

[Five questions for Susan Clarke](#)[1]

Susan Clarke

A new addition to the Residential Academic Programs (RAPs) at the University of Colorado Boulder opened to students this fall at Williams Village North. SEEDS (Social Entrepreneurship, Equitable Development, Sustainability) allows students a more intimate educational experience. [Susan Clarke](#)[3], who has been at CU since 1984 and is a professor in the Political Science Department, is the faculty director of SEEDS.

There are 12 RAPs at CU-Boulder, including a partner to SEEDS at Williams Village North called Sustainable by Design (SbD).

Even though the first students in SEEDS arrived just last month, the beginnings of the program go back about five years ago when a group of faculty, grad students and undergrads were awarded a grant by the Graduate School to support research on social entrepreneurship in non-Western settings, specifically Kenya and Nepal. The work, said Clarke, came to the attention of the Ashoka Foundation and led to CU being designated an Ashoka “Changemaker Campus” in 2009. That coincided with CU-Boulder’s interest in opening two new RAPs in the new Williams Village North residence hall. The research group, along with a faculty group working on a campuswide sustainability initiative, developed the SEEDS RAP proposal.

Clarke teaches political science courses and also is responsible for curriculum development and teaching at SEEDS. At one time, she says, she was a bit ambivalent about an academic career.

“I finally understood this was the right choice for me when I realized how much satisfaction I got from working with graduate students and undergraduates,” she says. “I’m an active researcher and love doing field work on local politics but, in the long run, your students are your legacy.”

**1. How do RAP classes differ from others on campus?**

RAPs offer small classes (18-20 students) right in the residence hall where the students live. By providing a small college experience where freshmen get to know faculty and students sharing their interests, RAPs offer a means for navigating a very large campus. SEEDS and SbD are lucky to have a faculty in residence, Professor Matt Jelacic from the College of Architecture and Planning, who lives at Williams Village North and teaches there as well. Another innovative feature is that we have five graduate teaching resident advisers who live in the hall with the students, work with them in class, and are available for tutoring. RAPs are thematic: In Spring 2012, for example, Professor Susan Kent will be offering a Western civilization class that will be taught with an emphasis on sustainability and environmental history.

**2. Besides the location of study, what makes SEEDS unique?**

The introductory course at SEEDS (shared by SbD), called Social Innovation and Sustainable Communities, is interdisciplinary and problem-oriented. Our RAP faculty and students come from several different disciplines and colleges; in the introductory course, students work together in teams on projects demanding knowledge about sustainability, design and innovation processes. With its emphasis on real-world solutions, SEEDS students consider the social, political and economic context of problem-solving initiatives in the areas of sustainability, hunger, poverty and other complex issues. Our goal is to provide a fuller understanding of sustainability initiatives by emphasizing the importance of context and values in shaping the effectiveness of sustainability initiatives. The course focus is on problem-solving: Although there are lectures and readings as in any other course, at least 50 percent of the student time is spent working collaboratively to apply and share the knowledge and skills needed.

**3. Why do you believe sustainability is so important?**

We actually take a critical approach to thinking about sustainability and we define it broadly to include economic, social and cultural sustainability as well as environmental concerns. Innovation, design and sustainability are the key

concepts framing our program. In contrast to a narrow, technical, rationalist approach to sustainability, we emphasize innovation and creativity as well as the concrete skills needed to address problems in contemporary society. In the absence of a coherent national sustainability agenda, state and local governments initiate many of the most interesting and effective sustainability strategies so our community focus is well-placed.

#### **4. What are some of your current research interests?**

My research centers broadly on urban politics and policy. I'm part of an international, interdisciplinary group of scholars analyzing neighborhood regeneration strategies in Europe and North America. I'm also part of a National Academy of Sciences study group working on improving budgeting for border security. The latter project involved analyzing local strategies for implementing national border security initiatives, so I traveled – along with a CU grad student and my NAS colleagues – to several ports of entry in the Southwest to get a better understanding of how local communities adapt and carry out national policies.

