



The Pulse



School of Nursing Named KidCheck Nursing School of the Year



Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has received Sight Savers America's inaugural KidCheck Plus Nursing School of the Year Award. Samford nursing students partner with KidCheck Plus, a school-based health screening program, to provide head to toe screenings for PreK-12th grade students in rural and urban Alabama. Samford is one of the program's 20 nursing school partners in Alabama. Nursing school dean Eleanor V. Howell, associate dean Joy Whatley and nursing faculty member and partnership manager Elaine Marshall accepted the award during an Aug. 26 presentation ceremony at Samford.

"We are extremely proud to announce that the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is our 2013-14 KidCheck Plus Nursing School of the Year," said Chad Nichols, chief operating officer of Sight Savers America. "Under the leadership of Elaine Marshall, the school's faculty, staff and students embody the leadership, dedication, and service that this award is all about. We are proud of our partnership with Samford University and we look forward to continuing to work together to make a difference in our state."

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Nichols noted that Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing was selected for this honor based on its superior communication and partnership with their program; faculty leadership that encourages a positive work effort and inspires a spirit of service; outstanding involvement with the program and a willingness to participate when possible; and exceptional organization and dependability at their KidCheck Plus health screening events.

According to Marshall, students gain a greater understanding of the health challenges facing underserved communities by working with the KidCheck Plus program. In 2013-14, Samford nursing students provided 1,832 health screenings at nine schools. A number of issues were identified, leading to nearly 700 referrals. Following each screening, reports were sent home to parents and provided to each school's nurse.



"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Sight Savers America in providing screening services, and with the families served by the health promotion programs," said Howell. "Through this partnership students develop skills in analyzing health data in relation to normal growth and development parameters and in communicating with students and professionals in the schools. This also provides school children an opportunity to see nurses in one of their most important roles—promoting the health of the public."

"The Sight Savers America KidCheck Plus program delivers a win/win for children, schools, nursing students, colleges and universities and our communities," added Nichols. More than 20,000 children are screened through KidCheck Plus each year and of the children screened, approximately 50 percent have identifiable health needs. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has partnered with the program for two years and will continue its involvement in 2014-15.

Experience London, Amsterdam and Bruges



Join Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing
Faculty, Alumni and Friends for this exclusive trip!
June 14-24, 2015

Includes:

- Round-trip Delta Air Lines Birmingham to London
- Airport/Hotel transfers to/from Heathrow Airport
- Lodging for nine nights in London, England
- 3 days and 2 nights in Amsterdam and Bruges, Belgium
- Continental Breakfast Daily
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Escorted by Dr. Jane Martin, Dr. Gretchen McDaniel &
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\$2,996

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Based on per person double occupancy

This is a popular trip—make plans now for this exciting adventure!



For more information and to register, contact
Dr. Jane Martin 205-726-2760 or jsmartin@samford.edu.

September 2014

Save the Date: Upcoming Alumni Events

MOFFETT NURSE NETWORK

NLN Summit-Phoenix Moffett Nurse Network

September 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

1130 The Restaurant, 455 North 3rd St., Suite 1130, Phoenix, Ariz.

Dinner is Dutch treat, but please RSVP to rbrazil@samford.edu or 205-726-2328.

While in town for the NLN Summit, faculty and alumni will gather for a social dinner. The restaurant is less than a 5 minute walk from the Summit and is located in Arizona Center.



Cap and Cape Society Luncheon

Friday, October 10 at 11 a.m.

Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Please RSVP to kstripli@samford.edu or 205-726-2265

Diploma graduates from the Birmingham Baptist Hospital and Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing should plan to join us for this annual tradition! We'll celebrate the strong history of our school and the outstanding nurses who have made it what it is today. Interested in serving on the Cap and Cape planning committee? [Contact us](#), we would love to have your input on how to make this day even more meaningful for our alumni!



Courage to Care Gala

Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

B&A Warehouse, Birmingham, Ala.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships, [click here](#).

The annual Courage to Care Gala, will honor our outstanding alumni who exemplify the "Courage to Care." This is a tremendous opportunity to celebrate our alumni while raising funds for student scholarships.

