Spencerian welcomes new Dean of Nursing: Dr. Marilyn Musacchio

Dr. Marilyn Musacchio recently joined Spencerian College as the new Dean of Nursing Education. Dr. Musacchio is responsible for the overall nursing education coordination of all nursing programs and will be working very closely with the Director of the Practical Nursing Diploma and Associate Degree Nursing programs.

Extensive experience

Dr. Musacchio joined Spencerian from Aquinas College in Tennessee where she was Director of the Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs. Prior to Aquinas, she was Chair at Spalding University in Louisville, Dean and Professor for Tennessee Technological University School of Nursing, and Professor in Nursing at University of Alabama at Birmingham and University of Kentucky.

Prestigious military background

Her distinguished career also includes more than 25 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve, including an appointment as a Brigadier General. Her numerous awards include the highest award for recognition of professional accomplishment in the Army medical department awarded by the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army. She was also inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Less than 1,600 of the 2.5 million nurses in the United States have been selected by nursing peers. She is one of two nurses; she was the first, from the College of Nursing to be inducted in the University of Kentucky Hall of Fame.

In addition to her responsibilities at the Spencerian-Louisville campus, she is Dean of the Nursing Education for The Sullivan University System. She will be heading up the development of a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing degree programs at Sullivan University and a Practical Nursing diploma program at our branch campus in Lexington.

Radiology Instructor Jamie Partin was selected “Most School Spirit” by Kentucky Monthly magazine, August 2009

When it comes to school spirit, Jamie Partin is at the top of the pyramid. Her passion as a student for the Spencerian College community impressed the faculty and staff so much that she was invited to teach radiology classes for her alma mater after she graduated from the Radiologic Technology Program.

“Whether it’s a dress-down day or a carnival to benefit a charity, Jamie is the go-to girl,” wrote one of Partin’s colleagues. “She turned raising money for breast cancer awareness into a fun competition between the different programs and got everyone involved. She helped the senior radiology class design T-shirts to raise money for charity and took over supervision of several bulletin boards that support and endorse our school and its students. Jamie is very fun-loving and enthusiastic, and her attitude is contagious.”

Instructor Jamie Partin and friend!

Alum’s family gives Spencerian historic radiology equipment

Radiology Instructor Boyd Porowski, was contacted by the Radiation Health Branch, a division of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, to act as a consultant when Mrs. J. Ann Owen of Owensboro wanted to donate radiology equipment collected by her late husband. Boyd traveled to Owensboro to inspect the equipment, which turned out to be a 1928 dental unit and a 1952 MASH unit (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital). Amazingly, both of these are in working order.

Mrs. Owen agreed to donate the equipment to Spencerian College in memory of her late husband. “What an advantage our students will have being able to visualize radiology in its early stages, compared with the current technology,” Porowski said. Spencerian’s Radiology department plans to display these pieces of historical equipment so that students can observe how radiology has progressed from small, portable units to scanners, MRI, and the latest digital equipment housed in Spencerian’s radiology lab.

While on site in Owensboro, Boyd met Mrs. Owen’s son, Rick, a graduate of Spencerian’s Invasive Cardiology Technology program who is now working at Norton Kosair Hospital in the cath lab.

Read an update on Rick’s career on page 7.