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Good Bye From Alumni President

Mary Donnelly, '79 - Past President of Alumni Association



It is a bittersweet moment in which I write this August newsletter article. This will be the final time I will have the opportunity to address you as

president of the Alumni Association. I am at the same time happy to announce this leadership change. I have had the privilege to be president of the Alumni Association since its reactivation in 2005. Recognizing the opportunities that can come with leadership change, we were blessed in our May meeting to have Vice President Kathy Rosenbohm (Class of 1961) agree to step into the role of president. Stepping into Kathy's position will be Renee Hemp (Class of 2016). What an excellent team to lead us towards future growth!

As with all moments such as this, there is reflection back as well as forward. Long inactive, it was Sister Mary Ludgera's vision to reactivate the Alumni Association. This vision worked well with my doctoral research studies and the spark was ignited! An overwhelming majority of alumni responded to a survey sharing support to bring back the association, and from this feedback, the vision expanded. A small group of five volunteers met on a Saturday morning to discuss implementation

and from that early morning meeting, we have continued to grow. Today, we have become a recognized support for assisting alumni to remain connected and provide service to the College of Nursing as needs evolve.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the growth of our association. Through your membership, attendance at meetings and events, volunteer efforts and providing ideas for continued connection, you have assisted in the growth process. Please continue to support us in all the ways you can.

While all efforts are important, I would like to recognize the following individuals who have provided consistent assistance over the years: Paulette Archer, Carolee Farris, Mary Jo Gebhardt, Jean Holmes, Rita Hertenstein, Mary Jo Payne, Janet Shipley, Kathy Rosenbohm, Carrie Vincent and Helene Batzek, our College Alumni Liaison Representative.

From one person's vision, to a group of five, we now stand at 130 members and 75 lifetime members. The tradition of excellence begun during our years of study are able to continue through the connections and support we work to grow. Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve you these past years. I look forward to continued support through our new leadership and seeing you at upcoming events! May God bless and keep you.



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Letter from the College President

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD



As I write this letter to you – our over 5,000 alumni – we are celebrating a successful accreditation visit from the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE) for the BSN, MSN, DNP, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs. The accreditation was effective September 16, 2016, and goes through June 30, 2022. The next visit is scheduled for fall 2021.

The board indicated the College met all accreditation standards and there were no compliance concerns for those programs. The 2016-2017 year was once again a very busy one for the College, and I am looking forward to the new adventures and challenges that will be coming in the 2017-2018 year.

I would like to highlight the accomplishments of the College through this year. We are truly proud of the accomplishments for the 2016-2017 year. Here are some highlights:

- The College hosted four CCNE accreditation visitors in September 2016. The visit went well and as you read above, the outcome was awesome!
- We started fall 2016 semester with an enrollment of 660 students and we had 616 students who were enrolled in spring 2017. Summer 2017 enrollment stands at 298 students. We have 642 students registered for fall 2017.
- The College offered a cultural immersion course for students this summer. One student group provided health care education and assisted with health care needs of a population in Guatemala.
- The College graduated 84 BSN, 20 MSN and one post-graduate certificate students in December 2016. In May 2017, the College celebrated the graduation of 85 BSN, 28 MSN, two post-graduate certificate and seven DNP graduates.
- The College hosted its annual Scholarship Donor Reception in October 2016 with approximately 300 donors and recipients present. We awarded \$151,000 in scholarships to 134 students.

The College said farewell this year to faculty members who are leaving us with years of service and teaching excellence. Leaving us this year are Suzanne Pilon, who is retiring. Lezley Anderson accepted the position of Director of Mission Services at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Angela Timm has accepted a position as Clinical Practice/Quality Assurance Coordinator at OSF. Jenna Liphart Rhoads relocated to Texas. We say thank you to them for all that they have done for our students. We wish them all well in their new adventures!

As economic times continue to be challenging, we remain focused on increasing endowments and scholarships for our students. The continued decrease in federal and state funding for student financial aid presents challenges to the students. Eighty-one percent of the BSN students received financial assistance of some type during 2016-2017. During 2016-2017, there were 302 BSN students getting federal direct and alternative (private) loans for a total of \$3,608,914 in student loans.

