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UConn Congratulates First Class to Complete Master's Entry Into Nursing Program

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Dean's Message

*“A timeless commitment
to an ever brighter future
for nursing.”*

Laura Cox Dzurec
'74, PhD, RN, CS
Dean and Professor



Significant growth and change in the 2003-2004 academic year characterize the School of Nursing. Interest in nursing at UConn has soared, with increases in student numbers throughout our programs. Designed to help meet the needs of our State's nursing shortage, new initiatives like the Master's Entry Into Nursing (MBEIN) program are underway.

Enthusiastic MBEIN Students from the 2004 class began their studies in January. This second class of MBEIN students will be eligible to sit for the licensing examination in January 2005. The tremendous public appeal of our MBEIN program is evident, as our applicant numbers continue to increase.

Eager to Enter the World of Nursing, students will have better access to nursing education statewide because our commitment to learning encompasses seamless opportunities and collaboration with regional campuses to increase nursing presence statewide.

Excellent Advising helps students progress efficiently toward their professional goals, with the support of Assistant Dean Kathleen A. Hiatt.

Encouraged by Our Progress, we are expanding support for our faculty, students, and programs. UConn nursing is a great investment! Every dollar counts in helping us reach our campaign goal by June 30, 2004.

Our dynamic students and faculty are advancing the health and well being of our State and region. Faculty and student scholarship make significant contributions to nursing science. Please contact us at any time to learn more about the School.

Implementing Innovative Programs to Stem the Nursing Shortage

A significant nursing shortage is of concern nationwide. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services projects that by Year 2020, 44 States and the District of Columbia will have nursing shortages (2002). While Connecticut had a 12% shortage in Year 2000 (supply: 26,407; demand: 30,137), HRSA projects that Connecticut will experience a 54.9% shortage by Year 2020 (supply: 17,870; demand: 39,661).

Nationwide impacts on nursing field

Factors influencing the nursing shortage nationally are broad, and include declining numbers of nursing school graduates, the aging of the RN workforce, declines in relative earnings, and the emergence of alternative job opportunities for women, who make up the largest segment of the nursing workforce. Data on the growth in new RNs, as measured by those passing

the RN licensing test (NCLEX), show that after growing steadily during the first half of the 1990s, the number of new RN graduates fell annually in the last half of the decade, resulting in 26% fewer RN graduates in 2000 than in 1995. Declines in graduates across all degree programs -- diploma, associate degree, and baccalaureate -- occurred during the last half of the 1990s. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reported a 4% increase in baccalaureate enrollments between 2000 and 2001, however, students in these programs will not complete their programs for roughly two to four years, depending on their academic history and progress (HRSA, 2002).

SON addresses growing concern

Although the School of Nursing cannot manage the shortage alone, faculty and staff have made significant contributions to stemming the shortage.

First, the School admitted the first class of 24 students to a newly-established Master's Entry Into Nursing (MbeIN) program in January, 2003. Granted full approval on February 6, 2002 by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, the MbeIN program is a 45-credit, one calendar year program in generic nursing,

culminating in a certificate that establishes eligibility for both the licensing examination (NCLEX) in CT and enrollment in the master's program in nursing at UConn. This program is for a restricted pool of applicants who hold bachelor's degrees in non-nursing fields and have completed a comprehensive set of science and liberal arts prerequisites. Candidates' undergraduate GPAs must be greater than 3.0 for admission consideration. The inaugural class entered nursing practice and/or graduate work in January 2004 when the 2nd class of 30 students entered the program. On graduation of the first class (all of whom have been successful in their NCLEX examinations to date), the Board of Nursing scheduled an initial program review.

Leadership serves on statewide committees, taskforces

The Dean represented the School in evaluating the existing model of articulation for nursing education in Connecticut during Academic Year 2002, serving on the Connecticut League for Nursing Articulation Oversight Committee, the Statewide Advisory Council on Student Transfer and Articulation, and the Nursing Articulation Subcommittee of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. Following a December workshop with Mary Rapson, PhD, RN, FAAN, a nationally known expert in articulation, Connecticut's Council of Deans and Directors

References:
Health Resources and Services Administration. (2002). *Projected supply, demand, and shortages of RNs: 2000 – 2020*. Washington, DC: Author.

revised the articulation model, formulating an escrow model, and changing the focus of nursing articulation from program to student. The revised Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Educational Mobility provides for transfer credits to be put in escrow until such time as students seeking advanced education complete a first nursing course that allows them to demonstrate prerequisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes for professional nursing. The revised model is being actively used by the School's Academic Advisory Center staff as they work with RN students to help them access master's degrees in nursing.

Since 1992, graduates of practical and registered nursing programs in Connecticut have benefited from the uniform granting of credit creating accessible pathways to advanced education and facilitating educational mobility.

Compact enhances availability of resources statewide

Adding to our efforts to support streamlined nursing education, the

UConn for upper division nursing coursework. The compact helps to make faculty and clinical resources best available to students statewide.

SON vision is clear

The SON has a clear, strong, proactive strategy for expanding the financial resources for the School. The Dean and external relations staff are focused on a balanced and effective series of activities to strengthen relationships with on-campus units and with external individuals and groups. To date, we have raised over 82% of the Campaign UConn goal, representing about \$2.5 million. Mary Ellen (Mell) Hobson '77 '86 ably serves as Chair of the School's Advisory Board. School events are well-attended and have been evaluated by consultants as outstanding, well-executed, and thoroughly followed-up. These events support strong connections among the vision, mission, and work of the School of Nursing. Involvement with alumni and emeriti is increasing annually, and more and more, people are coming home to UConn.

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School now offers an opportunity for qualified students from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich to gain admission to the School of Nursing, through a Compact Agreement. Students selected for this program complete prerequisite coursework for nursing at Three Rivers and transfer to

kudos

The School of Nursing Josephine A. Dolan Service Award was presented in 2003 to Elizabeth Carol Polifroni, EdD, RN, CNNA.



Currently, Associate Professor, MbEIN and Master's Program Coordinator, Faculty Chairperson, & Patient Care Services - Systems Administration Master's Track Coordinator, Carol has been on faculty at the UConn School of Nursing for over 20 years. Throughout her various leadership positions, Associate Dean - six years, Acting Dean - two terms, and Unit Chair for nearly a decade, she significantly advanced the School and its programs.

In 2000, E. Carol Polifroni designed the MbEIN program for non-nurse college graduates. Student interest in the MbEIN program has soared, and with acclamation from our students and nursing providers alike, the program's expansion in years to come will aid in meeting the needs of our State's nursing shortage.

Center for Nursing Research (CNR) News

Nursing faculty submitted an all time high number of grant proposals, 13, in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Multiple proposals have been sent out since the beginning of the 2003-2004 fiscal year and rather than sit back and wait the three to six months to hear about funding, faculty are busy getting their next proposals together. All are excited that Sheila Taylor has joined the CNR full time as administrative assistant. Ms. Taylor comes to us with a background in computer technology and a degree in sociology from Eastern Connecticut State University and most recently worked in Traffic Services. (No, she can't fix your tickets!) Ms. Taylor will be providing faculty with assistance with proposal and budget development and the grant

application process. She will act as liaison with the Preaward and Postaward OSP personnel. She plans to develop an online grant proposal tracking system and will become the webmaster for the CNR site where requests for applications, conference calls, etc. will be posted. Please stop by the CNR to meet her or call her office at (860) 486-8321.

Efforts are underway with Brian LaChapelle of the UConn Foundation to pursue donor funding for new computer equipment in the lab. We were recently given a high end GCC Tech Elite XL 20/800 printer that can be networked to all Windows '00 workstations. Currently we have a mix of older (Windows '95 and '98) and new (Windows '00) desktop

computers. Upgrading all the computers to a consistent interface will facilitate teaching research methods to groups of students so that each desktop has the same software and connectivity. As they are replaced, the older CNR computers, will find homes in the student lounges as email/web terminals.

As our student numbers and class sizes continue to grow (570 undergraduates), faculty research productivity has also increased as evidenced by the over 130 SON articles and presentations last year. Our research really does drive student interest and vice versa! Soon a display featuring faculty and student publications will be installed on the wall outside the CNR. Come for a visit and browse – I assure you it will be interesting.

~ Patricia Neafsey, Director

Neafsey & EPA look at Xenobiotics/Polymorphism Research

Pat (P.J.) Neafsey's best known work is aimed at reducing adverse self-medication practices in older adults. However, she also has another line of research -- developing mathematical models to predict risk from exposure to toxic substances. Recently she has been working on an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant headed by Gary Ginsberg, PhD, State Toxicologist (CT State Dept. of Health) and Dale Hattis, PhD, Professor, Clark University. The purpose of the project is to develop a database of information concerning the frequency of various 'polymorphisms' or genetic variants in human enzymes that metabolize drugs and other foreign compounds known as xenobiotics. Xenobiotics include such substances as pesticides, cancer causing nitrosamines in tobacco, and street drugs such as ecstasy. The research team pooled genotype frequency and enzyme function data from population studies. Then they used a mathematical procedure called a 'Monte Carlo simulation' to predict the population distributions of enzyme activity.

