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Online Nursing Programs Ranked By *U.S. News & World Report*

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing graduate programs earned a #35 national ranking for online education in new rankings released Jan. 15 by *U.S. News & World Report*. The school was in the top half of all the accredited nursing schools included in this year's overall rankings.

Samford was the highest ranked program among both Southern Conference peers and historically Baptist institutions.

The rankings were based on four criteria: faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, student engagement, and admission selectivity. Samford had especially high scores in faculty credentials and student engagement, according to the *U.S. News* rankings.

"Dr. Jane Martin and the graduate faculty are to be commended for their outstanding work related to the creation and implementation of a quality online graduate nursing education program," said Nena F. Sanders, Ida V. Moffett Nursing School dean. "The students and alumni of our graduate programs

consistently rate the graduate faculty as committed and dedicated to creating a learning environment that is strongly related to student engagement and the achievement of student outcomes. This recognition affirms that we are committed to providing exceptional online programs at the graduate level."

Enrollment in Samford's graduate nursing programs has increased significantly in the last decade, including more than 20 percent in the last five years, Sanders noted, with the availability of online courses and expansion of graduate programs as two of the factors in that growth.

The recognition comes at a time that Samford is placing more emphasis on distance learning, according to David Hakanson, Samford's chief information officer. He is leading a current university-wide study on distance learning.

"This ranking demonstrates Samford's commitment to improving academic services to providing high quality degree programs, with a growing focus on online delivery, to reach students across the country," Hakanson said, "and



the nursing school is serving as a model for the rest of the university in how we can do so successfully."

According to *U.S. News*, a distance learning program is "a program for which all the required coursework for program completion is able to be completed via distance education courses that incorporate Internet-based learning technologies. Distance education courses are courses that deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor synchronously or asynchronously."

Learn more about online learning at IVMSO [here](#).

Jan Term Brings New Experiences for Nursing Students



Courtney Parker, Liz Zegler, Robin Driggers, Morgan Smith, Sara Fortenberry, and Alli Sochovka in London

“The Princeton internship is highly competitive because it provides such an incredible learning opportunity for students.”



Mrs. Green



Mrs. Heyer

Throughout Jan Term students participated in a variety of unique learning experiences both at home and abroad. Students travelled to London, England; St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. and participated in Princeton Baptist Medical Center’s highly regarded internship program.

London

Students enrolled in the Nursing in the British Isles course, travelled to London Dec. 27-Jan. 10. The course is an observation of the development of medicine with an emphasis on the history of nursing. It also addresses the differences in the current health care systems in the U.S. and the U.K.

While abroad, students visited the Old Operating Room and Theater, a Public Health Walk, the Florence Nightingale Museum, St. Thomas Hospital, Hunterian and Science Museums, and the Royal Hospital Chelsea: Home of the Chelsea Pensioner. They also visited many



of the popular London Sights including Big Ben, Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul’s Cathedral and Buckingham Palace. St. Jude

Students enrolled in the Nurs Pediatric Oncology Clinical elective traveled to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The students (pictured above), all seniors, are CJ Benton, Olivia Char, Emily Griesbeck, Anna Jankowski, Jaclyn Marshall, Lisa Sheffield, Caroline Smith, Jessica Van Dyke, Meg Wallace and Bethany Williams.

Princeton Internship

Each Jan term Princeton offers a wonderful \ opportunity to eight

IVMSON students. Students work with a registered nurse as a mentor and provide care to patients on medical surgical units. They learned clinical judgment, organization skills, and how to survive a 12 hour shift as they worked alongside their RN mentors. The students must have completed Foundations of Nursing and meet GPA and clinical requirements to apply. The internship is highly competitive because it provides such an incredible learning opportunity for



Internship participants: Leah Schroeffer, Marie Yarbro, Victoria Rogers, Jordan Kelly, Kelly Jordan, Kathryn Heasley, Bonnie Pike and Taylor Jansen.

Remembering Special Moffett Nurses

This month we remember two Moffett Nurses, **Marna Barefield Green**, class of 1932 and **Mary Sue Morrison Heyer**, class of 1948.

Mrs. Green passed away on Jan. 31, at the age of 102. She has been lovingly known throughout the years as the school’s oldest living alumna. During a visit last year, she shared many memories

of the early years of the school and she remained a passionate advocate for the profession throughout her life. Mrs. Green’s daughter Joy Davis has become an important part of the IVMSON family and we continue to lift their family up in prayer.

