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### Student News

Congratulations to **Ashley Parks**, FNP April 2009 graduate, who had an abstract accepted for a presentation at the Association for Nurses in AIDS Care conference in November. The title of her abstract is "HIV/AIDS Among African American Men: The role of spirituality in developing therapeutic relationships in the delivery of care by Advanced Practice Nurses".



High school students (pictured above) took blood-pressure readings under the direction of **Betsy Cambridge** of the School of Nursing. The students were on campus in July visiting various units as part of the "Rising Scholars" program organized by the Center for Educational Outreach in conjunction with Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Congratulations to current PhD student **Suzanne Begeny** and 2008 BSN graduate **Lauren Underwood**, staff member and intern (respectively) of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), for their invitation to speak with President Barack Obama at the White House to participate in an ABC News program which focused on the national healthcare reform debate. The program aired on 6/24/09. For more information about nursing's effort to shape the issues, see AACN's new [site](#).

### Kudos/Accolades

Congratulations to **Dr. Maragaret Scisney-Matlock** on her upcoming induction into the National Black Nurses Association's Institute of Excellence to honor her work around health care disparities, to improve the health status of all people and to strengthen the profession of nursing.

**Dr. Maria Katapodi** article titled: "Why some women underestimate or overestimate their breast cancer risk? Experiences, heuristics, and knowledge of risk factors" will be published in *CANCER NURSING: An international journal for cancer care*.

During the 2009 Spring/Summer semester, six second career nursing students traveled to Liberia, West Africa with **Dr. Jody Lori** for the clinical portion of their Community Care Nursing course (N422, Trudy Esch MS,RN, Course Coordinator). While in Liberia, students assessed the physical, social and cultural environments of a rural African community. Working with community members they identified a health care need and designed an interactive intervention to increase awareness of family planning methods and prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission.



The students names are (left to right pictured above): Karl Lopata, Jody Lori (faculty), Gretchen Ruczynski, Jennifer Huber, Ashley Benedict, Laura Mason, Grace Savercool.

### News

**Tsu-Yin Wu**, Director of HAAP and assistant research scientist, has been appointed to the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission for the State of Michigan. Dr. Wu was appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm by Executive Order 2009-21 to serve on the Commission for a term ending November 30, 2012. The Asian Pacific American Commission was created to develop a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan; advise the governor, the legislature and the office concerning the administration of state programs serving Asian Pacific Americans; and, to initiate and monitor programs for the betterment of Asian Pacific Americans across the state.

### Alumni Reunions - Save the Dates!

**Emeritus and All-Class Reunion:** September 24-26, 2009

**PhD Reunion:** October 16-17, 2009 at the Michigan League and UMMA.

**Young Alumni Reunion** (five years and younger): October 23-25, 2009.

For questions and to register for these events, please visit the reunion [website](#) or call the Reunion and Development Office at (734) 763-9710.

The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers were again named among the nation's best, ranking 14<sup>th</sup> overall in the annual U.S. News & World Report honor roll of "[America's Best Hospitals](#)."

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