Their findings will have a practical use not only in risk assessment, but also for Nurse Practitioners and physician prescribers. For example, one of the enzymes studied, CYP2D6, is involved in the metabolism of about a quarter of currently prescribed drugs. A distinct bimodal distribution of CYP2D6 activity was found among both Caucasians and African-Americans. Nearly 20% of each population were "poor metabolizers" having 3-fold less activity than the population median. And more than a quarter of the poor metabolizers had more than a 10-fold lower CYP2D6 activity than the population median. If an individual is a poor metabolizer and is on a medication (and/or exposed to a xenobiotic) metabolized by CYP2D6, adverse side-effects may be more likely.

In the future, prescribers will be able to order genotype and enzyme function tests for CYP2D6 and other drug metabolizing enzymes. This will improve the ability of prescribers to select appropriate dosing regimens for their patients. Until then, health care

Neafsey Named Medication News Columnist for *Home Healthcare Nurse*

Carolyn Humphrey, MS, RN, FAAN, editor, *Home Healthcare Nurse*, has named Professor Pat (P.J.) Neafsey as a Department Editor (Pharmacology). Starting with the January, 2004 issue, she writes a monthly column, *Medication News*, that will help to "translate research into best practice approaches." The peer-reviewed journal is the Visiting Nurse Association of America official journal for clinical practice and is oriented toward evidence-based research, clinical practice, and management for home care and hospice professionals.

providers need to consider that individuals may be exhibiting adverse effects from medication and/or xenobiotics as a result of their particular drug metabolizing genotype.

International Medical Informatics Association Names Article "Best of Medical Informatics"

An international editorial board appointed by the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA, with over 7,000 members) has named an article by P.J. Neafsey, Z. Strickler, J. Shellman, and V. Chartier published in *Public Health Nursing* as one of "the best

of medical informatics articles." The article was named for its "scientific content and quality of medical informatics." It will be reprinted in the 2004 IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics.

See: Neafsey, P.J., Strickler, Z., Shellman, J., & Chartier, V. (2002). An interactive technology approach to educate older adults about drug interactions arising from over-the-counter self-medication practices. *Public Health Nursing*, 19(4), 255-262.

New Faculty

Sherry Bassi '91 '93, EdD, RN, CNS, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Appointed to the President's Task Force on Substance Abuse shortly after being hired at UConn in 2002, Dr. Sherry Bassi's contributions stem from a significant nursing career in substance abuse education, prevention, and policy.

Bassi adds to the School's efforts to support streamlined nursing education by directing the Compact Agreement with Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. Bassi leads the cohort of nursing students at the UConn Avery Point Campus and assists in working with qualified students from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich who have gained admission to the School of Nursing. Through the Compact Agreement these students are eligible for transfer to UConn for upper division nursing coursework upon completing prerequisite coursework for nursing at Three Rivers. Bassi's leadership role exemplifies UConn's goal to make nursing faculty and clinical resources more available to students statewide. Most recently, Bassi has been expanding the School's clinical sites in community health to southeastern Connecticut.



Chanyeong Kwak, PhD, CCRN, Assistant Professor - since September 2003

Raised in Korea, Kwak earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Seoul National University while dreaming of one day becoming a teacher. In 1990, Kwak moved to the United States with her husband and two - now teenaged - daughters.

She enrolled in Yale University and completed her Master of Science as a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist in 1996. Early in her nursing career, when working at various health care settings as a clinical educator, Kwak became interested in health policy. Kwak's path to become a nurse scholar led her to a Health Policy Internship in South Korea with the Ministry of the Department of Health and Welfare in 1999, and the completion of a PhD from the University of Massachusetts/Boston in 2001.

Before joining the faculty at UConn, Kwak was an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island School of Nursing.

Kwak's research focuses on efficiency and equity in the health care delivery system and examines the cultural/racial differences and disparities in health status and health care services. In 2002, the second edition of Kwak's *Asian and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out: Long term care delivery system in Korea* was printed by Jones & Bartlett Publishers. In 2003, Kwak was invited to become a reviewer for the *Journal of Nursing Research*. Her expertise in quantitative and survey research methods and her knowledge of advanced statistical techniques are an asset to UConn's graduate nursing research curriculum.

Kwak enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and embracing the two distinct cultures of Korea and America.



Juliette Shellman '99 MS, '03 PhD, CS, RN, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Building upon her successful reminiscence research program, Dr. Juliette Shellman's newest study, *The Effects of a Structured Reminiscence Program on Depression and Life Satisfaction in African-American Elders*, received funding through a UConn Research Foundation Large Grant (\$23,224). Shellman's research program addresses challenges nurses face in delivering culturally competent care to a growing and aging elderly population. The projected rise in elders' cultural and racial diversity prompted Shellman to find support for the use of reminiscence as an intervention to decrease depression and improve the quality of care provided to elders.

In her previous research, Shellman demonstrated that using a reminiscence education program had a positive effect on nursing students' perceptions of eldercare cultural self-efficacy. Shellman is a consultant to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut, Inc. supporting the continued development of the CareLink Program. CareLink is an award winning, campus-community partnership through which undergraduate students provide supervised services to a community of elders. Through the CareLink Program, students have delivered about \$303,000 of uncompensated care to over 420 elders in the central Connecticut area.





Innovative Longitudinal Research on Breast Cancer & Neurocognitive Status

Amy Kenefick, PhD, FNP, CNM, Assistant Professor

Dr. Amy Kenefick aids the battle against breast cancer with her new \$200,000 Clinical Nurse Research Award from the Department of Defense (DOD). Kenefick has embarked on a longitudinal descriptive study of the relationship between neurocognitive function (NCF), symptom distress, functional status, and induced menopause in women receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer. Her subjects will be compared to a group of women experiencing surgically-induced menopause. Kenefick found that while there has been some speculation about the role of chemotherapy-induced menopause in neurocognitive function, there have been no longitudinal studies with appropriate baseline

and repeated measures that can provide meaningful information about neurocognitive status over time. Women, themselves, express distress over perceived neurocognitive changes, yet there is little known about the subject.

Building upon her extensive clinical background in women's health care and geriatrics (with previous research support from Sigma Theta Tau and the American Nurses Foundation), Kenefick is now preparing to become an independent breast cancer researcher. Kenefick's *Research Training Program in Breast Cancer* was developed during her Post-Doctoral Fellowship, funded by a \$38,712 grant in 2002-2003 through Dr. Ruth McCorkle's DOD Breast Cancer Research Program. Kenefick's Fellowship at Yale University promotes ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration between the University of Connecticut and Yale while building Kenefick's advanced research skills under the mentorship of Dr. McCorkle, a world-renowned cancer researcher. Reflecting on her progress Kenefick said, "I am delighted to have the privilege of joining the cohort of talented nurse-researchers who have worked with Dr. McCorkle."

Neonatal Nursing Faculty News

Regina Cusson, PhD, RNC, NNP, Professor and PhD Program & Neonatal Nurse Master's Track Coordinator, has been recommended by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars for a Lecturing/Research award under the 2004-05 Fulbright Program with the United Kingdom. Final determination of an award will be made by the United States-United Kingdom Educational Commission in London. Cusson has been invited to spend her sabbatical leave at the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing and Midwifery lecturing and examining neonatal advanced practice roles.

Arthur Engler, DNSc, RNC, CRNP, Assistant Professor, was awarded a \$22,234 Large Faculty Grant from the UConn Research Foundation for his project entitled *Kangaroo Care and Maternal Stress in the NICU: Psychological and Physiological Effects*.

Collaborative Research Focuses on Older Adult Pain

Deborah McDonald '81, PhD, RN, Associate Professor

Older adults who effectively communicate their postoperative pain are more likely to become partners in pain management with their healthcare providers, and obtain greater pain relief. Greater pain relief allows older adults to recover more quickly from surgery, and to regain an active healthy lifestyle. Dr. Deborah McDonald's videotape, teaching older adults about pain communication and pain management, resulted in significantly less pain-related sleep disruption for patients on postoperative day one (McDonald, Thomas, Livingston, & Severson, 2003). The pain relief occurred without pain education for the nurses and physicians.

The aim of a new study proposed by McDonald is to test the effect of the video when paired with a web-based intervention teaching nurses and physicians pain communication and pain management. Nurses at two sites will be given pain communication/pain management education via the website. These providers will access the website, and take a pre-test learning needs assessment. Incorrect answers will

automatically link providers to correct information on the website. Providers will be given personal data assistant (PDA) devices programmed with pain management information such as equianalgesic calculations and a script for neuromuscular relaxation, for use at the bedside.

Upon completion of the provider education, 155 older adults will be randomly assigned across four hospital sites to the pain communication/pain management or the pain management only group. McDonald and her colleagues predict that greater pain relief will occur when older adults and providers communicate well about pain problems and are more knowledgeable about effective pain management.

If funded, the study will involve collaboration between the University of Connecticut, Wayne State University, The University of Connecticut Health Center, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hospital of Saint Raphael, Middlesex Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital.

