

Rafic Hariri School Of Nursing Newsletter

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Message from the Director



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

In 2015, the Hariri School of Nursing (HSON) celebrated 110 years of excellence in nursing education, research, leadership, and service. The school recruited a record number of undergraduate students, approved major revisions to the graduate academic program, and submitted a PhD proposal for approval. In addition, the Chi Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society in Nursing was chartered and officially recognized at the STTI convention in Las Vegas in November 2015.

The HSON 110th anniversary was celebrated under the motto 'Expanding Boundaries and Enhancing Partnerships'. In recognition of this important milestone a number of activities took place. A meeting was held on January 30th with directors of hospitals and nursing services in Lebanon. A panel of HSON MSN graduates gave moving presentations of how their education has allowed them to develop their specialized nursing roles in the country. On February 25, 2015, all deans and directors of schools of nursing in Lebanon were invited to a roundtable discussion on nursing research collaboration based on the WHO regional research priorities. On April 8, 2015, and in close collaboration with the Association of Arab Nursing Faculties (AANF), deans of SON in the Middle East joined us at HSON to discuss research collaboration at the regional level.

In addition and to celebrate the 110th anniversary a 5' promotional film was produced along with a history booklet on AUB School of Nursing . [click here to watch the film](#)

The school continues to be proud of its achievements, some of which are listed in this newsletter.



Important HSON News

Dr. Huijer inducted into the STTI International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

It is our great honor to announce that Dr. Huda Huijer, Director of HSON, was inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. Dr. Huijer was among 19 worldwide candidates to be recognized for her lifetime achievements in and contributions to research and to mentoring future nurse researchers. On Saturday July 23, Dr. Huijer will be presented with the International Nurse Research Hall of Fame award in Capetown, South Africa. From HSON, our heart-felt congratulations to Dr. Huijer.



Sigma Theta Tau International Chapter

The AUB HSON Sigma Theta Tau International Chapter was formally recognized at the National Convention in November in Las Vegas, Nevada. HSON prides itself on being the first Chapter in the Middle East.

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science

The Hariri School of Nursing is proposing to start a PhD program in nursing science at AUB. The doctoral program aims to provide rigorous training for research careers in nursing and healthcare. The goal of this program will focus on two elements critical to advancing health: 1) physical and mental health, especially among chronically ill and aging populations 2) health care delivery and system-level analysis and improvement. Graduates of the program will be prepared to assume positions in academia as faculty, research scientists, educators and as leaders in health systems. They will be expected to make significant and original contributions to nursing practice, health promotion, health maintenance, population health, and healthcare delivery.

Awards



The Scientific Society of Arab Nursing Faculties bestowed HSON with the following three awards:

- Distinguished faculty member to Dr. Huda Abu-Saad Huijer for Career Excellence in Scientific Research
- HSON for Distinguished Academic Institution
- Masters thesis award to Mohamad Saab.



In January, Professor Samar Nouredine, was elected as President of the Nurses Chapter, Worldwide American University of Beirut Alumni Association (WAAUB). In November, Professor Samar Nouredine was inducted as an International Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.



Dr. Nuhad Dumit was elected President of the Lebanese Order of Nurses. Her cabinet includes Dr. Lina Younan on the disciplinary council, Ms. Tamar Avedissian on the retirement and administrative committees, Dr. Samar Nouredine, Ms. Silva Dakessian and Ms. Talin Gulgulian on the scientific committee.

Faculty and Staff News

Tamar Avedissian, Silva Dakessian, and Taline Gulgulian have now been with us for over a year as clinical instructors. All three are graduates of HSON, have worked at AUBMC, and hold a MSN from HSON. They have proved to be energetic, creative, and caring while expecting a high level of performance from students. We are very excited and thankful that they have joined us. They have been an excellent addition to our school and are well-liked by both faculty and students. The Armenian contingent is growing bigger !!



Tamar Avedissian



Taline Gulgulian



Silva Dakessian

Global Nursing Leadership Institute 2015 The ICN



From 5 to 11 of September, 2015, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Burdett Trust for Nursing co-hosted a Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI) program at the Chateau de Bossey near Geneva, Switzerland. Thirty-one participants from 24 countries joined the workshop. Dr. Lina Younan represented Lebanon at this event.



Farewell for Dr. Chris Abbyad on the Christmas Gathering in Phoenicia Hotel

Our annual Christmas/ End of Year lunch at the Phoenicia Hotel was yet another great success. The venue was superb, the food excellent, and the company was perfect. We had the opportunity to reflect on 2015 events, and to say farewell to Dr. Chris Abbyad who is leaving us to join another academic position in the United States.



Retirement

Our beloved Elham Rustom, Secretary for the Graduate Division, retired end of November with a send-off luncheon at Casper and Gambini 's. After 22 years of service we wished Elham happy relaxing times ahead. She is greatly missed !!



New Babies

Silva Dakessian not only started newly at HSON but also gave birth in June to sweet, adorable Carmen. "The twins are helping out." Kudos to mother and baby.

Our Student Affairs Officer, Lynn Berbary Najem, gave birth to the sweetest Stephanie... Such daughter such a beautiful mother..

