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Interim Dean's Notes

Kathleen A. Bruttomesso

DNSc, RN, Interim Dean

I am pleased to have this opportunity to once again send news and greetings to the alumni and friends of the School of Nursing. The faculty and staff have been very busy and we have enjoyed an exciting year. The Recruitment and Selection Committee had a very busy Spring interviewing potential faculty. We were very successful and were able to add two new faculty. Both Art Engler and Amy Kenefick are doctorally-prepared Nurse Practitioners, which greatly strengthens the Master's Programs.

With the help of Kathe Gable, the School has continued to strengthen our relationship with our alumni. I had the pleasure of hosting alumni receptions at the Connecticut Nurses' Association Convention, the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Nurses' Association Convention, the New York Nurses' Association Convention, and the Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention. It was a busy Fall season but I had the opportunity to meet many wonderful alumni of the School.

Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, we have doubled our annual giving from fiscal year 1998 to fiscal year 1999. The School also received four new endowments and pledges for Scholarships this year. The total amount pledged this year with State matching is \$800,000. With an endowment that was received in June, 1998, the total for the School is \$945,000. This kind of support will allow the School to recruit and support meritorious and needy students. Thanks to alumni giving, we were able to partially support 10 undergraduate students to attend the 47th

National Student Nurses' Association convention in Pittsburgh, April 21-25, 1999. It was a wonderful experience for the students and their enthusiasm has carried over to this year with a large membership in the UConn Student Nurses' Association.

The Schools of Nursing, Allied Health, and Pharmacy have formed an Alliance. The goal of this Alliance is to increase collaboration and enhance efficiencies of operation. As Alliance partners, the three Schools will remain independent with individual Deans and separate faculty governance systems, but will work together to pursue common goals and interests through increased coordination and joint planning. We are currently developing a jointly offered introductory course for freshmen and are collaborating on joint recruitment efforts as well.

As with all schools of nursing nationwide, enrollment is down as we face a very severe nursing shortage both in the State and nationally. The School has joined with a national effort, Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow, to promote public understanding of nursing's contribution to meeting the critical human need for quality health care. Alumni and friends can encourage young, bright people to pursue careers in nursing and

especially to enroll in the University of Connecticut School of Nursing.

The search for a new Dean continues. The Search Committee is working with a professional search firm and brought three candidates to campus in December, 1999. Although I am enjoying my term as Interim Dean, the School needs a permanent Dean in order to continue growing and meeting the challenges of the next millennium.

KATHLEEN A. BRUTTOMESSO
DNSc, RN, Interim Dean

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Greetings From the Alumni Society President



Margie Brown

I am pleased to have this opportunity to once again send news and greetings to the alumni and friends of the School of Nursing. As President of the Alumni Society, I would like to inform you of some exciting news and changes that are taking place within the organization of our Society. First, I would like to welcome the new members of our Alumni Board: Lisa Marie Griffiths '91; Judith Molloy '98, '99; Kathleen Renkiewicz Haitt '74; Judith Niederwerfer Kelly '73; Rosemary DiMaggio Courtney '56; Lori Johnson '99. Their willingness to give of their valuable time is what makes our Alumni Society special. Last year we reorganized our School of Nursing Alumni Society and became part of the larger UConn National Alumni Association. This year is one of rebuilding and expanding our outreach and services to alumni and friends. The Board and I hope that you can be a part of our growth as a Society.

We have many events planned (see the calendar on page 17), but I would like to highlight the Graduation Celebration, formerly known as the "Senior Tea". This celebration is a great way for you to meet our most important asset, our new graduate nurses, and possibly become a mentor for one of our newest alumni. The mentor program of the School of Nursing Alumni Society is new this year and I feel it is an exciting opportunity for us to help nurture and support these new nurses as they begin their career in nursing. I know you all have many special ideas to share and a comforting ear to listen. Healthcare is in the midst of its most trying times and we need to support each other more now than ever before. Recruitment of students as well as new alumni members is another important goal of the School of Nursing Alumni Society and who better to recruit but our own alumni.

Please participate in one of the School's upcoming events. In addition to receiving the benefits of attending an event, you will be eligible to win a free dinner at the 4th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet.

MARGIE BROWN '91, MS, RN,
President, School of Nursing Alumni Society

Sigma Theta Tau Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, was chartered at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing in 1955. Today, the chapter has well over 500 members. Membership is by invitation, and just recently, in November, Mu Chapter inducted 34 new members. Each year at induction, I take great pride in our Society as I hear the words of our induction ceremony. These words describe what membership in Sigma Theta Tau International represents and describe the ideals of the Society. Let me remind you of what these are:

Membership in Sigma Theta Tau International is an award for individual achievement. It recognizes baccalaureate and higher degree-prepared nurses and students who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, academic integrity, professional leadership potential, and marked achievement in the field of nursing. The contributions that Sigma Theta Tau International makes to nursing and society



Left to right: Karyl Burns '74, '80, President; Beverly Leggett '97, Recording Secretary; Diana Norris '94, '97, President Elect; Kathleen Bruttomesso, School of Nursing Interim Dean.

depend on the quality of its members. The character of the membership of Sigma Theta Tau permits the Society to assist in the preparation of future nursing leaders (Sigma Theta Tau International, 1997).

