Keynote address from

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NU’s School of Nursing is pleased to announce the Second Annual Innovation Conference featuring innovation in academic/practice partnerships. Dr. Bernadette Melnyk of Ohio State University, will highlight this years conference, along with a variety of cutting- edge speakers capturing the richness of true collaboration between academic departments and practice settings. The theme, based on the initiative between the American Association of College of Nursing and the American Organization of Nurse Executives, is relevant and timely for both academicians and practice experts. As the landscape in healthcare changes, developing critical interdependencies between academia and practice is vital. This is truly a conference you will not want to miss.

**The goals of this conference are to:**
- Recognize the importance of academic and practice partnerships.
- Identify opportunities where collaboration is possible within one’s own organization.
- Engage in dialogue exploring possible outcomes of practice/academic partnerships.
- Generate enthusiasm for future partnerships based on case examples that are presented.

**Invited speakers:**

- Margaret M. Duffy, Ph.D., R.N., NEA-BC
  Senior Administrative Director
  Nursing Education, Professional Development and Research
  North Shore University Hospital

- Lee Anne Xippolitos, Ph.D., R.N.
  Dean and Professor, SUNY Stony Brook University School of Nursing

- Brian T. Graves Ph.D., ARNP, ACNP-BC
  Assistant Dean, USF College of Nursing

- Cynthia Stuhlmiller, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN
  Associate Dean for Academic Innovations and Community Engagement
  University of Buffalo School of Nursing

- Michael Moley, M.S.
- Alexander Spencer, M.S., R.N.
- Mary Kay Vause, M.S. R.N.
  Catholic Health System, Buffalo

- Frances Crosby, Ed.D., R.N.
  Niagara University School of Nursing
**Agenda:**

8 – 8:45 a.m.                  Registration (light breakfast served)

8:45 – 9 a.m.                   Welcome and Announcements

9 - 10:15 a.m.                  Keynote Address — Dr. Bernadette Melnyk  
                                 “Advancing and Sustaining Evidence-based Practice in Clinical and Academic Settings to Improve Quality and Population Health Outcomes”

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.             Break

10:40 – 11:55 a.m.             Dr. Margaret M. Duffy and Dr. Lee Anne Xippolitos  
                                 “The Power of Partnerships”

11:55 a.m. – 1 p.m.             Lunch (provided)

1 – 2:15 p.m.                   Dr. Brian T. Graves  
                                 “Developing Win-Win Academic Clinical Partnerships”

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.                Dr. Cynthia Stuhlmiller  
                                 Community engaged teaching and scholarship: examples from a nursing academic/industry career

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.                Break (light refreshment)

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.                Panel Discussion  
                                 Alexander Spencer, Mary Kay Vause and Dr. Frances Crosby  
                                 “A Local Partnership: Catholic Health and Niagara University”

**Pre-registration required**

Cost: $99

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