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We Salute Paulette Archer



Paulette Archer is one of our own, she graduated in 1970 and has been a dedicated advocate, officer and friend to the College and Alumni Association. Paulette generously donated her time

and expertise to the Alumni Association's 4th annual workshop, Holistic Care for the Older Adult. This was just one of the many services Paulette has provided to the Alumni Association.

Dr. Archer has 22 years teaching experience at the undergraduate level and has taught Advanced Nursing Care of the Older Adult in the Master's program for 7 years. She is an active member of both the National Gerontological Nursing Association and Nurturing and Improving Care for the Healthsystems Elderly at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. She also participated in a committee that wrote the protocol for Reporting Elder Abuse for the 10th Judicial Circuit for Peoria County.



Save the Date!

College Gala
September 18, 2010

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Homecoming
September 17 & 18, 2010

Alumni Association 5th Annual Workshop

Saturday February 12, 2011

More information to follow.



Message from the President

Lois J. Hamilton, RN, PhD

We have ended another successful school year. Because of the outstanding efforts of all employees, the College continues to thrive in spite of the difficult economic times. We had 500 students enrolled during 2009-2010. We had 191 students graduate from the College. Of those graduating 164 were new RNs and 27 will be advanced practice nurses. We are continuing to add more options to the graduate program. Fall semester 2009 we began a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program option and Doctor of Nurse Practice program. We are very proud of our ability to recognize nursing educational needs and meet those needs in a timely manner. Our success is due to knowledgeable, engaged, motivated, and caring employees.

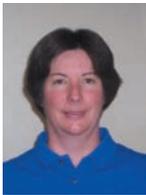
I would like to recognize one of our dedicated employees, Helene Batzek, who is responsible for the communication and relationships that connect the College with our alumni and friends. She is the College's Alumni Relation Representative. Helene prepares the Notes from Greenleaf Newsletter, coordinates many of the social activities for

students and employees, and serves as the liaison between the College and the Alumni Association. In May, she celebrated ten years of service to the College. She is a true ambassador for the College.

Our success is also related to the support and generosity of the alumni and friends of the College. I sincerely thank all who made donations. The annual donations were added to our scholarship fund. The donations have greatly helped our students, who are experiencing the same problems as others in this economic crisis. Many are able to continue their education because of the financial assistance that they receive. The perseverance and dedication of our students ensures qualified nurses for our community.

I personally invite you to an evening of fun September 18, 2010. You will be receiving more details about the event. Please mark your calendar.

Have a great summer!



Alumni Update

Mary Donnelly, '79, President, Alumni Association

It's hard to believe another academic year is coming to a close. Our association has seen growth on many levels. Membership has increased which is always a great start. Attendance has increased at events such as our Friday Fun Night, Homecoming, Members Only Breakfast and the January Holiday and May dinner meetings. We have extended our ability to give back to the college. Our scholarship fund is strong and students are quick to acknowledge appreciation of the assistance we can give. This year, more classes contacted us to assist with smaller reunions both on and off campus. The Annual Educational Workshop boasted another success. Our assistance at the College Thanksgiving dinner was welcomed and those volunteering had a great time mingling with students and families. More students are turning in their certificates for the first year free membership. This helps our numbers to grow and keeps individuals connected from the beginning. Yes, we can sit back as the end of the school

year approaches with satisfaction for hard work given and a job well done. We have earned a good evaluation!

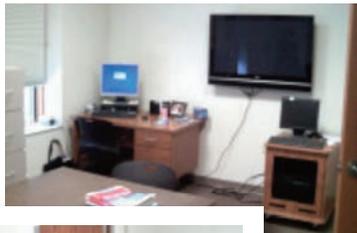
As nurses, we know evaluation is one spoke in the unending circle of the nursing process. It leads us back to assessment. So, the end of the academic year is also a good time to look forward and assess what next? How can we continue to grow? How can we encourage more of our classmates to join? What events could we offer that would bring people together? How can we increase attendance at those events already in place? Let me throw out the challenge to each of you reading this, to ask yourself these questions. I encourage you to take the additional step and share your answer with us. Call, e-mail, or snail mail us the information. We want and need your input.

May all of you have a safe and fun filled Summer. Your alumni officers look forward to serving you in the coming year. May God bless all of you.