Postpartum Research Receives International Attention

Cheryl Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Professor

Dr. Cheryl Beck, has just completed her three-year grant from the Donaghue Medical Research Foundation to translate and assess the psychometric properties of the Spanish version of the *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS)*. Hispanic mothers from two areas of the US (CT and TX) were recruited to participate in two separate studies. Robin Froman '84 '87 PhD, RN, FAAN was the site coordinator in Texas for the project. In the first study, 377 Hispanic women completed the Spanish version of the *PDSS*. Data analysis revealed that when compared to the original English *PDSS*, the reliability and validity psychometrics for the Spanish version were slightly lower but still well within the acceptable range. To determine the accuracy of the *PDSS-Spanish Version* a second study with 150 Hispanic mothers was conducted. Each mother in this study completed the *PDSS-Spanish Version* and then immediately went on to undergo a DSM-IV diagnostic interview to determine whether she was experiencing postpartum

depression. Currently, with the statistical help of Robert Gable, EdD, Emeritus Professor from the Department of Educational Psychology at UConn's School of Education, and Joseph Sheehan, PhD, Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at UCHC, the sensitivity, specificity and cut-off points for the Spanish version are being analyzed. The project could not have been completed with the invaluable help of Henrietta Bernal, PhD, RN, Emeritus Professor in the School of Nursing at UConn. Dr. Beck will be an invited speaker this coming May in Tarragona, Spain at the National Spanish Midwifery Congress. She will present the findings from her *PDSS-Spanish Version* project, along with the results from a two-year qualitative study on birth trauma and PTSD after childbirth.

For the past two years, Professor Beck has conducted a phenomenological study over the internet on birth trauma

and PTSD after childbirth. With the enthusiastic support and help of Sue Watson, the chairperson of Trauma and Birth Stress (TABS), new mothers were recruited to participate in this research. TABS is a charitable trust in New Zealand. TABS supports women who have experienced birth trauma and educates health care professionals and the lay public about PTSD after childbirth. To date 45 mothers have participated in the study. Over half of the sample (N=26, 57%) are from New Zealand, while nine mothers (20%) are from the U.S., seven mothers are from Australia (16%), and three women (7%) are from the United Kingdom. Beck reported her preliminary findings in September, 2003 in New Zealand at the TABS conference.

This spring, Professor Beck is conducting research on screening for postpartum depression in Capetown, South Africa.

Improving Quality of Life for Persons with HIV/AIDS

Elizabeth Anderson, PhD, APRN, Assistant Professor

Exploring adherence to medications for persons with HIV/AIDS, Dr. Elizabeth Anderson's recently completed research focused specifically on the influence of Health Care Relationships (HCR) on patient outcomes.

Funded by a grant from the Program for the Study of Health Care Relationships (Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, Yale University, & University of Connecticut School of Nursing) Anderson's study revealed that the HCR significantly affects patients' self-efficacy, quality of life, and mood. Central factors important in the relationship process for persons with HIV/AIDS are Trust (expert in HIV/AIDS), Empathy (caring, being there for them), and Communication Style (listening, talking straight, explaining the disease). HCR strongly influenced Anderson's participants' choice of a health care provider, the taking of their medications, and keeping

appointments. While further investigation of HCR is necessary, Anderson happily reported, "On the whole this sample was extremely satisfied with their current health care providers and reported taking their medications in order to live longer."

Anderson next aims to research the experience, feasibility, and effectiveness of a Progressive Muscle Relaxation Training (PMRT) intervention in reducing anxiety/nausea among economically disadvantaged persons with HIV/AIDS. Anxiety, HIV medication, and disease progression are often associated with nausea that contributes to disruption of quality of life, nutritional status, and medication adherence for HIV/AIDS patients. Although the effectiveness of PMRT in reducing anxiety/nausea in persons with cancer is well-established, no studies have focused on PMRT for community based HIV/AIDS patients' self-management of anxiety and/or nausea.



On right,
Professor Cheryl
Beck, DNSc, CNM,
FAAN presents the
2003 Distinguished Scholar
Award award to Professor
Emerita Peggy Chinn, PhD,
RN, FAAN.





UConnect to Nursing

“We thank you for your generous and continued support.”

The School of Nursing is quickly approaching the conclusion of *Campaign UConn*, the most ambitious fundraising campaign ever undertaken by any public university in New England. As of February 29, 2004, with four months remaining to the close of the campaign, \$2,486,718 had been secured in pledges and gifts for the School of Nursing taking us to 82.8% percent of the School’s \$3,000,000 campaign goal. The School’s campaign, UConnect to Nursing, seeks to secure financial support in four crucial areas:

First, to endow chairs and professorships to attract and retain outstanding faculty, critical for any outstanding school.

Endowed chairs are a key to our future goals, providing flexibility for faculty research initiatives, and attracting internationally eminent scholars – academic leaders who can, in turn, attract other top researchers, teachers, and graduate students to the School.

Second, to enhance research expertise, the School has established the School of Nursing Endowment for Excellence to provide the funding necessary to address its top priorities.

Special thanks to Patricia Kraynak '53 and Dr. Janice Thibodeau '66, Professor Emerita, whose initial gifts allowed the creation of this essential endowment. A list of naming opportunities at the School of Nursing can be found on page 9.

Third, to increase scholarship support for undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students through endowed and restricted scholarships.

During the past year, several new scholarships were established, including the Elsa Kosgalwies Adomat Nursing Scholarship; the Frank P. Chinigo Endowed Scholarship; the Connelly Endowed Scholarship, with gifts from the estates of Mary M. and Kathryn E. Connelly; the Julia Ireland Scholarship; the Nightingale Scholarship; and the Robert and Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

Finally, to fund existing programs — including lectures, research seminars, and visiting scholars — as well as new programs.

The Basic Nursing Certificate program (or Master’s Entry Into Nursing—MbeIN) is a new 12-month program for students who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in fields other than nursing. The program was initiated to increase the number of nurses practicing at the bedside in advanced practice positions and in nursing education and research. Webster Trust Co. NA, Trustee of the Paul L. Jones Fund, has recently made a multi-year pledge of \$300,000 to provide scholarship support for this innovative program.

For additional information on the School of Nursing Campaign, please contact Brian J. Lachapelle, Director of Development, at (860) 486-6945 or via email at blachapelle@foundation.uconn.edu.

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On behalf of the Dean, faculty, staff, and students of the School of Nursing, we gratefully acknowledge the alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations who made gifts to the School between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003. Your continued commitment provides very important resources to our students and faculty. It is greatly appreciated.

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Pictured above from left: Richard Hofffelder Jr., Kevin Martin, '04 recipient of the Richard Hofffelder Memorial Scholarship, Ellen Hofffelder Roback, and Maureen Hofffelder at the 2003 Scholarship Recognition Brunch.

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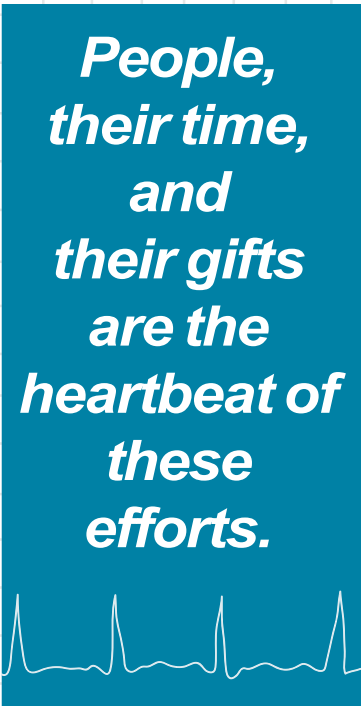


Pictured from left: Mrs. J. Catherine McKinstry, Rebecca Clark '06 recipient of the Julia Ireland Nursing Scholarship, and Mr. William McKinstry at the 2003 Scholarship Recognition Brunch held last fall.



Pictured from left: Beth Hogan, Mrs. Carmella Cavalieri, Cindy Cavalieri, recipient of the Carole Vestali Neag Nursing Scholarship, Mr. Georgio Cavalieri, Carole Vestali Neag, and Olympia Cantadre Vestali at the 2003 Scholarship Reception.

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Pictured from left: Maria Adomat Abeam '67, Valencia Louis '04, recipient of the Elsa Kosgalwies Adomat Nursing Scholarship, and Elisabeth Adomat DeLuca at the Scholarship Recognition Brunch held last fall.

The Charles Lewis Beach Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made provisions in their estate plans for a University of Connecticut School or Program.



"I decided to include the School of Nursing in my will because it was a small way to give back. The education I received at the School of Nursing was a strong foundation for my 50 year career. I want to help ensure that foundation will always be there for the nurses of the future."

Pauline M. Fahey '51
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President's Column



Greetings, Fellow Alums!

Sharon Ehlers '73
MA, RN, CNN, CCTC
2003 President

UConn Nursing is on the rise in many ways—quality academic programs, soaring enrollments, newly renovated facilities, and successful events.

As they always have, UConn School of Nursing graduates continue to contribute significantly to the health of Connecticut and the nation. We welcome your input, ideas for reunions, and updates in your personal and professional life. Let us know “What’s New with You,” cut out the update form, and use the enclosed self addressed envelope to mail it in to the School.

It is easy to be part of the excitement at UConn! Joining the thriving UConn Alumni Association, your membership has multiple benefits, and provides you with a dual membership to our Nursing Alumni & Friends Society. The Nursing Society will expand your sense of community, provide memorable experiences with fellow alumni, students, and faculty and strengthen your commitment to UConn. To learn more about our benefits and membership call the Alumni Association toll free at (888) UC-ALUM-1.

