

Women of Power

For the next several weeks the Dayton Weekly News will recognize many of Dayton's community outstanding African American females whose contributions are making a difference in our everyday lives.

Deleise Wilson, PhD, RN: Director Professor Division of Nursing at Kettering College



Dr. Deleise Wilson

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Nursing is not just an Art, it has a heart, Nursing is not just a SCIENCE, but it has a conSCIENCE.- Anonymous

Our woman of power is Deleise Wilson, born in Guyana where she completed all of her elementary and high school education. From there she went to Jamaica West Indies at the Northern Caribbean University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Continuing her education, she earned a Master's of Arts in Nursing Education at Columbia University in New

York City. This educational pursuit found her working for her Doctorate in Nursing at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor followed by Post Doctorate Fellowship in Health Systems and Effectiveness Science at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Wilson did a year working as an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan before she assumed her current position as Director of the Division of Nursing at Kettering College.

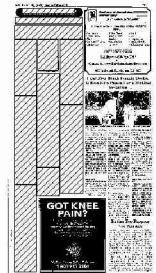
When asked if she always knew what she would be doing career wise, her answer was an immediate – “Oh Yes” followed by sharing this. “Once I did my undergrad training in nursing my final year, we had a class entitled Teaching and Nursing and once I took that class, I knew that I wanted to become a nurse educator. It really was a straight line for me, but I asked my dean where should I go to become a nurse educator and she told me the best place to go so I integrated to the United

States in 1986.

During this time, Mrs. Wilson always worked as a nurse. Her critical background included a pediatric critical care nurse and worked in critical care at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York; also at University of Michigan's Children's Hospital. She also worked for some years in California at Loma Linda University. Here she worked as a staff nurse in pediatric ICU and also on the faculty at Loma Linda University.

Deleise spoke about the interest that she had always had in terms of teaching. She said, “It was always fascinating. My teaching philosophy which motivated me from the beginning was that I always like to see the light bulb go in student's eyes. You can tell the moment when they connect to what you are saying and the concept you are trying to teach them, so this just gives me great satisfaction every time.”

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has been at Kettering College since August of 2015, and shared that there are many exciting things happening at Kettering College. According to Deleise, "Next year will be our fiftieth anniversary since the college has been opened since 1967. Originally it was an Associate Degree Nursing program and in 2012, we transitioned to a Bachelor's of Science Nursing program. The emphasis now is we are hoping to take it to the next level where we will start offering graduate level nursing from the Master's up to the Doctorate level."

It was evident that the entire subject of nursing is a passion for Deleise Wilson. She offered much information from sharing the three prongs of nursing to the plans and growth for the future. These three prongs include: education, clinical practice and research. Deleise has always had a successful career in nursing as a pediatric clinical care nurse and has been trained and worked consistently since 1996 as a nurse educator. Although she has worked full-time as a nurse, this is her first time being in a leadership

position for a college.

While at the University of Michigan, the whole thrust of being there from 2006-2015, was geared toward developing her research career. In her current position, she is able to do all three of the prongs at a leadership level, so she is hopeful to develop a strong research portfolio. Realizing that health care is extremely dynamic through experiencing change and trying to emphasize the importance of research is sometimes seen as not being the right fit.

The extensive training and experience for Deleise is impressive to say the least. Her certification and Licensure include Registered Nurse for the State of Michigan through March of 2017; State of California, current through February of 2017 and the State of Ohio, current through August of 2016.

She is the recipient of honors and awards such as a New investigator's award from the University of Michigan and membership in professional societies are numerous and include such associations as the University of Michigan, Doctoral Stu-

dent Association and the American Nursing Association to name a few. Mrs. Wilson is further involved with committees, organizational and volunteer service as well as seminars and extramural invited presentations.

According to Deleise, "Kettering College is experiencing lots of successes in the undergrad program; trying innovative teaching techniques and recently introducing the Flip Classroom where the students are engaged in preparation of the lesson by teaching their peers."

A lover of reading and hiking as well as youth activities, Deleise is married to Dr. Colwick Wilson, the Director for the Innovation and Research Center at Kettering Health Network. The couple are parents of Chidinma who is a sophomore in college and Corliss, a senior in high school.

Dr. Wilson is the epitome of a quote by Terri Guillemets, a quotation anthologist and author which reads, "*A Nurse will always give us hope-an angel with a stethoscope.*"