Welcome to the Fall 2014 semester,

First of all, I would like to welcome Dr. Barbara Broome, PhD, RN, FAAN, our new Dean, to the College of Nursing (CON). Second, we are changing the newsletter title from “Whenever International Activities Newsletter” to the “CON International Newsletter” to reflect the fact that our newsletter is now being produced on a regular basis—once a semester. Third, I also would like to acknowledge Pimpanitta, PhD student from Thailand, for helping me with picture selections and writing pre-revised captions in this newsletter.

In this issue, our international endeavors are captured chronologically, starting from welcoming our two PhD student guests from Thailand, to the Spring International Pizza Party, to various activities and presentations by our international students, to a visit from an administrator from Mahidol University, Thailand.

I hope you enjoy viewing our newsletter. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments. Thank you,

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Chaowanee Longchoopol
Chiang Mai University, Chaingmai

I am applying Beck’s cognitive behavior therapy to treat depression in the elderly in Thailand.

Pimpisa Saksornmuang
Mahidol University, Bangkok

I am examining depression and physical problems in rubber plant Thai workers.

Our international students joined the university student orientation, campus tour, and Spring Flowers show at Stywet Garden arranged by the Office of Global of Education.

Chaowanee participated in a “Cognitive Behavior Therapy Training” at the Beck Institute, Pennsylvania: April 28-30, 2014
Monday, May 13, 2014

We are very happy with the prizes we won from the drawings! 😊

Dichotomous moods: Dr. Ross vs. Professor Meyers
“Nursing in a Culturally and Spiritually Diverse World”
Presented by Dr. Ross and international PhD students:
Chutarat Akkarawongvisit, Thailand & Ghada Shahrou, Jordan
STUDENTS’ PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS AT CONFERENCES

Driving the Future 2014: KSU

Amal Al-Alawi, PhD Student (Oman)

PhD students from left to right: Chaowanee (Thailand), Pimpisa (Thailand), Soon Young (S. Korea), Chutarat, Sureeporn (Thailand), and Amal Al-Alawi (Oman)

MNRS Conference 2014: St. Louis

PhD International and US students representing CON, KSU in St. Louis

Ghada (Jordan) podium presented with Dr. Ross: The psychometric properties of the WHOQOL-BREF among OB/GYN Thai women.

Pim and Suree podium presented with Dr. Ross: The Construct Validity of the Center for Epidemiology Studies Depression Scale (CES-D) in Thai Undergraduate Nursing Students.

Soon Young Ha (South Korean) Poster presented: Falls in two nursing home layouts: traditional versus household
In St. Louis, we worked hard. We marketed our College. We networked.

We also entertained ourselves.
Dr. Orawan Kaewboonchoo, Associate Dean for International Relations, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Bangkok

The 29th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, KSU

Pim podium presented: Perception of Thai Young People towards Intention of Voluntary HIV Counseling and Testing: Integrative review

The 20th Annual Nursing Research Day, Ravenna

Ghada podium presented: The psychometric properties of the WHOQOL-BREF among OB/GYN Thai women who experience intimate partner violence, her work with Dr. Ross.

SPECIAL VISITOR

Dr. Orawan Kaewboonchoo met with Dean Broome and Sarah Malcolm from the Office of Global Education, discussing potential collaborations.

She also met with Thai students and Dr. Ross, Director.
Choawanee and Pimpisa left the USA on May 10th, 2014. They expressed their sincere gratitude to all of us who made them feel at home, particularly their American mommy, Debby Gesaman!

The Summer newsletter is coming soon. Stay tuned.