Courage
to Care

Alumni and Friends Homecoming Barbecue

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Samford University, east side of Quad, Birmingham, Ala.

RSVP to ctinsley@samford.edu or 205-726-2850

Join us for the annual School of Nursing Alumni and Friends Barbecue. This year we'll be in a new location, on the east side of the Quad. We'll still have a delicious barbecue lunch and opportunities to dine with your classmates, but we'll be in a new location! Mark your calendar and plan to bring the whole family—we'll have inflatables, face painting, clowns and more!



Alumni and Friends London Trip

June 14-24

See page 2.

Interested in getting to know alumni in your city? Help us plan a Moffett Nurse Network Event!

We love to travel to the cities where our alumni live and work and connect alumni through social gatherings. We'll do the logistical work, we just need a champion and idea generator in each city. Let us know if you'd like for us to visit you!

Interested in a class reunion? We can help! [Contact us](#) for

details. Some anniversary year classes—1954, 1964, 1984, 1987, 1999, 2009—may want to put together a special gathering to celebrate their anniversary year and we're happy to provide support to these classes and others! Make plans to reconnect with your classmates today—you'll be glad you did!



CampUs Continues to Grow and Serve Children with Special Needs



CampUs, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing's summer camp for children with special needs, returned in 2014 and was bigger and better than ever before!

Throughout the summer, CampUs provided respite care for more than 30 families with children with special needs, ages 4-14. With day camp opportunities throughout the summer, children had an enriching experience at Samford, while parents got a much needed break (respite), and students experienced a unique interprofessional learning environment caring for special needs including autism, fragile X syndrome, Down syndrome, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, and various additional rare chromosome anomaly syndromes.



Samford's Pete Hanna Center was home to CampUs this summer, providing campers with a variety of opportunities for fun. Children enjoyed Vacation Bible School, music, arts and crafts, water/bubble play, animal therapy, an indoor playground, and much more as a part of CampUs. Generous community partners help make CampUs possible. Special thanks to: Grace's Kitchen, Hand-in-Paw, John 3:16, Push America-Journey of Hope South Team, Helena United Methodist Church Worship Band, McDowell Environmental Science Center, Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network, Ambucs, UCP Life without Limits, Mobility Works of Birmingham, Triumph



CampUs By the Numbers

- 2500+** Hours of cumulative service provided
- 44** Samford students (representing nursing, communication sciences and disorders, education family studies, exercise science and accounting).
- 14** Samford employees
- 38** Community volunteers

Services, Coca-Cola, Chick-Fil-A, McAlister's Deli, Publix.

Looking ahead

In the coming year, CampUs is expanding into the academic semesters of fall and spring by partnering with Liberty Park Baptist Church for additional respite opportunities. Through this partnership, CampUs will offer additional events that will deepen family connections to a Christ-centered community and better reach families with the life-giving news of Jesus; allowing families of children with special needs to tangibly experience God's great love for all members of the family. Some of the new offerings include respite weekend sessions, holiday parties, expansion of the summer camp program and numerous other spiritual and social interaction opportunities for families.

To volunteer or learn more about

CampUs, please contact Dr. Jill Cunningham at 205-726-2733 or jlcunni1@samford.edu. Convo credit is available for students.

To learn more about enrolling a child in CampUs, please email camp-us@samford.edu.

Fall 2014 Dates

Saturday, Sept. 27,
10a-2p, CampUs
Game Day

Saturday, Oct. 25,
1p-5p, CampUs
Fall Party

Friday, Nov. 14,
5:30p-9:30p,
CampUs PJ Party
Parent Date Night

Saturday, Dec. 6,
10a-2p,
CampUs
Christmas Party



September 2014

School of Nursing to Participate in New Initiative Promoting Compassionate Care

Ida V. Moffett [School of Nursing](#) has received funding to pilot White Coat Ceremonies for nursing students. White Coat Ceremonies are designed to instill a commitment to providing compassionate care among future health professionals and they have long been an important rite of passage at medical schools. This program marks the first coordinated effort to offer similar events at schools of nursing.