#### **5. What are your favorite activities outside the university environment?**

I like to garden, but I live at 7,000 feet so it is challenging. My family lives in Colorado, Montana and Oregon, so I'm lucky to be able to spend fun time with them, especially my grandnieces Isabel and Olive. This summer I started watercolor classes, something I've always enjoyed but never made enough time to do in the past. I'm working on a series I call "Still Life With Pickles." Pickles are much harder to draw than I realized!

#### [Draper named vice chancellor for strategic relations at CU-Boulder](#)[4]

Draper

**Frances Draper** has been named vice chancellor for strategic relations at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Draper currently serves as associate vice chancellor for strategic relations; her new post takes effect Oct. 1. The change elevates the position to oversight of all external and internal communications, branding, alumni activities, government and business relations, reputation management and strategic relationship development for the CU-Boulder campus. Draper will report to Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Ric Porreca.

"Frances has proven to be a consummate organizer and leader of the university's representational activities," said Chancellor Philip DiStefano. "This move will ensure that our most strategic communications and relationships are well-coordinated at the highest levels in order to advance our most important goals. It is vital at this time in CU-Boulder's history that we do this, and Frances is exactly the right person to lead these efforts."

Draper was named associate vice chancellor for strategic relations on Feb. 14. Before joining the university, she had served since 2006 as executive director of the Boulder Economic Council. She worked for General Electric in Boulder and Westminster as a vice president in business development (2004-05) and risk management (1998-2003), as well as the director of treasury and financial services (1995-97). She also spent 12 years (1982-94) at First Interstate Bank in Denver in marketing, strategic planning and financial analyst positions. From 1978-80, she served on the legislative staff of Harrison Schmidt, the junior U.S. senator from New Mexico.

Draper earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University and an MBA with an emphasis in marketing from the University of California, Berkeley.

She has served on numerous local boards, previously including Boulder Rotary and the Boulder Innovation Center, and currently including CO-LABS Inc., the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship within the Leeds School of Business at CU-Boulder, Naturally Boulder and I Have a Dream of Boulder County.

[Don't miss your opportunity for free health screening](#)[6]

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Starting Tuesday, free health screenings will be available on each University of Colorado campus as part of the Be Colorado wellness program. The health screenings are an easy, convenient, confidential way to take stock of your current health. They also offer a chance to win a new iPad 2.

**To get started:**

Go to the Be Colorado website, [www.becolorado.org](http://www.becolorado.org)[8], watch the video and read about the program. Sign up for a health screening appointment. Appointments are required and spots are limited, so sign up today. Take the online, SUCCEED health assessment when it becomes available on Oct. 3. It's also confidential and you will get a great personalized plan.

**How do I win an iPad?**

Take the health assessment to be entered into the iPad drawing. If you also participate in a health screening then you will get an additional entry.

The SUCCEED health assessment and health screenings are absolutely private and confidential. Your employer will never see your private health information; to do so would violate the federal HIPAA law. As an employer, CU only will receive de-identified, aggregate reports. The purpose of the reports will be to provide information that can help inform future health benefit design changes that better meet the health needs of our employees.

In this initial phase, the SUCCEED health assessment tool and onsite health screenings will be available to health trust-enrolled employees and retirees of the University of Colorado, University of Colorado Hospital and University Physicians Inc., i.e., those who are the primary members of UA Net, UA Net Colorado Springs, HMO Colorado, Lumenos, CU Kaiser and Medicare Primary plans.

University employees who are on the Kaiser and United Health Care plans offered by the state of Colorado are not eligible because this program is funded by the university medical plans.

[System Staff Council seeks nominees for President's Employee of the Year](#)[9]

System Staff Council is seeking nominations for the fifth annual President's Employee of the Year Award.

The 2011-2012 award will be presented to one system administration employee in recognition and appreciation of exceptional job performance. An award in the amount of \$1,000 (subject to payroll taxes) will be presented to the chosen employee at a recognition reception hosted by System Staff Council on Nov. 30.

