

# Connections

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### President's Message Dr. Carolyn O'Daniel NN2 President

Happy New Year! 2012 has started out as a busy year for NN2; your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have been hard at work on many different fronts.

For those who haven't yet met her, let me introduce Aundrea Burnett, our new NN2 Administrative Assistant. Aundrea's office is located on the campus of Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky, and she is working for NN2 three days a week under a special grant funded by the Department of Labor. Aundrea has been working on organizing files, handling correspondence, renewing memberships, making meeting arrangements, and such things. She can be reached at 502/213-2456 for questions about membership or to leave messages for Board Members. (Insert picture)

Many of you will recall that, adjacent to our annual conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming, we began a national conversation about renewed interest in a health care core curriculum. Although not a new idea, core curriculum seems to be an idea whose time has come, and colleges around the country are committing themselves to realizing the benefits of providing health career students with a common core. This is just one of several new and exciting components of the Department of Labor funded Health Pathways Partnership (H2P) involving ten community college partners nationwide. The conversation about improving health care programs and pathways continues, and you can

expect to hear about emerging developments on that front when we meet in Annapolis, MD in October.

NN2 continues to work with AACC to raise awareness among community college presidents about threats and opportunities facing associate degree health career programs. NN2 will be participating in two sessions during AACC's annual meeting. In case you missed it, AACC ran the NN2 banner on its website for two weeks, further enhancing NN2 visibility among AACC members.

Our President-Elect, Stacey Ocander, and I have been exploring possible opportunities for collaboration with ASAHP, our four-year counterparts. Both groups have expressed some interest in jointly offering an annual meeting, perhaps in 2014. We are also discussing the possibility of issuing a joint statement addressing the interface between two-year and four-year programs. We'll keep you posted as



these and other ideas as they evolve. NN2 will be co-hosting a breakfast during the upcoming ASPA meeting, and President-Elect Stacey Ocander will represent NN2 at that meeting.

The Board has developed a new NN2 Awards Program, which is described more fully elsewhere in this issue and is to be implemented this year for recognizing outstanding NN2 contributors. We will enjoy a special celebratory event during the annual meeting in October, and I hope you'll be able to join us.---Carolyn



## NN2 Establishes New Awards

At a fall Board of Directors conference call, President O'Daniel charged the Board to establish a structured system of organizational awards that may be used to recognize outstanding contributions to NN2. Subcommittee work to establish eligibility criteria and a nominations process will continue through the spring semester. By the time of the fall annual meeting in Annapolis, NN2 will have three new awards ready to present. Eligibility criteria will be posted to the NN2 website as soon as the board approves a final draft of the documents.

The Janell Lang Leadership Award will recognize an individual who has provided exceptional leadership to NN2 during at least five years of participation in the organization. This award is named in memory of Janell Lang, an exceptional leader and friend who offered many years of devoted service to NN2. The award will be given annually at the national meeting.

The Distinguished Service Award will recognize a member who has provided exceptional service to NN2 during at least five years or participation in the organization. The award will be given annually at the national meeting.

Life Membership is granted to an individual who has been active in the organization and has paid dues for at least 10 years. The recipient will have made a major contribution to the advancement of NN2 by active service or leadership in the organization. The award will be given as warranted, but not necessarily annually.

Any member of NN2 who wishes to make a nomination for any of these awards may contact any member of the Board of Directors or watch the NN2 website for a posting of the nominations process.-----Lois Simmons



## Health Professions Network meets in Jacksonville

The Fall 2011 meeting of the Health Professions Network <http://healthpronet.org/> (HPN), hosted by Visit Jacksonville <http://www.visitjacksonville.com/>, was held in Jacksonville, FL, October 12-15. The theme of the Jacksonville meeting was "Reengineering Education Today for Practice Tomorrow: Improved Teamwork and Better Outcomes to Meet Patients' Demands."

The 40 attendees, representing a wide range of health professions professional associations, education programs, and for-profit partners, networked and shared their views of the various challenges (and opportunities) within their respective professions—from recognition and awareness, workforce projections, and data needs to a core curriculum for allied health and the need for "disruptive innovation" in higher education and health professions education.

All presentations have been made available online at: [http://www.healthpronet.org/jacksonville\\_october\\_2011.php](http://www.healthpronet.org/jacksonville_october_2011.php).

Speakers included:

- Traditional vs. For-profit and Private Sector Education: The Pros and Cons <http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-HPN-Jones.pdf> Harold Jones, PhD, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- Provider-based Education: An Old Model for New Times <http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/Jax%20HPN%20Robinson.pdf> Nell Robinson, Administrator, Mayo School of Health Sciences, Jacksonville Campus

- Accreditation 2020: Opportunities and Challenges of the New Educational Paradigms

<http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-McPherson-CAAHEP.pdf> LaCheeta

McPherson, PhD, MLS, President, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

- How Big is Your Market? Rightsizing Production from Allied Health Programs to Meet our Nation's Needs

<http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-HPN-Collier.pdf> Stephen Collier,

PhD, University of Alabama-Birmingham

- The Department of Labor Allied Health Competency Model: An Update

<http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-HPN-Merclean.pdf> Ryan

Merclean, ETA Competency Model Initiative (refer to a draft of the model)

- Medical Assistants: Helping Physicians Meet New and Shifting Patient and Staffing Demands

[http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-HPN-Balasa\\_AAMA.pdf](http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2011-10-HPN-Balasa_AAMA.pdf) Don

Balasa, Executive Director, American Association of Medical Assistants

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## HPN Honors the memory of Janell Lang

During the meeting, the HPN honored the memory of Janell Lang <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=janell-baker-lang&pid=153992463>, a dedicated member of our organization and a leader in the health professions. Janell passed away shortly before the Jacksonville meeting in 2011. HPN is accepting donations to the HPN Janell Lang Memorial Scholarship, which will be used to sponsor an outstanding HOSA student in their college healthcare studies.

