

Project BEYOND-2

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Project BEYOND-2 is Growing! Featuring Our New Staff:



Our new Mentor/Advisor Specialist, Carmella Castro! Carmella is a MUCN '06 grad!



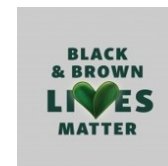
Our new Nurse Tutor Specialist, Rachel Rapala. Rachel is a MUCN '18 grad!



Our new Partnership Nurse Liaison, Crissy Tud. Crissy is a '14 MUCN grad!

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

— Martin Luther King Jr



New Eldercare Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant

Marquette University's College of Nursing is excited to lead the Growing Diversity for Nurses & Campus Community, Nursing Workforce Diversity – Eldercare Enhancement (NWD-E2) project; grant number D19HP3978, in partnership with the Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center, the Milwaukee Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center, VA Clinic Network, and the VA Home Based Primary Care program.

This new project builds on Marquette University's established and highly regarded Nursing Workforce Diversity project (HRSA grant number D19HP3978, *Growing Diversity for Nurses & Campus Community*).



Stacy L. Barnes, PhD
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"We are excited about this new opportunity for nursing students. Participants will not only receive scholarship money and additional training in geriatrics, but they will also gain an edge in the job market compared to their peers. All this will be accomplished without any extension to their anticipated graduation date. It is truly an incredible opportunity for these students." — Stacy Barnes, PhD

"Because of longer life expectancies and an aging population, occupations related to eldercare are projected to be among the fastest growing in the economy over the next decade. Nurses who are capable of caring for complex geriatric patients are in high demand, especially in rural communities where health disparities exist related to access and delivery of care."

— Stacy Barnes, PhD

MUSG Nursing Student Elects

Congratulations to Evelia Guerrero and Elizabeth Murillo for being the first nursing students to be elected as Marquette University Student

Government (MUSG) President and Executive Vice President!

They are also the first ever all Latina ticket to win!

Evelia and Elizabeth are both senior nursing students and have been involved in Project BEYOND-2 since their enrollment as freshmen. They are dedicated and conscientious leaders.

We are so proud of their leadership and accomplishments!



“We recognize that each Marquette student experience is unique, but that doesn’t mean their story isn’t any less worthy of being heard over another — each student at Marquette deserves to feel like they belong on our campus.”

— Elizabeth



“We want students to feel like they are connected to campus and Milwaukee as a whole, we want to lean into tough conversations, and make sure that historically underrepresented groups on campus feel support from Marquette about their backgrounds (and) identities”

— Elizabeth

“Elizabeth and I have spent our years on campus being intentional about listening to student stories and pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones. When we ran, we saw so much support from our friends and peers that winning reminded us how important it is to have individuals who are truly passionate about change in office.”

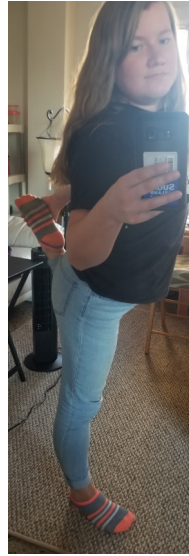
—Evelia

Getting Creative with Virtual Structured Sessions

Due to the Covid-related restraints put on gathering in person this semester, Project BEYOND-2 had to get creative with our Structured Sessions. Activities included: virtual yoga and painting for stress relief, virtual TEDTalk viewing and group discussion, as well as virtual group discussions led by group leaders where students shared their experiences and perspectives regarding the challenging times our world and nation are facing. We are proud of our students' resilience!



Freshman Ana Aguilar demonstrating a yoga pose for her



Senior Lauren Klees posing for her group



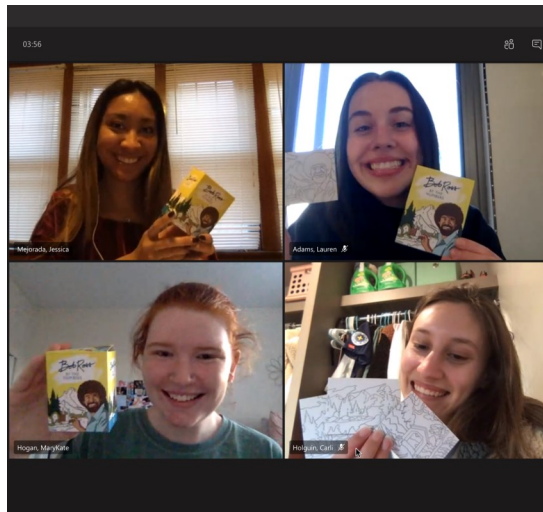
Sophomore Lelana Murry sharing some yoga fun with her Virtual Covid Circle Group



Drawing by sophomore PB2 student Lelana Murry.

"We appreciate flowers, but forget the designer behind them. Tapping into my faith and spirituality is what helps me get through difficult times, especially with a semester like this during the Covid times."

— Sophomore Lelana Murry



Virtual Painting Session!

Pictured starting from top left: Senior Jessica Mejorada, Sophomore Lauren Adams, Junior MaryKate Hogan, and Sophomore Carli Holguin