



EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH:

Answering the Call to *Care*

College of Nursing faculty members grow caring science by attending to human health issues.

Often those health issues disrupt everyday quality of life, and sometimes, they threaten life. In answering the call to care, nurse researchers take action to make a difference by testing approaches that may improve quality living and even decrease mortality. Three researchers featured here, Drs. Tappen, Krause-Parello and Wiese, have developed nursing approaches to make a difference for those who nurses serve, including older adults facing the challenges of dementia and driving impairment, and veterans living day-to-day with the mental health challenge of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). These researchers and their work are examples of how the College advances caring science in our community and beyond. Connection is at the heart of these nursing approaches. The call to care has led to home visits to older adults by nurse practitioners who help them decipher memory disorders; engagement of veterans with shelter dogs to relieve stress; and, moving older adults along the difficult path of forgoing their license, thereby, often supporting family interaction at a turning point time of loss for the older adult.

I FEEL FORTUNATE TO STAND ALONGSIDE NURSING COLLEAGUES WHO ARE SHINING A LIGHT OF DISCOVERY ON A NUMBER OF GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH AREAS. THE COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING CARING SCIENCE AND ANSWERING THE CALL TO CARE BY SERVING UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS MAKES THIS A VERY FULFILLING HOME FOR THE WORK OF NURSING RESEARCHERS.

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