Academic Development Center

by: Teresa Smyth

The College is dedicated to helping its students succeed. The Academic Development Center (ADC) was created to assist students in achieving academic success. The ADC provides an individual assessment of learning needs. The assessment process may begin with the administration of a learning style inventory to identify the students' learning preferences and identify appropriate learning strategies. Assistance is also available with time management, study skills/note taking, understanding course content, and test taking strategies. Referrals are made for students requiring assistance with test anxiety and other needs not provided by the ADC.



Graduates - Need Help Passing the NCLEX?

The College is here to help you. Typically, it takes a little change with test taking strategies and coping effectively with test taking stress/anxiety.

Call Sally McLaughlin, RN, MA, LCPC at 309-655-7100 or email sally.j.mclaughlin@osfhealthcare.org

Discounts for Alumni Association Members

The Alumni Association is looking for businesses that would like to provide a discount to our members. If you own a business and are interested, please contact Helene Batzek at 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org.

A complete list of discounts will be available this fall.

CELEBRATING THE FUTURE GALA

September 18, 2010 • 6-11pm

Embassy Suites

100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria

Join us in our first major fundraising effort. Our goal is to create a Scholarship Endowment to ensure qualified students will always find a place with us.



Silent auction will be followed by dinner, live auction and entertainment from Grammy nominated pianist Jim Brinkman.

For additional information call 309-655-3263 or visit www.sfmcon.edu

Advance Ticket Sales Only

Reserve Your Tickets Today

Number of guests _____ @ \$125 each = \$ _____

I cannot attend. Please accept my donation. \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Check enclosed - payable to Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing
 Master Card Visa American Express Discover

Name on Card _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Card verification number (3 digits on back of card) ____ _

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Mail completed form by **September 3, 2010** to:
Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing
Attn: Chris Abner
511 NE Greenleaf St
Peoria, IL 61603

Proud of Our Own

Please join us in congratulating...



Cindy Kohtz, RD, EdD had an article titled "Teaching Drug Calculation in Nursing Education- A Comparison Study" published in *Nurse Educator* in 2010. See Volume 35, Issue 2, pages 83-86.



Crystal Rodgers, RN, MSN, CNS passed the exam to become a Clinical Nurse Specialist.



Patti O'Connor, RN, MSN, CNE has successfully passed the certification exam to become an NLN Certified Nurse Educator.



Phillis DeWitt, RN, MSN, CNS passed the certification examination to become a Clinical Nurse Specialist.



Kelly Cone, RN, MS, PhD, CNE has a publication in the *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development* (2010) *Triage Decision-Making Skills: A Necessity for all Nurses*.



Birgitta Sujdak Mackiewicz, MA has published a book review in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* for the text, "The Ethics of Surgical Practice: Cases, Dilemmas, and Resolutions," 1st Edition.



Cristin Rassi, APRN was just selected as Vice President of ISAPN (Illinois Society For Advanced Practice Nurses). As many of you know Cristin is one of our Alumni, a member of our College Board and now holds this prestigious position.

Dr. Joseph J. Piccione, STD, JD is published in the 2009 National Catholic Bioethics Center text, "Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Practitioners." His chapter is entitled, "Organizational Ethics and Catholic Health Care."

Continued Accreditation of the Master's Program

We are very happy to announce that the College received official notification that as a result of the NLNAC site visit in March 2009, the Master's program received continued accreditation for 8 years. This is the maximum number of years allowed. The next accreditation visit is 2017.

Thank you to Dr. Jan Boundy and faculty for their outstanding work in maintaining accreditation and for the spectacular growth we have had with the Master's program. We began in 2001 with 17 students and we now have 140 students. We began with two program options and we now have 11 options.

We are very proud of our 56 graduates who are making significant contributions to nursing and to health care.

We appreciate the prayers and support of the Sisters and OSF Saint Francis Medical Center administration.

Geisinger Health Plan Names New Chief Executive Officer



Danville, PA—Jean Haynes '80 has been named chief executive officer for Geisinger Health Plan, Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company, and Geisinger Quality Options, Incorporated; and Executive Vice President, Insurance Operations for Geisinger Health System.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, Haynes earned a master of business administration from the College of Business Administration at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Area Students Become "Nurse for a Day"

On March 5, 2010, thirty local high school students enjoyed the opportunity to experience OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and the College of Nursing from an "inside perspective". Five regional high schools were represented in the first "Nurse for a Day" event, sponsored in partnership with PERFECT - an organization that pursues a vision to "make career success a reality for all students in Central Illinois".