At induction, newly inducted members, as well as our tenured membership, are reminded that we accept the "values and vision that motivated our founders to begin an organization that acknowledges an intellectual and scientific base for nursing and cultivates the development of nurse scholars and leaders (Sigma Theta Tau International, 1997)." Additionally, we are all reminded that the Greek words, Storga, Tharos, and Timä are inscribed on the Sigma Theta Tau coat of arms. They mean love, honor, and courage, ideals that remain so poignant for today's nurse, just as they were 77 years ago for our founders. Finally, at the induction ceremony we are informed that we are "an integral part of a formal network" of 403 chapters and more than 200,000 scholars worldwide. This network, as outlined in the 2005 Strategic Plan, will create a "global community of nurses who lead in using scholarship, knowledge and technology to improve the health of the world's people" (Sigma Theta Tau International, 1999). Sigma Theta Tau is dedicated to providing leadership in practice, education, and research. As president of Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, I am proud of the contributions of our members, including several members from outside the United States. Mu Chapter members truly are leaders who strive to improve nursing care worldwide.

KARYL BURNS '74, '80, PHD, RN, CS,
President Mu Chapter

References: Sigma Theta Tau International (1997). 1999 Biennium Guidelines for Chapter Administration & Governance (8th ed.). Indianapolis, IN: Author. ■ Sigma Theta Tau International (1999). 2005 Strategic Plan. Indianapolis, IN: Author.

I consider myself a native of the District of Columbia because I have lived there on Capitol Hill since 1980. I commute weekly to Storrs and have enjoyed the travel and variety of living in two such diverse environments. I am originally from Ohio, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Spanish in 1971. I taught junior high and special education before returning to school. I received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Akron (OH) in 1979. Although I worked for a time as a Public Health Nurse in a sheltered workshop for mentally retarded adults, most of my nursing career has been spent in neonatal intensive care.

Beginning in 1980, I worked at Children's National Medical Center in Washington as a Staff Nurse, Charge Nurse, and Neonatal Transport Nurse. During that time, I earned a Master of Science in Pediatric Primary Care Nursing from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1985, and a certificate in neonatal tertiary care from Georgetown University Hospital in 1987. From 1991 to 1993 I worked as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD. I then taught in the new Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Masters Specialty Track at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from 1993 to 1999. I completed my Doctorate in Nursing Science in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. In addition,



Arthur J. Engler



Amy Laufer Kenefick

I am an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, and the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

My doctoral research was a quantitative study examining maternal grief and sickness impact in the year following a newborn death. I am also involved in a qualitative study looking at the experience of parents of children who are admitted unexpectedly to a critical care unit following a life-threatening illness or injury. Finally, I am ready to begin a study of the impact of Kangaroo Care (skin-to-skin, chest-to-chest holding of the diaper-clad infant by a parent) on maternal stress in the neonatal intensive care unit, using biofeedback, biochemical, and psychosocial measures.

In my free time, I enjoy reading murder mysteries, taking long walks, singing in the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and traveling. I am also an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

ARTHUR J. ENGLER DNSc, RNC, CRNP
Assistant Professor

After completing my first Bachelor's degree at UMass/Amherst, I received a BSN from Cornell

New Faculty

University-New York Hospital School of Nursing's program for non-nurse college graduates. I stayed on at New York Hospital, working in the neonatal intensive care unit and doing helicopter transports for sick newborns who had been born in surrounding communities. My next job was as a Staff Nurse at a tiny 40-bed hospital in rural southeastern Kentucky. Here the role was a little different. I accompanied tiny babies up to the medical center three hours away by ambulance. While I was in Kentucky, I completed certification as a Nurse-Midwife and as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I received a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Kentucky. Following a stint in private practice as a Midwife in Rhode Island, I became Director of the Midwifery Service at what was then called Boston City Hospital. Since 1990, I have been wearing my "Family Nurse Practitioner hat". I have worked with nursing home residents and developed interests in pain management, symptom control, and management of end of life issues. I received a PhD in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts. My research focuses on pain and other quality of life issues for nursing home residents.

While I have taught for many schools of nursing and Medicine, I am particularly honored to be part of the faculty at UConn. I look forward with excitement to being part of the coming years.

AMY LAUFER KENEFICK, RN, PHD
Assistant Professor

Distinguished Lecturer Series 1999

On April 1, 1999, our Spring presentation of the Distinguished Lecturer Series was held in the auditorium of the New Chemistry Building. Our lecturer was Elizabeth Anderson, DrPH, RN, FAAN. Dr. Anderson is a Professor of Health Promotion and Gerontology in the School of Allied Health Sciences and a Professor in the School of Nursing and the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. The title of Dr. Anderson's lecture was Community in the Third



Elizabeth Anderson

Millennium: Shifting Paradigms. Dr. Anderson's thought-provoking lecture was extremely well received as she started her presentation wearing a UConn ball cap along with a slide of our men's basketball team winning the 1999 NCAA championship title.

