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GOOD NEWS IN TWOS Over the last few weeks, Curators Professor of Nursing Marilyn Rantz was inducted into the Institute of Medicine and co-received a multimillion-dollar research grant in senior health care. Nicholas Benner photo

BIGGEST MU GRANT EVER

Project is expected to save billions annually in senior health care costs

Marilyn Rantz has had an eventful few weeks.

She and five other MU nursing researchers secured a \$14.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Sinclair School of Nursing announced Nov. 5. The grant is the largest research award in MU history.

Three weeks earlier, Rantz, a Curators Professor of Nursing, was admitted to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), one of the highest honors in health and medicine.

"It feels pretty amazing," Rantz said at the announcement. "It happened within two minutes of each other: I got the IOM email, and then I got the email on the grant. There were a few 'Wahoos!' that went up."

According to CMS, nearly half of all hospitalizations among nursing home residents enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid could have been prevented. This would have resulted in health care savings of more than \$7 billion in 2011. The four-year grant will fund the Missouri Quality Initiative for Nursing Homes, a project aimed at reducing avoidable re-hospitalizations among nursing home residents.

"The success of this CMS project manifests the passion of Rantz and her team to develop a national model not only for care improvements, but also for huge cost savings for Medicare and Medicaid," said Judith Fitzgerald Miller, nursing school dean.

With grant support, MU will partner with CMS and state Medicaid programs at 16 nursing facilities in St. Louis.

Funds will be used in part to place an advanced practice registered nurse at each location. The nurse will work with a traveling interdisciplinary team and home staff to coordinate patient care and improve the recognition, assessment and management of conditions that lead to hospitalizations.

For more than a decade, Rantz has advocated for placement of advanced practice nurses in nursing homes because they are trained to recognize the subtle changes in behavior and health among older adults. This allows interventions before conditions worsen, Rantz said. If pneumonia and other acute infections are caught early, for instance, the conditions might be treated at the nursing home rather than a hospital.

Rantz has spent 30 years working with seniors and conducting research in long-term care and chronic illness management. She views this grant as the culmination of her work and an opportunity to continue to put research into practice.

“If there was ever a time we could really advance the care for older people in America, it’s now,” Rantz said.

“We’re going to take this grant and run with it.”

— *Kelsey Allen*

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Arts and crafts are a passionate hobby for university staffers



RUGS OF FUR Mary Licklider, founding director of the Office of Grant Writing and Publications, makes alpaca rugs. Rob Hill photo

CREATING BY MOONLIGHT

Some staffers sell their wares at businesses

It was hard this summer to be an alpaca in Missouri. With fur three times thicker than wool, the South American high-mountain creatures sweltered in the record temperatures.

But it is precisely the thickness of alpaca coats that makes them a textile asset.

Mary Licklider, founding director of the MU Office of Grant Writing and Publications, and husband Gary have 16 alpacas on their farm in Columbia. She makes hats, throw blankets, e-reader covers and other products from their coats.

Most of her time, however, is spent creating alpaca rugs with other women connected to the campus — retired medical technologist Diane Peckham and Linda Coats, an administrative assistant of Career Planning and Placement.

Indeed the University of Missouri has many talented current and retired staffers who moonlight at creating and selling arts and crafts. Those interviewed said they do it because it gives them a way to connect with others.

It's also a great way to spend time, and then some. "It's what I've been looking for my whole life," Beverly Skyles, executive staff assistant to the chair's office in psychological sciences, said of her craft.

Connecting through crafts

Mizzou's creative hobbyists tend to give few clues during work hours about their passionate hobby.

Genevieve Howard, the senior multimedia specialist at the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, knits and crochets. But you probably wouldn't know it after visiting her Gentry Hall office.

The only item that alludes to her passion is a throw blanket on a chair. Stripes of cream, brown and orange immediately catch the eye.

Howard took up knitting two years ago after her mother's death. Since her mother, Andrea Beasley, was an avid knitter, Howard decided to dedicate a month to learning knitting.

After completing a teal scarf, she was hooked.

Howard makes prayer shawls, hats, scarves, sweaters and other garments. She makes the prayer shawls for friends going through hard times or battling sickness.

"You wish them well in every stitch," she said. "They can just feel, 'Oh, somebody cared about me.' It's really just the intention behind the making of it."

Howard cites many reasons why she loves the hobby, but mostly it's the social aspect.

"It's like a hug for me," she said. "It's a way for me to connect with people like I couldn't before."

