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

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  Exhibitor Break

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM  Welcome
Janis Joyce ('09), President, School of Nursing Alumni Chapter
Dr. Dena Evans (EDD, MSN, RN, CNE, CNL), Director, School of Nursing and Associate Professor, College of Health and Human Services at UNC Charlotte
Bill Leonard, President, Carolinas HealthCare System University

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

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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 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, Exhibitor Break, and Award Presentation  
The 2019 School of Nursing Alumni Chapter Distinguished Alumni Award is being presented to Michael Vaccaro, current Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for the Greater Charlotte Market at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. Mr. Vaccaro is a 49er alum, graduating from UNC Charlotte in 1997 with a B.S. in Nursing.

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM  Panel Discussion—Our Community Impact  
Captain Nathan King, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department  
Patricia Dowbiggin (’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