Samford is one of only 100 nursing schools in 43 states selected by the [Arnold P. Gold Foundation \(APGF\)](#) and the [American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#) for this groundbreaking initiative. Samford is the only Alabama school on the list.

According to Joy Whatley, associate dean for undergraduate programs in the nursing school, the White Coat Ceremony program was developed to promote humanistic, patient-centered care among incoming nursing students.

“The purpose of this program aligns perfectly with the core values of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing,” said Whatley. “Our school was founded on the pillars of academic excellence, compassion, caring and service. The White Coat Ceremony’s emphasis on patient-centered care across the health care team, aligns perfectly with the values we instill in our students.”

Samford will host its first White Coat Ceremony for undergraduate nursing students on Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in Reid Chapel. Both accelerated second degree students and traditional nursing students beginning clinical courses will participate in the inaugural event. As a part of the ceremony, students will receive their white coats, recite the Nightingale pledge and receive a commemorative pin. Nursing dean Eleanor Howell will be speaker for the event.

Following the pilot program, The Arnold P. Gold Foundation and AACN are planning 2015 to be the inaugural year for the nationwide rollout of the White Coat Ceremony to a larger number of nursing institutions.

Sigma Theta Tau’s Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy to Hold Open Session

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy (NFLA) will hold an open session on September 29th from 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM in the Howard Room, Beeson University Center on Samford’s Campus.

Presentations by Alabama’s NFLA Scholar, Dr. Erin Killingsworth, NFLA Faculty Advisor, Dr. Carol Winters, and NFLA Mentor, Dr. Marilyn Oermann, will provide an overview of the NFLA including the history, purpose, curriculum, and three learning domains of

the NFLA. The NFLA program, sponsored by Elsevier, is a 22-month program designed to help groom nurse educators into leaders.

Admission is free. Breakfast will be sponsored by the Gamma Eta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Please RSVP breakfast reservation to Lisa Gurley at legurley@samford.edu.

For further information, contact Erin Killingsworth at eekillin@samford.edu or 205-726-4649.



Dr. Marilyn H. Oermann

Nurse Anesthesia Students Participate in Bell Center’s Tailgate Challenge

Students from the nurse anesthesia class of 2015, led by Nora Bradshaw, braved the heat to host the first ever Samford tent for the Bell Center’s Tailgate Challenge on August 24.

Allie Looney, class of 2016, has already become a Bell Center Ambassador and was also at the event helping all day. Five members in the class of 2016 will begin their classroom volunteer time with precious Bell Center students.



Undergraduate Students Travel to Ecuador for Medical Missions



Seven undergraduate students enrolled in the Medical Missions course traveled to Ibarra, Ecuador June 14-23 along with faculty members Dr. Lora Shelton and Mrs. Julie Head Zaharis, and e3 Ministries.

The team spent a week working in medical clinics in small villages in the mountains. Students had the unique opportunity to participate in all parts of the clinic - eye team, pharmacy, triage and working with the health care providers, experiencing what it's like to work in a variety of health care disciplines.

In addition to their work in the clinics, students and faculty also took some time to see some of the area's rich culture, visiting Peguche waterfall on the day of a summer solstice festival and the Equator Monument and Park where they stood on both hemispheres and rode horses at the top of a mountain in Quito. They also toured a local hospital in Quito where they heard from a physician and others about the Ecuadorian health care system. The trip came to a close with a church service at English Fellowship Church in Quito.



For more photos from Ecuador, visit our [Facebook page](#).

Accolades, Honors and Acknowledgements – Alumni and Students



Paula Davenport

Debbie Duke, MSN 2012, BSN 2000, ADN 1995, co-presented *Aging Well and Spirituality* at the 3rd Annual Alacare End of Life Conference on August 15, 2014.

Paula Davenport, BSN 1992, was named Chief Nursing Officer at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala.



Debbie Duke

Marcus Gaut, DNP student, was recently promoted to chair for the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Louisiana Delta Community College.

Vicki S. Hannah, DNP student, has an entry selected for inclusion in the Encyclopedia of Nursing Education.

Ann M. McDonald, DNP 2011 was a member of the panel discussion *Shifting Locations: Reflections on Writing-Enriched Curriculum Projects in Diverse Contexts* at the 12th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN.

