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On Thursday, April 30, 2015, WRI held the 14th Annual Walter and Leah Rand Awards and Scholarship Dinner. One of the major purposes of the event is to raise money for students

to work at the Institute on active research projects to develop skills necessary to be successful professionals, able to address community problems. Each year, WRI acknowledges three community leaders from the business, nonprofit, and government sectors. This year's honorees, pictured above were, J. Mark Baida, Founder and President, Bayada Home Health Care, Louis Capelli Jr., Freeholder Director, Camden County, and Dr. Thomas Isekengbe, President, Cumberland County College.

SPRING 2015 FACULTY FELLOW: *Dr. Janice Beitz, PhD, RN, CNS, CNOR, CWCN, CRNP, APNC, FAAN*



WRI is proud to announce that our Spring 2015 Faculty Fellow is Dr. Janice Beitz. Dr. Beitz is Professor of Nursing and Director of the Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) at the Rutgers University School of Nursing – Camden. She has several degrees within the field of nursing, including a Nursing Diploma from the Germantown Hospital School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science from La Salle University, and a Master of Science from Villanova University. She also holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Temple University.

Additionally, she is professionally certified in a number of clinical areas, including Certified Nurse of the Operating Room, Basic Cardiac Life Support, Clinical Specialist in Adult Health Nursing, Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (WOC) Nurse, and Adult Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Beitz is also a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Dr. Beitz teaches a number of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including: Nursing Research, Pharmacology, and Evidence-Based Practice. She is also developing a course entitled Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Dr. Beitz's research interests include acute and chronic wound care, algorithms and patient safety, stoma complications and care, chronic illness management, nursing education, and social bullying in academia. She also possesses clinical expertise in adult health, acute and chronic wound care, ostomy care, teaching/learning issues, and test construction and evaluation.

During her tenure as a Faculty Fellow, Dr. Beitz will be working on a project which will focus on diabetes preventative care in the seven counties of South Jersey. Her research will include brief comparisons to the Northern region of the state, as well as diabetes services, support services for primary care providers, and offer an examination of opportunities for regional planning of diabetes services.

Please join WRI in welcoming Dr. Janice Beitz as our new faculty fellow!

WRI launches infographics for South Jersey Region

WRI has initiated a project to develop and publish infographics for the South Jersey region. These infographics are designed to be brief, detailed, data-driven reports about individual municipalities in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem, Cape May, and Atlantic Counties. WRI has also produced infographics at the county level for each of these counties. Using data from the US Census Bureau, NJ Department of Education, FBI, and other sources, the infographics detail demographics, the local economy, land use, housing, education, and crime. Students at WRI have been working diligently to compile the data and construct these infographics, which have been uploaded to the WRI website. Local elected and appointed officials have been largely receptive to the publication of these infographics. WRI will continue producing more data-driven products to meet the needs of the South Jersey community. Click on the image to access the infographics.



WRI welcomes Dennis Peleaz-Robles as a new Research Project Assistant. He has a B.A. in Mathematics from Rowan University and is planning to pursue an MBA at Rutgers School of Business –Camden. He is primarily working on the FAMCO project.

WRI is excited to welcome Jessica McConnell as a Project Assistant. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Stockton University, and is currently working on her Master's in Criminal Justice here at Rutgers – Camden. Jessica is working on the FAMCO project.

Daniella Rodriguez joins WRI as a Project Assistant, working on the FAMCO project. She holds a BA in History, Latin American and Iberian Studies, and Chicano Studies from the University of California Santa Barbara. She is currently a graduate student working on her MPA degree, with a concentration in International Public Service and Development.

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