Research Infrastructure

In 2016, College faculty significantly exceeded goals to increase proposal submissions and funding.

- A total of 54 sponsored project proposals requesting $29,298,949 were submitted resulting in funding totaling $4,489,518.
- External research grant funding totaled $3,952,360.
- Of 34 submissions, 6 grants were funded in amounts ranging from $104,000 to $2.8 million.
- Internal research grant funding totaled $206,202.

Sponsored projects summary data for FY 2016 were as follows:

- Proposals Submitted – 54
- New Dollars Requested – $29,298,949
- New Dollars Awarded – $4,489,518
- Total Direct Costs – $3,049,801
- Total Indirect Costs – $623,569
- Total Funded Projects in Dollars – $9,611,060
- Projects Active in FY 2016 – 45
- Faculty Receiving Awards – 25
- Sponsors – 28

All workforce trends indicate that our programs will be in high demand over the next decade with the aging of the population, the shift from acute to chronic care and primary prevention and the continued morphing of the healthcare system to increase access while cutting costs.
The Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services of Drexel University

A November 2015 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the expansion of the “Miracle on 11th Street.” Thanks to the generosity of The Sheller Family Foundation, co-founded by Drexel University Trustee Stephen and his wife, Sandra Sheller ’04/’05, this nationally-recognized model of nurse-led care, doubled in size to 34,000 square feet thanks to a new, two-story wing and connector passageway between the new and existing structures. Now community members can participate in art, music and dance movement therapies and exercise in a fitness center. They can receive nutritional support and education, dental services, physical therapy and primary care.

Professor and Dean Emerita Gloria F. Donnelly, PhD, RN, FAAN, FCPP

After accomplishing her goal of moving all faculty, staff and operations for the College into Three Parkway in February 2016, Dean Donnelly announced plans to step down from the Deanship. Susan Smith, PT, PhD, was appointed Interim Dean. Faculty, staff and friends attended a tribute on her behalf on August 18 at the Academy of Natural Sciences at which a formal portrait, a gift from all, was unveiled.

We’re Here Because We Care

Since September 2015, when Loretta Sweet Jemmott, RN, PhD, vice president for Health and Health Equity and professor, joined Drexel University and the College, she has been leading an initiative to identify and address health and wellness concerns within the West Philadelphia Promise Zone and to design evidenced-based, sustainable initiatives to meet the community’s needs, promote health and prevent diseases. Titled, “We’re Here Because We Care: Building Healthy Communities Together”, the initiative’s goal is to implement community-driven, sustainable programs to improve health outcomes.

Mother-Baby Connections

Mother-Baby Connections is one of only a few intensive outpatient clinics of its kind in the United States, and the only one in the mid-Atlantic region. Unlike many other postpartum mental health clinics, the Drexel program emphasizes the mother’s relationships with her baby and partner, and encourages moms to bring their infants to therapy. Babysitting is provided for infants when moms need to participate in other activities. Bobbie Posmontier, PhD, CNM, PMHNP serves as the multidisciplinary program lead at the College.

The Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions’ performance in 2015-16 was productive on all fronts including:

- Enrollment
- Practice Initiatives, and
- Research projections

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