Each day, Howard tries to wear at least one item she's made. For a Halloween party in 2011, her husband dressed not as Jack the Ripper or Frankenstein but as The Husband of a Knitter. He donned scarves and hats created by his wife.

On a recent day, Beverly Skyles sat at a table in her home surrounded by a rainbow of card stock, stamps and design scraps. She uses the items to make paper art.

Three years ago, Skyles attended a workshop for Stampin' Up!, a product supplier for paper crafts. She knew immediately that this was her hobby.

Sometimes she makes paper art with friends. "You're not just sitting and stamping," Skyles said. "You talk, exchange stories and catch up on each others' lives."

Her works are given away as gifts, distributed overseas at U.S. military bases and sold in a store in Hallsville, Mo.

Feet know rugs

Knitting a shawl or creating paper art can be performed with just a few inexpensive materials. But making an alpaca rug requires shearing abilities, an expensive machine and, well, alpacas.

Licklider and her friends shear the alpacas annually between April and early June. Each creature provides five to 12 pounds of thick fiber. Alpaca fiber is run through the needles of a felt loom that weighs 800 pounds and is the size of a marimba. The rugs are sold at Missouri craft shows and online at curlyeye.com.

What's so special about alpaca rugs? Is it the durability? The color? The organic aspect of an animal rug?

"Walk on one in your bare feet," Licklider said. That's the seller.

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A ROAD LESS TRAVELED

College pays.

Studies have shown that college graduates earn substantially more over their lifetime than those who do not attend college.

But for many American teenagers whose family members never went beyond high school, pursuing higher education is a giant mental leap. They have false views about college, and their access to correct information is limited, according to a documentary shown in early November in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge. Much confusion surrounds the financial aid application process.

"This is a conversation we need to have across the campus," said DeAngela Burns-Wallace, assistant vice provost for Enrollment Management, prior to the film's screening. "What are the barriers and challenges that first-generation students face?"

First Generation was directed by Adam and Jaye Fenderson of Santa Monica, Calif. Adam is a filmmaker, and Jaye is a writer and former senior admissions officer at Columbia University. They and a four-person panel of first-generation University of Missouri students took part in a question-and-answer session following the Nov. 2 showing.

The film details the lives of four California high school students who hope to be the first in their family to attend college. But the students confront an array of barriers.

Finding support and accurate information about higher education was difficult for them. Parents of some of the teenagers thought tuition and fees had to be paid upfront for the entire education experience, or they didn't know how long it takes to earn a bachelor's.

With no reliable information at hand, the students turned to their high school advisers. But the advisers were overburdened. There is one counselor for every 800 high school students in California, the film states.

First Generation follows Cecilia, Soma, Dontay and Jess.

Cecilia of Bakersfield and Soma of Paramount come from large families with little parental oversight. Dontay is a reformed drug dealer and gang member living with his unemployed mother in Inglewood.

Jess works alongside her mother in her grandmother's diner in rural Lake Isabella. Although she maintains a 3.8 GPA, the possibility of leaving her home and family scares her.

The question-and-answer session addressed the challenges of first-generation college students. MU student panelists spoke of their struggles and successes.

Carrie McKinley is a senior psychology major with a minor in biology. She plans to pursue a PhD in cognitive science.

McKinley wished she'd had better advice about college while in high school.

"I don't remember who my high school counselor was," she told about 45 attending the event. "I personally didn't have a teacher in my corner that I can remember, either."

All four panelists spoke of the importance of a role model.

Ashlee Reece, a senior communication major from Southern California, was helped by her great aunt. “She has a PhD now, and she served in a second mother role to help me through that process,” said Reece, who plans to attend law school after graduation. “It was hard. I didn’t know anything about financial aid or deadlines.”

Panelists and the Fendersons emphasized the need to supply accurate college information to high school students.

“Students who don’t have the support at home need support coming from other places in their life, early and often,” Adam Fenderson said.

For more information on the film, visit [firstgenerationfilm.com \(http://firstgenerationfilm.com\)](http://firstgenerationfilm.com).

— Ashley Carman

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Faculty honored for their research and teaching at awards event

FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARDS

35 faculty received plaques for their 25 years of Mizzou service

Faculty praised the University of Missouri's culture of collaboration and research at the Faculty Recognition Awards Oct. 30 in Reynolds Alumni Center.

Jack Jones, Dunmire Professor of Water Quality in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences — and one of four recipients of the Curators Professorship Award — said that his 37-year MU career “has allowed me to do everything I ever wanted to do.”

Justin Dyer, assistant professor of political science — and recipient of the Provost Outstanding Junior Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award — said that the university enables “me to do research in areas that excited me in graduate school.”

