



Scientists Patrick Sachs and Robert Bruno, and doctorate student John Reid work on 3D printing. Interim Dean Richardean Benjamin shares a moment with IPE Day keynote speaker Sam Quinones. Dr. Muge Akpınar-Elci, director of the Center for Global Health, lectures at a Norfolk Montessori school. Former Professor George Maihafer launched a physical therapy scholarship valued at about \$1.7 million. Monarch Physical Therapy Clinic therapists work with Michael Sheffield, a patient who has donated to the clinic in appreciation of the care he has received. School of Nursing holds a 50th Anniversary event at Topgolf.



ne of Old Dominion University's most successful programs operates far from the main campus, in the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. The graduate program in nurse anesthesia teaches experienced nurses to administer anesthesia and monitor patients' responses and vital signs during surgery.

Graduates have a near-perfect record on the national certification exam, which they attribute to a demanding curriculum and laser-like attention from faculty members. That connection extends outside the classroom. The program's director, Nate Apatov, invites all students who are away from home to his house for Thanksgiving.

Old Dominion launched the program in 1995, and it moved to Virginia Beach in 2012. Here's more about it.

moved here from Oregon with her husband to attend the program. It didn't disappoint her: "I definitely got what I needed. The faculty are incredible. I could call any of them up any time I needed help." She works as a nurse anesthetist for Atlantic Anesthesia.

said faculty members are "genuinely invested in your success and getting out and being a good nurse anesthetist and providing safe care. The amount of clinical hours we're getting is a lot more than the minimum requirement" - about 700 cases, Apatov said, compared with the mandated 550.

Ninety-eight percent of ODU's students passed the CRNA national exam in the past four years, compared with a 86 percent national pass rate, Apatov said. All get jobs afterward; some get two or three offers.

Applicants must have bachelor's degrees and experience in critical care nursing. Only 16 were admitted to this year's incoming class, which will be the first to complete a doctorate, requiring a full-time 3-year course of study. Why not enroll more? Old Dominion wants to make sure class size doesn't exceed job demand. Plus, Apatov said, "we only accept students who look, smell and taste like they will succeed."

Students train on a "high-fidelity mannequin." "He literally comes to life, ml ' ¢ v -

Students enrolled in College of The Albemarle's (COA) nursing program are now eligible to pursue a bachelor's of science degree in nursing at Old Dominion University at the same time.

COA officials recently announced the college's new agreement with the university.

The agreement outlines courses, the transfer of courses between COA and ODU and the requirements for students to be concurrently enrolled in both programs.

Depending on the student and their course load, it is possible for them to graduate from COA's associate in nursing degree program, take the National Council Licensure Examination, become a registered nurse and then have their bachelor of science degree in nursing conferred after completing required courses at ODU.

The ODU program offers a rolling admission process and is very flexible based on the nursing student's individual needs.

The program is already underway and students who are currently enrolled in COA's associate degree in nursing program may take courses toward a bachelor's of science degree starting with their first semester of nursing school if they meet the ODU requirements for entry. COA officials say the partnership with ODU offers an innovative, effi



By Betsy Hnath

Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci, professor and chair of the College of Health Sciences' School of Community and Environmental Health and director of ODU's Center for Global Health, was named a 2018 Woman of Distinction by the Hampton Roads YWCA.



Every year, the Center for Global Health participates in International Education Week, an initiative originally created by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. This worldwide celebration promotes and celebrates intercultural and international educational programs. This year, the center along with the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs and the Office of Intercultural Relations sponsored a presentation titled “The Impact of Unpaid Public Work on Health and Well-Being: Partners of Senior Military Officers.” The event was held at the Webb Center and welcomed all interested students, faculty and community members in Hampton Roads.

Dr. Maria Stuttaford, an adjunct professor with the Center for Global Health, was



Upcoming Events

- February 7 Program Director's Meeting (Agenda Topic: Assessment Best Practices & Maximizing your Assessment Feedback), 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., COHS Computer Lab
- February 9 COHS Advisory Board Meeting, 8:30-11:00 a.m.,
Location: COHS Annex – Room 1008, Tour of C&EH (members only)
- February 24-26 Dental Hygiene - Winter Weekend Continuing Education
- February 19 Dean's Student Advisory Committee Luncheon, 12:00 -1:00 p.m.
Dean's Conference Room
- February 20 COHS IPE Social Justice Topical Seminar Series: "The Intersection
Between Unconscious Bias and Health"
- February 24 Scholar's Day (ODU Admissions Event)
- March 5-10