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Alumni Notes

1950s

- Charlene Bronson Benton** '53, '83, Guilford, CT
Formally retired from the Birmingham Group Health/ Services Valley Mental Health Center in December '97, but worked two days/wk until August '01. We have four children, and six grandchildren. Hobbies/Interests: Being involved with church, playing bridge weekly, reading, crossword, and gardening.
- Elizabeth Keck Buckland** '57 Denver, CO - rmbclu@msn.com
Retired from position as School Nurse. We have three children - six grandchildren - all in Colorado.
- Madeline M. Capodanno** '53 New Port Richey, FL
Moved to Florida in '82 after retiring from Waterbury Health Dept. I retired from Bayonet Point Medical Center in '96. Working on flex schedule at Gulf-side Regional Hospice in their Hospice house since '97. I am busy at church, yoga, exercise classes and more.
- Marlene Bente Charest** '57 Conway, SC
Retired in 1996 after being employed in public health most of career, last 19 yrs with Waterbury Hospital as Director of Home Care Dept.
- Arlene Kahn Cohen** '57 Hamden, CT Arlmarv@cs.com
Currently employed at Omni Home Health Service Home Care as a part-time VNA & RN at two assisted living facilities, Laurel

- Gardens. Best toys - Grandchildren! Hobbies: Tennis, Jewish Women
- Rosemary DiMaggio Courtney** '56 - *Class Agent* Orange, CT
Remember! Class of '56 will celebrate 50th reunion in 2006.
I retired from Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1997. In the past four years I have served on the SON Alumni Society Board. The vitality and quality of the programs and faculty under the leadership of Dean Dzurec is impressive. In October, Jean MacNabPetrov visited me and we met for coffee hour with local classmates: Joan Montuvi Keegan, Marilyn Zackin Fischman and Barbara Byer Tiven. We talked and reminisced for over two hours - including 50th reunion plans. Our first task is to update the SON address list. Currently, we are missing information about the following classmates: Lucille McFadden, Roberta McQuade, Elizabeth Rast, Margaret Crawford and Alma Dougherty Sordon. Please write me at 555 Treat Lane, Orange, CT 06477 or email Joan Keegan at JmKeegan33@aol.com if you know the whereabouts of the above classmates. We will keep you informed about reunion as plans progress and send me your ideas for the celebration.
- Mildred R. D'Apice** '53 Meriden, CT
I was employed in various areas of home care and community health nursing during my nursing career. Spring '76 - I became a member of Sigma Theta Tau—Mu Chapter. I

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retired in May of '93 from my position Director of Clinical Services for Middlesex VNA. I have traveled extensively in the US, Europe, Canada, Middle East, South East Asia, and Far East. I continue to travel, do volunteer work and spend time visiting family.

Gail Ford Duffy '57

Phoenix, AZ
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Retired from position as Director of Rural Health Program where for 20 years I worked with migrant families in rural Arizona. Wrote and received a federal grant to start school based clinics for migrant and underserved children - this program is continuing today and has received national recognition.

Nancy Bartot (Skelly) Fisk '57

Amherst, MA
Retired - Professor Emerita from UMass. Received a Doctorate in Family Therapy (still doing a little of this). I am the happy grandmother of 10 (five girls; five boys) What a Joy! I sing in a Sweet Adeline's Chorus (Heart of the Valley Chapter in Northampton, MA) and in a quartet (Third Edition). Loving retirement! Life is good!

Dorothy Spalding Fortman '53

Cardiff By the Sea, CA
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Grand kids: Cassidy, seven; Mitchell, five; Spencer, three. (Son, Todd & Krista's) - Ian, one yr (Daughter, Cheryl & Victor's). Hobbies/Interests: Enjoy tennis two times a week, swimming, reading, entertaining, correspondence, Newcomers' alumnae activities, PEO & Cardiff Library Volunteer(ism).

Newell Taft Friedman '57

East Hampton, CT
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Presently married to Stan Ramkliwt, also a designer. I have two wonderful sons. Andy is a computer specialist living in Key Largo & Dan is completing an Oncology Fellowship at Albert Einstein. After graduation, I worked for the Health Dept. in Boston and after that Planned Parenthood in Providence, RI. In 1976 I went to design school in NY City. For the last 20 years, I've worked as an interior designer and Bed & Breakfast owner.

Gloria Geissler Glenn '57 '82

Pomfret, CT gglen@snet.net
Currently retired. Was in public health for 10 yrs, staff development for 20 yrs, and longterm care for 10 years.

Leonie Katz Goodfriend '53

Simsbury, CT
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Retired eight yrs.-enjoying family, the internet, keeping in touch with

friends around the world (member of Friendship Force). Have visited with folks in and from Peru and England. Visited Japan. Hosted people from New Zealand, Russia and Poland). Enjoy sailing our 30 foot sloop.

Lorraine Adams Godsoe '57

Malvern, PA lag@bee.net
I have two daughters, one son, and one grandson. Before retiring in 1998, I worked part time in an allergist-pediatricians office for 10 years. Presently, enjoy gardening, ballroom dancing and playing hand bells in the church choir.

Carolle Skelton Hochberg '57

Miliani, HI hochbergsr@aol.com
In HI, I raised my four children who have given me great pleasure. My wonderfully rewarding nursing career included various jobs: 18 yrs of hospital care, med/surg, medical intensive care, orthopedics etc. followed by 15 yrs working with the HI Health Department, administrative work for the developmentally disabled population. Before retiring my responsibilities were to develop, implement, consult & manage several programs. Destiny stepped into my life, quite unannounced!! In January 2000, Jim Hochberg & I happily married. We are the "Brady Bunch" grandparents with 27 grandchildren! We enjoy traveling, attending plays, symphonies & listening to audio books. We also keep busy by volunteering with AARP, Rotary & Boy Scouts. My deepest Aloha to the class of 1957; the fond memories of both staff & student friends with be with me forever. It has already been great receiving

e-mails from many far away classmates, & having some wonderful phone conversations!

Joanna Aiello Isbell '57

Johnson City, TN
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Bud and I had three boys early in our marriage. I stayed home and "nursed" them and never went back to work. All enjoy their careers and are married to precious women. Between them, 10 wonderful grandchildren were presented to us. Bud retired at 57 and we traveled for 10 years. On June 29, 2001, Bud went to be with our Lord and Savior after a short illness.

Anne Skelly Iszard '57

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We moved to the Coastal Bend of Texas in 2001. We have six grandchildren who all visit us in Swans Island, Maine during the summers.

Carolyn Boice Johnson-Rogers '57

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After 12 years staying home with my four children, I went back to work PT in labor and delivery for several years. I then worked at Presbyterian Hospital in OB-GYN for 10 years followed by 10 years at Baptist Medical center in L&D, postpartum, GYN. What a world of difference in labor techniques and monitoring in the last 25 years-to say nothing of when we went thru OB. Due to a lot of arthritis (needed two knee replacements) & sciatica I don't get around very well, but a friend of mine and I took a two-week cruise to Alaska and what a fabulous experience! I have 12 grandchildren with whom I visit and go on trips.



Class of '52 Reunion - School of Nursing Gathering - May 31, 2002

Standing, from left to right: Helen Kennis Overton, Barbara Burr DiBastiso, Marion Anderson, Molly Franklin Curtis, Louise Keefe McFerran, Irene Vimer Vensel, Carolyn Thomas Macumber, Anne Carter Vogel. Sitting, from left to right: Shirley Cooper Laschever - Class Agent, Mary Rita Doyle McKenney, Betty Post Wooton, Aileen Meyer Gentile, Mary Douglas Hart, Mary Healy Freed

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Alumni News

Mary Ann Hetterly Kendall '57
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Did missionary nursing with the Navajos in AZ, hospital nursing in CT, NY, NJ TX & ID and Public Health Nursing in Long Island, NY. Early retirement prompted by move to England in 1971 to live and become a full time wife and mother. Came across gross salary notes and found first full year was under \$5,000 in 50's and \$9,900 when retired in 1971.

Patricia McDonough Kraynak '53
Ridgewood, NJ
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Moved to New York area while Mike was in his final years of service with the US Navy. I had the luxury of being an "at home" mom while the offspring were young. Subsequently, I returned to college to earn a BS degree in Health Education. For several years I subcontracted to the Bergen County Health Dept. where I did health assessments at community centers and small industries that had no health personnel of their own. I volunteered in the community-Meals on Wheels, Trustee of the YWCA, served two terms as president of the local branch of the American Assoc. of University Women as well as several years on both the local and state boards of directors. Currently I am a board member and 2nd vice president of a local historic house museum. This doesn't describe how full and wonderful the 50 post grad years have been. My family contributed so much: my husband of 50 years Mike; Pamela our lawyer; Michael the house musician; Evelyn an MS in speech therapy; Janet a PhD in art history, and two wonderful grandsons Jonah and Jared.

Esther Owens Littell '53

Titusville FL
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Since my husband Wally retired in '97, we have enjoyed living in Florida and traveling in summer in our RV. Have visited all lower 48 states and several parts of Canada. Enjoy visits from our family-five granddaughters and two great-granddaughters, daughter Kathy and Son-in-law Jon. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Mexico.

JoAnn (Jodi) Gott Marra '57
Guilford, CT jodi@cshore.com
Currently employed at Yale New Haven Hospital as a Care Coordinator 2-3 days a week. Also managed my husband's dental office for 40 years. Worked in ER at Yale after graduation and then was head nurse on a neuro-surgery floor. Left for 20 yrs, then did 10 yrs in Hospice Home Care. I'm a master gardener with the UConn Extension Service. My field of expertise is water gardening. I travel a lot, one major domestic & international trip each year. My husband retired to become a full time painter so doing shows and managing his art business is full and moderately time-consuming.