Due to the uninvited presence of Hurricane Floyd, the Fall Distinguished Lecture had to be cancelled. The good news, however, is that Janice Morse, PhD (Nur), PhD (Anthr), FAAN, has been rescheduled to present at our Spring Distinguished Lecturer Series. Janice Morse is a professor at the University of Alberta. She is also Director of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology and Editor of Qualitative Health Research. The date of the Spring lecture is Thursday, March 9, 2000. The title of Dr. Morse's presentation will be "Comfort and Comforting" and CEU's will be available. The lecture will begin at 4:00pm in the New Chemistry Building's auditorium (A120). A reception will follow the lecture from 5:00-6:00pm. If you are planning to come to the lecture, please confirm your attendance by calling 860-486-0544. Cheryl T. Beck DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Chair
Distinguished Lecturer Committee



Janice Morse

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The CareLink Program: Seniors and Students, Partners for Wellness

CareLink is an award winning campus-community partnership that provides services to a community of elders by undergraduate and graduate students in partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut, Inc. It arose out of the mutual need to improve community-

based educational experiences for graduate and undergraduate students and the need for health maintenance care for elders who were no longer eligible for compensated care. Using the Anderson and McFarland model, Community as Partner, graduate students were instrumental in designing the CareLink program in collaboration with the VNA of Central Connecticut, Inc. This central partnership has resulted in the development of community links with churches, senior centers, high schools, family service agen-



Janis Ruscio '00 and Frank Johnson at Plainville Senior Center

cies, and assisted living facilities. This effort is focused on bringing increased health maintenance services to an elderly population in a mid-size city with a large, retired, blue-collar population.

Examples of new programs that have resulted from these partnerships have included reminiscence therapy, fall risk-assessment and intervention, nutrition assessment and counseling, and a youth-elderly link program.

The Connecticut Association for Home Care, Inc. has recognized CareLink with the Outstanding Leadership and Creative Community Program Award for 1999. The CareLink program is modeled after a similar program in the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Pennsylvania and was initiated by Henrietta Bernal '68, '74, RN, PhD, Professor at the School of Nursing, in collaboration with Elizabeth Fumiatti '59, a UConn alumna and former Director of the VNA of Central Connecticut. The



Izilda Paturel and Kelly Lausier '00 at Izilda's home

creative work and coordination for the program has been the responsibility of Karen Reid '69, RN, who is the Director of Community and Public Health services at the VNA of Central Connecticut. On the University side, Henrietta Bernal and doctoral student Juliette Shellman '99 have coordinated the student experiences and have continued to collaborate with graduate and undergraduate students to develop the program and provide services to

clients. The program was started in 1997 and since then more than 200 clients have been served by UConn senior nursing students. This past semester the senior students field-tested a computer-based medication education program developed by Dr. Patricia Neafsey from the School of Nursing. Laptop computers are taken into the home and patients use touchscreens to interact in a self-learning module about the interaction of over-the-counter drugs with certain prescribed medications such as Coumadin.

The response from the students and the clients has been gratifying and case data show important outcomes are being achieved. Examples of successful interventions include:

1. An elderly man living alone with chronic asthma who had been hospitalized seven times the previous year, but has not been hospitalized since the initiation of home visits by the students. Students developed an easy system for him to take his medication and taught him what steps to take to avoid an asthmatic attack.

2. A woman, diagnosed by a student as having an acute episode of cellulitis, was referred to her physician who started immediate therapy, and averted a hospitalization. Before this intervention, she had usually waited until her condition required hospitalization.

3. In collaboration with an Assisted Living



Alicia Beebe '00 and Annie Romana at Plainville Senior Center

Facility, one of the students conducted fall-risk assessments of the residents and, using other aggregate data, has been able to identify the high-risk areas for falls (bedroom and bathroom) for this population. Falls are the leading cause of unintended injury among the elderly population and cost millions of dollars to the health care system. Future students will collaborate to develop a fall-prevention program in that facility.

4. Outreach to the minority elderly, conducted by a student with the collaboration of area churches, resulted in a blood pressure screening program. Several minority clients at high risk were identified and the services of CareLink were communicated. CareLink is a triumphant program because it has met a growing need in the community for nursing and health care while addressing the needs for community-based student education. It has been a successful partnership that can serve as a model for other similar types of community-campus partnerships.

HENRIETTA BERNAL '68, '74, PhD, RN, Professor

Please keep the alumni notes coming! They will continue to be published in "Remembrance Books" and in newsletters.

50's

Catherine Hines Adams '58 - Jacksonville, FL. Most recently worked as a Professor at The Sage Colleges. Previous employment included working as an Assistant Professor at UConn, Old Dominion University, Berkshire Community College & University of Massachusetts. Currently: Self-Employed, visit her "Book Nook" to sell, find, or receive your books for consignment sale (<http://abebooks.com/home/CADAMS1/>). Personal homepage at <http://home.infospace.com/cadams1>

Martha "Marty" Angrave Partridge '59 - Wethersfield, CT. Currently working for the Wethersfield Board of Education as a School Nurse. Three wonderful grandsons, youngest son married in 10/99. Counting the months until retirement.



Left - Right: Gayle Pernicka Gabrielli; JoDean Gooch Marin; Virginia Ives Bishop; Elisabeth Adomat Deluca

60's

Carol L. Milardo Floriani '68 - Corona, CA. Worked in Thailand in Cambodian refugee camps for one year. Published in AJN on nursing modalities and Transcultural Nursing. Extensively traveled. Currently employed as Director of Patient Care Services at Hospice Family Care. Previously: taught nursing for 20 years. Received a MS from Assumption College.

Gayle Pernicka Gabrielli '69 (Class Agent) - South Windsor, CT. Employed by VNA Health Care, Inc. for 16 years and currently directing a continuity of care network through a contractual agreement with the UConn Health System.

Married to Frank for 30 years. Son, Christopher, age 26, and daughter, Lauren, age 22, are both pursuing their own careers. Enjoys painting, travel, and decorating and cherishes time spent with family and friends.

Elisabeth Adomat Deluca '69 - Orange, CT. Currently involved in community organizations, volunteer work, and fund-raising projects. Hobbies include painting, travel (hiked the Grand Canyon in 1999), photography, and badminton. Married for 30 years to Fred, founder of SUBWAY Restaurants, one son, Jonathan, age 26. Left nursing in 1975 to join husband in the business and to develop operational standards for franchises. Continues to remain involved

in the business on special projects.

Jo Dean Gooch Marin '69 - Phoenix, AZ. Currently employed at Arizona State University as a Programmer. Enjoys pool, needlecraft, cooking, and interesting conversation. Recently composed a cookbook with special recipes collected from friends. Enjoy traveling to CT to visit friends.

Virginia Ives Bishop '69 - Glastonbury, CT. Home care has been main field of work. Employed with non-profit organization in Meriden, CT, for the last 12 years. Remarried in '93 to Benjamin Bishop. Recently designed and built a new home in Glastonbury. Four sons, mutual love for travel, jewelry business, friends and family keep our lives full and busy.

Sandra M. Hillman '69 - Roswell, GA. Currently, Associate Professor of nursing at Kennesaw State University. President and founder of consulting business, Hillman Consulting International. Previous consulting work included developing a comprehensive community-based case management program

and inpatient hospice facility for AIDS and other terminally ill patients in Bermuda.

70's

Susan M. Davey '70 - Branford, CT. Currently employed as a Certified Nurse/Midwife at OB/GYN of Middletown.

Sharon Bidwell-Cerone '70 - Rochester, NY. Alumni Award Recipient (see page 9).

Jean Richards Nicholas '70 (Class Agent) - Rockville, MD. Currently employed as an Associate Professor at Montgomery College. Received MS degree at Houston Baptist University.

Elizabeth Barnsley Zeman '70 - Branford, CT. Currently employed as Vice President of Home Health Care for Life Care Services Corporation.

Louise Pedro Carvalho '74 - Waterbury, CT. Currently employed by St. Mary's Hospital as Manager of Cardiology Emergency Staff. Experience in critical care and invasive and non-invasive cardiac testing, EEG &

Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Joanne Fiore Moser '78 - Phoenixville, PA. Currently, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Assistant Director of Coatesville Pediatrics. The practice has grown to serve



Left-Right: Susan M. Davey; Sharon Bidwell-Cerone; Jean Richards Nicholas; Elizabeth Barnsley Aeman

5,000, primarily an underserved population in a pocket of Chester County outside of Philadelphia, PA. Received MSN from Columbia University in '81.

Barbara M. Resnick '78 - Columbia, MD. Currently, Assistant Professor at University of Maryland in a combined clinical faculty position as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. Research Program focuses on motivating older adults to exercise and perform functional activities.

80's

Kathryn Murphy McDonnell '80 - Clinton, CT. Employed by Middlesex Hospital since 1986. Member & Chairperson of the Nursing Research Committee. Received Family

Nurse Practitioner degree at Southern Connecticut State University '99. Presented qualitative research at the Second Annual Research & Scholarship Day at SCSU.

Catherine Bernosky-Flores '83 - New Orleans, LA. Currently employed at Dillard University teaching Community Nursing in BSN program. Interest in Transcultural Nursing as PhD area of research. Practices Rural Health Nursing in Honduras 6 weeks a year. Received MN at LSU in '90.

Amy Corcoran Schroder '87 - Simsbury, CT. Employed by Hartford Hospital as a Nurse Educator for Women's Health. Adjunct faculty at University of Hartford Graduate Program in Nursing. Member of Hartford Hospital Nursing Research Committee and Capital Alliance Research Collaborative Women's Health Research Utilization Committee. Certified NCC Inpatient Obstetrics & CCES Childbirth Educator.

Susan M. Tischer Rugar '88 - Palmyra, VA. Currently, employed as a Vascular Surgery Care Coordinator in the University of VA Health System. Coordinates all inpatient care for vascular surgery patients & discharge planning. Facilitates projects related to care of vascular patients including starting Vascular Rehab Programs.

