Navy Capt. Jan Carrio, the Senior Nurse Executive, Navy Medicine National Capital Area, received the prestigious 2009 Uniformed Services University Clinical Educator Award Oct. 9 for her work with the Graduate School of Nursing.

She was recognized for outstanding contributions to the education of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students. Captain Carrio served as the Navy Medicine liaison for coordination of USU FNP preceptor support in the National Capital Area. Soon after she took on the role, Carrio began creating a systematic, centralized process at the regional level within the Navy for clinical placement of students. She assists the FNP clinical site director with recruiting, developing and maintaining clinical sites and preceptors.

“Captain Carrio represents the outstanding education students come to expect from the GSN programs,” said FNP Program Director Diane Seibert, Ph.D.

Carrio was recognized at an award ceremony held in the command suite at the National Naval Medical Center. During the celebration, GSN Dean Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., presented Captain Carrio with a $2,000 check to be used for future education activities.
Gail Hewitt-Clarke assumed the responsibilities of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Records/Uniformed Services University Registrar in Sept. 2009.

Prior to accepting her new position at USU, Hewitt-Clarke was the Assistant Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management for the Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD).

"Being here is a unique opportunity to serve the military but still be a civilian," Hewitt-Clarke said. "I always wanted to be in the Air Force, but back then my parents weren't too thrilled with the idea. Now, 20 years later, here I am. I'm enjoying this very much."

The happily married mother of fraternal twins began pursuing her higher education at the State University of New York-Albany (SUNY), graduating with a bachelor's degree in marketing. It was during her time at SUNY that she decided to pursue a career as a higher education administrator.

Hewitt-Clarke then earned a master's degree in business education from City University of New York (CUNY). While completing her graduate education, she became an admissions and recruitment counselor at CUNY.

In January 1994, she accepted her first position at Howard University as the undergraduate and international admissions officer.

Over the next 12 years, Hewitt-Clarke went on to make a number of significant improvements. She utilized several different training and software programs that resulted in a variety of faculty and student program improvements and in a series of professional advancements.

In 2006, Hewitt-Clarke moved into her most recent role with HUCD, where she began implementing new admissions processing and selection practices. Additionally, she supported student appeals and assessment committees and the dean's advisory council.

While at Howard University, Hewitt-Clarke earned numerous awards and accolades for her many successes. Prior to joining the USU team, she received special recognition from the U.S. Army Medical Recruitment Brigade.

And Hewitt-Clarke hopes her work at USU will be a continuation of the innovation, teamwork and excellence she has been a part of before.

"I'm here to make sure that student records continue to be kept in a professional manner, maintained and secure," she said. "But, I hope to accomplish more. I'd also like to support student recruitment. That has been my passion. I am also open to working with anyone, any department or program that needs my services."

"There are a lot of 'idea people' here and I'm here to assist their programs. Records are very important," Hewitt-Clarke said.
USU faculty, alumni honored at Country United

by Ken Frager

Army Col. (Dr.) Paul F. Pasquina, (USU SoM, ’91), Chief of the Integrated Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center and Stephen J. Cozza, M.D., Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS), Child and Family Programs, were among the honorees at Country United: Advancing Medicine from the Front Lines to the Homefront events, Nov. 6 and 7.

Dr. Cozza received the Visionary Award for his research and efforts to understand and reduce the impact of deployment, injury and death on the children and families of military service members. Army Col. Pasquina was presented with the Partners in Progress Award, honoring his work and commitment to ensuring service members have access to the most advanced prosthetics, care, and rehabilitation technologies available.

The Country United Partnership for Military Medicine Symposium highlighted the exceptional efforts made by many military medical professionals and researchers, including several USU alumni and faculty members, along with others from military and civilian settings.

Symposium panelists with USU ties included Dr. Kevin Yeskey, (USU SoM ’83) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Robert J. Ursano, Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, USU, and Founding Director of the CSTS; Dr. Cozza; Navy Capt. (Dr.) Gregory Martin, Program Director, USU’s Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program; Capt. (Dr.) Tanis Batsel Stewart, (USU SoM ’93, MPH ’00) Director, Emergency Preparedness and Contingency Support, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; and, Dr. Donald Roberts, Professor Emeritus, USU Tropical Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics.

