Foreword

The rollout of UMSN’s “We Dare” initiative challenges each of us to think about how we’re going to dare ourselves to

“…use our knowledge, skills, innovation and compassion to advance the public good and prepare the next generation of nurses to change the world.”

Innovation at UMSN is all about daring and pushing ourselves beyond the comfort zone, to explore “What’s possible” with that little idea or voice inside that knows you’ve got a creative answer or solution to a problem, but you just don’t know what to do with it.

We say, don’t lose your ideas, dismiss them, or tuck them away for “later.” Come talk to us. Together, we will dare to find out a path forward. In the end, it is patients, families, and communities who will benefit.

HiiP Updates

We would like to let you know about the kinds of things we’re working on. Below are snippets of a few of our current activities.

- **Moor Leadership and Innovation Fellowship.** Sheria Robinson-Lane, PhD, RN, has been selected to be UMSN’s nominee for the 2020 Betty Moore Nurse Leaders and Innovators Fellowship. ([Read all about it here.](#))
  Sheria’s project is to develop a smart solution for improving support for dementia caregivers. We are excited to work with Sheria on putting together what we hope to be a highly competitive application for this unique opportunity. Please join us in wishing Sheira success!
Looking ahead, we will soon start planning for the 2021 Betty Moore Nurse Leaders and Innovators Fellowship cohort. If you are thinking about an innovative solution to an important health care issue and will be 5-10 year post-PhD next year, please reach out to us soon so we can get an early start on cultivating a strong pool of potential nominees for this pipeline for the next several years.

- **Student Innovation Ambassadors.** We have assembled a group of UMSN Student Innovation Ambassadors, under the guidance of Michelle Munro-Kramer. These exceptional student volunteers will help explore innovation opportunities from a student perspective, provide their perspective on UMSN innovation initiatives, and develop recommendations for student-centric innovation curriculum/projects/activities for the UMSN. These Ambassadors will soon be fielding a school-wide Student Innovation Survey to learn about our students’ knowledge and attitudes toward innovation. The Ambassadors will be reaching out to some of you teaching large introductory classes with a request for 10-15 minutes of your class for the survey. We thank you in advance for kindly considering their request.

- **Innovation in Nursing Student Experience.** We are working to get an idea of the extent to which innovation and entrepreneurship is already present in our student’s academic experience. We think of innovation as discovery AND implementation of new scalable solutions or improvements to an existing problem or process in healthcare delivery, patient/family experience or outcomes, and nursing. This is not by any means designed to be a formal curriculum review, just a preliminary exploration. To this end, if you have examples of how this is incorporated in your classes, please let us know!

- **Nurse Innovator Coaching.** And last but not least, we are continuing to coach our faculty, HiiP Nurse Innovator Fellows, in developing their innovative ideas, market assessment, competitive pricing analysis, prototype design, institutional compliance, and beyond. This year, we accepted three new faculty members into our HiiP Fellows family. If you have an innovative idea and would like to talk with us, let us know!

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**We Take Questions**

We will be piloting a Q&A section where we can answer your innovation-related questions. They can be general innovation, nursing innovation, funding for innovation, or other topics related to innovation.

So go ahead and send us your questions and look for a response in an upcoming e-Newsletter at:

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**Funding Opportunities**

(1) **NEW Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation Innovative Nursing-Driven Funding Programs and New RFP’s (Innovations in Care Program, Emergent Innovation & Serious Illness and End of Life Innovation Programs)**

*The Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation (RAHF)* is releasing new Requests for Proposals (RFP); funding will be available through the:
Hillman Innovations in Care (HIC) Program seeks nursing-driven, evidence-based, patient- and family-centered initiatives that challenge conventional strategies, improve health outcomes, lower costs, and show potential for national replicability
- Two three-year grants of up to $600,000 each.
- For full details, please click here.
- Letters of intent and preliminary brief proposals will be due on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Hillman Innovations in Care Program seeks bold, early stage, or untested interventions that address health challenges faced by vulnerable populations
- Two programs:
  - Hillman Emergent Innovation (HEI) Program.
  - Hillman Serious Illness and End of Life Emergent Innovation (HSEI) Program.
- Five one-year grants of $50,000 each
- For full details, please click here for the HEI program and here for the HSEI program.
- Letters of intent and preliminary brief proposals will be due on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Organizations across the spectrum of care and practitioners with a range of backgrounds (including nurse clinicians, researchers, postdocs, and adjunct faculty) are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be supported by HiiP in preparation of the submission.

