

Keys to Inclusive Leadership in Nursing

The KILN program at the William F. Connell School of Nursing, Boston College

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The Keys to Inclusive Leadership in Nursing (KILN) program prepares nursing students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses, to enter the public health nursing workforce as leaders with the inherent capacity to make a difference in local communities.

Through this newsletter, our students have an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences as they participate in activities that emphasize leadership, professional development, and community health. To read more about these activities and what the students have to say, visit bc.edu/kiln.

Recent student activities



“ It made me realize that nursing is a rewarding career because it is through **advocating for my future patients** that I will ensure rights are granted to the most vulnerable members of society. ”

Chenille Morrison on joining the Massachusetts Nurses Association to lobby in Washington, DC for a Financial Transaction Tax



“ A topic I found most meaningful to my development as a nursing professional was to be assertive. It is very common that individuals sit back and wait for opportunities to come to them, or are fearful to demonstrate what they are capable of. **Exceptional leaders take risks**, and this is what makes them good examples to others. ”

Amelia Burke on the Pinnacle Lecture Series with Karen Morin, president of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International



“ Instead of nonchalantly brushing the problem off our shoulders, Washington suggested **ways to counter the problem by simply asking why are things arranged this way.** ”

Yvonne Shih on KILN Seminar with Deborah Washington, director of Diversity Patient Care Services at MGH



“ The health fair opened my eyes to the fact that **a nurse's job is not only in a hospital and there are other settings where nurses can work.** I want to be the type of nurse who volunteers and tries to uplift the community in different ways. Whether it is offering my services at a flu clinic or teaching people how to live a healthier life, I want to positively impact communities. ”

Yesenia Japa on participating at the Back to School Jam

Recent stories from the KILN blog

Sabianca Delva, MaSNA president and **Anna Diané**, MaSNA vice president express how KILN has contributed to their professional and leadership development.



Tiffany Otto, **Sandra Dickson**, **Jennifer Etienne**, and **Nicole Joseph** comment on their experience participating in the 2011 National Black Nurses Association annual conference in Indianapolis.



Siobhan Tellez writes about her experience attending and presenting along with KILN Staff and three KILN Scholars at the 2011 Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention in Grapevine, TX.



Terry Bustos and **Stephanie Mui** inform about their Advanced Study Grant projects in the Philippines and China, respectively.



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