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State and School Activities



Rising seniors at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing continued a 13-year tradition to provide farm workers and their families with much needed health care.

Georgia

Nursing students from Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing teamed up with Emory MSN students, nurse practitioners, psychology and physical therapy students from Georgia State University, and dental students from Clayton State and Darton College in the 14th annual Farm Worker Health Program. This program serves over a thousand farm workers and their families from four counties. The farm workers and their families, an underserved and vulnerable population, will receive health care screenings, education, and primary care services.

In addition to the benefit to the families being served, students have the opportunity to build on their

cultural awareness as well as other nursing skills. A past Farm Worker Health Program participant, John Ventimiglia shared "To witness, in person, the living conditions of these farmers and their families, to see them working in the fields exposed to pesticides and the ache of bending over a thousand times in the blistering heat and sun, was an indelibly humbling experience—one that can never be truly appreciated or respected without the privilege of engaging and serving this community first hand."

South Carolina

In an effort to encourage reading among young children and their families, Piedmont Technical College nursing students participated in the South Carolina Student Nurses' Association (SNA-SC) book drive to collect books for children ages 3-5 enrolled in Head Start programs throughout the state. A competition was held among local student nurses' associations at the 22 South Carolina colleges with registered nursing programs. Piedmont Technical College won the competition by collecting 291 children's books. According to Theresa Lincoln, Community Health Chair for SNA-SC, "In our clinical experiences as student nurses, we sometimes encounter adults who have difficulty reading and following the guidelines for taking prescription drugs. The ability to read and follow instructions is important. This (book drive) is one way we as an organization can encourage reading and make it fun for young children and their families." The collected books were delivered to the area Head Start programs during December.

California

The Sacramento State Nursing Student Association held an open house in March to introduce their nursing

program and students to local legislators, media, nursing alumni, local nursing schools, pre-nursing students, nurses, hospitals, and other important community figures. The open house included pre-nursing advising sessions, question and answer sessions, demonstrations with their new simulation manikins, running the IV lab, and displaying poster boards of current happenings within the nursing profession and the nursing school, including legislation, photos of nursing student participation in community activities, and California Nursing Student Association activities.

Pennsylvania

The Villanova University College of Nursing's Breakthrough to Nursing crew was honored by an invitation to participate in an event to help Girl Scouts, ages 10-16, earn their "Women's Health" patch. The event included a skill building project focusing on topics of stress management, nutrition, and fitness. The scouts collaborated with group leaders to address social, physical, intellectual, career, emotional, and spiritual needs. They also discussed issues such as eating disorders, peer pressure, and physical well-being. A nutrition activity focused on the importance of food choices, portion control, and a balanced diet.

To finish the program, the scouts set nutritional goals for themselves, many of which included eating more fruits and vegetables, and drinking more water.

Louisiana

The Southern University Student Nursing Association (SUSNA) joined in the fight against breast cancer. Pink ribbons were sold for one dollar with all proceeds donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. To increase awareness, the SUSNA project "Are You in the Know?" taught students the proper technique to perform a

breast self examination, signs to look for, and decreasing the risk of developing breast cancer. Additionally, an information table was setup in the student union during a high traffic day to maximize the number of people exposed to

the information and emphasize the importance of early detection through monthly breast self examination, yearly physician breast examination, and yearly mammography for those over age 40. ©