(2) Nominate Outstanding Faculty and Students for IPE Innovation and Excellence Award
The Michigan Center for Interprofessional Education (IPE) announces the 2nd annual call for nominations for IPE Awards for Innovation and Excellence. The award’s purpose is to honor students and faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship, and/or leadership with regard to implementing and/or developing innovative, effective, and sustainable interprofessional education (IPE) or interprofessional practice (IPP) across the University of Michigan health sciences schools.
Awardees will receive the following: Faculty award of $1,000; student award of $500 (if the winner is a team, the award will be split accordingly), short presentation at HPE Day April 14, 2020, and a letter to the awardees’ dean from the Michigan Center for IPE.
Deadline for nominations is February 24, 2020 at noon.

To learn more or nominate, click here.

Innovation-Related Societies and Conferences

(1) VentureWell Innovation & Entrepreneurship Conference 3/19/20-3/21/20
VentureWell’s OPEN 2020 Conference will focus on innovation and entrepreneurship research, collaboration, and best practices for education. It has interactive sessions, topical tracks, networking opportunities and office hours to discuss funding opportunities. Session tracks include: Preparing Students for Ethical Entrepreneurs;

For information on the conference click here. To see the conference schedule click here.

(2) **SONSEIL (Society of Nurse Scientists, Innovators, Entrepreneurs & Leaders) Membership**

From their website: “SONSIEL is purpose-built to create new opportunities and recognition for all Nurses within health care innovation. With a diverse membership, the organization collaborates across existing Nursing organizations and shares a common goal of positioning the profession to participate in developing solutions and increasing Nursing’s influence as leaders of health care innovation.”

Link to apply for membership ($125/year general membership) is here.

(3) **ANA Course in Creating an Innovation Culture and Design Thinking**

Two popular nursing innovations now bundled in on packet: Creativity in Nursing and Design Thinking & Why it Matters to Nurses

Both online courses now $125.00 -- $112.50 for ANA Members

With these two courses, you'll learn how to highlight creativity in nursing, gaining valuable insights that will build creative capacity. The bundle covers design thinking, with new mindsets, skills and behaviors that create champion problem-solvers.

It's critical baseline knowledge that offers advancement and success for you and your nurses and enhanced focus on innovation for your team.

Order here.

(4) **American Nurses Credentialing Center NCPD Summit**

**Focus:** To inspire growth and development, ignite professional passion, and spark innovation in nursing practice

**Who should attend:** NPD Practitioners; Providers of products and services for continuing education and NPD; Nurses, faculty or students with a focus on NPD or education; Nursing leaders (managers, directors, CNO’s)

**When/Where:** March 18, 2020 at the Omni Hotel in Nashville, TN.

Summit attendees can earn a maximum of 7 CEU’s.

More information can be found here. To register, click here.

(5) **Patient Experience Empathy & Innovation Summit (Cleveland Clinic)**

**Focus:** Conference will focus on exploring honest commentary on what has and hasn’t worked in the movement to improve the healthcare experience through empathy and innovation. The annual summit provides a forum for industry leaders around the world to work together to deliver the best clinical, physical and emotional experience to patients and families.

**Featured topics include:** Access, Technology, Design thinking, Leadership, Quality, Innovation, Burnout, Communication, Improvement, Engagement, Nursing, etc.

**When/Where:** May 18-20, 2020/Cleveland, OH
(6) **Healthcare Innovation Conference (Duke University School of Nursing)**

**Focus:** An inaugural one-day event designed to help nurses and other health care providers understand how to accelerate ideas into reality. Experts will share best practices and insights into the innovation and development process, learn what financial resources are available to develop and test ideas and talk with nurses who have envisioned solutions and brought those ideas to reality. Co-produced by the Duke University School of Nursing and the North Carolina Biotechnology Center

**Who Should Attend:** Nurses or health care providers interested in learning about how to develop an idea or process improvement; Nurses and health care providers who have an idea and want to learn about what resources may be available for developing it; and Innovators and entrepreneurs with health care experience interested in expanding their networks

**When/Where:** February 21, 2020/Duke University School of Nursing, Durham, NC

More information can be found [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

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**Special Opportunities for Students**

(1) **CSED Course and Field Immersion Experience (Center for Socially Engaged Design)**

In this experiential course, students learn the skills of socially engaged design during the winter semester, engage in hands-on practice with their teams, and complete fieldwork with a community partner to identify potential design opportunities. Students will earn up to 6 credits for the course, meeting during the second half of Winter 2020 and ending with 6-8 weeks of field work in the spring/summer.

For more information is [here](#).

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Link to apply for Student Nurse membership ($25.00/year) is [here](#).

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For more information about HiiP or nursing innovation, or if you have an innovation announcement or news to share, you can contact the UMSN HiiP Team of:

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