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## ***Announcements from Dean Aziz***

### **Welcome to the CONHS College Leadership Team!**

**Dr. Christina Murphy** has been named Associate Dean for Nursing and Chair of the Nursing Practice Department.

**Dr. Pamela Greene** has been named Chair of the Nursing Education Department. I'm also pleased to announce **Dr. Jean Sparks** will be joining us as Chair of the Health Sciences Department.

**Dr. Murphy, Dr. Greene, and Dr. Sparks** have distinguished themselves since joining TAMUCC. They will bring energy, skill, and leadership to these critical roles, making strong additions to the college's leadership team.

**Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



### **Dr. Bunny Forgione**

On behalf of the entire CONHS faculty and staff, I want to congratulate **Dr. Bunny Forgione** on the next milestone in her remarkable career. **Dr. Forgione** has announced her plan to retire on **June 30, 2022.**

**Dr. Forgione** has provided intellectual leadership, administrative coordination, intensive advising, and extended mentoring to hundreds of students who have graduated from the college, many of whom have gone on to become local and national leaders. Her extraordinary ability to keep the team on task in a perfectly harmonious way is a good example of her professionalism and attention to detail. She has earned the everlasting respect of students, faculty and staff alike. We appreciate how she served the college and university for the past 32 years.

A retirement celebration in honor of **Dr. Forgione** will be held in the Fall semester. We wish **Dr. Forgione** a wonderful retirement – full of deserved rest, fun new projects, and plentiful time with family and friends. Congratulations again for a job well done!

— HAPPY —  
*Retirement*



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## CONHS NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Academic Administrative Assistant (Dept. Nursing Practice)  
**Hello! My name is Dakota Beal. I've been brought onboard as one of the newest CONHS Academic Administrative Assistants. I have a bachelor's degree in History and I'm extremely lucky to be a part of the college I graduated from. My interests are weightlifting, reading, and going on long walks in the Texas heat to see wildfire. I look forward to supporting the College and will always be available to help in every way possible so as to see the program flourish in the years to come.**



Academic Administrative Assistant (Dept. Health Sciences)  
**Everyone calls me Dori. I like to binge watch crime documentaries and crochet on my free time. If I'm not just relaxing at home, I'm probably out on an adventure with my partner and our son. I'm not very good at describing myself, but I'm so happy to be a part of the TAMUCC family.**



Student Success Administrative Assistant  
**Hello Everyone, I'm Ushma Saraf. I'm the new Student Success Administrative Assistant for CONHS. I'm originally from India and living in Texas for the past 12 years with my husband. I have a sweet 5-year-old son. I'm an MBA graduate. I love crafting and learning new things. I'm very glad to be a part of this institution and looking forward to getting to know and help everyone.**







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## CONHS FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Dr. Heather DeGrande and Amy McClure presented their poster, "The Integration of a Service-Learning Project into a Prelicensure Primary Care Nursing Curriculum" at AACN's 47th Annual Conference on May 19th & 20th.**



**Congratulations to Dr. Bunny Forgione for being recognized as the Outstanding UCSO Advisor of the Year for her involvement with the Student Nurses Association that was held on April 29th at the annual Student Leadership & Service Awards ceremony.**



**Dr. Danielle Durant was interviewed last week by Infection Control Today to speak about a recent collaboration with Driscoll Children's Hospital. To view the video and summary of the interview, please click below:**

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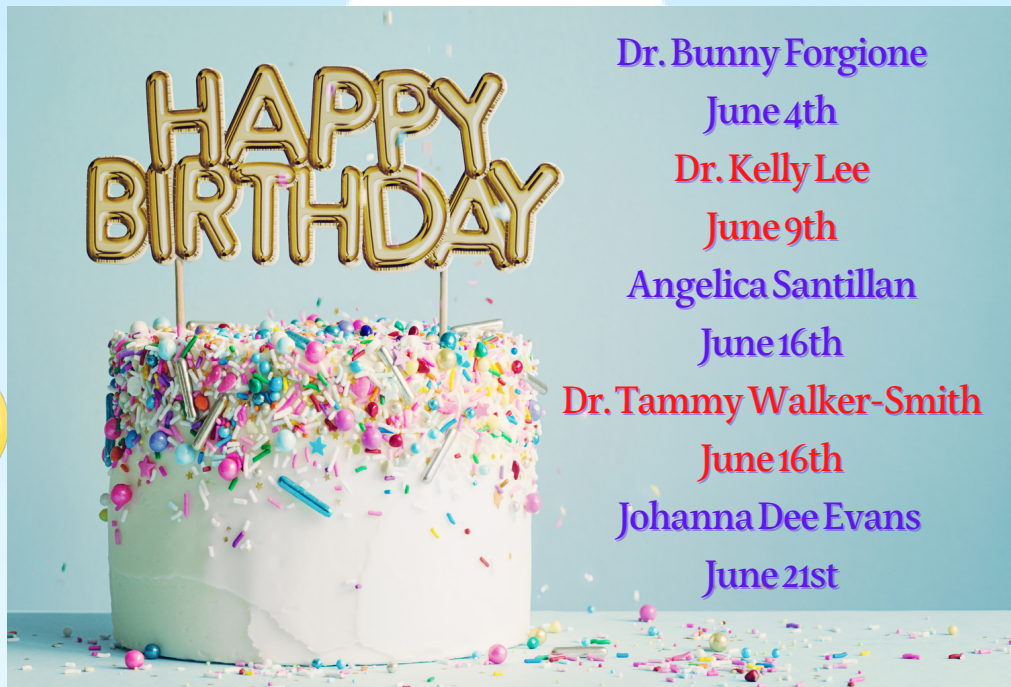
**Congratulations, Dr. Meng Zhao, for becoming an Affiliated Research Scientist with the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science (CBI). The designation is for faculty whose research endeavors overlap with the mission of the institute and is an important step towards integrating the worthy pursuits of academia and research at TAMU-CC. We are proud of Dr. Zhao in helping us in furthering the mission of the institute and the college.**



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## CONHS SAVE THE DATE

# June CONHS Team Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations



Dr. Bunny Forgione

June 4th

Dr. Kelly Lee

June 9th

Angelica Santillan

June 16th

Dr. Tammy Walker-Smith

June 16th

Johanna Dee Evans

June 21st

## Happy Work Anniversary!

Dr. Hassan Aziz-1 yr

Isela Lyerly-3 yrs

Dr. Tammy McGarity-4 yrs

Nedia DeLua Ruiz-8 yrs

Dr. Miguel Perez III-12 yrs

Sandy Stokes-16 yrs





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## CONHS STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



**The new cohort of thirty-five post-baccalaureate accelerated BSN students participated in orientation activities. Funded by a HRSA grant, the program focuses on primary care, aesthetic knowing, and iPad technology.**



**Thanks to these students for helping with over 400 health screening for our local community in partnership with South Coastal Area Health Education Center!**



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**Med-Surg II and 4th semester ABSN students participated in the inaugural SCLC Escape Room Simulations during the first week of the summer semester.**



**The new Summer 2022 ABSN cohort participated in American Heart Association BLS Certification classes during the first week of their lab courses.**



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**Professors Petra Martinez and Pamela Ortiz's Transition's clinical groups participated in Islander Regional Hospital orientation and their first day of multi-patient simulations during the first week of the summer semester.**



**Med Surg I students participated in a "Passport to Clinical" skills training and clinical competency lab during the first week of the summer semester.**

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