



Dates to Remember:

UONL President's Message:

October 21, 2015

UONL Colleagues

I was so excited and encouraged to see the number of truly engaged nursing leaders at our Fall Conference in September. Kevin McEwan and his committee certainly surpassed our wildest expectation. I want to publicly thank him for the successful conference. My hope is that future nursing leaders and those who have not yet joined UONL will be inspired to do so. What better group of professionals to be associated with!

The UONL Board listened to the many requests to set up an electronic payment system for dues and conferences. With the help of Sue Childress, Treasurer, we now have a Pay Pal Account that can be used for this purpose. In order to establish the electronic payment we created a web-site. The web site is www.utahnurseleaders.com. We are in the process of populating that site so please give us suggestions. This should be your go-to site for newsletters, activities, and payments.

The UONL presented two awards at the Utah Hospital Association Award banquet on October 1st.

Dr. Jennifer Clifton received the UONL Emerging Nurse Leader Award. She is an Assistant Professor at the University of Utah and serves as the Clinical Director for the Juvenile Justice Services (JJS). Through her leadership and advocacy, Dr. Clifton convinced the legislature to appropriate funding for screening for sexually transmitted infections in the youth who are serviced through the JJS.

Dr. Maureen Keefe received the UONL Nursing Excellence Award. Dr. Keefe is Dean Emerita of the University of Utah College of Nursing, having served as Dean from 2001 through 2013. Maureen has been the 'brain child' of the Utah Action Coalition for Health and has created the vision upon which Utah has moved forward to implement the key recommendations of the 2010 Report from the Institute of Medicine on the Future of Nursing in America.

So much more could be said about each of these awardees but suffice it to say that they indeed are deserving of this recognition and we are proud to call them one of our own!

As my term of President winds to an end, I want to thank all of you who have supported UONL and its mission to advance the health of all Utah residents through innovation and cultivation of excellence in nursing leadership and the vision to shape the future of health care by elevating nursing leadership. Our work with Academic Leadership Committee and the Utah Action Coalition brings together the brightest and best of nursing leaders within the state. So much has been accomplished and yet so much to be done! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you and our state over the past two years.

To the future of nursing

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THE UTAH ACTION COALITION FOR HEALTH HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

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Joan M. Gallegos

The Utah Action Coalition for Health (UACH) is excited to announce that we have a new website, www.nursinginutah.org. We've been very fortunate to have had the help of Forum One and the National Campaign for the Future of Nursing staff in developing this website. These national resources have made this website a state of the art product which will likely be a model for other action coalitions across the nation.

The UACH website is "one stop shopping" for everything you would want to know about Utah's efforts on implementing the recommendations contained in the Institute of Medicine's 2010 report on nursing. Here is a brief sampling on some of the information available at www.nursinginutah.org:

- Utah's acute care hospital nursing program
- New advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) fellowship program
- Breakthrough to Baccalaureate Program for associate degree nurses wishing to advance their education to a baccalaureate level
- Nursing education and career information for future nurses
- And much more!

Please check out our new website! And most important, consider volunteering with the UACH by contacting Joan M. Gallegos RN, CSW at jgallegos@healthinsight.org.

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