Athena Zariphes Mastras '57
Wellesley, MA

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Upon graduation was clinical instructor at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing. Met up and helped a young doctor (anesthesiologist) tour HH - he later became my husband. Retired as of 1995. Previous work included: Mass Memorial Hospital, Urology, Pratt Diagnostic Clinic, Hematology, Gynecology, College Health with Pine Manor College & Babson College. We have three

grown married children - two grandchildren so far. Children: Dr. Dean Mastras; Attys George & Hope Mastras, CA; Writers Maria and Andre Jacquenutton (writers for Star Trek Enterprise, Baywatch - Hawaii & now BLADE). It's been a great life!

Ann Wakeman Neller '53
Clearwater FL

I am great grandmother to three little girls. I nurse part-time in primary care offices that are part of the Morton Plant Mease group of Bay care-an association of seven hospitals in Tampa Bay area.

Barbara Paffido Modigh '57
Bethel, AK

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Currently employed as Emergency Clinician in Behavioral Health at Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. We serve approximately 40,000 Alaskan natives in the "bush" region at Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. Work experience includes: Nursing staff dev. for Regional Hospital, Clinician/psychiatric nurse for behavior health with children, adolescents & adults. Both of my children - Alexandria & Jonathan are now living nearby me in same town, Bethel Alaska, "the place where no roads lead."

AnneMarie (Amie) Modigh '57
Richmond, VA

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Retired from two wonderful careers: Geriatric Nursing (GNP) & US Army Nurse Corps Col. 29 yrs. My career as nurse, administrator, educator and clinician, especially GNP, have all been truly marvelous! Became a GNP 1976, held dual or triple positions since administrative education (Duke, MCU-VCU). As Assoc. Chief of Geriatrics had

inpatient, outpatient, two clinics at Veterans Hospital. Saw patients and held position as adjunct faculty at VA Commonwealth University School of Medicine & Nursing (I held similar positions at St. Luke U & Duke). Last position: Associate Chief, Geriatrics, VA Med. Ctr. Hobbies/Interests: Rose gardening, skiing, traveling, bridge & network marketing (a successful & profitable occupation on a part time basis).

Patricia Hyl Moore '57
Sutton, MA

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Did not work until children were out of school - nine children (eight boys, one girl). I have 17 grandchildren. Worked at Nursing Home (2-1/2 yrs), Pediatric Nurse in a

four-dr office (3-1/2 yrs), and substitute High School Nurse five yrs. Own a motor home for over 20 years and our vacations can be at anytime anywhere.

Marianna Cecil Nelson '57
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Received MA from St. Joseph College, W. Hartford, CT, '72. Retired from Newington Children's Hospital in July, 1994, where since '77 I was the Research Coordinator editing papers for publication in medical journals & overseeing research functions of hospital institutional review board. Three months after my retirement Bruce and I started traveling the US in a small motor home, and we're still going. Stops include visits with four children & seven grandchildren - CT, FL, St. Louis, MO, Tucson, AZ & Torrance, CA. We document our adventures pictorially on our website members.aol.com/banmnelson - and in an e-mail newsletter called Nelson's notes (send me an e-mail if you want to be on the mailing list).

Lucille Kimball Pantelis '53 -
Class Agent Waterford CT

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I have been retired since '96. My husband and I have three children, one granddaughter, and a step granddaughter.

Madelyn Porell Ranno '57
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Received MS from Russell Sage in '86. Retired, but work part time as ticket taker/usher & guest service representative at TECO Arena. Was nurse educator, professor associate degree program. Taught senior med-surg. & pediatrics. Precepted seniors on pediatrics (med-surg summers). Volunteered at local hospital but was underutilized. We vacation in various parts of US.

Constance Candie Richardson '57
Bethany, CT cscrigh@aol.com

Since my retirement from Yale New Haven Hospital in '98, Jim and I have the freedom to do some traveling, work in my garden, and devote more time to crafting jewelry. I have taken some computer training and art classes. My newest passion is decorative painting, which is already threatening to takeover my house.

Norann Gilbert Rowe-Stohler '57
Columbus, NJ

Received a MSN from Hunter College CUNY '81. Currently working part time as Learning Resources Facilitator at Capitol Health Systems in School of Nursing. I have been an instructor at the School since the early '70s, but recently went to



School of Nursing Class of 1953 Reunion June 27, 2003

Standing, from left to right: Charlene Bronson Benton, Mildred D'Apice, Phyllis Kayser Opinsky, Ann Wakeman Neller, Anne Desmond Abele, Patricia McDonough Kraynak. Sitting, from left to right: Barbara Swain Hathaway, Rosemary Ciccarelli Mascia, Leonie Goodfriend Katz, Evelyn Fiege Underhill, Lucille Kimball Pantelis, Esther Owens Littell

part time. I am looking forward to not having as much stress. Divorced '81 remarried '88 to a wonderful man, Ronald Stohler. I have seven grandchildren (Ron has five). I was a founding member of the Delta Nu Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Central Jersey Chapter, NGNA.

Barbara Prouty Schenarts '57

Kennett Square, PA
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Currently working as a caregiver in a 97 year old client's home. Took a refresher course in '80 and worked at Nursing Home & Fairfax Hospital, VA for two years. Previously, worked part time in small hospitals: Bonners Ferry, ID & Arofino, ID (only RN on duty).
Marilyn Ferguson Shaw '53
Mashpee, MA
Retired to "The Cape" seven yrs ago. We are enjoying the easy life! Being an avid Red Sox Fan, it was a treat to go to spring training in Ft. Meyers. I also am an avid UConn Basketball fan, especially the women! I wish more games were televised here!

Lorna Gagnon Shirer '57

Orleans, MA
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Married S. Ross Shirer '52, MA '57. Worked as staff nurse for Hartford VNA through '59 then as a School Nurse in Manchester, CT '59-'60. Moved to Philadelphia, PA & worked as Instructor in Med/Surg, at Women's Hospital. Daughters, Kirsten and Kim were born in '60 and '62— when I worked per diem as staff nurse float at U.PA/Presbyterian Hospital. Moved to West Hartford, CT in '64 where Son, S. Ross Shirer III was born. Worked as evening Charge at St Francis Hospital. Our family went to Bristol, England area 1973-74 because my husband received Fulbright Exchange. In '74 I began working for CT Red Cross Blood Services as staff nurse, by '75 promoted to Director of Nursing Service. Took position with Town of West Hartford as Supervisor of School Nurses in '81, promoted to Supervisor of Public Health Nursing '83. Retired in '91 and moved to Cape Cod, (Bored) '92—took position of School Nurse for Eastham Elementary School. I started to take lessons in Oil Painting, for fun (Little did I know!). Retired again in '96. Painting up a storm-- accepted into Nauset Painters guild and started showing art works for sale. I have grown as an artist and sell from a Gallery in addition to doing 20-22 shows each summer. I am now President of the Guild, and busy with the Art community in our area.

Ada Ciarlelli Ubaldi '53

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My most recent work in Public Health was with the CT State department of Public Health as a Nurse consultant. This experience was most gratifying since it involved grants administration in maternal child health programs. We are proud parents of two children, and have two grandchildren.

1960s

Grace Fleet Bates '63

Old Saybrook, CT
Received MS in Nursing in 1983 from the University of Hawaii. Currently a Kinleiner in private professional practice – discipline in field of applied philosophy. After more than 20 years in nursing practice and nursing education it was time for a change. I studied for three years with M. Lucille Kinlein, Founder of the Profession of Kinleiner and opened a private practice in Hawaii in 1987. In 1989, Charlie and I celebrated 25 years of marriage and the adoption of our only child, Daniel from Samoa. We lived for six years in Sydney, Australia. Dan & I returned in 2000 so that he could enter the US school system. We have become an international commuter family. Motherhood, professional activities and writing keep me busy.

Helen Cabaniss Brown '63

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We have one married son, Matthew, living in NC, and 1 single son living in WI, Nathan. Both get home occasionally and we get there occasionally. Husband owns & operates Industrial Diagnostics. We're both healthy and busy. P.T.L.! I work at VNA Services, Inc. with a special needs adolescent and also at the Adult Day Care Center.
Tomasina Goffred Bulger '63
Greenwich, CT
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Received MS in Health Services Administration '95 from Iona College, New Rochelle, NY. Former Public Health/School Nurse Supervisor. We have 1 ° year old twin grandsons. Our daughter and boys live in CA, so we have made many trips west. Our son who is single lives in Old Greenwich. Jim is still Principal at Central Middle School. I play a lot of golf and tennis.

Cora Susan Graf Joslin Bye '63

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Enjoying retirement in AZ - most of children & grandchildren are here. Retired from position as



Class of '57 Celebration of 45th Reunion, October 2002

From left to right: Front Row - Helen Dirgo Pierce, Constance Candie Richardson, Arlene Kahn Cohen, Mary Ann "Fritzie" Kendall, Dolores Mongillo Winans. Back Row - Madelyn Porell Ranno, Norann Gilbert Rowe, Barbara Prouty Schenarts, Lorna Gagnon Shirer, Anne Iszard, Marie Swigert, Marianna Cecil Nelson. Standing - Anita Bohmer Faulise, Lorraine Krootun, AnneMarie (Amie) Modigh, Evelyn Soltes, Patricia Hyl Moore



Additional members of Class of '57
include from left to right: Newell Taft Friedman, Gloria Geisler Glenn, Adair Parent Luciani, Nancy Skelly Fisk. Not pictured, but in attendance, Athena Zariphes Mastras

Senior Business Analyst with Prudential Financial after working 22 years in Information Technology. Previous job description included project management of online systems & information technology. Received Masters degree in Education at So. Comm. University and MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Management.

