**FNU Students Unite to Focus on Diversity and Leadership**

**Media Release – For immediate release**  
**Contact 859-253-3637, ext. 5015**

May 25, 2012 - Hyden, KY - Frontier Nursing University hosted its second annual Diversity Impact Weekend on its historical Hyden, Ky campus, May 18-20. This event brought together nurse-midwifery students, nurse practitioner students and alumni for fellowship, networking and discussion focused on diversity and leadership. This event was established as part of FNU's PRIDE Program (Promoting Recruitment and Retention to Increase Diversity in Nurse-Midwifery and Nurse Practitioner Education). The ultimate goal of the PRIDE program is to recruit and retain qualified underrepresented students for graduate nursing and midwifery education who will meet the healthcare demands of an increasingly diverse population.

The Diversity Impact Weekend united FNU faculty, staff and twenty students and alumni from across the United States to explore topics relevant to the importance of leadership and increasing diversity in the nursing and midwifery workforce. Travel stipends were provided to all attendees through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Rumay Alexander, EdD, RN, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill presented the event’s keynote presentation, *Different Worlds…Same Space*. A session titled *Race Matters* was presented by Carol Taylor, MSW, Program Director for Comprehensive Family Services, at the University of Kentucky in addition to several other diversity and leadership focused sessions. Students and alumni also had the opportunity to present their own topics related to cultural beliefs and health issues in specific demographics.

Through the PRIDE program and events like Diversity Impact Weekend, FNU continues to demonstrate its commitment to achieving greater diversity among its student body and within the nursing workforce. Promoting diversity is an integral part of FNU’s mission to educate nurses to become competent, entrepreneurial, ethical and compassionate nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners. “It is truly eye-opening and rewarding to see students from so many different backgrounds and cultures unite and share their perspectives and beliefs in an encouraging, open-minded environment,” said Kimberly Trammell, PRIDE Program Coordinator.

For more information on this event, please visit [www.frontier.edu/diversityimpact](http://www.frontier.edu/diversityimpact) or contact Brittney Edwards, marketing coordinator, at 859-253-3637 ext. 5015.

---

*This project is supported by funds from the Division of Nursing (DN), Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under grant D09HP07973, Advanced Education Nursing Grants for $1,034,265. The information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any official endorsement be inferred by, the DN, BHP, HRSA, DHHS, or the US Government.*