**Nomination Information**

Any system administration classified and professional exempt staff member may be nominated for the award; however, temporary employees, student workers, university officers, the HR director and members of the recognition committee (Lori Krug, Tricia Strating, and Tracy Miles) are ineligible. Nominations are accepted from fellow staff, faculty or students who have first-hand knowledge of the nominee's performance. The nominee's supervisor must provide written approval of the nomination.

Submit a letter of nomination, and two or three additional letters supporting the nomination, electronically to HR Director Lisa Landis, [lisa.landis@cu.edu](mailto:lisa.landis@cu.edu)[10] (confirmation of receipt will follow). The total submission should not exceed six pages. Nomination letters must describe why the person deserves to receive the award.

Nominations will be accepted through **5 p.m.Friday, Sept. 30.**

[Dropping names ...](#)[11]

Abrams

Miller

**Gene Abrams**, professor in the Mathematics Department at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently was honored by the Mathematical Association of America. Abrams and Jessika Sklar of Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash., received the Carl B. Allendoerfer Award in recognition of their article "The Graph Menagerie: Abstract Algebra and the Mad Veterinarian." The Allendoerfer Awards, established in 1976, are made to authors of expository articles published in Mathematics Magazine. Allendoerfer was a distinguished University of Washington mathematician and a former president of the Mathematical Association of America. ... **Paul Miller**, professor in the College of Business at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently was named as one of America's Top 100 Most Influential People by [Accounting Today](#)[14] magazine. Miller was cited for his advocacy of accounting standards and encouragement of debate about adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards. Miller also is a columnist for Accounting Today.

[ELP Award nominations being accepted](#)[15]

The Excellence in Leadership Program (ELP) committee is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Excellence in Leadership Award. ELP is a university-sponsored leadership program that seeks to develop high-potential individuals as effective leaders.

Supported by the Office of the President, the program has been successfully completed by more than 300 university faculty, staff and CU Foundation affiliates in the past decade. The award recognizes an ELP graduate who has shown exemplary leadership at the university and who has demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas: Organization, departments or teams Projects, programs or research Fiscal management or fundraising Student instruction

**Who is eligible?** Any graduate of ELP currently working at the University of Colorado (see the [ELP alumni list](#)[16]).

**Who may nominate?** Anyone who currently works at CU and who has worked with the nominee.

**Deadline?** Wednesday, Oct. 12.

**How and where to submit?** Complete the [nomination form](#)[17] and submit by e-mail to Erin Russell, [erin.russell@cu.edu](mailto:erin.russell@cu.edu)[18].

The recipient of the award and the nominator(s) will be recognized during the Excellence in Leadership Luncheon and Lecture, set for Nov. 11 at Denver's Brown Palace Hotel.

[Celebrating excellence in learning, teaching](#)[19]

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CU President Bruce D. Benson met Friday at the Office of the President with the four most recent faculty members to join the ranks of the President's Teaching Scholars. From left: David Klaus, Ph.D., associate professor of aerospace engineering sciences, University of Colorado Boulder; Robert Feinstein, M.D., vice chairman for clinical education and evidence-based medicine integration, and professor of psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus; Benson; Eric Stade, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, University of Colorado Boulder; and Mark Earnest, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor, general internal medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus. The four were [announced in April](#)[21]. The lifetime appointment of CU President's Teaching Scholar signifies the university's highest recognition of excellence in and commitment to learning and teaching, as well as active, substantial contributions to scholarly work. (Photo by Cathy Beuten)

[Study: Oil spill's impact weighs heavy on atmosphere](#) [22]

Platform supply vessels battle the blazing remnants of the off shore oil rig Deepwater Horizon April 20, 2010

The black smoke that rose from the water's surface during controlled burns of surface oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill last year pumped more than 1 million pounds of soot pollution into the atmosphere, according to a new study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Colorado Boulder.