Lisa Bonanno Guagliardo '89 - Suffield, CT. Currently employed as a Clinical Supervisor at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT. Received MBA/MSN from Loyola University of Chicago in 1994.

Catherine Deakin Pease '89 - Vernon, CT. Employed full-time at UConn Health Center's ICU and per diem with Manchester Memorial's critical care areas. Married 8 years. Enjoys travel and fishing with husband whenever possible. Has bred, raised, and shown English Bulldogs.

90's



Michael Bafuma

Michael Bafuma '98 - Middletown, CT. Working for Alliance Imaging Inc., assisting with lithotripsy procedures in a traveling practice across the US. After helping position & localize the kidney stone, the nurse monitors the patient's EKG because in some cases the shock waves, can irritate the myocardium causing PVC's. Half of the challenge of my job involves getting to work! I am in a different city daily. It can be a lot of fun. I have seen cities I might have never seen, and been to small country towns in the middle of nowhere.

Beth Roos Greig '74, '97 - East Hampton, CT. Currently employed by the Hartford Hospital Physician Organization. Spent the last 25 years at Hartford Hospital in a variety of roles: Staff Nurse, Nursing management, information systems management, business management & now as a manager in the joint venture entity between Hartford Hospital and its physicians. Received MBA in 1997.

Cheryl Makara Whipple '89, '97 - Colchester, CT. Currently working at Capital Region Mental Health Center as Head Nurse on a Sub-Acute unit with mentally ill and dually-diagnosed clients. Provides risk management & crisis stabilization. Married Richard J. Whipple in '94, daughter Sophia Elizabeth born on 9/2/98.

New Alumni Board Members

Lisa Marie Griffiths '91 - Vice President. Currently employed at University of Connecticut Health Services on Storrs Campus as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse for Women's Health Services.

Judith Molloy '98, '99 Has been employed at the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for over 20 years. Currently meeting objectives for certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Kathleen Renkiewicz Hait '74 - Has been a Captain in the

United States Navy for 27 years. Currently, Commander of Naval Ambulatory Care Center in Groton, CT. Received MS in Health Administration from Baylor University.

Judith Niederwerfer Kelly '73 - Currently, Family Nurse Practitioner at Canajoharie Family Health Center in Canajoharie, NY. Appointed to NY State Department of Health Rural Health Council in 1997, 3-year term.

Rosemary DiMaggio Courtney '56 - Retired from Yale-New Haven Hospital after 25 years in various positions. Worked as a Nurse Educator and Recruiter prior to her most recent position in Hospital Administration, Facilities Planning and Design.

Lori Johnson '99 - Currently Psychiatric Nurse working as an on-call clinician at the Institute of Living, Hartford Hospital's Mental Health Network.

Senior Board Members

Margie Brown '91, President Vice President Rockville General & Manchester Memorial Hospitals

Robert Girotti '85, '95, Secretary, Clinical Instructor, UConn SON, Staff Nurse, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Adult Medical/Surgical

Mary Jane Williams '82, Treasurer, Associate Professor, Central Connecticut State University



SON Society Board Officers and Ex-Officio Members, from left to right. Top Row: Lisa Marie Griffiths '91; Jean Richards Nicholas '70 (Class Agent); Robert Girotti '85, '95, Secretary; Sharon Ehlers '73, (Class Agent); Margie Brown '91, President; Kathleen A. Bruttomesso, Interim Dean; Bottom Row: Judith Molloy '98, '99; Rosemary DiMaggio Courtney '56; Lori Johnson '99

New Replacement Pin Policy
The School of Nursing is pleased to be able to help you replace a lost UConn School of Nursing pin. For more information please contact Mark Armati: 860 486 6403 or by email:nuradm01@uconnvm.uconn.edu

Meet with Connecticut's Best and Brightest Nurses!

Interested in a forum to meet with students and discuss career and other work opportunities??

To discuss options to:

- Meet with students
- Deliver company-specific information
- Recruit in a cost-effective manner

Previous successful marketing approaches have occurred during "Graduation Celebration", an event hosted by alumni to congratulate the graduating class.

Additional opportunities to advertise through sponsorship are available.

Meet with Connecticut's best and brightest future nurses.

For more information, we welcome you to contact the Director of Public Affairs, Kathe Gable, at (860) 486-0613.

What's New With You?

First Name _____
Middle Name _____
Maiden &/or Previous Name _____
Last Name _____

UConn SON Degree(s) and date(s) conferred: ___BS ___MS ___PhD
Sigma Theta Tau-Mu Chapter Inductee ___Yes ___No

Early classes - clinical placement: ___Hartford ___New Haven
Other _____

Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Email _____
2nd Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Other Degrees/Certifications _____

Current employment _____
Work Phone _____ Work Email _____

Tell us a little about your job, previous work history, family, community involvements, or interests. _____

Anything new? Something you want to share/update? _____

Thank you! Thank you!





Big Blue visits the tent as alums, families, and friends eat lunch.

Homecoming 1999

UConn Homecoming 1999, Spirits of the New Millennium: RIP the 20th Century, kicked off at 9:00 a.m. on October 30, 1999. The School of Nursing tent in the Student Union Mall was bigger and better than ever. Offerings included a continental breakfast, interesting displays, information about the current faculty and state of the School, raffle prizes, fun activities and games for children. The

School of Nursing had no trouble decorating the tent for Halloween and our well-used skeleton joined with many other props from the simulated lab to make for a ghoulish but enticing place to hang out for the day. Our very own Professor Cheryl Beck dressed up as Florence Nightingale and joined the nursing students in giving out popcorn and welcoming visitors to our tent. The Alumni Association provided many wonderful activities for alumni, families and

friends to participate in. We hope to have you join us next year for more of the same great activities:

■ **Alma Meter Fun Run**

All levels of runners and walkers hitting the road for a 3.1 mile race around campus.

■ **KidsK**

A non-competitive run for children age 3-11. Distance of 7/10 mile (ages 3-7) and 1.4 miles (ages 8-11).

■ **UConn 2000 Bus Tour**

Observing the exciting changes to campus brought about by the UConn 2000 initiative.



Left to Right: Denise Otton, School of Nursing Staff Member; Cheryl Beck, Professor (dressed as Florence Nightingale); Regina Cusson, Professor



Left to Right: School of Nursing Student Workers: Rebecca Friedman, Nelly Gador '03, Lynn Michaelson

■ **Homecoming Parade**

Music of the UConn Marching Band and viewing the wonderfully crafted theme floats.

■ **Homecoming Pre-Game BBQ**

Fun and frolicking at the Homecoming Pre-game BBQ. The Dave and Charlie band playing classic hits, kids enjoying a caricaturist, balloon artists, face painters and moon bounce. Friends and fellow classmates gathering in the school and college, group, and organization sponsored tents adorning the mall.

■ **Homecoming Football Game**

■ **Post Game Husky Hour**

Partying at the Alumni House. Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and entertainment.

- Mar. 9th - Distinguished Lecturer Series Spring Presentation: "Comfort & Comforting" featuring: Janice Morse, PhD (Nurs), PhD (Anthr), FAAN
Location: Chemistry A120 Lecture: 4:00 pm.
Reception: 5:00 pm - CEU'S WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- Mar. 11th - RN/MS/AGS Information Session
Location: West Hartford Campus.
Time: 10 - 12:00 noon*
- Mar. 16th - Diabetes Education 2000 Conference
Location: Mashnattuck Pequot Museum and Research Center Foxwoods Reservation.
Time: 1 - 4:30 pm -CEU'S WILL BE AVAILABLE- Call 860-486-4262 for program questions.
- Mar. 20-24th - Spring Break
- Mar. 30- Apr. 1st - Eastern Nursing Research Society Convention Location: Newport, RI
- Mar. 29th - PhD Information Session
Location: School of Nursing.
Time: 6 - 8:00 pm*
- Apr. 13th - Sigma Theta Tau International All Connecticut Chapters 9th Annual Collaborative Research Day
Location: Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT

RN/MS/AGS Information Session
Location: West Hartford Campus.
Time: 5 - 8:00 pm*
- Apr. 15th - Open House for admitted Fall '00 undergraduates
Time: Welcome /Reception 10 am - 12 pm
Alumni Lunch 12 noon
- Apr. 17th - Graduation Celebration Location: Alumni House. Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Apr. 26th - "Career Opportunities for Nurses in the New Millennium" all-day CEU presentation by Phillip A. Kalisch
Location: West Hartford Town Hall
- Apr. 27th - PhD Information Session Location: School of Nursing Time: 6 - 8:00 pm*
- May. 1st - RN/MS/AGS Information Session
Location: School of Nursing Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm*
- May 8th - 2nd Annual Research Day
Location: Student Union
Time: 10:00 am Welcome, Room 378; 10:15 - 11:30 am Concurrent Sessions; 11:30 - 12 noon Scholarship Presentation; 12 noon -1 pm Luncheon and Poster Presentations



- May 9th - Last Day of Spring Semester Classes
- May 20th - Undergraduate Commencement
Location: Gampel Pavilion
Time: Procession Begins 9:30 am,
Ceremony Begins 10 am

Convocation-Pinning Ceremony
Location: Rome Hall; South Campus
Ballroom Time: 12 noon
- May 21st - Graduate Reception
Location: Student Union Ballroom
Time: 1 - 2:30 p m

Commencement
Location: Gampel
Time: Ceremony Begins 3 p m
- Jun. 2nd & 3rd - Class of 1950's 50th
Reunion School of Nursing Gathering
June 2nd 1 - 2:45 p m
- Aug. 30th - 1st Day of Fall Semester Classes
- Sept. 14th - RN/MS/AGS/PhD Information
Sessions
Location: West Hartford Campus
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm*
- Sept. 18th - School of Nursing Fall Picnic
Location: Student Union Mall or SON
(Storrs Hall) if inclement weather.
Time: 4:00 pm
- Sept. 23rd - Family Day Tour and Information at
School of Nursing
Time: 10 - 11:00 am
- Oct. 4th - RN/MS/AGS/PhD Information Sessions
Location: Avery Point Campus
Time: 5 - 8:00 pm*
- Oct. 13th - 4th Annual Research Utilization
Conference. Sponsored by the Capital
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- Oct. 28th - Homecoming at Storrs Campus - All Day!

