

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, a national leader in providing innovative healthcare workforce solutions and staffing services, is partnering with the College to pursue collaborative research and educational and training activities of mutual interest that advance the nursing profession. A key objective of the partnership is to jointly support nurses and their education through FAU continuing education programs, scholarships, internships, residency and research opportunities. Cross Country Healthcare pledged \$10,000 to provide 10 scholarships to nursing students throughout 2020. In addition, Cross Country Healthcare and the College have collaborated on a monthly webinar series with topics including self-care, compassion fatigue, lessons learned from COVID-19, and diversity within the healthcare industry. ■



## THE NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE

(NCHA) consists of the Northwest Community Consortium, Inc., The Tabernacle Learning Center and the FAU College of Nursing. This year, with the support of NCHA partners, the College expanded the FAU Community Health Center's footprint to a second West Palm Beach location at the U.B. Kinsey Educational and Community Center, in addition to its original site at Westgate. The NCHA was formed to provide oversight, direction and guidance to the clinic. Each of the partners bring expertise and resources to enhance and address the medical and health needs of vulnerable populations in this underserved community. ■

## PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE (PBSC) AND BROWARD COLLEGE (BC) entered into

articulation agreements with the FAU College of Nursing. The goal of these agreements is to create a seamless admission process for RN-BSN students of these state colleges into FAU's Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, Nurse Educator, and Advanced Holistic Nursing BSN concentrations. FAU College of Nursing representatives are invited to events, such as pinning ceremonies, to discuss FAU's MSN program with students. In addition, information on FAU College of Nursing graduate programs is made available to PBSC and BC students through a variety of materials. These partnerships provide greater opportunity for local nursing students to advance their careers while strengthening regional educational ties.



## BROWARD HEALTH, BROWARD FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, AND HOLY CROSS

**HOSPITAL** are key partners in the College's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. These hospitals and centers help provide DNP students with a relevant and evidence-based curriculum, including academic and practicum experiences aimed at preparing nurse practitioners who can be entrusted to deliver evidence-based, culturally competent, skilled primary care for underserved and disadvantaged racial and ethnic minority groups in the community. One of the program's goals is employment of nurse practitioners who are ready and willing to care for underserved populations. This goal is being accomplished by entering into contractual agreements with these academic practice partners who provide primary care to underserved populations. Partners have participated in co-creating culturally and linguistically appropriate learning experiences for BSN to DNP students in primary care settings with clients from disadvantaged, underserved, racial and minority groups. ■







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"THERE IS AN OFTEN-QUOTED PROVERB, 'IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER,'" SAID DEAN SAFIYA GEORGE. "THE COLLEGE IS PROUD OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FORGED AND STRENGTHENED THIS YEAR, WHICH ARE ALLOWING US TO AMPLIFY OUR SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY, ANSWERING THE CALL TO CARE — TOGETHER."