The study, published online this week, showed the amount of black carbon, or soot, is roughly equal to the total black carbon emissions normally released by all ships that travel the entire Gulf of Mexico during a nine-week period, said lead author Anne Perring. Perring is a scientist with the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences -- a joint research center between CU-Boulder and NOAA --and works at the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder.

Black carbon is known to degrade air quality and contribute to warming of the Earth's atmosphere. The new study, published online in Geophysical Research Letters, provides some of the most detailed observations made of black carbon sent airborne by burning surface oil.

"Scientists have wanted to know more about how much black carbon pollution comes from controlled burning and the physical and chemical properties of that pollution. Now we know a lot more," said Perring.

During the 2010 Gulf oil spill, an estimated one of every 20 barrels of spilled oil was deliberately burned off to reduce the size of surface oil slicks and minimize impacts of oil on sensitive shoreline ecosystems and marine life. In response to the spill, NOAA quickly redirected its WP-3D research aircraft to survey the atmosphere above the spill site in June.

During a flight through one of the black plumes, scientists used sophisticated instrumentation on board to characterize individual black carbon particles. NOAA's single particle soot photometer was key to making the black carbon measurements.

Black carbon is the most light-absorbing airborne particle in the atmosphere and the reason for the black color in the smoky plumes that rise from the surface oil fires. Black carbon can also cause warming of the atmosphere by absorbing light. Prolonged exposure to breathing black carbon particles from human and natural burning sources is known to cause harmful human health effects.

During the nine weeks of active surface oil burning, a total of 1.4 million to 4.6 million pounds, or 0.63 million to 2.07 million kilograms, of black carbon was released into the atmosphere of the Gulf of Mexico, the study estimated.

The study also found that the hot soot plumes from the controlled burns reached much higher into the atmosphere than ship emissions normally rise, potentially prolonging the amount of time the black carbon can remain in the atmosphere which would affect where the black carbon ends up.

The researchers also found that the average size of the black carbon particles was much larger than that emitted from other sources in the Gulf region, and that the emitted particles produced were almost all black carbon, unlike other sources such as forest fires that tend to produce other particles along with black carbon.

"The size and makeup of the black carbon particles determine how fast the particles are removed from the atmosphere by various processes, which ultimately affects their impact on climate," said Perring. Larger particles are removed from the atmosphere more quickly and thus have smaller climate impacts. And the same properties of black carbon are important for assessing human health impacts.

Finally, Perring and her colleagues found that of the oil that was burned, 4 percent of the mass was released as black carbon, an important metric rarely observed during cleanup of an oceanic oil spill, which could help guide future decision-making.

The new paper, "Characteristics of Black Carbon Aerosol from a Surface Oil Burn During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill," has 15 co-authors from the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory and from CIRES and can be found at [europa.agu.org/?view=article&uri=/journals/gl/gl1117/2011GL048356/2011GL048356.xml&t=gl.perring](http://europa.agu.org/?view=article&uri=/journals/gl/gl1117/2011GL048356/2011GL048356.xml&t=gl.perring)[24].

[The water that connects us](#)[25]

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University of Colorado faculty, staff and students involved in global health care are invited to the Global Health Connections Conference, set for Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Auraria Campus in Denver.

CU faculty are among those presenting at the conference, which aims to raise awareness of current global health topics, including the world's water and sanitation issues. Many Coloradans are working independently – through their schools, places of worship and other organizations – to improve health worldwide. This event gives them an opportunity to collaborate with one another.

The conference offers something for everyone from global health professionals to members of the community who are interested in global health. Sessions include presentations on issues such as gender and water, a panel on how to get involved in global health projects, and discussions led by Colorado-based global health community building projects.

Speakers include Andrew Romanoff from International Development Enterprises and others from local nonprofit organizations including Water for People and El Porvenir. Speakers from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and Harvard University also will be presenting.

Online registration still is open at [www.globalhealthconnections.org](http://www.globalhealthconnections.org)[27]. The first session starts at 9 a.m. and the conference continues until 4 p.m. Lunch is included.

For information on a conference booth or sponsorship, please email [info@globalhealthconnections.org](mailto:info@globalhealthconnections.org)[28].

Global Health Connections Inc. is an educational outreach 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that connects individuals in Colorado with nations around the world to engage in international fellowship and multicultural solutions to global health issues.

### [Gonzales talks War on Terror at Auraria Campus](#)[29]

Alberto Gonzales

Just two days before the 10th anniversary of 9/11, former U.S. Attorney General was on the Auraria Campus to speak to a crowd gathered in the Tivoli Turnhalle about his experiences serving in President George W. Bush's administration.

Gonzales, who was heavily involved in America's War on Terror, outlined the changing of the American presidency since the attacks. He called Osama Bin Laden's assassination "the completion of a mission started 10 years earlier."

Gonzales said Bush took "extraordinary steps on protecting our liberty." Such steps, he added, "were part of an important transformation in the goals of the government. The government went through a fundamental shift from a prosecution mindset to a prevention mindset."

Some members of the audience carried signs, donned black hoods and expressed disagreement with Gonzales and Bush administration actions that were followed by human-rights questions and allegations of torture.

Gonzales emphasized that President Bush did not give any orders to torture anyone. He explained his interpretation of international and domestic law and why he determined that they did not restrict the use of waterboarding.

Gonzales acknowledged that decisions made during his time in office were very controversial, but he believed they were beneficial.

"Were they effective in protecting Americans? Absolutely," he said. "We are safer, but we are not yet safe."

Americans must keep the War on Terror an issue of great importance, Gonzales said. The criticism does not move him from his beliefs.

"You cannot serve in these positions if you're afraid of criticism," he said. "You cannot be paralyzed by criticism."

The event was sponsored by the University of Colorado Denver Office of Student Life, Metro State College of Denver Student Activities and Community College of Denver Student Life.

### [Boulder company taking CU-Boulder cancer-screening technology to market](#)[31]

SuviCa Inc. of Boulder and the University of Colorado recently completed an exclusive license agreement for a CU drug screening technology to identify novel therapies for cancer.

The patented drug discovery tool, developed by CU-Boulder Associate Professor Tin Tin Su of the molecular, cellular and developmental biology department, uses a genetically modified *Drosophila* fruit fly model to screen for compounds effective against various types of cancer, either alone or in combination with existing therapies.

The screening technique will be used to identify new clinical candidates using a methodology that is both time-efficient and cost-effective. Because it uses a whole-animal screening model, the technique can more easily eliminate drug candidates with undesired toxicity.

“SuviCa looks forward to advancing Dr. Su’s technology in order to find better ways to treat cancer patients and to build a world-class business in the Front Range region,” said Judy Hemberger, SuviCa’s chairman and CEO.

“We are excited about the commercial possibilities for the drug screening technology developed by Dr. Su, which has already been used at CU to identify promising therapeutic candidates,” said Tom Smerdon, director of licensing and new business development at the CU Technology Transfer Office, or TTO.

SuviCa recently received funding from Colorado’s Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program, an initiative launched in 2007 by the state of Colorado’s Office of Economic Development and International Trade to provide early-stage, matching seed grants to enable the development and commercial validation of promising technologies that are licensed from Colorado research institutions.

SuviCa also has received a grant from the Internal Revenue Service through the Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Program aimed at small businesses. Current and future efforts will focus on identifying and optimizing additional lead compounds to enter into formal clinical testing.

SuviCa Inc. is an early-stage cancer drug discovery and development company co-founded by Su, who now serves as its chief science officer. Judith Hemberger, a former co-founder and COO of Boulder-based Pharmion, has joined the senior management team as chairman and CEO.

Working in close collaboration with scientists at CU-Boulder, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and Colorado State University, SuviCa is pursuing a promising discovery process based on several small molecules initially identified using its proprietary screening technology and targeted to a distinct cellular process. SuviCa researchers hope to discover and develop novel drugs used as standalone therapies or to prevent tumor recurrence following treatment with a variety of approved anti-cancer therapies.