Participating students were selected through a first come, first serve basis after qualifying through requirements of a solid grade point, good communication skills, good school attendance, and a proven ability to work on a team. The students had the privilege of touring selected areas of the Medical Center and the College. The majority of the half-day event was spent in the Simulation Labs. In addition, students lunched with a panel of current nursing students allowing for questions and discussion about nursing education and careers. Ibbie Voltz, RN, BSN, Professional Nurse Recruiter, reports that not only did the event benefit the community; it also gave OSF Saint Francis and the College of Nursing an opportunity to connect with future students desiring a career in healthcare.

Doctors Dance 2010

Doctors Dance 2010 was held Saturday, March 6th, at the Holiday Inn City Center in downtown Peoria. Over 300 students, staff and doctors attended.

The Dinner/Dance, formerly called the Doctor's Dance, has a long and distinguished history. The event dates back to at least the 1950's as evidenced by the first school yearbooks. There have been reports that the Doctors Dance started during World War II to help relieve stress.

The Dinner/Dance has been sponsored by the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Medical Staff in honor of the undergraduate and graduate nursing students.

We Need Your Suggestions

The Alumni Association exists to help you connect through education and socialization. Please send any suggestions on what you would like to see the Alumni Association provide - group or individual class programs or outings, dinners, travel programs, etc. Contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations at 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

Blue Jackets

Bev Reynolds collects blue jackets to loan to MSN Educator students who choose to do their practicum in our BSN program. If you have any blue jackets that you would like to donate please take them to her office, room 716.

Save the Date

Homecoming 2010

September 17 & 18, 2010

Friday, September 17

6:30 pm - Friday Fun Nite,
Bogies Bar & Grill
Free snacks, games and music

Saturday, September 18

11:00 am - Members Only
Brunch
1:00 pm - Homecoming
3:00 pm - Alumni Awards
4:00 pm - Mass in Chapel

Thank You Alumni

Nancy Bailey, Chairperson of the Educational Resources Committee, thanks the Alumni Association for its purchase of 3 dehumidifiers for the new library archive rooms. The dehumidifiers will keep the archive rooms at a low humidity level which will prevent the preserved material from deteriorating from moisture.

At the May 20th Senior Sendoff, 107 insulated lunch bags were distributed to all BSN and MSN graduates.

Cookies were provided for the students and staff during Nurses Week. Thank you to Carolee Farris and Mary Jo Gebhardt for coordinating this effort and distributing the cookies to the entire College.

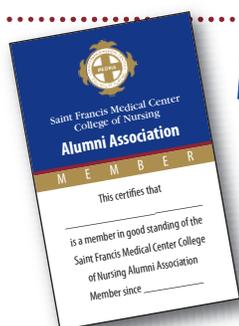
Paulette Archer, Mary Donnelly, Jean Holmes, Kathy Rosenbhom and Carrie Vincent met to determine recipients of the 2010-2011 Alumni Scholarships. Julie Troup, Rachel Tuma, Michelle Decker and Victoria Olsen were selected. Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The 2010 Alumni Association gift to the College was a Bowflex exercise machine.



We Need Your Email Address

Would you like to receive Alumni Association news via email? Email helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org to be added to our email list.



Membership Cards

The Alumni Association will be issuing membership cards to all members. Yearly members will receive one upon payment of their \$10 fee. Lifetime members will receive a laminated lifetime membership card. New graduates will receive one upon receipt of their membership letter given at Senior Sendoff.

Keep In Touch

1952

Bonnie Dye Serley

BS from Bradley U. 1965, retired school nurse for district #108.

1961

Jean Holmes

A retirement reception for Jean Holmes, was held May 18, 2010 at Illinois Central College. Jean dedicated 38 years to educating nursing students and retired at the end of this academic year. She has touched many nurses' lives.

1964

Kathleen DeMuth Marley

45 years of active nursing and I am still working all shifts, working out at the local health club and eating ultra healthy DASH, etc. I have my MSN and keep looking for interesting teaching or work opportunities. I would rather wear out than rust out!

1967

Kathleen McMulla Accola

BSN 1971 (Marquette) MSN 1974. Retired nurse educator.

Victoria Nelson Kuzel

Victoria was selected as a 2010 Tucson Fabulous 50 Nurse by the Tucson Nurse's Week Foundation Board of Directors. As a graduate of your fine college, I believe you might be as proud of her as I am. -Jim Kuzel (*happy husband*)

1975

Christine Miller Steckelberg

BSNA from U of MN in 1984, working as an anesthetist.