Dr. Gladys Honein, a new faculty Member at HSON

In September, Dr. Gladys Honein came back from Canada to join HSON . In this interview, we will get closer to her educational, personal and experience background

Tell us about your educational background and what brought you back to Lebanon and HSON

In 1984, I completed my undergraduate degree in nursing at AUB- School of Nursing. In 1992, I graduated with a Master in Public Health from AUB- Faculty of Health Sciences and in 2012 I obtained my PhD in Health Services Research from University of Toronto, Canada. In January 2015, HSON had a vacancy for a faculty position in community health. I had just finished my post-doctoral training at the Toronto General Research Institute and I was looking forward for an academic position. So I applied to the HSON vacancy and got it! I consider myself very fortunate and I am grateful for the opportunity. First, because I left AUB as a student and came back as a faculty; Second, once an AUB graduate, always an AUBite, I was always connected with AUB through its Chapters, it feels I never left AUB. Third, I believe it is time for me and my family to serve our home country Lebanon especially in this critical time/



What are your current tasks at HSON? and if you're doing research projects, kindly give us an idea about them

I am currently involved in teaching, research, and community services. In terms of teaching, I am involved in co-teaching an undergraduate and a graduate community health course at HSON along with Mrs. Mary Arevian and Tamar Avadessian. My research plan encompasses improving the quality of primary care services in Lebanon and integrating technology in measuring, monitoring and evaluating health care services. I am also involved in inter professional capacity building and research through the Clinical Research Institute at the Faculty of Medicine. In terms of community services, I am currently involved in a capacity-building program with the Ministry of Public Health training nurses on how to plan and implement outreach program. This is a very exciting time for me and I do hope that my contribution to the health care system will make a societal difference.

Nursing School Society Activities (NSS)

The new NSS elected cabinet

President: Ziad Karamah

Vice-President: Mohammed Taha

Treasurer: Fatima Al Dirani

Secretary: Alison Haidar

Class Representatives:

(Junior): Mirna Hussein

(Senior): Lara Kabalan

(Graduate): Joelle Massouh

Mawlid Al Nabawi, Christmas and New Year donation

Nursing students fundraised money at HSON to help needy families for Christmas, Mawlid Nabawi, and New Year occasions. The idea was to draw joy with as little as possible. Thanks to the cherishing nursing faculty and students, we were able to help three families. First, a family of four children, the wife and her husband with the mother-in-law living in one room; second, a family with an elderly woman who lost her husband and has no children; third, a family with a women of three children; fourth, a wife with four children, a husband who has cancer, and a mother-in-law who lives with the family and undergoes weekly hemodialysis.

Graduation Gala Dinner

The most eagerly awaited activity of the year was held in May at Le Maillon restaurant. Faculty were in awe at the cocktail dresses, long flowing gowns, and chic apparel which transformed students into something akin to models at a fashion show. It was truly a fun and festive event complete with musicians and a professional photographer for whom students "posed" for hours on end!

A Bake Sale

In November, this bake sale was organized by NSS to raise money in commemoration of Allaeidine Droubi, the AUBMC messenger who was the victim of the November bombing. Students baked, wrapped and sold cakes, biscuits, cookies and brownies. It was a great success as items sold out quickly. Money raised was donated to the family.



Special Christmas trees !

NSS students decorated two Christmas trees. One was adorned with unique ornaments fashioned by the students. Yup you guessed it - tongue depressors and syringes! A smaller tree was made from colorful and inflated gloves! Now who would think of such a thing but nursing students ? These trees have infused the lobby with the Christmas spirit and have been a source of curiosity and pride.

HSON Events

Simulation Lab Open House



June 12 saw the school abuzz with faculty and students as they staffed various stations in the simulation lab for the Open House organized by the Skills and Simulation Lab Coordinator Ms. Randa Farha in celebration of the HSON 110th anniversary. Invitees practiced skills and participated in or observed scenarios focusing on key educational aspects of simulation.

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 between December 2015 and January 2016. 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. A total of 161 participants from different hospitals and health care centers in Dubai attended the following courses :

- Physical Health Assessment course provided by Dr. Dina Madi and Mrs. Tamar Avedissian
- Critical Care course provided by Ms. Angela Massouh, Mrs. Lamia Eid and Mrs. Sabath Jamous
- Update in Pediatric Nursing Care course provided by Mrs. May Khoury and Mrs. Talin Gulgulian
- Emergency Obstetrics course provided by Dr. Dina Madi and Mrs. Talin Gulgulian.

HSON 110TH Anniversary

As part of its 110th anniversary, the school organized a number of activities including public lectures by prominent alumni of the school, roundtable discussions with deans and directors of schools of nursing from Lebanon and the region to discuss possible research collaboration based on the WHO established research priorities, and a meeting with directors of hospitals and nursing services in Lebanon to promote and enhance the position of advanced practice nurses in Lebanon. The meeting with deans and directors of schools of nursing in the region which took place on April 8, 2015 began with a welcome by Huijjer stressing the important role education plays in the preparation of nursing students and nursing leaders for service in Lebanon, the Middle East, and beyond. After that, Deans and directors presented their schools' programs of research and discussed ways they might work together. HSON will be coordinating this important effort.

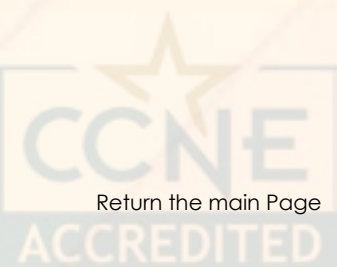




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