Catherine Kiene Forrest '63

New Haven, CT
I'm getting ready to retire/to be on sabbatical with my husband next year. My youngest child is a freshman in college, my oldest is a 3rd year medical student, my middle is working for LEAP in New Haven. Received MSN at Yale in '71. Currently Employed at Geriatric and Adult Psychiatry, in an APRN role with outpatient adults and nursing home consultation
Sylvia Anne Knott Gentili '63
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Keep busy with 11 grandchildren who live all over the country. Consult part time for an Early childhood low income program. Moved to Washington DC area in August 1st for two years as husband will be working for the National Science Foundation.

Paula Pitkin Holm '63

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Surviving recent divorce (after 33 years of marriage) downsizing from a previous management position of 13+ yrs, a physical relocation to a new home, at 59 ° years starting a new position in a county job with a totally different focus (from older clients to preschool/school age),

reconnecting after 36 years with a daughter given up for adoption sounds like enough to me! Currently employed as Senior PHN immunization coordinator at Solano Co. Health & Social Services. Responsible for all immunization activities mandated by the California Dept. of Health Services law in Solano county
Linda E. M. Sigfredson Huizinga '63
Tucson, AZ
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Currently retired. Worked mainly Med/Surg acute care, home teaching, supervisor, health service for employees, infection control, and for last 10 yrs - quality assurance, utilization review & risk management. Now traveling, skiing, scuba diving, visiting with family & friends.

Donnajeanne Bigos Lavoie '63

New London, NH
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My husband and I retired from our fulltime professional jobs in 1998 & moved to NH. Here we are enjoying another phase of life-filled with doing all the things we love (skiing, hiking, quilting, travel, and spending unhurried time with family & friends). I am also working very part time with some local Child Care facilities (through the VNA) as health educator & consultant & have been involved with NH Healthy Child Care. Retired from position as Children's Health Coordinator at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. Received MSN - Boston University in 1970.

The Eleanor K. Gill Outstanding Alumni Award for Clinical Excellence in Nursing



Colleen Smith '73 '75 MS, RN, CNA -- Currently serving as Vice Chairperson of the Connecticut Hospital Association Nurse Executive Group, she is a member of many professional organizations including the American and Connecticut Organizations of Nurse Executives (AONE and CONE). Since 1995, Mrs. Smith has held the position of Vice President for Nursing at Middlesex Hospital. Through her leadership, and a very long tradition of excellence among the Hospital's nurses, Middlesex Hospital became the first, and only, Magnet hospital in the State of Connecticut — the highest level of recognition. Smith spearheaded the three-year long magnet assessment process; she and her staff voluntarily submitted nursing programs, procedures and staff to a careful, strenuous and systemic evaluation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The Beverly Koerner Outstanding Alumni Award for Education in Nursing



Diane LaRochelle '67 '73 MS, PhD, RN, HNC -- A former member of the UConn faculty, she developed the nursing administration major for the graduate program, and served as Associate Dean of the Baccalaureate Program. She is a graduate of the Johnson and Johnson Wharton Fellow's Program in Management for Nurse Executives, and maintains certification in Holistic Nursing through the American Holistic Nurses Association with training from Harvard Medical School Advanced Clinical Training Program in Mind/Body Medicine. In August 2003, Dr. LaRochelle became director of nursing for the FL Community College, N. Campus. Her previous position was Dean of Health Sciences and Nursing at Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumni Award for Research in Nursing



Mary Ropka '77 MS, PhD, RN, FAAN -- Dr. Ropka initiated and was the first Director of the Intramural Research Program at the NINR, NIH in Bethesda, MD. Currently, she is a clinical epidemiologist and nurse scientist holding several faculty and related positions at the University of Virginia including: Assoc. Professor of Nursing in the School of Nursing; Assoc. Professor of Research, Department of Health Evaluation Sciences, School of Medicine; and Faculty Associate in the Center for Biomedical Ethics. Dr. Ropka formerly served as Chair, Adult Health Department, School of Nursing, Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. She is presently Principal Investigator on five-year grant, *Supporting Decisions in Inherited Cancer Susceptibility*, funded by the National Cancer Institute through a Cancer Prevention, Control, and Population Sciences Career Development Award (2001- 2006).

The Carolyn Ladd Widmer Outstanding Alumnae Award for Leadership in Nursing



Marie E. Michnich '69, DrPH, RN -- Dr. Michnich was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship and subsequently served as a legislative assistant for health policy to the United States Senate Majority Leader, Robert Dole (R-KS). Her current position is Director of Health Policy Programs and Fellowships for the Institute of Medicine (IOM) at the National Academy of Sciences. She provides oversight and leadership for IOM fellowships, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship Program. She designs and implements the orientation program to introduce academicians and health care executives to the federal health policy formulation process.



Judith Ryan '65 MS, PhD, CRNP -- Owner of Nurse Practitioners & Consultants, Dr. Ryan provides clinical and administrative nurse practitioner services to long term care facilities. Through multiple leadership positions in higher education and clinical practice, Ryan helped to create better standards of care in geriatric nursing. She taught nursing for UConn, Indiana University/Perdue, College of Notre Dame, MD, Bowie State College, MD, and the University of Maryland, where she was an Associate Professor as well as director of the Adult NP Certificate Program and developer/coordinator of the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program. Her leadership on various clinical and nursing research projects includes work with Robert Wood Johnson, the NIH, and development of a clinical program for a HCFA demonstration multistate project using NPs as primary care providers for Medicare patients in nursing homes.



Janice Thibodeau '66, EdD, RN, FAAN -- A faculty member for over 25 years, Dr. Thibodeau held many positions including Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Project Director for the School's first Primary Care Grant. She was instrumental in establishing the first nursing theory course at the master's level, and published her first book, *Nursing Models: Analysis and Evaluation*, in 1983. *The Advanced Practice Nurse: Issues for the New Millennium*, published in 2000, was the 5th edition of that co-authored book. The Governor appointed her as Chair of the State Board of Nurse Examiners in 1992. She was able to apply her work on the board to her teaching and research. She retired from the UConn School of Nursing as Professor Emerita in 1997 and now serves on the SON Advisory Board.



Diane Holditch-Davis '80 MS, RN, PhD, FAAN -- Professor and Director of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programs at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Dr. Holditch-Davis has extensive research and publications on premature infants, especially their sleep-wake states and long-term health and developmental outcomes. She has an impressive history of funding and is currently the Principal Investigator for *A Nursing Support Intervention With Mothers of Prematures*, a five-year NINR grant designed to address the critically important problem of prematurity in rural African Americans. Her impressive record of research and publications also focuses on high-risk parent-child interactions, including infants who are technologically dependent, children born prematurely, mothers with HIV, parents with history of infertility, and adoptive parents.



Tara S. Upreti '63, MPH, PhD, RN -- As Academic Director of the SANN Institute of Nursing in Kathmandu, Nepal, Dr. Upreti is in the process of developing and implementing an AD Nursing Program and the Josephine A. Dolan BSN Program. Her leadership positions in public health nursing, nursing education/administration, and international consultancy, have focused largely on strengthening training and the delivery of health services in public and international settings. With funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Health Organization, the Harvard Institute of International Development, and various Ministries of Health, she has mobilized resources, trained providers, and created policies to meet the public health needs in many locales. Her initiatives have been large-scale community based projects such as the Pakistan Child Survival Project where her original training program is still in use in all of the country's provinces.

For more information, visit www.nursing.uconn.edu/AlumniAwardees/6thalumnbqt.pdf



Members of the Class of 1963 at Alumni Banquet on Oct. 23, 2003

Patricia Kowal MacGrandle-Billings '63
Plano, TX
patricia.macgrandle@bms.com
Employed as a Senior Neuroscience Specialist at Bristol Myers Squibb. I have had sales trainer position as well at BMS. Just celebrated 7th anniversary with husband Don Billings (1st husband died). Have five grandchildren.

Lillian R. Rasch Melody '63
Romney, WV
My husband Rick and I moved from CT in Oct. '02 to Romney, WV after I retired from working several years with a naturopathic physician. We plan on enjoying more camping, hiking, and visiting with son & daughter; will continue to be a practitioner of Therapeutic Touch & Bowen Therapy.

Susan Wheeler Olson '63
Sunrise Beach, MO
After retiring in '96 from my last position as supervisor of an eye clinic, out patient, surgical center, I have not been professionally involved. What kept boredom away was the marriages of our last two unattached children, the subsequent birth of six grandchildren, a move from Omaha, NE, and the planning of our lake retirement home. Other interests are gardening, growing and the use of herbs, cooking, baking, traveling, and lake enjoyment.

Janet Thibault Rich '63
Littleton, CO RichJLT15@aol.com
I am enjoying retirement after 20 yrs in private practice as a clinical specialist in psych nursing. Berkeley and I have two children and two grandsons. Both our children are teachers and our daughter is now a fulltime mother of two sons. We love living in CO with all the available outdoor activities. We travel lots and I am enjoying taking piano lessons again. Music is a great soother!