1979

Sally Rummenie Goin

I work at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC in the Cath Lab. My oldest daughter is in nursing school in Knoxville, TN. We moved from Peoria, IL two years ago where I worked at Proctor Hospital in the Cath Lab. Greg and I've been married 30 years. We have 3 children, Andy, Madonna and Melinda. I would love to hear from fellow 1979 graduates. 1102 Appalosa Ct., Summerfield, NC 27358 Phone: 336-298-4409 Email: decsg23@yahoo.com

1980

Sheila Shannon Sud

I am a graduate of the class of 1980. When I started grade school my parents informed me that if I wanted to go to college I would need to do well in school and earn scholarships as they would not be able to afford to send me. In 1969 at the age of 10 after seeing my father receive excellent care at St. Francis, I decided I would go on to school and become a nurse. When I graduated from Delavan High School in 1977 I received \$500 per year for 3 years from the Tazewell County Medical Auxiliary and \$1000 per year from the D.W. Maquire Scholarship through my father's employer. Hard to believe, but that paid for my entire education at Saint Francis School of Nursing. I have been a nurse for almost 30 years. I have gone on to attain my BSN and am currently employed by OSF St. Joseph Specialty Physicians Clinics in Bloomington, IL.

1989

Amy Jo Powell (Barrick)

I am back in the Midwest again. We have an old farm house about 3 hours from Peoria. I love it! Can't wait to get into the garden this spring! I'm working part time in Home Health. Searching for a position that would enable me to teach some or do some sort of research. I have found that I enjoy digging in the charts just as much as being at the bedside! I would love to hear from some old nurse friends via email, face book, snail mail, whatever! My newest address is: 1226 W. County Rd. 400 North, Sullivan, IN 47882. Phone: (814) 558-3300 Email: penpowells3@msn.com

1998

Jennifer Hopwood

Jennie is the Patient Care Manager for Surgical ICU at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. She worked in SICU for the past 7 years and before that for 4 years in Intermediate Med Surg. Jennie resides in the Peoria area with her husband, Jeremy, and her 2 year old daughter, Olivia.

2000

Holly Killion

Received MSN in 2009 from University of Illinois Chicago. Presently working as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

In Sympathy

The faculty and administration of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing extend their sympathy to the families of these Alumni.

Mary Hunter Rodino '47

Mary Chase Base McDonough '39

Virginia Blaum Aldag '46

Mary Ellen Rostetter Hobbs '57 - passed away in January 2010. She had Alzheimer's and had been in a private nursing home for about 7 months. Her husband's address is: Fred Hobbs, 1910 Niagara, Denver, CO 80220 should anyone care to send a condolence card.

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/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.

New Alumni Association Members

Kathleen McMuller Accola'67	Toni Kull Lutz'99	Sharon Huett Richmond'60	Jill Whiteside'90
Mildred Landers Biederbeck'57	Michael Mandrell'09	Kerri Roley'09	Angela Wissel'05
Darlene Caho'09	Suzanne Daryl Mahoney'09	Suzanne Rometti'09	
Roberta Cycotte'09	Lucille Matychowaiak Miller'50	Jamiya Rutherford'09	Lifetime Members
Tina Devall'09	Julie Montez'92	Mary Smith Schae'r'80	Mary Lou Gora Craig'60
Julie Cooke Hogue'82	Patti O'Connor'07	John Sholl'09	Patricia Onyun Henkins'65
Shalonda Knox'08	Roberta Guditis Phares'57	Juliana McKanis Szentes'58	
Morgan Leman'09	Michael Resnik'09	Jennifer Trau'09	

If you would like more information on joining the Alumni Association or becoming a Lifetime Member, contact Paulette Archer at (309) 655-4132 or email paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org.

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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Calendar of Events

No meetings in June or July - *Have a great summer!*

August 19	5:00 pm	Alumni Meeting	College of Nursing
September 17	6:30 pm	Friday Fun Nite	Bogies Bar & Grill
September 18	11:00 am	Members Only Brunch	College of Nursing
September 18	1:00 pm	Homecoming	College of Nursing
September 18	6:00 pm	Celebrating the Future Gala	Embassy Suites, East Peoria

Our website has a new look. Check it out at www.sfmcccon.edu





Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

Alumni Award Nomination Form

Check the award you believe applies (*the Selection Committee may determine that the candidate belongs in another category*):

Alumni Hall of Fame Ruby Cealey Excellence in Education Excellence in Leadership Excellence in Practice

Nominee _____ Year of Graduation _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Office) _____

Present Position _____ Institution _____

Years actively engaged as a Registered Nurse and/or in healthcare _____

Nominated By _____ Relationship to Nominee _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Office) _____

E-mail Address _____

The selection of awardees is based on your detailed description of your candidate's accomplishments. Your nomination should highlight and help to explain how your candidate meets the general and specific award criteria.

