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DSU's Dr. Carol Sando Named Nursing Ambassador

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Dr. Carol R. Sando, assistant professor of nursing, has been recently appointed by the National League for Nursing (NLN) to serve as an NLN ambassador.

As a participant in this elite corps, Dr. Sando will help keep faculty and administration informed about the NLN?s initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops, and other benefits available to NLN member institutions.

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Dr. Carol R. Sando

?We created this selective program to make it as easy as possible for nurse faculty and nursing programs at all levels of academia to understand what the NLN has to offer to enhance professional development and status,? said NLN CEO Dr. Beverly Malone. ?At the same time, we expect the ambassadors to communicate to NLN professional staff and the board what issues and challenges are of greatest concern to nurse educators in the field so that we can maximize the effectiveness of our programming and services. The ambassadors are, in effect, the NLN?s ?eyes and ears on campus.?

Dr. Sando is a DSU assistant professor of nursing who has been with the University since the fall of 2008. A teacher of undergraduate and graduate students, her program of research includes instrument development, teaching effectiveness, simulation standards, and trends in nursing curricula. As the new NLN ambassador for DSU, she succeeds Dr. Jodi Dampeer-Moore, clinical practitioner, who served the previous four years in this capacity.

As a NLN ambassador, Dr. Sando will encourage her DSU nursing colleagues to participate in NLN professional development programs, apply for research grants, submit abstracts for the annual Education Summit and manuscripts to the NLN's peer-reviewed journal,*Nursing Education Perspectives*, volunteer for task groups and special committees, run for elected office, nominate colleagues for awards, and complete research surveys.

The NLN Ambassador Program was established in the fall of 2006 with an initial cadre of 126 members who teach in all types of nursing programs ? practical nurse, associate degree, diploma, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral. Today there are more than 700 ambassadors representing schools of nursing in 49 states plus Canada, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Dedicated to excellence in nursing, the National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education. The NLN offers professional development, networking opportunities, testing services, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its 35,000 individual and 1,200 institutional members. NLN members represent nursing education programs across the spectrum of higher education and health care organizations and agencies.

The National League of Nursing Accreditation is one of two accreditations held by the DSU Department of Nursing. The department also holds an accreditation from theCommission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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