You can make a difference for a student! This year's annual appeal once again focuses on building our scholarship program. I hope that you consider a gift to the scholarship fund to benefit students at the College.

You are a very important part of the College family and it is our goal to stay connected with you. I hope to see you on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the Alumni Weekend activities.

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Growth of College of Nursing Scholarships



The College was blessed this past year with the creation of four new scholarships. Three of the scholarships are new endowed scholarships. The Kay Kaylor Foss Endowed Scholarship was started by an anonymous donor in memory of Kay Kaylor, a 1965 graduate. Kay was tragically killed shortly after her graduation and marriage. The Barbara G. Tanner-Handley (Class of 1940) and Robbie L. Tanner-Haugens (Class of 1944) Endowed Scholarship was started by Barbara Adams, a member of the Class of 1975. This scholarship is in honor of her mother and aunt who were also alumni of the School of Nursing. The Heart of Illinois United Way endowed the Heart of Illinois United Way Power of the Purse Scholarship. This scholarship is set up to assist low-

income women within the Heart of Illinois United way region. Mary Ann Perona generously donated funds for an ongoing scholarship in memory of her daughter. The scholarship will be named the Jamie Hansen Memorial Scholarship. Jamie's aunt, Elizabeth Klieber, was a 1976 graduate of the School of Nursing. Each of these scholarships will significantly help students fund their nursing education in the future. We thank all of our scholarship donors for your ongoing financial support for the College of Nursing students. Your support allows the College to award approximately \$150,000 in institutional scholarships annually.



Sigma Theta Tau International

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is the honor society for nursing. The vision of STTI is to create a global community of nurses who lead by using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world's people. Tau Omicron, Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing's chapter received the Key Award for chapter excellence for the fourth consecutive year at the 43rd Biennial Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Only 78 chapters of 500-plus chapters worldwide received this award. The application for the upcoming Biennial Conference was completed for submission in the summer of 2017. The next Key Award winners will be announced at the 44th Biennial Convention to be conducted in October of 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tau Omicron chapter participated in the scholarship dinner sponsored by the College of Nursing. The chapter gave three \$500 scholarships this year. Two BSN students and one MSN student were scholarship recipients.

On April 30, 2017, the chapter inducted 72 new members. The ceremony was held at the Jump Simulation & Education Center with approximately 225 people joining in the celebration of this achievement.

On May 8, 2017, a Cinco de Mayo-themed luncheon was held for new inductees at the College of Nursing. Current members provided Mexican-themed dishes and socialized with the new members. New members played a STTI Trivia game to familiarize them with the Society and available resources. Door prizes were also awarded which were donated by current members.

2004 College Graduate Recognized for Work with Organ Donation



Jeremy "Remy" Winget, a critical care advanced practice nurse at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, has been recognized by Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network for outstanding achievement in addressing the critical need for organ and tissue donation.

Named a 2016 Lifesaving Partner by Gift of Hope, Winget, affectionately known as "Remy" among his peers and colleagues, has shown an impressive and unwavering support of organ and tissue donation. He has collaborated

with Gift of Hope to bring a positive impact to donor management, family support and staff education.

"Remy consistently handles Gift of Hope's requests with a positive disposition," said Kevin Cmundt, president/CEO at Gift of Hope. "Remy provides donor families with compassionate service and care with his extraordinary ability to be simultaneously straightforward and while being empathetic enough to put families at ease."

"Gift of Hope requesters are relieved to see that Remy is working because the chances of having a positive encounter with a family are almost guaranteed," said Terri Peplow, donation specialist at Gift of Hope who nominated Winget for the Lifesaving Partners Award. "He is well-respected and loved by not only his OSF HealthCare Saint Francis co-workers and donor families, but also Gift of Hope staff members who work in the hospital. Remy is a major reason that so many staff members at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis support organ donation. He proactively educates nurses, residents, physicians and other APNs about organ and tissue donation and his passion for donation has rubbed off on them."

Please Help Us Find These Alumni



The College has lost touch with the following alumni. If you have contact information for any of them, please share with Helene Batzek, Alumni Representative, at (309) 624-9933 or helene.batzek@osfhealthcare.org.