Please write, using additional paper, how your nominee meets the following:

1. Serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.
2. Demonstrates characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards.
3. Is viewed as an exemplary nurse demonstrating respect and compassion by clients/patients/families.
4. Research & Development involving programs that improve patient care.
5. Is or has been a change agent in the delivery of care and influence on nursing practice.
6. Candidate inspires others to a higher level of performance
7. Published articles or chapters that influenced education, administration, or practice.
8. Contributions as an elected officer in nursing professional organizations, service, and influence on nursing practice.
9. Received prior recognition for nursing excellence.
10. Other qualifications you know about the person.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to honor an outstanding alumnus.

1. All candidates must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Graduate of Saint Francis School/College of Nursing
 - b. At least three years of professional nursing practice experience in the area of nominated award.
2. Nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame Award or Ruby Cealey Award may be awarded posthumously.
3. All materials received for consideration are confidential.
4. All nominees with detailed descriptions of accomplishments will be considered.
5. Recipients will be notified in advance of the award to make plans to attend the Homecoming Celebration.

Nominations must be received by August 20, 2010.

e-mail: luann.morelock@osfhealthcare.org

or mail to: Luann Morelock, Administrative Assistant

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

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Peoria, IL 61603

For additional information, call: Jan Boundy at 309-655-2230 or Helene Batzek at 309-624-9933.

Outstanding Alumnus Award Information

Alumni Hall of Fame Award – The Alumni Hall of Fame Award recognizes Saint Francis School/College of Nursing Alumni who have made outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing and have been recognized as an outstanding nurse who has consistently made significant contributions in nursing during his/her career. This award may be presented posthumously. The Alumni Hall of Fame Award will be awarded every 5 years.

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has had a distinguished career in nursing. To consider individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the nursing profession and have high nursing standards.

Please consider the following criteria as you complete your written nomination application:

1. Contributions in health-related areas with global impact
2. Significant impact throughout her/his career
3. Change agent in the delivery of care and influence on nursing practice
4. Contributions to education
5. Contributions as an elected officer in nursing professional organizations, service, and influence on nursing practice
6. Innovation
7. Research & development involving programs that improve patient care
8. Held or currently holding statewide office
9. Years practiced as a Registered Nurse
10. Years actively engaged in healthcare
11. Published articles or chapters that influenced education, administration, or practice
12. Speaker at state or national conferences
13. Consultant on state or national issues impacting the health professions
14. Received prior recognition for nursing excellence.

Ruby Cealey Award – The Alumni Committee of the College of Nursing established the Ruby Cealey Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998 in memory of Ruby Dhesse Cealey, who was a 1950 graduate of the School of Nursing. She taught for many years at the School, as well as, the College of Nursing. This winner of this award should be a person who demonstrates caring, professionalism, leadership, community service and contributions to the profession.

Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Leadership Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor an alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing leadership. The Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Leadership will be awarded annually.

Please consider the following criteria as you complete your written nomination application:

1. Functions as a member in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses.
2. Serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.
3. Has positively influenced health care at the institutional, local, regional, national, or international levels.
4. Demonstrates leadership and a commitment to improving nursing and health care through involvement in professional and community activities.
5. Demonstrates characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards.

Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Education Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor an alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development. The Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Education will be awarded annually.

Please consider the following criteria as you complete your written nomination application:

1. Demonstrates characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards.
2. Functions as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses.
3. Serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.

Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Practice Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing practice. The Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Practice Award will be awarded annually.

Please consider the following criteria as you complete your written nomination application:

1. Viewed as an excellent nurse by peers and the public by demonstrating the skills, attitudes, knowledge, qualities, and values of a professional nurse.
2. Functions as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses.
3. Is viewed as an exemplary nurse by clients/patients/families.
4. Serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.
5. Is a role model/mentor for others through outstanding nursing practice.
6. Demonstrates characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards.