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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to let you know about a change in leadership within the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) in Saskatoon.



Marian Morrissey

Marian Morrissey, Program Head, NEPS, Kelsey Campus, who has provided exemplary leadership at SIAST for eight years, is resigning from her position at the end of June 2009.

Marian has provided outstanding service to SIAST, the Nursing Division, and the NEPS as an innovative leader, role model, and change agent. Her inspirational leadership resulted in a student-focused approach, delivery of high quality education, mentorship of new faculty, and a dramatic increase in scholarship development. Her great sense of optimism and enthusiasm contributed to the leadership of the SIAST Nursing Division.

Marian has a rich and diverse background with Saskatoon Health Region where she worked as an operating room staff nurse, clinical nurse educator, and manager of materials management. As a NEPS faculty member, Marian was recognized for her team work, collegiality, and commitment to student success.

I congratulate Marian on her distinguished career and thank her for her invaluable contribution to SIAST and the advancement of the nursing profession. I am delighted that we will continue to benefit from Marian's leadership and expertise as she assumes a part-time faculty position.



Chris Barlow

I am very pleased to congratulate Chris Barlow on her appointment as Program Head, Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) Kelsey Campus effective June 30, 2009.

Chris has provided innovative leadership as Program Head of the NEPS Second Degree Entry Option (SDEO) during this past year. She has successfully undertaken innovative initiatives such as the Adjunct Clinical Instructor initiative and use of technology in the clinical setting.

Prior to becoming program head, Chris was a faculty member with NEPS and with the NEPS Second Degree Entry Option since the program began in 2005. With her passion for teaching excellence and her commitment to quality education, Chris was one of the first group of faculty to establish the new SDEO program. Chris is the chair of the NEPS Administrative Committee and former Co-chair of the NEPS Curriculum Committee. Prior to working at SIAST, Chris was employed for over 20 years in acute care as a registered nurse in the Saskatoon Health Region. She was a pioneering member of the nurse led Neonatal Transport Team at Royal University Hospital.

Please join me in congratulating Marian on her distinguished career of leadership and service and in welcoming Chris to her new position of Program Head, NEPS, Kelsey Campus.

Sincerely,

Netha Dyck
Dean of Nursing