

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION FOCUSED ON SERVICE

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They have raised money for 9-year-old quadruple amputee Bella Tucker and the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. They've distributed smoking cessation information during an event celebrating the Great American Smokeout, taken blood pressure readings at Health Stop Day, administered flu vaccines at a community flu clinic, and partnered with the Psychology Club to put together Christmas stockings for soldiers serving overseas.

Student Nurses Association officers Brittany Gunn and Natalia Kucala see all these activities as a natural fit for SNA. "We try to have some-thing to do every month," says Gunn. "We like being active participants within the community and the school."

Kucala says as seniors, she and Gunn try to set an example for the freshmen who have joined the club this year. "We hope younger students will look up to us. The nursing program hasn't been easy, so if they're struggling, we know what that feels like and can help them," she says.

The members of SNA also demonstrate their November, in honor of Veteran's Day, the club decided to do a bulletin board dedicated to veterans. "We have nursing faculty and staff who were members of the service," Gunn says, including Instructor Pat Hagan, Assistant Professor Debby Dodge, and Professor Dr. Denise Baxter. The bulletin board included photos of Rivier's veteran nursing professors, as well as facts about nursing in wars throughout history.

So what's next for SNA? More activities to make a difference on campus and in the community. ■