

DID YOU KNOW? WOW!

- The UVA School of Nursing is rated among the country's top 5%, tied at 19th among 448, according to *US News & World Report*. Two of our graduate programs are ranked in their Top Ten: Psychiatric/Mental Health (#5) and Clinical Nurse Specialist –Adult/Medical Surgical (#6). Two others are among the top twenty: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (#1) and Family Nurse Practitioner (#16).
- The School's faculty members hold 20 national Academy fellowships: 13 Fellows in the American Academy of Nursing, four Fellows in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, one in Critical Care Medicine, and a Chair of the Medicine Academy of the National Academies of Practice, an equivalent honorific. This represents 31% of full time faculty or 18% of all faculty members holding this level of distinction.
- The first endowed nursing professorship in the U. S. was established here in 1928 to honor Sadie Heath Cabaniss. Dorrie Fontaine, Dean of the School, holds that chair.
- In 1928, the first baccalaureate nursing program (a BSN in Education) in the South began at UVA. The first nursing PhD program in Virginia began here in 1982. In 2008, we conferred the first DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) degree, the terminal degree for nursing clinicians – the first in the Commonwealth.
- UVA School of Nursing has become a national leader in rural health care research. In 2004, Associate Dean for Research, Madge M. Jones Professor Elizabeth Merwin, PhD, RN, FAAN, secured National Institutes of Health National Institute of Nursing Research funding to open a Rural Health Care Research Center.
- We are the first and only school of nursing in the country to be funded by the National Institute for Mental Health to create a Center in rural mental health – the Southeastern Rural Mental Health Research Center, directed by Thomas A. Saunders III Professor of Nursing Emily Hauenstein, PhD, LCP, APRN, BC.
- Professor of Nursing Ann Taylor, EdD, RN, FAAN, is founder and Director of one of the original NIH-funded centers for the study of Complementary and Alternative Therapies and the only one based in a school of nursing.
- Professor of Nursing and Director of the Doctoral Program Barbara Parker, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Professor of Nursing Richard Steeves, PhD, RN, FNP, FAAN, are conducting the only study in America on the lasting effects for children who experience the homicide of one parent by the other (uxoricide). Dr. Parker is internationally recognized as a pioneer in the study of intimate partner violence, particularly physical abuse during pregnancy.

- Professor of Nursing Suzanne Burns, RN, MSN, RRT, CCRN, ACNP-CS, FAAN, FCCM, FAANP, is nationally recognized for her clinical research in mechanical ventilation and weaning. She is the inventor of the Burns Wean Assessment Program, used in hospitals nationwide.
- Associate Professor and Faculty Affiliate, Center for Biomedical Ethics, Ann Hamric, PhD, RN, FAAN, wrote “the book” for educating advance practice nurses. She is noted for her work in ethics issues in healthcare, particularly moral distress situations that arise for health care providers.
- Professor of Nursing Arlene Keeling, PhD, RN, is nationally recognized for her post-cardiac catheterization intervention protocols, introduction of PDAs into the MSN acute care curriculum, and for her research on the history of coronary care in the U.S. Dr. Keeling is also Associate Director for the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry and Director of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and the CNS Masters/Post-Masters Tracks.
- Professor of Nursing and Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine Valentina Brashers, MD, is Vice President for Interdisciplinary Practice and Distinguished Practitioner in the Medicine Academy of the National Academies of Practice.
- Former Dean Jeanette Lancaster was the first woman to be invited to occupy a Pavilion. After 19 years as dean of the School, the street where the School’s two buildings are located was re-named in her honor to Jeanette Lancaster Way.
- The first woman named to the University’s elite Raven Society was a graduate of the School of Nursing.
- The UVA School of Nursing is proud to have 9 endowed faculty chairs, an impressive number for the size of the School.
 - **Sadie Heath Cabaniss Professorship in Nursing**
Dean, Dorrie Fontaine, RN, PhD, FAAN
 - **Madge M. Jones Professorship**
Associate Dean for Research, Elizabeth I. Merwin, PhD, RN, FAAN
 - **Betty Norman Norris Professorship in Nursing**
Director, Center for the Study of Complementary & Alternative Therapies,
Ann Gill Taylor, EdD, RN, FAAN
 - **Theresa A. Thomas Professorship in Primary Care Nursing**
Director, Doctoral Program, Barbara J. Parker, PhD, RN, FAAN
 - **University of Virginia Medical Center Professorship in Nursing**
Chair, Department of Acute & Specialty Care,
Currently vacant
 - **Malvina Yuille Boyd Professorship in Oncology Nursing**
Professor of Nursing, Patricia Hollen, PhD, RN
 - **Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Nursing**
Director, Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, and
Director, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and CNS Masters/Post-Masters Tracks
Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN
 - **Thomas A. Saunders III Family Professor of Nursing**
Director, Southeastern Rural Mental Health Research Center
Emily J. Hauenstein, PhD, RN
 - **Madeleine Higginbotham Sly Professor of Nursing**
Richard H. Steeves, PhD, RN, FNP, FAAN

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