(Above Left) Grammy and multiple award-winning artist Faith Hill presents the Country United Visionary Award to Dr. Stephen Cozza for his significant work on the effects of stress on children and families of military service members. (Above Right) Dean Kamen, Segway inventor and developer of the state-of-the-art Deka prosthetic arm, presents the Country United Partners in Progress Award to USU alumnus Col. (Dr.) Paul Pasquina. Pasquina received the award for ensuring that service members have access to the most advanced prosthetics and rehabilitation technologies and care possible. (photos by ImageLink Photography)
Galson presented University award

Dr. Charles L. Rice, USU president, presented Public Health Service Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, acting Surgeon General of the United States, with the USU Distinguished Service Medal. Galson, who served as an ex-officio member of USU’s Board of Regents, served as acting Assistant Secretary for Health from Jan. 22, 2009 to June 25, 2009, and as the Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from 2005 to 2007. As the acting Surgeon General, he was the commander of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and was the operational head of the United States Public Health Service. Dr. Regina M. Benjamin was confirmed by the US Senate Oct. 29 as his successor.

Saudi Arabian delegation visits USU campus

Brigade Award ceremony

The USU Brigade recognized some of its outstanding service members during its Brigade Award Ceremony, Nov. 13. They are: (from left to right) Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine, Army Sgt. 1st Class Kendra Singletary, Air Force Staff Sgt. Brittany Brown, Army Spc. Mary Powell, Navy Capt. Jaime Luke and retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Franklin Abram.

Marine Corps marathon

Each year a significant number of Military Health System employees provide medical support for the Marine Corps Marathon, including many with ties to USU. (Above) Navy HM2 Ruben Valenzuela cares for an injured runner in the marathon medical tent. (Left) Army Capt. (Dr.) Meghan Raleigh talks to a marathoner being treated for prevention of hypothermia.
USU Holiday Party
The USU is hosting its Holiday Party from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the campus cafeteria, Dec. 11.
The event is open to all USU faculty, staff, students and their families.
The cost is $5 per person. Children under seven are free. Tickets are on sale until Dec. 4.
A student spouses’ club member will be on hand every Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria to sell tickets.
Ticket purchase includes a lunch buffet served until 3 p.m., beverages, games and a chance to win assorted prizes.

Joint Holiday Ball tickets:
Tickets are now available for the 2009 Joint Holiday Ball sponsored by the Joint Task Force National Capital Region-Medical and tenant commands.
Tickets are $10 each for E-4s, GS-4s and below; $20 each for E-5 to E-6, GS-5 to GS-6 and YA-02/O-1 to O-2; and $40 each for E-7s, GS-7s, YA/YC-03s, O-3 and above.
The event will be held at the Show Place Arena from 6 p.m. to midnight Dec. 12. The social hour begins at 6 p.m.
Dress for the occasion is formal for civilians and formal or military dress for military.
For more information, contact Army Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Woods at 295-9562.

License plates:
The USU Alumni Bookstore still has USU organizational license plates available for purchase.
Most of the first 50 license plate numbers have already been assigned.
For more information about reserving your USU Maryland license plates, call Matt Landman at 295-3686.

Using Computer Resources:
Security incidents continue to be a drain to limited USU Information Assurance manpower. The following highlight current DoD policy and best practices:
Personnel must not install self-coded or non-licensed software on network resources; add, remove, configure, or attempt to modify USU computer operating systems or programs; move audio/visual or network cables, computers or attempt to connect personal computers to the network including MDL and lecture hall spaces; connect personal devices except for those previously authorized by UIS; download pornographic material and store or display offensive material, such as racist literature, sexually harassing or obscene language or material; store or process classified information on any USU system.
Personnel must not permit unauthorized individuals access to a government-owned or government-operated system or program; access online gambling, games and social engineering sites.

Helpdesk Closure:
The UIS helpdesk is closed for training on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.
During this time, you can leave a voicemail message at 295-9800, utilize the HEAT Self Service (http://www.usuhs.mil/uis/forms/trouble.html), or email help@usuhs.mil.
If an emergency should arise, please call 295-9870.

USU Briefs

The Votes are in!
The votes have been cast and a winner has been chosen for the new name of the USU newsletter.
Following the recent University-wide survey and online voting, the field of more than 120 entries came down to one.
Watch for the new USU newsletter beginning with the Jan. 11, 2010 issue.
Thanks for your participation and for your continued support and readership.

-The USU newsletter staff

Caption contest
Test your skills and write the best caption for this photo to win this edition’s gift certificate for a free large coffee and doughnut courtesy of USU Cafeteria. Submit your caption in writing to the office B1009, or to USUNewsletter@usuhs.mil. The best caption wins and the top three, as judged by the USU Newsletter staff, will be printed in the next edition.

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