Orientation was a great success!
We are excited you have joined our team. Looking forward to a productive and rewarding new year.

New Faculty Orientation Fall 2022

CONHS Faculty and Staff gather to celebrate the beginning of a new Fall semester and hear welcome message from Dr. Hassan Aziz.

Dean's Welcome Back Fall 2022
Thank you to all those who volunteered to make the new student convocation and college mixer a memorable experience.

Your dedication is essential to the success of our students. You bring ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity. You care so deeply, and you step up to support the mission and vision of the college. To view full TAMUCC photo gallery click link below.

081822 First Wave Convocation - Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (tamucc.edu)
Brianna Plank
Assistant Clinical Professor
(Nursing Education Department)

Brianna is originally from Kansas City and spent the majority of her bedside nursing career in critical care at The University of Kansas Medical Center. She relocated to Austin, TX in 2014 and spent time working in administrative roles until she began teaching in 2018.

Brianna has experience teaching skills, simulation, and didactic coursework with Concordia University, Austin. She and her family relocated to Corpus Christi last summer when her husband, James, took an Assistant Professor of Practice in Criminal Justice position at A&M Kingsville. At some point, Brianna would love to collaborate with him on public health research topics that span both disciplines. She is finishing her Post-Master's FNP certificate and then will return to her Ph.D. in Nursing coursework. Brianna and James have 5 children between them, but only have their 3-year-old daughter Lily full-time. Along with Lily, they also have a small petting zoo worth of animals at home. Brianna enjoys relaxing on the water with her family, trying new restaurants, and traveling.

Bonifacio Vega II
Assistant Clinical Professor/HCAD Coordinator
(Health Sciences Department)

My name is Bonifacio Vega II and I am the new HCAD Coordinator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. I am a native of Robstown and received my BSHS and MPA degrees from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. I am currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Health Promotion and Behavior from the University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston.

My professional background is in public health, and I have over 12 years of experience in the field. I have a broad range of professional interests but am especially passionate about working with and improving the health status of marginalized and underserved groups throughout South Texas.
Shakas up to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi! They were recently announced as one of the best nursing schools in the U.S. by the Nursing Schools Almanac.

To view full KIII TV Video follow link below.

TAMU-CC nursing program recognized as one of the best in the U.S. | kiiitv.com

The SCLC and CONHS Assistant Clinical Professors hosted Women’s Services community partners. Kelly Ware with Christus Spohn South and Chelsea Schmidt with CCMC Bay Area Hospital visited SCLC to see new simulation equipment in the OB lab. Everyone was impressed with the technology and realism of the simulators and the impact they can have on safe maternal and infant patient outcomes.

Congratulations Stephaine for a well-deserved recognition. She was recognized for her service excellence at the Rising Tide program. The program celebrates the outstanding people who focus on Service Excellence for our Islander Community.
August FOW
Tuesday, August 23rd
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CONHS Large Conference Room

August CONHS Team
Birthday and Anniversary
Celebrations Held Tuesday Aug 23rd @ 12:30pm in Breakroom

Pamela Ortiz (faculty) - August 11th
Isela Garcia - August 19th
Dr. Jean Sparks - August 19th
Lisa Snell - August 21st

Friday August 26th
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
PAC Lawn
Fireworks Start @ 9:30pm
Newsletter requests can be emailed to Dean’s Office
@ CONHS.DeansOffice@tamucc.edu.
Content Examples:
Student Events Activities and Meetings, Skills Lab Activities, Faculty and Staff Accomplishments, and Upcoming Events, ”Save the Date” items, etc.
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Featured Events

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CC COMMUNITY FAIR
Aug. 25 • 11AM-2PM
UC Anchor Ballroom

ISLANDER BEACH BASH
Aug. 26 • 7PM
PAC Lawn

ISLANDER ORG FEST
Aug. 30 • 11AM-2PM
Anchor Plaza

CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY FAIR
COUPONS, PRIZES, FOOD, AND MUSIC!
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
UC Anchor Ballroom
NEXT COMMUNITY BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE HERE FOR YOU!

flu shot clinic

FOR CURRENT FACULTY, STUDENTS & STAFF
AUGUST 25TH
COMMUNITY FAIR – UNIVERSITY CENTER ANCHOR BALLROOM
11 AM – 2 PM
BRING YOUR SANDDOLLARS ID AND INSURANCE CARDS (EX: EXPRESS SCRIPTS OR BCBS)
$1 Cash Fees (without insurance)
FM: 361-825-2601
It is with great excitement that we welcome the latest BSN Student Cohort into the CONHS. At their orientation, the students spent time getting to know the CONHS and Program, as well as their peers, admin, faculty and staff, and hearing first-hand from current CONHS students. We look forward to working with these students as they progress on their journey to becoming future Islander BSNs.

CONHS HOST NCLEX Review Workshop

Over 75 BSN Graduates of the CONHS attended a free 3-day NCLEX Review Workshop, held August 9-11. The workshop, offered by the CONHS, was led by recently retired faculty member Mrs. Susan Greathouse, RN MSN and current faculty member, Assistant Clinical Professor Cathy Harrell, RN MSN. Graduates in attendance were provided a comprehensive review of content, critical thinking, test taking and more. Throughout the 3-day workshop, graduates communicated how thankful they were for the College’s support and the helpfulness of the workshop.
CONHS STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to two of our CONHS graduate students for earning the TAMUCC Outstanding Islander Graduate Honor. To see full TAMUCC article and photo gallery please use links below.

OUTSTANDING ISLANDER GRADUATE KIRBI
GUTHMAN '22 EARNS BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING

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OUTSTANDING ISLANDER GRADUATE DAVID CHESSHER '22, ARMY VETERAN,
EARNS CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE DEGREE

TAMUCC ARTICLE LINK BELOW
The College of Nursing and Health Sciences would like to Congratulate our Summer 2022 Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates.

Brenda Buckner  
DNP, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC  
Title of Project: Implementation of a Discharge Pathway to Decrease Infant’s Postoperative Length of Stay in a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit  
Chair: Elizabeth Loika  
DNP, PNP-C, FNP-C

Merlendi Brown  
DNP, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Title of Project: Educational Text Messaging to Improve Knowledge and Self-Care Practices Among Adults with Type 2 Diabetes  
Chair: Gloria Park, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, RN

Kira Cortez  
DNP, RN, CNE  
Title of Project: A Self-Care Activity to Support Stress and Resilience in New Graduate Nurses: A Quality Initiative to Reduce Turnover  
Chair: Heather DeGrande PhD, RN
CONHS DNP STUDENTS

Colleen Eaves  
MSN, RN, NPD-BC

Title of Project: Improving Adolescent Psychosocial Assessment through Standardized Patient Simulation: An Interdisciplinary Quality Initiative

Chair: Laura Monahan, OFS, DNP, MBA, RN  
(Hooded by: Tammy McGarity, DNP, RN, NEA-BC)

Amanda Estrada  
DNP, RN, PCCN-K

Title of Project: A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Electrocardiogram Competency and Confidence in Medical-Surgical Clinical Staff

Chair: Tammy McGarity, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Rosa I. Perez  
MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Title of Project: A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Screening Mammograms Among Older Hispanic Women in Primary Care Clinic

Chair: Tammy Walker-Smith, DNP, MHA, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

We are so proud of you!