MESSAGE FROM DR. RATCHNEEWAN ROSS

Dear All:

This newsletter highlights our international students’ many accomplishments and activities, and it is my last issue as our family is leaving Ohio. As the Director of International Initiatives for the College of Nursing for seven years, I truly have felt privileged to work with everyone and I would like to thank you all for the many fond memories which will be kept in a very special place in my heart. Life is a constant progression and we never know what the future will bring.

Please keep in touch and let me know when you are in Greensboro, NC. I would be very happy to see you again.

Below is my new contact information, starting August 1, 2017:

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So long...Wishing you all the best!

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2017 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Conference

Ph.D. student, Hossam Alhawatmeh, won second prize, among 68 Ph.D. student posters, for his doctoral dissertation Effects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students in the doctoral student competition.
Hossam Alhawatmeh, Ph.D., MSN, RN, celebrated successfully defending his dissertation “The Effects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students” on Thursday, March 9, 2017, with (from left) Dr. Patricia Vermeersch, Dr. Barbara Drew, Dr. Ratchneewan Ross, chair, Dr. Douglas Delahanty, Dr. Lori Kidd, and Dr. Kele Ding.

Sureeporn Suwannaosod, MSN, BSN, RN (third from left), successfully defended her dissertation “A Structural Equation Modeling of Spiritual Well-Being, Depression, and Health-Related Quality of Life among Thai Adolescents with Cancer” on March 16, 2017. She posed for a photo with (from left) Dr. Richard Adams, Dr. Douglas Delahanty, Dr. Ratchneewan Ross, chair, Dr. Pamela Stephenson and Dr. Christine Graor.

Ahmed Alsadoun, successfully defended his dissertation proposal “Examining the Influence of Demographic Characteristics and Perceived Social Support on Self-Managements Behaviors and Health Responsibility in Saudi Arabian People with Diabetes Mellitus Type II” on March 16, 2017. His co-chairs are Barbara Broome, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, and Ya-Fen Wang, Ph.D., RN.

Raya Turki Albataineh, Ph.D.(c), MSN, RN, passed her candidacy examination on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Her chairperson was Dr. Ratchneewan Ross. Committee members included Dr. Kimberly Williams and Dr. Lori Kidd.

This semester Ampaiwan Boonkaewwan, Ph.D. student from Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, joined the Kent State University College of Nursing family. Dr. Kim Williams and her daughter, Nara, were her host family. Dr. Ratchneewan Ross served as her advisor/mentor.

Ampaiwan spent the semester working on her dissertation, The effects of nurses’ support for the adolescent-led HIV/AIDS sexual transmission prevention program using a social network on behavioral intention and perceived effectiveness of HIV/AIDS preventive behavior among adolescents with HIV/AIDS.

BACKGROUND: I am an advanced practice nurse (pediatric nursing) and worked in the HIV/AIDS department in Thailand at Chawang Crown Prince Hospital.

EDUCATION: I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in nursing science from Mahasarakham University, and master’s degree in nursing science (pediatric nursing) from Chiang Mai University, Thailand. I am now a Ph.D. student (International Program) at Prince of Songkla University, Hatyai campus, Thailand.

RESEARCH AREA: My research is adolescents with HIV/AIDS aiming to develop an HIV transmission prevention program for HIV-infected adolescents in Thailand via Facebook using mixed methods: phase I (qualitative arm), phase II (quantitative arm and leader training), and phase III (testing of the program).

Why did you choose Kent State University? I chose to attend Kent State University College of Nursing because of an excellent faculty, Dr. Ross, whose international reputation is HIV/AIDS and mixed methods research.

Favorite memories? Everyone created a happy environment. I enjoyed attending the activities planned by the College of Nursing and International Office. I also had the opportunity to visit New York and Pennsylvania.
5. Ampiawan Boonkaewan (right) participated in the International Talent and Fashion Show, sponsored by the Office of International Student Affairs. She modeled a black, traditional suit worn for special occasions such as meeting the King. Nara, daughter of Kimberly Williams, DNS, PMHNP-BC, ANP-BC, APHN-BC, also participated in the fashion show.

6. The Thailand table and friends posed for a photo after the fashion show.

College of Nursing faculty, staff, students and their families celebrated the start of the spring semester with a pizza party!

GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

1. Ampiawan Boonkaewan, Ph.D.(c), (left), along with Ratchneewan Ross, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, presented Facebook HIV transmission prevention among Thai HIV-infected adolescents Sequential exploratory mixed methods research.

2. Sureeporn Suwannaosod, Ph.D.(c), RN, along with Ratchneewan Ross, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, presented oral presentation Lessons Learned for a Research Study Involving Thai Adolescents with Cancer.

3. Wimonthip Phuangkhem, Ph.D.(c), MSN, RN, (right), along with Ratchneewan Ross, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, presented Quality of Life among Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence (WIPV): An Integrative Review.

4. Maya Shamailov, BSN, RN, PCCN, presented her quality project Pain Management for Medical-Surgical Patients Can Be Painless. She was one of seven to be nominated for the President’s Award.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Sureeporn Suwannaosod (center, left) celebrates her graduation with friends.

FAREWELL SUREEPORN

Hossam Alhawatmeh (front, right) is hooded by Dr. Ratchneewan Ross at graduation.

Friends gathered for a farewell party before Sureeporn (third from right) returned to Thailand in mid-May.