CLASS OF 1980

Cynthia Colgan
Sheryl Collins
Cecilia Lee Cooley
Debra Gramm
Mary Quin Harker
Sharon Helsley-McGin
Carla Daniels Hicks
Teresa West Hopper
Cathy Kalloy Huber
Brenda Ingold
Elaine Barrett Kilver
Mary Kisteis
Shirley Gustafson Knight
Tamberlan Sampson Latchford
Mary Marcotte
Theresa Murray
Sharon Beck Norville

Rosa Escarza Orendorff
Karen Pilarski
Perri Havabadian Risher
Annetta Mounts Ross
Janet Washko
Julie Welch

CLASS OF 1981

Carolyn Corpuz
Lorraine Bain Dave
Sandra Eich
Linda Fisher
Cheryl Hart
Mary Gibbons Kolb
Cathy Schnieder Leach
Teresa Balachowski Meyer
Jane Ostertag Miller
Janet Collins Sticher
Lisa Trimble

CLASS OF 1982

Marisa Gramette Cardillo
Terri Sutton Clouse
Mary Elle Connell
Theresa Buckingham Dekreon
Diane McKay Grauger
Harlene Grice
Kim Hurst
Susan Jones
Cheryl Kircher Jordan
Linda Rachford Kearney
Julie Maskel Lacke
Joan Davis Lanier
June Clair Lavendar
Lori Colgan Meyer
Sharon Atilano Morris
Diane Roberts Parrish

Catherine Schulien Prendergast
Julie Trainor Quilty
Mary Sedlacek Running
Cathy Stewart
Joan Trainor
Gayle Wallace
Amy Conn Whinnery
Kathy Schlosser Wright

New Alumni Association Officers



Kathy Rosenbohm, *President (left)*

Renee Hemp, *Vice President (right)*

New Notes from Greenleaf Feature

A new addition to the Notes from Greenleaf will be a story featuring a graduate from the School or College of Nursing who has done or is doing great things in the profession of nursing. If you know of a graduate we can feature in upcoming issues, please send the information to the College of Nursing. You can send by mail or email the information to Helene Batzek at Helene.batzek@osfhealthcare.org. Please share a story with us!

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



The College is pleased to recognize the newest Alumni Association Members:

Nancy Bailey	2017
Heidi Ballard	2016
Andrea Endress	2016
Liza Gay	1991
Renee Hemp	2016
Andrea Hoerr	2013
Ashley Mitchell	2016
Jill Noland	2016
Samantha Osborn	2016
Logan Redman	2016
Lindsay Ann Smith	2016

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Kristina Marshall	1997, 2007
Stephanie (Blevins) McCabe	2011, 2016
Gail (Mills) O'Bryan	1977
Marilyn (Harler) Wilken	1957

In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Eunice Foster Reeves - 1942
Isako Horie Goishi - 1947
Margaret Boice Martin - 1950
Ramona Dusch Flanery - 1952
Susan Betelshofer Knight - 1953
Alice Marten Bruington - 1967
Mary Hildebrand-Shockley Donkin - 1967

ALUMNI EVENING AT THE VINEYARD

The College hosted its annual "Alumni Evening at the Vineyard" on June 2, 2017. The event was held at Kickapoo Creek Winery. Approximately 100 alumni and guests enjoyed an evening of good food and fun. It was wonderful to see several classes gathering members from the area and getting together to share memories and stories.



Please save the date of **June 8, 2018**, for the Alumni Evening at the Vineyard event for next year.



Graduates Doing Great Things!



Sue Behrens continues to be a leader in her field

For our inaugural story, we are going to tell you about Sue Behrens, DNP, RN. Sue graduated from the College of Nursing in 2006 with her MSN degree and then returned for her DNP,

graduating as part of the first DNP graduating class in 2012. She also gave back to the College by serving as a graduate faculty member from 2012-2016.