Mrs. Heyer passed away Saturday, Feb. 9 at the age of 85. She was recognized with an Ida V. Moffett

School of Nursing Living Legacy award in 2012. Mrs. Heyer was the first CRNA at Community Hospital in Miss. in 1952 and she practiced in various clinical roles until retiring at the age of 77. Mrs. Heyer’s legacy will live on through her granddaughter, **Kelly Miles**, a 2012 IVMSON graduate.

To make a gift in memory of either alumna, please click [here](#).

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Advisory Board Welcomes New Members

The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Advisory Board provides essential advice, leadership and support for the continuing development of high quality academic programs within the school of nursing. Advisory board

members serve as ambassadors and advocates for the school in communities and organizations, seeking ways to extend the influence, reputation and resources of the school. They are essential to the school's success.

We are pleased to welcome the following six new members to the board for 2013. Members serve four year terms.

See the full list of Advisory Board Members [here](#).



Greg Eagerton, DNP, RN



Shane Lee, M.D.



Wanda Marquardt, CRNA



Barbara Money, MSN, RN



Chris Moore, MSN, MBA, RN



Heather Rankin, CRNA

BMFD Healthcare Conference Coming to Birmingham

The annual Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship (BMDF) Healthcare Missions Conference will be held April 11-13 at the Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala.

The Conference Bible Studies will be led by Dr. Matt Kerlin, Assistant Dean of Spiritual Life and University Minister at Samford

University.

You will find the meeting schedule, a list of program leaders, and registration information at www.BMDF.org.

Registration is free for students.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



Nominate Alumni for Courage to Care Awards

With the 90th Anniversary behind us, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is pleased to resume the tradition of the annual Courage to Care Awards.

The Courage to Care Awards recognize outstanding Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing alumni who exemplify the Moffett Maxims

through their current or past practice as registered nurses.

Help us recognize Moffett Nurses by submitting nominations. Nominations will be accepted now through April 15, 2013. [Download the nomination materials here and visit our website for regular updates.](#) Recipients will be notified of their selection in early summer. Nominate a Moffett

Nurse today!

Recipients will be honored at an elegant Gala on Friday, October 11, 2013 at B & A Warehouse. Please save the date.





Dr. Terri Cahoon
Chair, Nurse Anesthesia Program

Dr. Cahoon Appointed Chair of Nurse Anesthesia Program

Terri M. Cahoon, DNP, CRNA, has been named Chair of the Nurse Anesthesia Program. Cahoon has served as an assistant professor and Associate Chair of the program since its inception in 2003. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in the integration of simulation into the curriculum and she has served as a critical link between the nurse anesthesia program and its alumni.

“The school is very fortunate to

have a person of such integrity, skill and devotion to the profession assume this role,” said Dr. Nena F. Sanders, Dean of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. More than 170 students from 19 states have graduated from the program over the last decade.

Dr. Cahoon is looking forward to this role. “I am excited about the opportunity to continue to work with our incredible faculty, staff, and administration to help students pursue excellence and

promote the outstanding reputation that our graduates have established,” said Cahoon.

Dr. Cahoon’s academic areas of interest include pharmacology, non-technical skills, cardiovascular, and pediatric anesthesia. She practices clinically at St. Vincent’s Hospital or Children’s South one day each week. Prior to joining the faculty, she practiced as a CRNA for nine years and as a registered nurse in CVICU for eight years.

The partnership includes Joy House Ministries in Gressier, Haiti, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood, Ala. And Rock Creek Church of Christ in Warrior, Ala.

Nursing Faculty Visit Haiti as Part of Ongoing Partnership

Dr. Cyndi Cortes and **Dr. Debra Whisenant** travelled to the “West” province of Haiti to conduct a health education needs assessment. They are partnering with Joy House Ministries in Gressier, Haiti, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood, Ala., and Rock Creek Church of Christ in Warrior, Ala. to train preventive health care workers

using a congregational health model.

Drs. Cortes and Whisenant will visit the area again March 16-23 to conduct six days of clinics seeing “medical” patients, dental patients and providing vision screening. In the afternoons, they will train the congregation based community health workers. Additional training will be

provided quarterly.



