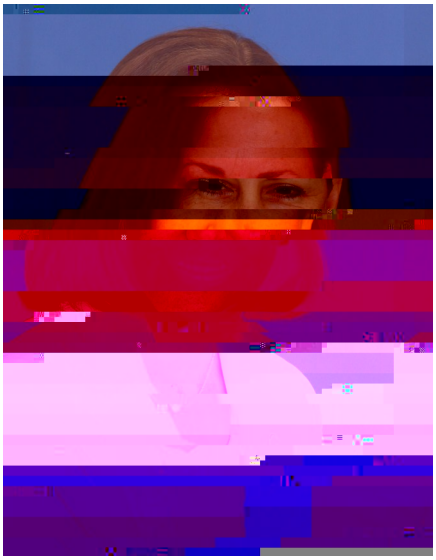

It is hard to believe that mid-semester has passed and we are racing towards the end of the semester! It has been a wonderful fall 2012 semester. We are celebrating three national events in October which bring awareness to our professions: National Dental Hygiene Month, National Physical Therapy Month and National Nuclear Medicine Week. We also recognize the many contributions of the much loved, Ann McNeal; successful alumna, Deborah Hardy; honored Associate Dean, Richardean Benjamin and delightful students.

We are very pleased that the School of Nursing has received two traineeship grant awards from HRSA. Carolyn Rutledge and Karen Karlowicz authored the grant that will provide a total of $700,000 in traineeship funds for nurse practitioner students over a period of two years. The funding will enable the School of Nursing to provide much needed financial support to students enrolled in our programs from rural and underserved regions of the Commonwealth. Carolyn Rutledge, Michelle Renaud, Christianne Fowler, Meg Lemaster, Karen Kott and others, are co-PIs on the second award for $1 million over three years. The interprofessional instruction grant will allow students from several disciplines to take courses together focusing on health promotion, geriatrics, and leadership/team-based care. The January issue of our newsletter will be devoted to the topic of Interprofessional Education. I would appreciate submission of stories related to Interprofessional Education and Practice from faculty, alumni and friends for publication in January 2013.

~Submit Interprofessional Education/Practice articles to Tammie at tsmith@odu.edu by January 2, 2013~

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Three faculty members and eight seniors from the School of Dental Hygiene rode the ferry to Tangier Island Saturday, Sept. 22, to assist with a health fair supported by Anthem and Riverside Insurers. The students worked with nearly 50 people who do not have access to preventive oral health care services and oral health education.

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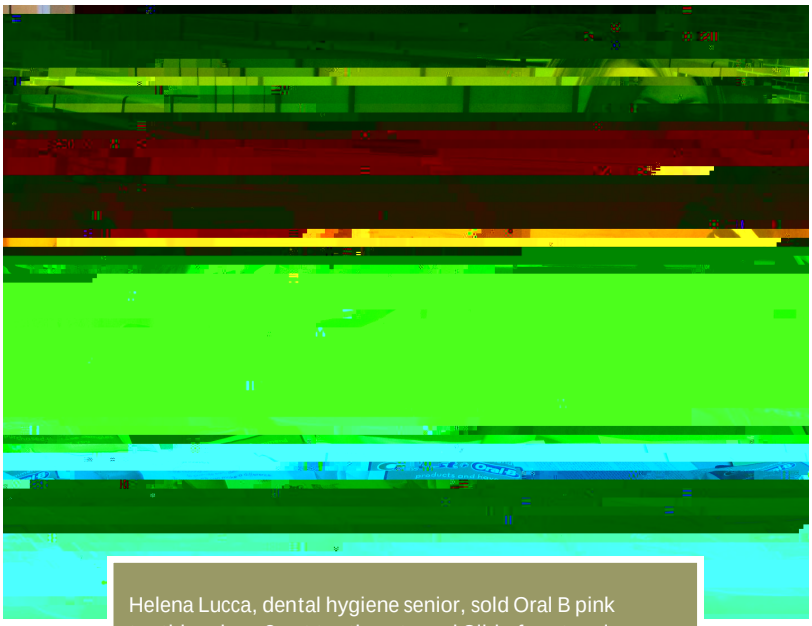

Helena Lucca, dental hygiene senior, sold Oral B pink toothbrushes, Crest toothpaste and Glide floss to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Dental hygiene faculty members accompanying the students at the Tangier Island health fair were Sharon Stull, Carolyn Bland and Dr. Lee Melvin. The donated services provided by the ODU group amounted to $4,000 for the one-day event.

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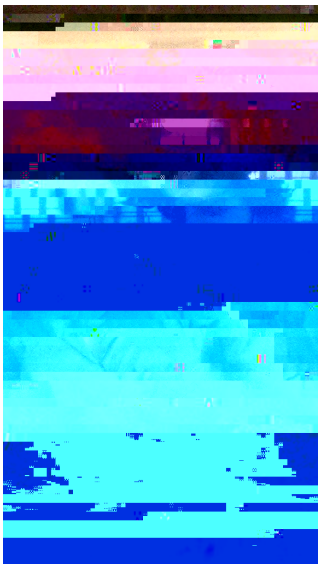

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Ann McNeal Retires

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Though somewhat new to ODU
She quickly learned just what to do.
Ann made contacts, both east and west
Of the Boulevard . . . it was her quest

Dominique LeMoine and Jasmine Hough, School of Dental Hygiene

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