

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 - WESTCHESTER RISING

Pace Opens Health Center On Pleasantville Campus

Facility run by College of Health Professions was the first nurse-managed academic health care service in the United States

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of its University Health Center, Pace University recently opened a new and enlarged health care center on its Pleasantville Campus.

The first nurse-managed academic health care service on a university campus in the United States, UHC first opened its doors at Pace University in 1977. A novel concept at the time, the use of nurse practitioners is now common practice in primary care. UHC offers a wide range of primary health care services and its leading-edge care continues to be a model nationally and internationally.

The new location, which moved from the Goldstein Fitness Center to the Paton House, is approximately 2,000 square feet with four patient exam rooms, a procedure room, larger reception

area, and a lab. More than 1,700 patients, including students, staff, faculty, alumni and their families, are treated there each year.

UHC's nurse practitioners can treat most common illnesses, prescribe or refill medications, order lab and radiology tests, and refer to specialty care. Considered in-network to multiple health care insurance providers, UHC also acts as a clinical setting for nursing students and preceptorships.

"This new facility will allow us to see more patients in a more comfortable setting and we have already begun to see an increase in patients," said Harriet Feldman, dean of Pace's College of Health Professions. "We are carrying on a great tradition of patient-centered health care in a new, more modern facility that will better serve our campus community."

In honor of the milestone, Feldman and Karen Martin, associate director of University Health Care, accepted a proclamation from the office of State Sen. Terrence Murphy.

The day's activities began with a conference, "University Health Care at 40: Emerging Trends in Primary Care," which examined the evolution of the role of nurse practitioner and emerging trends in health care. The conference included a panel of esteemed nurse practitioners who helped build and shape UHC throughout the years.



L-R: (front row) Harriet R. Feldman, dean of the College of Health Professions; Karen Martin, associate director of university health care; Ellen Rich; Jamie Newland; Andréa Sonenberg; (back row) Lillie M. Shortridge-Baggett; Audrey Hoover, director of university health care; Marykate Aquisto, director of scheduling for the Office of New York State Senator Terrence Murphy.