UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE
SCHOOL OF NURSING 2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM

LOCATION: Hope Haven Conference Room
3815 N. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC

TITLE OF CONFERENCE: Opioids: What Every Nurse in Charlotte Needs to Know

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:
Note: All sessions and times are subject to change.

7:45 AM – 9:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Exhibits Open

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome
Janis Joyce (MSN ’09), President, School of Nursing Alumni Chapter
Bill Leonard, President, Atrium Health University City
Dr. Dena Evans (EDD, MSN, RN, CNE, CNL), Director, School of Nursing, UNC Charlotte

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM What Exactly is a Substance-Use Disorder? A Brain Disease or a Weakness of Will?
Dr. Christopher Griggs, MD, Emergency Physician, Atrium Health
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  What is the One Key Ingredient Nurses Need to be Effective in Treating this Population?
Connie Mele (BSN ’84, MSN ’95), Therapist, CCM Counseling & Consulting

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM  Exhibitor Break

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM  What Treatment Options Are Available in our Community?
Connie Mele (BSN ’84, MSN ’95), Therapist, CCM Counseling & Consulting
Dr. Stephen A. Wyatt, DO, Medical Director of Addiction Medicine, Atrium Health

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM  What Does the Opioid Epidemic Look Like Nationally, in our State, and in our Community?
Dr. Stephen A. Wyatt, DO, Medical Director of Addiction Medicine, Atrium Health

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM  Lunch, Award Presentation, and Exhibitor Break
The 2019 School of Nursing Alumni Chapter Distinguished Alumni Award is being presented to Michael Vaccaro, current Senior Vice President of Nursing at Novant Health. Mr. Vaccaro graduated from UNC Charlotte in 1997 with a B.S. in Nursing.

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM  Panel Discussion: Our Community Impact
Moderator:
Connie Mele (BSN ’84, MSN ’95), Therapist, CCM Counseling & Consulting

Panelists:
Captain Nathan King, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
Patricia Dowbiggin (MPH ’19), Medic, Mecklenburg EMS Agency
Dr. Christopher Griggs, MD, Emergency Physician, Atrium Health
Dr. Tom Owens, MD, Chief Medical Examiner, Mecklenburg County
Janeanne Gonzales, Treatment Court Administrator, Mecklenburg County
Betsey Ragone, Founder, Michael’s Voice

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM  Exhibitor Break

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM  Nurse Recovery Presentation

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM  Evaluation, Drawings for Door Prizes, and Conclusion