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The *National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners* (NAPNAP) Foundation has awarded three faculty members in the Georgia Southern School of Nursing with a 2016 NAPNAP Foundation research grant in the amount of $5,000.

Recipients of the grant are instructor Valerie Martinez, DNP, APRN, CPNP, assistant professor Sheri K. Carey, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, CCRN, and assistant professor Crystal Edds-McAfee, DNP, RN, MS, CPNP.

With the mission to support the improvement of the quality of life for children and their families, NAPNAP awards funds to advance pediatric nursing education, research, clinical projects and special initiatives.

The grant will be used to help fund the faculty members’ joint study, “An Examination of Factors Affecting Quality of Life for Children with Asthma and their Caregivers in Southeast Georgia.”

During the study, faculty will assess the quality of life (QOL) issues facing urban and rural school children, ages 7-17, with asthma and their parents/caregivers who reside in Bulloch County and Chatham County.

According to the faculty, the long-term research goal is to improve the QOL in children with asthma in urban and rural settings by developing and evaluating an intervention that positively impacts factors that affect QOL for children and their parents/caregivers.