Sue began her nursing career in 1984, as a staff nurse at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria. In 1988, she moved to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, as a staff nurse in the Emergency Department (ED). Over the course of her 26-year career at Saint Francis, Sue served in a variety of roles taking on more leadership responsibility. Sue served as a Life Flight Nurse, Educator and relief Manager. She then moved to ED Educator participating in new nurse orientation and providing education to the ED staff. From 2003-2005, Sue served as the Manager of Trauma Services, where she was also the interim manager for EMS and Disaster Preparedness. During this time, Sue also developed the Disaster Preparedness Department. From 2008-2014, Sue served as the Director of Emergency Department, Trauma Services, EMS and Advanced Practice. In this role she was responsible for the administrative and financial oversight of the 57-bed Emergency Department (ED), 18-bed Clinical Decision Unit (CDU), and five-bed Urgent Care Unit. The ED is a designated Level I Trauma Center, Chest Pain Center, Stroke Center with an Emergency Department approved for pediatrics. The EMS system includes over 75 agencies that serve nine counties in central Illinois. OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center serves as a Resource Hospital for the Peoria Areas EMS System and ensures providers comply with state and local regulations, as well as offer education opportunities and develop and maintain protocols used in the EMS system. She was also responsible for the practice, administrative and financial oversight of 100-plus APNs and PAs in the organization.

In 2014, Sue's doctoral education and professional experience took her on a new adventure. Sue became the Interim Director Advanced Practice and Senior Director Ambulatory, Emergency Services and Imaging (nursing) for the Cleveland Clinic in Abu Dhabi, United Arab

Emirates (UAE). In her new role, Sue is responsible for the management and oversight of advanced practice nurses and physician's assistants in the outpatient and hospital setting, including the development of practice and professional development standards for the delivery of care. Sue is also responsible for the practice of professional nursing in an ambulatory, emergency department and imaging setting, which includes establishing the clinical direction for nursing care delivery, providing clinical supervision and ensuring nursing practices are in accordance with the philosophy, objectives and standards of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. The position has explicit ownership and responsibility for outcomes and providing overall administrative management and support for evidence based nursing practice. Sue is a member of the UAE Nurse Midwifery Council that is working in collaboration with appropriate stakeholders to develop the role and scope of practice for Advanced Practice in the UAE.

Sue is involved with the planning and opening of a start-up U.S. Cleveland Clinic health care based hospital in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi (CCAD) is the first multi-specialty hospital outside North America, and is one of the most complex hospital projects in the world. The Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi includes the following institutes: heart and vascular, neurological, digestive disease, eye, respiratory and critical care, medical sub-specialties, surgical sub-specialties, emergency medicine, pathology and laboratory medicine, imaging, anesthesiology and quality and patient safety. The hospital includes 364 inpatient beds, 40 emergency department rooms and over 250 outpatient rooms.

The College of Nursing is very proud of Sue and her accomplishments! She is a wonderful example of our graduates "doing great things" not only on a national but an international level.

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Sue Behrens on her accomplished nursing career!

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Dr. Jan Boundy Graduate Research Day *By Dr. Kim Mitchell*



Dr. Jan Boundy Graduate Research Day was held on May 1, 2017, at Jump Simulation & Education Center, Peoria. The annual Research Day was named in honor of Janice Russell Boundy, member of the class of 1961, and long-time faculty member and Dean of the College. This year's event was well attended by graduate students, undergraduate students and practicing nurses. One member of the faculty presented her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Project as did seven College of Nursing DNP students. Nine MSN students also gave presentations. Two scientific posters were presented; one poster was the work of two BSN students. A second poster was presented by a doctoral student. The topics were innovative and thought provoking.