[Magazine calls UCCS 'military friendly'](#)<sup>[32]</sup>

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G.I. Jobs magazine named the University of Colorado Colorado Springs to its 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools, an honor given to the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students. The University of Colorado Boulder and University of Colorado Denver also made the list.

This is the third year UCCS was named by the magazine to its Military Friendly Schools list.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students.

For a list of institutions selected, please visit [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012\\_list](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012_list)<sup>[34]</sup>

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list prioritize the recruitment of students with military



experience. These schools offer scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/advisory-board/>[35]

[New directors, trustees of CU Foundation elected](#)[36]

The following volunteer leaders have been elected to three-year terms as directors and trustees of the University of Colorado Foundation:

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Members of the Board of Directors have fiduciary oversight of the CU Foundation; Mary Lee Beauregard is the chair, and Carl ("Spike") Eklund is the vice chair. Members of the Board of Trustees serve as volunteer leaders of the foundation through their contributions of private support and advocacy for CU.

[Call for proposals: Accessing Higher Ground](#)[37]

Proposals are requested for Accessing Higher Ground: Accessible Media, Web and Technology Conference, set for Nov. 14-18 at the University of Colorado Boulder.

[Speaker proposal forms](#)[38] are downloadable in PDF format, and must be e-mailed back by Oct. 7.

Accessing Higher Ground draws national and international experts in the area of accessible media, universal design, best practices for Web and media design, accessible curriculum and more. This year, conference organizers are encouraging paper submissions from CU-Boulder and the other CU campuses.

To get a better sense of the scope of topics and the conference audience, visit [the conference website](#)[39]. Questions: Contact Howard Kramer, 303-492-8672 or [ahg@colorado.edu](mailto:ahg@colorado.edu)[40].

[College of Nursing hosts students from Hiroshima](#)[41]

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Strolling across the Anschutz Medical Campus, you might expect to see individuals wearing stethoscopes and scrubs. Seeing about two dozen young Japanese women wearing distinct black robes with colorful bands might cause double-takes.

The CU College of Nursing recently hosted 16 nursing students and six faculty from the Japanese Red Cross Hiroshima College of Nursing. The students who visited the college as part of an international course they take with their bachelor's degree program in Japan. CU also hopes to take its students to Japan sometime in the future.

"Colorado has a strong emphasis on evidence-based practice, quality and safety in nursing and health care," noted Kathy Magilvy, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., professor and associate dean for academic programs. "Those are landmarks for us. International students may learn about this in their classrooms, but when they come here, they see it in practice in hospitals and learn about it from our expert faculty who give lectures to the visiting students. It expands their possibilities as a nurse."

July's visit was the third time students and faculty have traveled from Hiroshima to Denver. Diane Lenfest, director of the College of Nursing International Program said these students attended an educational program consisting of presentations by college faculty, visited University of Colorado Hospital and Children's Hospital Colorado, toured the nursing school's Clinical Education Center – Skills and Simulation Labs, in Education 2, as well as CAPE and the Health Sciences Library.

The visit ended with a farewell reception where the students performed a dance in their robes.

"One of the most important things I think visiting students get from their trips here is exposure to a variety of types of practice and settings that they may not see in their own communities and countries," Magilvy said. "They get to compare what they've been taught to a different world view. We also expose students to the possibilities of graduate education, which enforces what their professors have been telling them about the need for advanced education."

These visits are a two-way street, Magilvy said. "I also believe that having them here is good for us. During conversations over lunch, in a lecture or during a tour, we learn about nursing practice and education in other countries. We get from them an exposure to global nursing and sharing of cultures."

The visit represents a larger professional exchange program that has been in place for the past decade and has been developed and managed by the college's International Program. Lenfest has worked since 2000 to expand cooperative (exchange) agreements for the college with numerous international nursing schools that have brought many of their students and faculty for visits. The College of Nursing hopes that some of the visiting students will return one day as students in one of our graduate degree programs.

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