School of Nursing Alumni Society
General Membership Meeting
Location: Tent on Student Union Mall
Time: 9:30 am

4th Annual Distinguished Alumni
Awards Banquet
Location: Manchester Country Club,
Manchester, CT.
Time: Reception 6:30 pm;
Dinner 7:30 pm; Awards 8:30 pm
- Nov. 8th - RN/MS/AGS/PhD Information Sessions
Location: School of Nursing
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm*
- Dec. 3rd - Sigma Theta Tau, Mu Chapter
Induction Ceremony
Location: UConn Dodd Research
Center, Konover Auditorium
Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p m
Luncheon \$5. guests. Inductees gratis.
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Third Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

On October 30, 1999, the School of Nursing presented four Outstanding Alumni Awards and one Distinguished Service Award at the Third Annual Alumni Awards Banquet held at the Hartford Marriott in Rocky Hill. Distinguished award recipients, guest presenters, faculty, alumni celebrating reunions, retired faculty, and other special individuals were present at the ceremony. The alumni awards were established in 1997 as a way to recognize our most talented alumni, as well as to honor the Deans of the School.

Clara Anderson Williams '56, MS, RN, was presented with the Carolyn Ladd Widmer Outstanding Alumni Award for Leadership in Nursing by Michael Widmer. Clara, affectionately known by faculty and students as "Andy", was first appointed to work as an instructor at the School of Nursing in 1956. She retired as an Assistant Professor Emerita in 1992, and worked part time until 1997. Andy's tremendous contribution to the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA) included her service on many committees including acting as Secretary and Chair of the Government Relations Council for several years. In 1983, Andy was a Connecticut Nurses' Association Diamond Jubilarian receiving the Agnes Ohlson Award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing Through Political Action. Andy was given an award by the University of Connecticut for excellence in teaching and has also been presented by Sigma Theta Tau, Mu Chapter with the Josephine A. Dolan Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sharon Bidwell-Cerone '70, PhD, RN, CS-PNP, was presented with the Eleanor K. Gill Outstanding Alumni Award for Clinical Excellence in Nursing. Sharon is a Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing at the University at Buffalo School of Nursing. As a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Sharon holds an important position as one of the 15 members of the American Nurses' Association (ANA) Congress of Nursing Practice. The Congress focuses on long-range policy development essential to the mission of the ANA and establishes a plan of operation for carrying out the Association's responsibilities. Sharon serves on the American Nurses' Credentialing Center Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Test Development Committee and on the Maternal-Child Certification Board. In 1999, Sharon was presented with a Distinguished Alumnae award from Yale University where she received her Master's Degree in 1974.

Susan T. Blackburn, PhD, RN, C, FAAN, (Class of '66) was presented with the Beverly Koerner Outstanding Alumni Award for Education in Nursing. Susan is a Professor in the Department of Family and Child Nursing at the University of Washington, Seattle. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Oregon where she serves as Co-Director of the Collaborative Health Sciences University of Washington/Oregon Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. Susan has authored numerous publications and has received funding for various research projects. Susan has most recently acted as Co-Project Director of the Advanced Practice Genetics Nursing Program, funded by the Public Health Service. She currently serves as the Editor of the Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing and has been presented with the Distinguished Leader in Neonatal Nursing Award from the National Association of Neonatal Nurses. Susan also received a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Washington.

Robin Froman, PhD, RN, FAAN, (Classes of '84 & '87) was presented with the Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumni Award for Research in Nursing. Robin is currently Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Prior to working at UTMB, Robin was a Professor and Director of the Center for Nursing Research at the University of Connecticut. She had also served as the Health Restoration Department Chairperson and Interim Associate Dean. Robin presently serves on the editorial boards of several well-known nursing journals and has extensive pub-

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lishing experience. In 1990, Robin was a Connecticut Nurses' Association Diamond Jubilarian receiving the Virginia Henderson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Research. She is the editor of the Quantitative Methods column in



Research in Nursing and Health and has served as a grant application reviewer for the National Institute of Nursing Research since 1993.

Eleanor Herrmann EdD, RN, FAAN, (Professor Emerita & Archivist of the Dolan Collection) was presented with the

University of Connecticut School of Nursing Distinguished Service Award. Eleanor specialized in the area of Nursing History throughout her tenure at the University of Connecticut, 1987-1998. Eleanor, a prolific writer of Nursing History, has served on multiple editorial boards and review panels and currently writes a quarterly piece on Nursing History for the Connecticut Nursing News. Her ongoing contributions to UConn's School of Nursing have been outstanding. As the archivist for the Dolan Collection, she maintains one of the premiere collections of nursing artifacts in the nation and is always preparing new attractive displays for the public. Eleanor was instrumental in establishing the Nursing Leadership Archives at the Dodd Research Center on the Storrs Campus. She was also instrumental in acquiring



the Josephine A. Dolan Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Education.