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton and Provost Brian Foster hosted the evening event. Below is the list of recipients.

- Curators Professorship Award: Nancy Flournoy, statistics; Gerald Hazelbauer, biochemistry; Jack Jones, fisheries and wildlife sciences; Mian Liu, geological sciences
- President's Innovative Teaching Award: Betsy Baker, learning, teaching and curriculum
- President's Award for Cross-Cultural Engagement: Bea Gallimore, romance languages and literatures
- President's Award for Community Engagement: Clyde Ruffin, theater
- President's Award for Economic Development: Thomas Johnson, agriculture economics, MU Extension
- President's University Citizenship Award for Service: John David, biological sciences
- President's Award for MU Sustained Excellence: Grace Sun, biochemistry
- Thomas Jefferson Award: H. Carl Gerhardt, biological sciences
- Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Faculty Research & Creative Activity in the Physical & Mathematical Sciences: Ioan Kosztin, physics
- Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Faculty Research & Creative Activity in the Social & Behavioral Sciences: Amanda Rose, psychological sciences
- William H. Byler Distinguished Professor Award: Jo Stealey, art
- Provost Outstanding Junior Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award: Justin Dyer, political sciences
- Provost Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award: Kristina Aldridge, pathology and anatomical sciences; Dale Fitch, social work; Trista Strauch, animal sciences and fisheries and wildlife sciences
- Provost Leadership in International Education Award: Thomas Johnson, agricultural economics, MU Extension

- Provost Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty: David Schramm, human environmental sciences, MU Extension
- Donald W. Fancher Provost Award for Outstanding Achievement in Extension & Continuing Education: Marcia Shannon, animal sciences, MU Extension
- Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award: Undergraduate Education: Keri McBee-Black, textile and apparel management
- Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award: Graduate & Professional Education: Jill Ostrow, learning, teaching and curriculum

In addition, 35 faculty who've been with MU for 25 years were awarded plaques with framed campus artwork for their service.

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CHANGING LEADERS

Dean is credited with helping train many Missouri health workers

The dean of the School of Health Professions will retire at the end of spring semester 2013, MU officials announced Oct. 29.

Richard Oliver, the school's founding dean, has spent his entire academic career at MU. In October 2013, he will begin a two-year term as president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions.

"His dedication has been crucial as we have educated students who now care for thousands of people across the state and the nation in many health fields, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and speech therapy," Provost Brian Foster said.

"We are indebted to him for his service here at MU."

From 1978 to 1986, Oliver was program director of the Clinical Laboratory Science Program. He became director of the School of Health Professions in 1986, and was named dean in 2000.

"Rich Oliver has helped make Mizzou the world-class institution that it is today," Foster said. "He has devoted his entire career to making MU a better place for our students, faculty and employees."

Oliver is a founding member of the Missouri Health Professions Consortium, the Allied Health Research Institute and has led the School of Health Professions' participation in a student exchange program with the University of Western Cape in South Africa.

Oliver, who earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate at MU, said his university career has been "unbelievably rewarding."

"Dean Oliver leaves a legacy that goes far beyond teaching, research and service," said Hal Williamson, MU vice chancellor for health sciences.

As Oliver's university career nears its end next spring, "His leadership in health professions will continue well into the future.

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Save 40 percent off glasses

University Optical Shops is offering a 40 percent discount Nov. 12–16 on purchases of glasses by MU employees and their immediate family. Employees without university eye-care coverage still receive the discount.

Shops are located at Mason Eye Institute at University Hospital, 884-7710, and at University Optical East, 3215 Wingate Court, 884-4568.

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Veterans Week remaining events

Veterans Week winds down with the following events:

- Today: Military veteran Bryan Adams talks of becoming an MU student at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Union's Wrench Auditorium. His lecture is titled "From Soldier to Student: The Journey Back."
- Friday: The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be at noon at Memorial Tower.
- Saturday: The Veterans Day Vigil will be at 11:11 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse.
- Sunday: The Veterans Day Parade will begin at 10:20 a.m. at the Columns on Francis Quadrangle and proceed north on Eighth Street to City Hall, where a ceremony will be held.

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Get a grant for campus group

A grant program through the Parents Leadership Council, part of the MU Office of Parent Relations, assists campus groups that enhance curricular and extracurricular experiences. The fund is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative endeavors.

Applications and additional information are available at [mizzouparents.missouri.edu \(http://mizzouparents.missouri.edu\)](http://mizzouparents.missouri.edu), or by calling Laura Page at 884-9933.

Deadline to apply is Nov. 16.

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