<http://www.viethconsulting.com/members/wish/donation.php?orgcode=HPN>



## HPNEC 2011 – 2013 Update

“The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) is an informal alliance of more than 60 organizations (including NN2) representing a variety of schools, programs, health professionals, and students dedicated to educating professional health personnel. Together, the members of HPNEC advocate for adequate and continued support for the health programs and nursing education programs authorized under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act.” As my schedule permits, I represent NN2 at HPNEC meetings by joining conference calls and by traveling to Washington, D.C. for face-to-face meetings.

2011 was a turbulent funding year in the nation’s Capital, and 2012 appears to be on track for the same sort of budgetary decreases. The President finally signed the FY 2012 spending package on December 23, 2011. The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) hosts the HPNEC group and lists Coalition news on their website. Information about the updated funding for Title VII and Title VIII is located at <https://www.aamc.org/advocacy/hpniec/>. There is also a state-by-state listing of the Title VII and Title VIII grants at <https://aamc.org/advocacy/hpniec/fundingsbystate.htm>. Essentially, the Title VII programs are cut 7.6% below 2011 funding levels and Title VIII programs are cut 4.3%.

At the January conference call meeting, the alliance began work on new advocacy materials for FY 2013, including an update to the HPNEC brochure, which is located at <https://aamc.org/advocacy/hpniec/fy12brochure.pdf>.

The President’s budget is due to be released in early February. A representative from HRSA will discuss the proposed 2013 budget at the February HPNEC meeting. In March, HPNEC will hold a Capitol Hill briefing for staff from House and Senate offices. I will send an update for a later NN2

newsletter after the spring HPNEC events.-----Lois Simmons

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## HPN Health Workforce Documents Repository

The HPN has a growing list of documents related to the healthcare workforce that have been made available for download. These are available at:

[http://www.healthpronet.org/health\\_workforce\\_information.php](http://www.healthpronet.org/health_workforce_information.php)

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## Welcome Aundrea!

Welcome to Aundrea Burnette who is the new NN2 administrative support staff member. Aundrea is studying criminal justice, and is the mother of two small children. Aundrea's office is based at Jefferson Community and Technical College. Her position was



**Aundrea Burnette**

funded through the federal H2P grant. She can be reached at 502/213-2456 or [aburnett0027@kctcs.edu](mailto:aburnett0027@kctcs.edu).

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## NN2/ASAHP Issue Joint Statement

The Boards of NN2 and ASAHP recently approved a joint statement regarding furthering health care education: “NN2 and ASAHP share a common interest in

helping students successfully transition from two-year to four-year institutions in pursuit of their educational and health career goals. In order to promote pathways that foster educational progression, NN2 and ASAHP encourage collaboration among institutions to promote transferability of credit, and facilitate articulation between 2-year and 4-year programs, that is designed to minimize overlap and unnecessary redundancy whenever feasible.”

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## Annual Meeting 2012

Anne Arundel Community College, Montgomery College, and Prince George’s Community College are excited to co-host NN2’s 25th annual conference. Join us at the Westin in historic Annapolis, Maryland, October 3 - 6, 2012. The conference program is designed around our theme, "Navigating Challenging Waters", and features topics to include: current issues & trends, national models and initiatives, collaborative approaches to healthcare education, legal issues, and state-of-the-art instructional technology. The meeting coincides with the 43<sup>rd</sup> United States Sailboat Show, recognized worldwide and considered to be the best in the industry. Consider extending your stay and take advantage of the Westin’s proximity to the show. Whether you have sea-legs or are a land-lover, Annapolis has something for everyone.

Networking begins on Wednesday with a tour of the United States Naval Academy followed by an opening reception and registration at the hotel. Thursday, after a full day of informative sessions, we will enjoy a spectacular view of the Naval Academy while dining at the Severn Inn, overlooking the scenic Severn River. The meeting ends on Friday, after another full day of engaging speakers, networking opportunities, and vendor displays that will spur ideas for navigating the challenging waters within your own Health Sciences Programs.

For hotel reservations at the group rate go to the NN2 website or copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1103033765&key=64BFD>

Stay tuned for more details on the program and meeting registration on the NN2 website. We welcome suggestions for speakers or topics. Please contact Angie Anderson at [aanderson@pgcc.edu](mailto:aanderson@pgcc.edu) or respond to the call for speakers on the NN2 website.

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis and remember:



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### CAAHEP Annual Report

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) recently posted the 2011 annual report on the CAAHEP website. In the annual report, CAAHEP President and NN2 former President Lacheeta McPherson noted "The growth of CAAHEP can be seen in reviewing the increase in approvals of initial programs, continuing programs and self studies submitted. Since last year, CAAHEP saw a 47% increase in the number of initial programs, 37% increase in the number of continuing programs and a 43% increase in the number of self studies submitted."

The annual report is a great source of information related to accreditation actions in 2011 as well as statistics related to the number of CAAHEP accredited programs. The report may be viewed and downloaded from:

<http://caahep.org/documents/file/Publications-And-Governing-Documents/AnnualReport.pdf>

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### Links:

#### HPEC Newsletter

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources/accprograms/health/Pages/newsletter.aspx>

NN2RC <http://www.NN2RC.org>

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### NN2 Officers

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#### *Editor's Note:*

NN2 strives to prepare a newsletter that is informative to members. We encourage the submission of information and best practices related to health career education and training, which you think will be helpful to other members. Articles may be submitted to Anne Loochtan, email: [anne.loochtan@mercycollege.edu](mailto:anne.loochtan@mercycollege.edu).