Clockwise Top Right: Awardee Clara Anderson Williams '56, MS, RN and Presenter, Michael Widmer. Awardee Susan T. Blackburn '66, RN C, PhD, FAAN. Awardee Robin Froman '84 & '87, MS, RN, PhD, FAAN and Presenter, Marlene Kramer BS, MS, PhD, FAAN, Dean 1979 - 1987. Awardee, Eleanor Herrmann, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita. Awardee Sharon Bidwell-Cerone '70, PhD, RN, CS - PNP.

Scholarships and Endowments

The School of Nursing wants to thank all of the generous individuals who have contributed to various funds helping support the mission of the school. The School of Nursing is pleased to report that the annual giving doubled over the last year and that there was a tremendous increase in the development of scholarships available to our students. In 1999, the School of Nursing was thrilled to be able to grant the following students scholarships:

- **Virginia Chartier '01**

received the L. Marmor Surgical Arthritis Award. *This Fund provides Scholarship support for undergraduates.*

- **Juliette Shellman '99**

received an award from the Eleanor Gill Scholarship Fund for Spring '99. *This Fund provides a Scholarship for a Master's Degree Graduate Student in a nursing program.*

- **Robert Oliver '01** received an award from the Ferdinand & Nellie D'Esopo Fund. *This fund provides a Scholarship to a student in the School of Nursing with preference given to Hartford residents.*



Donald Brenner and Tamara Callands '03, recipient of the Christine Yorán Brenner Scholarship '99 - '00

- **Tara Bernen '02**

received The Ralph & Ruby Gilman Scholarship for the '99 - '00 academic year. *This Scholarship fund supports tuition and fees for students of the School of Nursing.*

- **Ann Mullin '02**

received The Amanda and Jacob Brax Memorial Scholarship for the '99 - '00 academic year. *This scholarship fund provides aid and support for students in the School of Nursing.*

- **Ann Mastroianni '00**

- **Victoria Barbosa '00**

- **Katherine Pazdrak '99**

- **Christina Kelsey '01**

received scholarship awards from the Paul L. Jones Fund to support their studies in the '99 - '00 academic year. *This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate nursing students*

from the State of Connecticut.

- **Stephanie Lennon '00**

received the Richard Hollfelder Scholarship for the '99 - '00 academic year. *This scholarship provides financial support to undergraduate nursing students in their final two years of study.*

- **Jenelle Pope '02**

received the Edgar, Clark & Blanc Scholarship for Fall '99. *This fund provides aid to an undergraduate nursing student.*

- **Jamie Trojanowski '00**

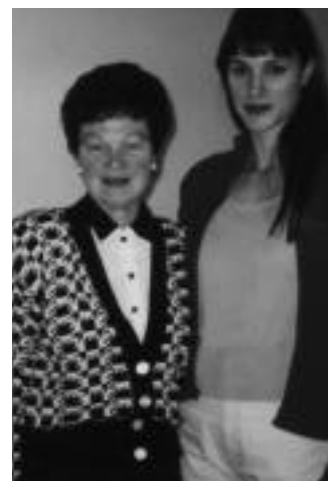
received the Dorothy Solon Schuman Memorial Scholarship for Fall '99. *This fund provides aid to an undergraduate nursing student.*

- **Tamara Callands '03**

received the Christine Yorán Brenner Scholarship for the '99 - '00 Academic year.

This fund provides support to a student from Fairfield County who has shown service and best exemplifies Christine Yorán Brenner's values.

Additionally, the School of Nursing is pleased to announce that the Presnick Family Nursing Scholarship, the Nursing Scholar Fund and the Mary Barbara Rice Scholarship have recently been established to help support nursing students in the School. The School of Nursing continues to maintain the Nursing Scholarship Fund that can provide scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students at the School of Nursing. We thank all alumni and friends who have gener-



Left to Right: Maureen Hollfelder; Stephanie Lennon '00 recipient of the Richard Hollfelder Scholarship '99 - '00

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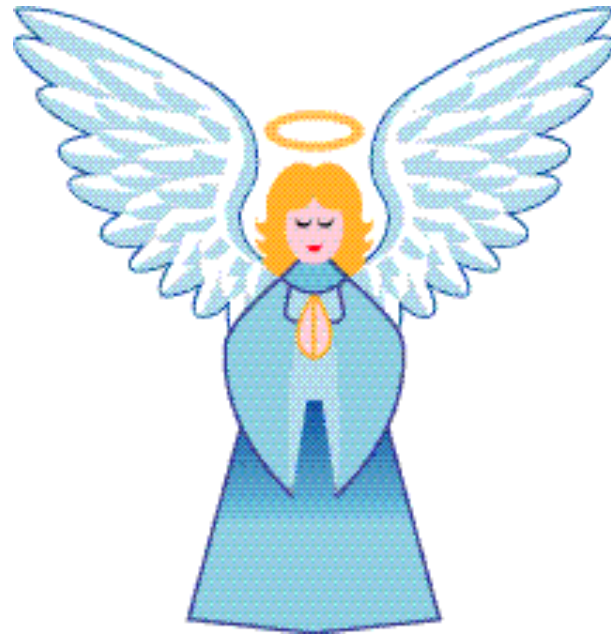
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