Linda G. Staurovsky '63
Boerne, TX
staurovsky@GBRONline
Thoroughly enjoying retirement. Working on golf game to shoot consistently in

the '90s. Volunteer activities keep me busy as well. Other degrees: Received MSN at Emory University in 1967, CNM from New York Medical College in 1968, and PhD from University of Texas, Austin.

Jeannette Gaizutis Tedesco '63
Middlebury, CT
Tedescoj@wcsu.edu
Received PhD from UConn. Post-doctoral research concentration in the theory of esca, focusing on viewing that "moving power" within each human being from a holistic (mind-body-spirit) perspective. Maintain a private Kinlein practice in Waterbury, since '87. Professor emeritus at Western Connecticut State University where previously served as the director of The Institute for Holistic Health Studies. Greatest joys are traveling with husband Tony (retired school administrator) and playing with two-year-old granddaughter, Dillon. Older son, Darren (UConn grad.) is a systems analyzer with Commonwealth Security in Waltham and younger son, Duane, is a pilot and police officer.

Nayantara Sharma Upreti '63
Baluwatar, Kathmandu, Nepal
info@sion.edu.np
(*2003 Alumni Awardee see pg. 18)
My husband and I have a six-month-old granddaughter and a six-year-old grandson from our son and daughter-in-law Kausal Glen and Carrie Upreti. They live in

DE. Our daughter is working on a Master's in Counseling at University of AZ.

Lynne Brodie Welch '63
Huntington, WV
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Currently Dean and Professor of Marshal University College of Nursing and Health Professions. Received MSN at Catholic University of America in 1968, Doctorate in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1979, and Post Masters Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner from Marshall University in 1998. I went on a medical mission to Kota India, in 2002. I will be director of WV Nurse beginning Fall 2003. I am a family nurse practitioner in a women's health and family practice and a volunteer at the Ebeneza Medical Outreach—a "free" clinic.

1970s

Michael A. Tarcinale '72
Penfield, NY michaelt@rpa.net
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Employed at Heidelberg Digital LLC as Manager of Training and Development. I Design, develop and evaluate employee training and development: coordinate continuing professional development; facilitate new avenues of training to keep our workforce competitive and current through a variety of new technologies like web-based asynchronous and synchronous training sites and knowledge networks. I also teach at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and at Rochester Institute of Technology in instructional design and overview of health care systems.

1980s

Joyce Williams '80
Ypsilanti Township, MI



Two years after graduation, and various nursing positions in CT, I moved to MI. I enjoyed working as a public health nurse. I completed a Master's degree at Univ. of MI in Telecommunication Arts, and took on a six month paid internship for the Office of Cancer Communications at the National Cancer Institute. Upon return to Ann Arbor, MI, I formed my own company, JBW Communications, to do freelance video production. I worked for the Australian Medical TV Network as a writer/producer, and Greg Lyon, (2nd husband who I met at U-M) came down under and we traveled for three weeks before I returned to my job at St. Joseph Mercy Health System. For 11 years, I have been working for Huron Valley Ambulance as Public Affairs Manager. I am responsible for external publications, events, advertising, website management, community relations and media relations. I have become increasingly involved with Rotary International and in '02, led a team of four young professionals on a Rotary Group Study Exchange in southern Brazil. As Chair of this year's Group Study Exchange Committee and President-elect for Ypsilanti Club I was surprised with the *Paul Harris Fellowship* and the "Service above Self" Award. I relax by biking with Greg, growing vegetables organically, seeing foreign films, and enjoying our 10-year-old Labrador retriever, Nikki, who cheers up hospital patients with Therapaws, Inc.

Of Special Note...

1990s

Judith Molloy '98 '99
Middlebury, CT

Former Vice President and member of the School of Nursing Alumni & Friends Society Board of Directors, Judith Molloy was *New England Nurse of the Year, 2003* and recipient of the 2002 award for *CT Nurse of the Year*. Judith is an APRN Clinical Nurse Specialist who currently works for Garner Correctional Facility in Newtown, CT. Judith was nominated for these awards while a member of the Homeless Outreach Team of Greater Waterbury's Mental Health Authority where she spent the majority of her day making nursing interventions in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, on street corners and random local businesses. The respect and caring Judith offers her clients has earned her tremendous respect.



Above: Mr. & Mrs. LaCoursiere pictured with Dean Laura Dzurec and Sherry LaCoursiere '80, '97, '03 our first "Triple Husky" to graduate from UConn after completing the BS, MS, and PhD program at the School of Nursing.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

22 Distinguished Scholars Day - Quality Care Across the Lifespan, Keynote: *Motivation in Older Adults* by Dr. Barbara Resnick, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm Rome Hall, South Campus

30 Spring Luncheon (Farewell celebration for retirees), 12 pm Nathan Hale Inn, Storrs

MAY

8 Graduate Reception & Commencement, 12:00 pm North Reading Room, Wilbur Cross

9 Undergraduate Convocation & Commencement, 12 pm/Immediately following Commencement Exercises Rome Hall, South Campus

JUNE

4 - 5 Reunion Weekend 2004 (50th, 60th & Classic Classes) Campus-wide activities, School of Nursing Gathering, Friday 2:00 - 3:30 pm School of Nursing

17 8th Annual Sheila Packard Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner
For more information email elizabeth.polifroni@uconn.edu.

AUGUST

31 Clinical Recognition Ceremony (Sponsored by SBLI) Details TBA

OCTOBER

1 - 3 Family Weekend, Storrs Campus and School of Nursing*

22 - 24 Homecoming Weekend, Storrs Campus and School of Nursing*

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kathe.gable@uconn.edu.

Making New Nursing Traditions — The Alumni Society Puts a Spin on the Historical Nursing Capping Ceremony

Below: Transitioning from their first two years of preparatory coursework to their second two years of intensive clinical experience, students and clinical faculty read the Florence Nightingale Pledge at the Savings Bank and Life Insurance (SBLI) & Alumni Society sponsored Clinical Recognition Ceremony on Aug. 26, 2003.



Above: At the SBLI & Alumni Society sponsored Clinical Recognition Ceremony on Aug. 26, 2003 (from left to right): Laura Cox Dzurec, Dean; Don St. Onge, SON Alumni Society Event Chairperson & Director Hospice, Day Kimball Hospital; Lisa Marie Griffiths, Immediate Past President SON Alumni Society; Lou Mastroianni, Sr. Account Executive SBLI, Kathleen A. Hiatt, Assistant Dean & SON Alumni Society VP.

Michel '03, Former Undergraduate Honors Scholar, Publishes Findings



Results of a survey conducted by honors scholar Ruth Michel '03 RN suggest a need for teaching both patients and practitioners about the potential interaction between calcium carbonate (e.g. Tums, other calcium supplements) and levothyroxine. Calcium, iron, and magnesium supplements should be spaced at least four hours apart from levothyroxine as published research suggests that taking minerals within four hours of levothyroxine reduces levothyroxine absorption by nearly a third. See: Michel, R., Neafsey, P. J., & Dzurec, L. (2004). Self Medication Practices among Patients taking Levothyroxine. *Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice*, 6(2) [<http://www.ispub.com/journals/IJANP>]



PhD Program Welcomes Visit from Dr. Patricia Benner

International Nurse Researcher & Theorist Patricia Benner, RN, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, Professor in the Department of Physiological Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco was a special guest of the PhD program on May 1, 2003.

In Memoriam

We remember those individuals who have been instrumental in nursing education and practice in the state of CT and beyond.

Tuck Aliciene was an outstanding medical surgical nurse with a wonderful sense of humor. He was well known and will be remembered fondly.

Georgette Brochu was a retired Faculty member instrumental in advancing technological and simulated learning experiences for our students.

LYNN ALLCHIN

Allchin, L. (2002, September). *Human becoming in the academic setting*. Presentation at the Annual International Qualitative Research Colloquia, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Allchin, L. (2002, October). *Patient's rights: Respecting end of life care*. Presentation at UConn School of Nursing Distinguished Scholar Day, Storrs, CT.

Boorstein, N., & Allchin, L. (2003). The first one. *Nursing Spectrum*.

Polifroni, E. C., McNulty, J., & Allchin, L. (2002, October). *Math skills for medication administration: A national sample*. Presentation at the 6th Annual Research Utilization Day, Hartford, CT.

Polifroni, E. C., McNulty, J., & Allchin, L. (2003). Medication errors: More basic than a system issue. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 42(10), 455-458

ELIZABETH ANDERSON

Anderson, E. H. (2003). Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. *Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Commitment to Public Health and Community Service: Extraordinary Efforts*.

Anderson, E. H. (2002). *Appointed to Board of Trustees: Mercy Community Health, Continuing Care Division of Catholic Health East*.

Anderson, E. H. (2002). *Appointed to Board of Directors: Institute for Community Research, Hartford, CT*.

Anderson, E. H. & Beck, C. T. (2003). Editorial: Facilitating Meta-analysis in Nursing. *Nursing Research*, 52(1), 1.

Anderson, E. H., McDonald, D. D., Mikky, I., Brewer, T., Kociszewski, C., LaCoursiere, S., Andrews, L., & Delaney, C. (2003). Healthcare implications and space allocation of research published in nursing journals. *Nursing Outlook*, 51(2), 70-83.