**CLICK TO JOIN
OUR TEAM
NOW**

Join IVMSO for the Rumpshaker 5K

It’s an annual tradition—join IVMSO’s team, “Your Worst Enema,” for the Rumpshaker 5K on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Sloss Furnace. Proceeds from the run benefit colon cancer awareness and research. A portion of the monies raised go directly to Birmingham GI clinics and labs. If you register to run or walk you will receive a t-shirt from

the race, but our team will also have a special t-shirt designed that we will wear on the day of the race (details coming soon). Remember that you do not have to actually run - you can walk or join the kids in the one-mile fun run! All that matters is that you get out there and have fun, promote health, and raise awareness for this disease!

Register for the race [here](#). Be sure to choose to join a team and select "Your Worst Enema" (you should not create a team - only join the existing one). Our team is open to anyone—faculty, staff, students, spouses, kids, friends and neighbors! Help us build the largest team!

Questions? Contact John Lundeen at jdlundee@samford.edu.

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Accolades, Honors and Acknowledgements—Faculty and Staff

Lisa Allison has joined the nurse anesthesia faculty and brings with her expertise in pediatric anesthesia and airway management. She has been a guest lecturer since 2004.

Dr. Jennifer Coleman and **Mrs. Heidi Emanuel** presented a poster at the annual Elsevier Faculty Development Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 2-5. The abstract and poster, "Journal Clubs: A Teaching Strategy to Integrate Evidence-Based Practice in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs" was very well received by the over 500 nursing faculty in attendance. The poster detailed the journal club that has been

created for the NURS 452 Nursing for the Childrearing Family course. The student-led journal club allows students to use their own clinical experiences, research evidence-based solutions to clinical questions and then share their journal-based findings with classmates.

Dr. David Fort and Dr. Mary Karlet had "The Endocrine System and Anesthesia" chapter published in the textbook, Nurse Anesthesia, 5th edition. Also included in this text is the "Musculoskeletal System Anatomy, Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Anesthetic Management" chapter written by **Dr. Terri Cahoon**, and Dr. Karlet.

Eva Hardy presented, "Perioperative Pearls For the Older Adult" at UAB's 4th Annual Interprofessional Geriatric Education Conference on Jan. 25.

Dr. Nina McLain is serving on the Alabama Nurse Anesthetist Association PAC committee. She has been instrumental in helping raise funds for the PAC through donations and raising awareness.

Amy Snow will expand her responsibilities in the Nurse Anesthesia Department to include Associate Department Chair along with Director of Clinical Services. She plays an integral role in the coordination of clinical education of nurse anesthesia students.



Heidi Emanuel at the Elsevier Faculty Development Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.



Dr. David Fort

Accolades, Honors and Acknowledgements—Alumni and Students

Cristy Daffron, DNP 2012 and **Debbie Duke**, MSN 2012, BSN 2000, will present "Spiritual Teaching/ Learning Strategies: Preparing Faith Community Nurses to Deliver Eloquent Spiritual Care in the Church and Community" at the inaugural Church Health Conference April 4-7 in Memphis, Tenn.

Cecelia Holden, DNP 2011, coordinated the 3rd annual Compassion Conference at Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol Tenn. She also participated in the conference by presenting a podium presentation entitled, "You're Not a Victim of Domestic Violence, Are You?"

Dr. Holden received the Rebecca H. Davenport Award from Abuse Alternatives Inc., in Nov. 2012. This distinguished award is presented to individuals for their exceptional dedication to the elimination of domestic violence within the community they serve.

Dr. Holden conducted a podium presentation at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) National Baccalaureate Conference in San Antonio, Tex. entitled, "A Collaborative Approach: Designing a Domestic Violence Curriculum Pathway."

Lori Lioce, DNP 2010, earned the Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) certification.

Pennie Nichols, MSN nurse anesthesia class of 2010, is currently in Kenya with a team serving with the Kenya Relief (KR) organization. This is her second trip with KR to provide clinic and anesthesia services as well as serve the orphans under the care of KR. On this trip Nichols will climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness and financial resources for KR.

Jennifer Overton, MSN nurse anesthesia 2007, was recently elected President Elect for the Alabama Nurse Anesthetist Association. She has actively served as a board member and treasurer for many years.



