byrd, DNP, RN Carol Lynch, MSN, RN Becky Barron, DNP, RN, Meredith Magulak, MSN PNP, Madhavi Patel WQ ‘24
Back: Amanda Dirnberger, MS, FNP-BC, Kim Siarkowski Amer, PhD, RN Jason Novak, Ursula Canli, DNP, RN

The Power of Nursing Leadership event has celebrated the impact and achievements of nurse leaders throughout Illinois. PNL serves to enhance and engage partnerships among leaders in academia, government, and healthcare delivery and services. Congratulations to our Director, Dr. Kim Amer who received the Pinnacle Award for Leadership.

~ Source: https://pnl.uic.edu/
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Self-care and mental health are a priority when it comes to your success in Nursing School. University counselors are available for support, crisis management, community referrals and consultation. To be contacted by a counselor, leave a message with University Counseling & Psychological Services at 773-325-7779.

In case of a life-threatening emergency please call Public Safety at 773-325-7777, 911 or the Advocate Illinois Masonic Behavioral Health Services Crisis Line at 773-296-5380.

Chicago Safety App

Download the emergency app: Students are encouraged to download a phone app created by the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications. This OEMC app includes a 'CHI Safe Walk' feature to use when traveling alone, allowing you to share your location with a friend or family member as you proceed to your destination. Other features include interactive city maps, access to current weather conditions, road closures, special events safety information, and emergency-management related services. (DePaul Public Safety does not monitor or maintain this app.)

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Definition of Nursing

• Nurses’ unique function is to help individuals, both sick and well, perform activities that contribute to their health or recovery (or facilitate a peaceful death) that they would perform unaided if they had the necessary strength, will, or knowledge, and to accomplish this function in such a way as to help individuals gain independence.

V. Henderson, 1960