

## **Massachusetts Nursing Faculty Invested in Preparing Students for Careers in Gerontological Nursing**

Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Lowell School of Nursing, recently hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Faculty Institute for Gerontological Nursing (FIGN)** for nursing faculty across the Commonwealth, furthering its mission to equip nursing faculty with knowledge and resources to educate nurses who are better prepared to provide quality care for older adults and people with disabilities.

FIGN participants typically have had minimal professional experience or education in long term care, and return from their half day FIGN visit at a Massachusetts nursing facility with greater appreciation and respect for the complexity of the setting and high quality of care provided. Several faculty participants expressed interest in forging new partnerships with the long term care provider they were assigned. We greatly appreciate the contributions of the Mass Senior Care member facilities who planned and hosted a half day visit for one or more FIGN participants:

**D'Youville Senior Care**

**Elizabeth Seton Residence, Inc.**

**Loomis House Nursing Center**

**Marina Bay Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center**

**Notre Dame Long Term Care Center**

**Prescott House**

**South Cove Manor at Quincy Point**

This year's faculty members, pictured below, teach at the following nursing programs: American International College; Hebrew Senior Life; MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Nursing; Mount Wachusett Community College; Northeastern University Family Nurse

Practitioner Program; Northern Essex Community College; North Shore Community College;  
Regis College; UMass Lowell School of Nursing; Upper Cape Tech, Practical Nurse Program.



Pictured left to right: *Carolyn Blanks, Mary Lynn Fahey, Shirley Love Kearns, Kimberly Shea, Linette Wilson, Heidi Gerostergios, Carol Kronopolus, Lisa Bass, Abraham Ndiwane, Katie Whelpley, Lisa Abdallah, Emily Cabrera, Karen Devereaux Melillo*