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Millers Invest in Long-term Leadership

When Burlington philanthropists Holly and Bob Miller invest in endowed faculty positions at UVM, they ultimately are investing in patient care and improved health for communities across Vermont and beyond.

Endowed faculty positions recognize both exceptional achievement and the potential for future accomplishment. In medicine, they are traditionally awarded to scientists and clinicians who demonstrate extraordinary scholarship in advancing human health.

In 2016, Robert Gramling, MD, DSc, became the inaugural Holly and Bob Miller Chair in Palliative Medicine and chief of the new Division of Palliative Medicine. Last year, the Millers endowed two additional faculty positions at UVM: the Miller Chair in Memory and Aging at the Larner College of Medicine

Miller Chair holders Robert Gramling, MD, DSc, Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH and Rosemary Dale, EdD, APRN with Bob and Holly Miller.

and the Miller Professor in Nursing Leadership at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, and Rosemary Dale, EdD, APRN, are the inaugural holders, respectively.

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The positions, he continued, “signify that the problems they are trying to solve, the teaching they are delivering and the changes they are trying to make in the world are important and are worthy of their effort, the University’s investment, and society’s attention.” •

“The Millers’ philanthropy takes a comprehensive approach to helping our community address pressing challenges in health care—and throughout, encouraging everyone to never lose sight of the importance of communication and compassion.” – John Brumsted, MD

Prelock’s Decade of Leadership Guides College’s Robust Evolution

The past ten years have been a time of impressive growth for the UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), with the numbers alone telling a significant story: \$4.5 million in philanthropic contributions earmarked for student support; \$5.5 million in grants received for health sciences research; and \$13.8 million raised during UVM’s *Move Mountains* campaign, surpassing the College’s \$10.3 million goal a year early.

The leader behind this staggering success? Dean Patricia Prelock, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, who has been enthusiastically championing the College, its students and faculty since taking the helm in 2009.

Prelock’s dynamic approach to philanthropy has helped to catapult CNHS into the top echelon of schools of its kind nationally. New programs and partnerships founded under her leadership include an undergraduate certificate in integrative health, a doctoral program in human functioning and rehabilitation and a master’s degree in physical activity and wellness science. Nursing programs and partnerships have also expanded: In 2014, CNHS established one of the nation’s only primary care practices staffed by university-based nurse practitioners. Prelock has also ushered in three



Patricia A. Prelock, PhD

endowed nursing professorships and increased the number of nursing scholarships.

Underpinning all of Prelock’s work is a focus on interdisciplinary education and collaboration. In 2011,

she helped to found the UVM Clinical Simulation Laboratory, which now serves as a nexus for training health professionals from across disciplines to work in teams in service to the patient. An internationally renowned speaker on topics including autism and integrative health, Prelock’s energy and strategic vision ensures CNHS will continue to thrive.

“Dean Prelock is an incredible leader who continues to advance academic and practice partnerships,” says Kate FitzPatrick, DNP, RN, FAAN, UVM Medical Center chief nursing officer and associate dean for academic-practice integration at CNHS. “She remains a steadfast champion for interprofessional education and leads innovative work to create learning environments that embrace diversity, equity and inclusion.” •

To learn more about philanthropy’s impact on CNHS students, faculty and programs, contact Deb Dever at (802) 656-3416 or Deborah.Dever@med.uvm.edu.



CNHS research is advancing health care in areas such as injury prevention, immunology, cognitive function, aging and patient-centered care.