McDonald has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Graduate Nursing Program at

Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC

McDonald also serves as a state representative for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and was instrumental in the grassroots efforts to remove the barrier of practice for advance practice nurses. Minnesota became the 19th state to allow APRNs to practice without physician oversight.

Accolades, Honors and Acknowledgements – Faculty and Staff



Andrea Collins



Jill Pence

Dr. Andrea Collins successfully earned the Certified Nurse Educator credential.

Jill Pence and **Dr. Cindy Berry** presented "Interprofessional Disaster Simulation for Undergraduate Nursing Students" at the 2014 International Nursing Association for Clinical Learning and Simulation in Orlando, Fla.

Pence also participated in "Developing a Statewide Simulation Alliance and Consortium Panel Discussion" at the 2014 International Nursing Association for Clinical Learning and Simulation conference.

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In July, three family nurse practitioner students, Kari Adams, Vivian Myers and Lauren Wood joined Dr. Andrea Collins for a week long medical/evangelical mission trip in Honduras. A collaborative group of one Honduran doctor, two Honduran dentists, one Honduran medical student, three Samford students, and groups from McElwain Baptist, Argo Christian Fellowship, Social Christian ministries of the Church of God in Honduras, and La Vida Nueva in San Pedro Sula delivered medical care and shared the gospel with nearly 1,400 individuals in rural villages in the Copan region of Honduras.

"I feel honored and humbled that the Lord would be able to use me in Honduras," said Adams. "I feel so thankful that we were able to bring physical relief, even if it is fleeting. I am thankful that we could do something," she added.

According to Dr. Collins, the students were "nothing short of outstanding in every way. They very quickly became competent in identifying and treating the common ailments of the Hondurans, and were so compassionate and kind in their care, even with the language barrier."

Students had the opportunity to see ailments that they may not always encounter in the states, particularly as a student. They were forced to think critically and diagnose with limited options and a language barrier. Working

in this environment gave them a unique opportunity to gain confidence in their skills as a nurse practitioner.

In addition to honing their clinical skills, the students had the opportunity to minister to the Honduran people. According to Collins, the students embraced both the nursing school and Samford's heart for serving others. "Most importantly, they represented their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ well, by loving others, both Honduran and American, with unselfish abandon," Collins added.

Reflecting on what she learned about herself on the trip, Adams said, "The trip reinforced my love for helping people. I've honestly never felt called to go overseas until this trip came about, but I felt the Lord reminding me of how precious a gift knowledge is. I feel like when I am done and practicing, I need to commit to making my profession one that is constantly seeking to help His people."

Adams is confident that it's impossible to go on an international mission trip and come home a changed person. For her, the trip is best summarized by *Matthew 28:19*, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations."



Department of Nurse Anesthesia Establishes Service Learning Program

In spring 2014, the Service Learning Program was launched by the Department of Nurse Anesthesia. Students meet twice per month for a "Lunch and Learn" through which various organizations come to speak about their mission and opportunities for the students to serve while in school and after graduation. Students are free to select from organizations that visit during Lunch and Learns, or they can select from other religious, community, or professional organizations that are

appealing to them. So far, representatives from MedMission, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, the Bell Center, and Grace's Kitchen have done an incredible job of sharing their vision and inspiring students to participate. Two senior students also made presentations about their recent mission trips to Honduras and Ecuador.

This fall, the Department of Nurse Anesthesia will welcome speakers

from the following organizations: M-Power Ministries, Neverthirst, Wellhouse Ministries (serving women who have been trafficked or sexually exploited), The Ronald McDonald House, and The Greater Birmingham Humane Society.



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004 Ingalls Hall, Samford University
10 CE hours (1.0 CEU)**

This program is appropriate for all pharmacists, those who want consultant certification, those seeking to renew their consultant license and/or those seeking general continuing education hours. All sessions are knowledge-based CPE activities.

This program has been approved for 10 Alabama Consultant CE hours and Consulting Certification. Participants must attend the full day (10 hours) for certification. Participants seeking recertification may attend the afternoon only. No partial credit is given; however, participants may attend the morning only if seeking general CE credit.

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