



FNU Highlights from the
American College of Nurse-Midwives

Annual Meeting & Exposition

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The American College of Nurse-Midwives 57th Annual Meeting and Exposition took place in Long Beach, California, June 2-7. This event brought together over 1600 attendees to share knowledge and experiences and celebrate the work that midwives are doing to advance maternity and women's health care. FNU had a very strong presence at this year's event with over 100 alumni, students, faculty, staff and preceptors in attendance. Here are a few conference highlights.

[Check out the Frontier Photo Gallery from the ACNM Annual Meeting!](#)

Annual Frontier Reception Unites Over 100



Thank you to all the alumni, students, preceptors, faculty, staff and friends who joined us at the annual FNU reception. We were thrilled to have more than 100 Frontier friends and family join us for this fun night of celebration, sharing and song. Dr. Susan Stone and Dr. Suzan Ulrich led the evening by sharing words of encouragement and news of the exciting things happening at FNU; this was followed by many others taking the mic throughout the evening. This year's reception also served as the formal kickoff for the "1,000 for a \$1,000" campaign, which aims to secure commitments from 1,000 faculty, alumni, students and preceptors to support our mission by pledging or donating \$1,000 each toward the FNU Endowment Campaign.



Faculty Members Dr. Robin Jordan and Dr. Kathryn Osborne Inducted as ACNM Fellows



Dr. Robin Jordan and Dr. Kathryn Osborne were inducted as ACNM Fellows yesterday during the Opening General Session. Fellowship in ACNM is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated

leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside of the midwifery profession. Since the ACNM Fellowship Program was established in 1994, 227 CNMs and CMs have been inducted as Fellows. Dr. Jordan and Dr. Osborne were among seven new Fellows inducted this year. Congratulations to both on this prestigious honor!

Promoting the New Pioneer Book

Dr. Anne Cockerham was on-site signing her new book, *"Rooted in the Mountains, Reaching to the World: Stories of Nursing and Midwifery at Kentucky's Frontier School, 1939-1989."* This book, which captures the unique and exciting experiences of Frontier students during the first fifty years, was a hit at the conference. Thirty-five Books were sold and signed at the FNU exhibit booth and reception and more were sold at the ACNM Bookstore where Dr. Cockerham secured two separate book signing sessions.



Faculty Member Dr. Julie Paul Wins Best Poster Award



FNU faculty member Dr. Julie Paul won the Best Poster Award. Her poster, titled "A Collaborative Approach to Improving Patient Satisfaction and Length of Stay Time on an Obstetrical Triage Unit Utilizing Nurse-Midwives," resulted from her DNP capstone work at Frontier. Dr. Paul, a member of Frontier's DNP Class 4, found through her research that using a CNM-managed care model in an obstetrical triage unit in Massachusetts reduced lengths of stay for patients and increased their satisfaction. Dr. Robin Jordan served as chair of the capstone project. Congratulations Dr. Paul!

Faculty Member Dr. Anne Cockerham Wins Excellence in Teaching Award

The A.C.N.M Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award honors one teacher in every accredited education program each year. Dr. Anne Cockerham was selected by FNU students as this year's FNU recipient, and was honored during an award presentation at the annual ACNM Midwifery Celebration Party. Congratulations Dr. Cockerham!

FNU Graduate Kendra Adkisson Creates Video for Opening Session



A special video created by FNU nurse-midwifery alumna Kendra Adkisson debuted at the Opening General Session. The video, commissioned specially for the conference, was met with wild laughter and applause. Holly Powell Kennedy, ACNM President and a Frontier alumna, called Kendra to the stage, where she

was met with cheers for her creative efforts. An edited version of the video was shown at the conference.

[View the full version here.](#)

Honoring our Preceptors



Marsha and Alice have been precepting our students for many years, and we cannot thank them - and the many other preceptors who share their time and expertise with our students - nearly enough.

Certified nurse-midwives Alice Bailes and Marsha Jackson of BirthCare & Women's Health in Alexandria, Va., were honored as FNU Preceptors of the Year at Frontier's annual alumni reception which attracted over 100 attendees.

PRIDE Students Represent FNU

We were thrilled to see several of our PRIDE students in attendance at the ACNM Annual Meeting.

We were also pleased to have the opportunity to send two of our PRIDE nurse-midwifery students to the conference with registration and travel expenses paid. Lashaan Everett and Kathleen Heintzelman were selected as winners of the PRIDE Ambassador Essay Contest and were awarded with the trip to Long Beach. The students were asked to create a video diary of their conference experience, help out at the FNU exhibit booth, and attend the Frontier reception and the ACNM Midwives of Color Committee Reception. Congratulations to these PRIDE Ambassadors!



High Traffic at Exhibit Booth

The FNU exhibit booth was once again a busy place to be for the three days the expo hall was open. Staff members Brittney Edwards, Kimberly Trammell and Kelli Patrick staffed the exhibit booth and handed out ribbons and buttons to all alumni, students, faculty and preceptors to proudly tout the FNU name. Many

attendees stopped by the booth to learn more about FNU's programs and to check out the mini gift shop. Children's items such as t-shirts with "My Mom is a Nurse-Midwife" and onesies with "A Nurse-Midwife Helped Me Out" brought in almost \$800 in gift shop sales.



AABC Receives Partner Organization Award

The American Association of Birth Centers received the Exemplary Partner Organization Award which honors an ACNM organization partner that has aided in the development and practice of midwifery. Congratulations to AABC!

Two FNU Alumni Honored with Book of the Year Award

The ACNM Book of the Year Award was presented to *Women's Gynecologic Health, Second Edition*. The two authors are FNU alumni Dr. Kerri Durnell Schuiling and Dr. Frances E. Likis.

Thanks to all FNU faculty, staff, students, alumni, preceptors and friends for another great ACNM experience!



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