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Beyond the Hospital: 70 Years of Education, Innovation and Impact

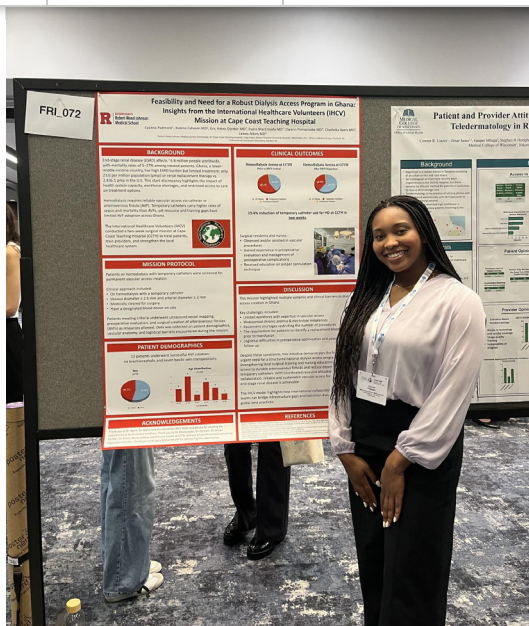
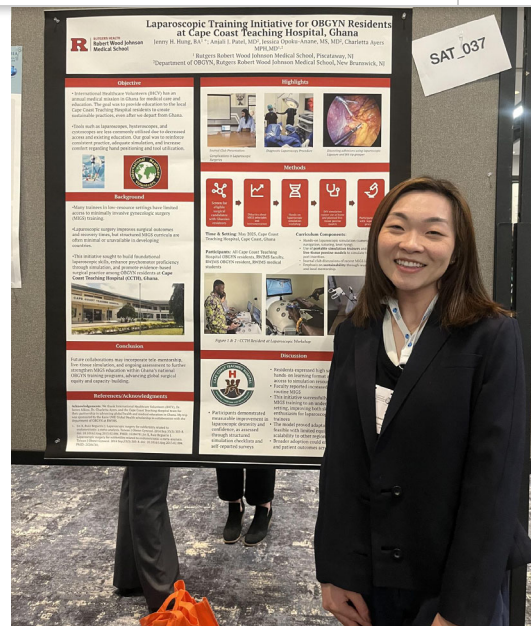


From left to right: Kyle D. Warren, Dean Angela Starkweather, and Dr. Leorey Saligan. Photo courtesy of the School of Nursing.

This past month we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to meet with Dean Angela Starkweather and learn more about the School of Nursing as the school is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. We discussed her career path, the school's mission, its community and global partnerships, and its priorities for the future.

Learn more about Dean Angela Starkweather, her career and how the School of Nursing is preparing future nurses to address increasingly complex health challenges here: [Beyond the Hospital: 70 Years of Education, Innovation and Impact](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Medical Students Present Posters at Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) 2026 Annual Conference



Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Students, Cyanna Padmore (left) and Jenny Hung (right) had the chance to present their posters at this year's Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) conference.

Feasibility and Need for a Robust Dialysis Access Program in Ghana: Insights from the International Healthcare Volunteers (IHCV) Mission at Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (Cyanna Padmore):

In 2025, International Health Care Volunteers (IHCV) partnered with Cape Coast Teaching Hospital in Ghana to expand access to life-sustaining dialysis care. Through a two-week vascular surgery initiative, the team performed arteriovenous fistula procedures, helping patients transition away from temporary dialysis catheters and toward safer, more sustainable vascular access.

Laparoscopic Training Initiative for OBGYN Residents at Cape Coast Teaching Hospital, Ghana (Jenny Hung): During an August 2025 medical mission to Cape Coast Ghana, a 2-week curriculum about minimally invasive gynecologic procedures was run through journal club meetings, hands-on laparoscopy practice, culminating in application of laparoscopy technique at the end of the trip, providing diagnostic laparoscopy to patients who were unable to access this procedure. The goal is to promote laparoscopy skill integration and provide opportunities to practice minimally invasive technique.

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's Annual Global Health Fair: Call For Posters

ANNUAL GLOBAL HEALTH FAIR CALL FOR POSTERS

**Have you participated in a Global Health experience?
Interested in presenting a poster about your research or experience?**

**Faculty, residents, students, and staff from Rutgers Health are invited to
showcase their experience via Posters.**

RWJMS & NJMS Students: We will print your posters for you!

Please submit your abstract and poster by November 2, 2026.

Email globalhealth@rwjms.rutgers.edu for the submission process.

All others: To submit an abstract or for queries, please contact the Office of Global Health at
848-932-0233 or via email at globalhealth@rwjms.rutgers.edu.

Abstracts Due November 2, 2026

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 | 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**The HELIX, 5th Floor
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Other Announcements:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15 through October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions, history, and culture of Hispanic and Latino communities. The Intercultural Resource Center is hosting a variety of events. More information about these events can be found here: <https://studentaffairs.newark.rutgers.edu/campus-life-events/intercultural-resource-center/latine-hispanic-heritage-month-2026>

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