FACULTY PRESENTATION:

HealthCare Providers Assessment of Fall Risk in the Ambulatory Setting
Terri Shumway, DNP, APN, FNP- BC (Faculty)

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:

Implementation of Interprofessional Simulation Experiences for Learners in Various Health Career Programs at Illinois Central College
Ron Lombard, MSN, RN-C, CNE, CEN

Clinical Protocol Change: Identification of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Risk within the Preoperative Setting for Adult General Surgery Patients
Heather Howe, MSN, APN, and Sue Kiefer-Griffin, MSN, CRNA

Addressing and Resolving Barriers to the Successful Implementation of a Targeted Management Program at Baptist Hospital
Arlene Torres, MSN, CCRN, ACNP-BC and Orlando Betancourt, MSN, CCRN, ACNP-BC

Developing of a Handoff Communication Tool for the Perioperative Service
Linda Sharpless, MSN, CRNA, APRN

Community Naloxone Education to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths
Nancy Bailey, MS, RN, CNE

PRESENTATIONS BY MSN STUDENTS:

Restoring HOPE: A Second Victim Support Program
Layne Steffen, BSN, RN, MSN Graduate Student

Behavioral Health Education
Staci Settles, BSN, RN, MSN Graduate Student

The Dedicated Education Unit: The Potential for Innovation at Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing
Janine Rocke, BSN, RN, MSN Graduate Student

Bedside Multidisciplinary Rounds Effect on Patients' Understanding of Care Plans
Dana McVicker, MSN Graduate Student

Financial Assistance Coordinator named Vice President of ILASFAA

Nancy Perryman of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing has been elected to the 2017-2018 Executive Board of the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ILASFAA). Nancy was elected as Vice President of Health Professions. Nancy currently serves as the Coordinator of Financial Assistance at the College. Nancy has been with the College of Nursing for 25 years serving students in the Student Finance office.



Best Online Graduate Nursing Program

Once again for 2017, U.S. News and World Report has named the College of Nursing Graduate Program as a "Best Online Graduate Nursing Program." We were tied for 61 with a score of 70 out of a possible 100. There were 1,200 graduate nursing programs surveyed. Ranking scores are calculated based on the survey data submitted by programs on the following:

- **Faculty credentials and training (25 percent):** Strong online programs employ instructors with academic credentials that mirror those of instructors for campus-based programs, and they have the resources to train these instructors on how to teach distance learners.
- **Student engagement (20 percent):** In a quality program, aspiring advanced practice nurses can readily collaborate with fellow students in their classes and clinical settings. In turn, instructors are not only accessible and responsive, but they are also tasked with helping to create an experience rewarding enough for students to stay enrolled and complete their degrees in a reasonable amount of time.
- **Admissions selectivity (20 percent):** Student bodies entering with proven aptitudes, ambitions and accomplishments can handle the demands of rigorous coursework. Furthermore, online degrees that schools award judiciously will have greater legitimacy in the job market.
- **Peer reputation (20 percent):** A survey of high-ranking academic officials in nursing helps account for intangible factors affecting program quality that are not captured by statistics. Also, degrees from programs that are well respected by academics may be held in higher regard among employers.
- **Student services and technology (15 percent):** Programs that incorporate diverse online learning technologies allow greater flexibility for students to take classes from a distance. Outside of classes, strong support structures provide learning assistance, career guidance and financial aid resources commensurate with quality campus-based programs.

Here is a link to the College:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/saint-francis-medical-center-college-of-nursing-ONUR0319/nursing>. Here is a link for the full listing: <http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/nursing/rankings?int=a4f009>



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Keep Sending Us Your Thoughts and Ideas

The College continues to read your communications and it is our goal to serve you as best we can. If you have any input to what you would like to see the College and Alumni Association do, [please contact Helene:](#)

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We'd like to hear from you!

Is there any professional or personal news you'd like to share with your colleagues? New job? Promotion? Advanced certification? Honors or awards? Professional activities? Marriage? New baby? Move? What would you like to see included in Notes from Greenleaf? Send us the details.

Last Name		First	Surname	
Home Address			Telephone	
City		State	Zip Code	
Occupation		E-mail	Yr. Graduated	
SFMCCON/SFHSON Degree(s)			Year(s) Received	
Other Degree(s)		Year(s) Received	Institution	Major

For further information contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative.
Phone: (309) 624-9933 E-mail: helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

Please help keep our alumni files current by sending us your e-mail address and phone number.

Interested in Joining the Alumni Association?

Name: _____

Surname: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please respond to Paulette Archer '70 at (309) 655-4132, paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org, or mail your \$10 membership fee (\$250 for Lifetime Membership) to: **511 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, Illinois 61603.**

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