Dr. Cecelia Lynn Holden



Dr. Lori Lioce

Nursing Enrollment by the Numbers—Spring 2013

Fast Facts About Enrollment:

- 100% NCLEX Pass Rate for Dec. 2012 graduates (27 of 44 have tested)
- Of the 44 BSN students who graduated in Dec. 2012, 21 have taken jobs at either Children’s of Alabama, UAB or Princeton.
- 100% pass rate on the National Certification Exam for 2012 nurse anesthesia class.
- The average GPA of the Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2015 is 3.44

Program	Students
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	365
Master of Science in Nursing	
Anesthesia	71
Educator	23
Family Nurse Practitioner	172
Total MSN Enrollment	266
Doctor of Nursing Practice	
Administration	23
Advanced Practice	32
Total DNP Enrollment	55
Total IVMSON Spring Enrollment	686

Samford Goes Red for Women’s Heart Health



Faculty members Jennifer Coleman, Megan Mileski and Amy Snow provide health screenings in the cafeteria.



Samford University is recognizing the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* movement throughout the month of February, with activities coordinated by the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. The movement seeks to promote awareness about the effects of heart disease, especially among women, and raise funds for research and treatment of heart disease.

"Heart disease is the number one cause of death among women," said Nena F. Sanders, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing dean. "One out of three women will die

from some form of heart disease." The month-long series of events kicked off on Feb. 1 with National Wear Red Day. The school of nursing partnered with St. Vincent's Health Systems to provide free on-campus blood pressure and heart screenings in the cafeteria. The School of Nursing also plans to hold another blood pressure screening in the library in February, Sanders said.

Throughout the month of February, several other Samford departments and organizations will recognize the Go Red

movement. Samford Athletics will sponsor a "red-out" basketball game Feb. 23, and the University Library is hosting a display about heart disease and women's heart health.

"More women die from heart disease than from all cancers combined," Sanders said. "This is a month long effort to bring awareness to everyone about heart disease, especially women."

To learn more about the American Heart Association's Go Red initiatives, please visit www.heart.org.

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Nursing Pins Now Available for All Programs

At the request of many alumni, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is pleased to announce that pins are now available for all of our programs. Traditionally, only graduates from the undergraduate program received

pins, but now pins are available for both MSN and DNP graduates as well. In addition, graduates of the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing now have the opportunity to reorder their pins as well. Pin order processing and

fulfillment is being handled by our vendor, Balfour. Please download the form and mail it along with your payment if you are interested in ordering.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Prior to fulfilling each order, Balfour will contact the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing to verify that the purchaser is an alumnus.



Join the Moffett Nurse Network for our Spring Events

MOFFETT NURSE NETWORK

The Moffett Nurse Network is pleased to be hosting a number of events this spring. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Nurses Night Out with the Birmingham Barons Thursday, May 2, 2013

Experience the new state-of-the-art ballpark in the heart of downtown Birmingham in the company of Moffett Nurses. There is no charge for alumni to attend this event. Alumni may purchase additional tickets for guests or family members in

advance for \$7. Invitations with details will be sent closer to the event date, but please save the date.

Tuscaloosa Moffett Nurse Network, Date TBD

Plans for an event in Tuscaloosa are underway; details are coming soon. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Katie Stripling as soon as possible.

If you would like to help coordinate an event in your city or plan a class reunion, please contact Katie Stripling at kstripli@samford.edu or 205-726-2265.

Celebrating the
10TH ANNIVERSARY
of the reopening of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Samford University

SAVE THE DATE

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing
Department of Nurse Anesthesia Reception
Friday, April 26, 2013
5:30-7 p.m.
Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort
Destin, Fla.



Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is to nurture students while providing quality education in a Christian environment that prepares caring, competent and compassionate graduates with a commitment to service, scholarship, life-long learning and professional practice.

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Dates to Remember:

- **April 15:** Deadline to nominate alumni for Courage to Care Awards.
- **April 19:** Awards Day Ceremony in Brock Recital Hall.
- **April 26:** Nurse Anesthesia Reception in Destin, Fla.
- **May 2:** Birmingham Moffett Nurse Network Event
- **May 3:** Advisory Board Meeting
- **May 17:** Pinning and Commencement
- **October 11:** Courage to Care Gala



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If you know of any student, faculty, or alumni awards, presentations, conferences, scholarships, photographs or any other announcements, etc. that you would like posted in the next edition of The Pulse, please send them to kstripli@samford.edu or call 205-726-2265.

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