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Anderson, E. H., & Spencer, M. H. (2002). Cognitive representations of AIDS: A phenomenological study. *Qualitative Health Research*, 12, 1338-1352.

Anderson, E. H. & Spencer, M. (2002, October). *Lived experience of nausea in persons with AIDS*. Presentation at 6th Annual Research/Research Utilization Conference, Hartford, CT.

Anderson, E. H., & Spencer, M. (2002, November). *Nausea in AIDS Patients: A Phenomenological Study*. Presentation at the 15th Annual Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, San Francisco, CA.

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Anderson, E. H., Spencer, M. H., Fishman, S. J., & Tummillo, K. (2003, November). *Do health care relationships affect the quality of life in persons with HIV/AIDS?* Presentation at 37th Biennial Convention Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Fishman, S. J., & Anderson, E. H. (2003). Perception of HIV and safer sexual behaviors among lesbians. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, 14 (6), 48-55.

Harris, R., Sharps, P., Allen, K., Anderson, E., Soeken, K., & Rohatas, A. (2003). The inter-relationship between violence, HIV/AIDS and drug use in incarcerated women. *Journal of Nurses in AIDS Care*, 14 (1), 27-40.

SHERRY BASSI

Bassi, S. (2002). Appointed to *President's Task Force on Substance Abuse, University of Connecticut*.

Bassi, S. (2003). University of Connecticut School of Nursing, *Mary Lawrence Research Development Award*.

Bassi, S., & Polifroni, E. C. (2003, October). *The role of learning communities*. Presentation at the 7th Annual Research/Research Utilization Conference, Hartford, CT.

Bassi, S. (2003, November). *Bridging academic and student affairs in AOD prevention*. Presentation at the American Campus and Alcohol Regional Conference, Mystic, CT.

Bassi, S. (2004, January). *Nursing and Inmate Education Goals*. Presentation at York Correctional Institute, Niantic, CT.

CHERYL BECK

Anderson, E. H. & Beck, C. T. (2003). Editorial: Facilitating meta-analysis in nursing. *Nursing Research*, 52(1), 1.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Western Connecticut State University, *Outstanding Alumna Award*.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Western Connecticut State University, *Centennial Award for Excellence*.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Postpartum Support International, *Outstanding Contribution Award for Increasing Awareness of Emotional Health Related to Childbearing*.

Beck, C.T. (2002). *Mary Lawrence Research Award for Productivity, University of Connecticut*.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Mothering multiples: A meta-synthesis of the qualitative research. *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 27, 214-221.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Theoretical perspectives of postpartum depression. *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 27, 282-287.

Beck, C. T. (2002). Revision of the Postpartum Depression Predictors Inventory. *Journal of the Obstetric Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing*, 31, 394-402.

Beck, C. T. (2002, September). *Post traumatic stress disorder after childbirth; A researcher's perspective*. Presentation at Marce Society International Biennial Meeting, Sydney, Australia.

Beck, C. T. (2002, September). *Post-traumatic stress disorder after child birth; Giving mothers a voice*. Presentation at Trauma and Birth Stress (TABS) Conference, Auckland, New Zealand.

Beck, C. T. (2002, September). Postpartum depression: Assessment and best practices. Presentation at UNITEC University, Auckland, New Zealand.

Beck, C. T. (2002, September). *Perinatal mood disorders*. Presentation at OB/GYN Grand Rounds, Hartford Hospital, CT.

Beck, C. T. (2002, October). *Lifting the veil of silence: Postpartum mood disorders*. Presentation at University of Connecticut School of Nursing and Women's Center Woman's Moods Conference, S. Windsor, CT.

Beck, C. T. (2002, October). *Lifting the veil of silence: Screening for postpartum depression*. Presentation at Women and Depression Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Beck, C. T. (2002, October). *Postpartum depression workshop: PDSS training*. Presentation at Healthy Families Indiana, Indianapolis, IN.

Beck, C. T. (2002, October). *Lifting the veil of silence: Postpartum depression*. Presentation at Kathryn Weil Center for Education, Lafayette, IN.

Beck, C. T. (2002, October). *Putting research into practice: Postpartum depression screening*. Presentation at Indiana University, IN.

Beck, C. T. (2002, November). *Developing a quantitative instrument from qualitative data*. Presentation at Rutgers University, NJ.

Beck, C. T. (2002, November). *Moving qualitative research to instrument development*. Presentation at Rutgers University, NJ.

Beck, C. T. (2002, November). *Surviving postpartum depression: The black rose blooms*. Presentation at Postpartum depression and Beyond, Hudson Perinatal Consortium, NY.

Beck, C. T. (2003). University of Connecticut School of Nursing, *Mary Lawrence Research Award for Productivity*.

Beck, C. T. (2003). Recognizing and screening for postpartum depression in mothers of NICU Infants. *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 3, 37-46.

Beck, C. T. (2003, February). *A lecture on postpartum depression*. Presentation at Western Connecticut State University's Centennial Lecture Series, Danbury, CT.

Beck, C. T. (2003, March). *Qualitative methodology applied to women's health*. Presentation at Advancing Knowledge in Women's Health: Examples from Research and Practice. University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

Beck, C. T. (2003, March). *Manifestations of depression in females*. Presentation at Advancing Knowledge in Women's Health: Examples from Research and Practice. University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

Beck, C. T. (2003, March). *Career development*. Presentation at Eastern Nursing Research Society's 15th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT.

Beck, C. T. (April, 2003). *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale training*. Presentation at Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care 33rd Annual Conference, Madison, WI.

Beck, C. T. (April, 2003). Postpartum depression: Lifting the veil of silence. Presentation at Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care 33rd Annual Conference, Madison, WI.

Beck, C. T. (2003, May). *Postpartum depression: Teetering on the edge*. Presentation at University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC.

Beck, C. T. (2003, June). *Postpartum anxiety and mood disorders*. Presentation at Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing 2003 Convention, Milwaukee, WI.

Beck, C. T. (2003, June). *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale training*. Presentation at Postpartum Support International Annual Conference, New York City, NY.

Beck, C. T. (2003, June). *Postpartum depression: Teetering on the edge*. Presentation at Healthy Start Initiative Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

Beck, C. T. (2003, October). *Postpartum depression: Lifting the veil of silence*. Presentation at Perinatal Education Partners Conference: Postpartum depression and intimate partner violence, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN.

Beck, C. T. (2003, November). *Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Moving beyond the darkness*. Presentation at Postpartum Depression Conference, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Beck, C. T. (2003, November). Postpartum depression screening: Why, Where, How, When, and By Whom. Moving beyond the darkness. Presentation at Postpartum depression Conference, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Beck, C. T. (2003). Seeing the forest for the trees: A qualitative synthesis exercise. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 42 (7), 318-323.

Beck, C. T. (2003). Initiation into qualitative data analysis: *Journal of Nursing Education*, 42(5), 231-234.

Beck, C. T. (2004). Birth Trauma: In the Eye of the Beholder. *Nursing Research*, 53(1), 28-35.

Beck, C. T. (2004). Appointed to Editorial Board, *Nursing Research*.

Beck, C. T., Bernal, H., and Froman, R. (2003, March). *Methods to document the semantic equivalence of the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale*. Presentation at the Eastern Nursing Research Society's 15th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT.

Beck, C. T., Bernal, H., & Froman, R. (2003). Methods to document the semantic equivalence of a translated scale, *Research in Nursing and Health*, 26, 64-73.

Beck, C. T. & Gable, R. K. (2003). *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale – Spanish Version*. *Nursing Research*, 52(5), 296-306.

Beck, C. T. & Knafel, K. (2003, March). *Meta-synthesis and conceptual reviews: Application to theory development and practice*. Presentation at Eastern Nursing Research Society's 15th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT.

Clemmens, D., Driscoll, J. & Beck, C.T. (In Press). Postpartum depression as profiled through the *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale*. *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*.

Kennedy, H., Beck, C. T., & Driscoll, J. (2002). A light in the fog: Caring for woman with postpartum depression, *Journal of Midwifery and Woman's Health*, 47, 318-330.

Loiselle, C., Profetto-McGrath, J., Polit, D., & Beck, C. T. (2004). *Canadian Essentials of Nursing Research*. Philadelphia: Lippincott.

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TOM BREWER

Anderson, E. H., McDonald, D. D., Mikky, I., Brewer, T., Kociszewski, C., LaCoursiere, S., Andrews, L., & Delaney, C. (2003). Healthcare implications and space allocation of research published in nursing journals. *Nursing Outlook*, 51(2), 70-83.

Brewer, T. L. (2002). Test Taking anxiety among nursing and general college students. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*. 40(11), 22-29.

Brewer, T. L., Metzger, B. I., & Therrien, B. (2002). Trajectories of recovery following a minor brain injury. *Research in Nursing & Health*. 25, 269-281.

Brewer, T. L. (2002). *Aggressions, transgressions, repressions-representations of violence*. Presentation at The University of Connecticut Humanities Institute: Psychodynamics and Social Handling of Violence.

Brewer, T. L., & Dzurec, L. C. (2002). *The dark side of nursing*. Hartford Hospital. Presentation at the 6th Annual Research Utilization Day, Hartford, CT.

Brewer, T. L. (2002). *Domestic violence: the challenge for nursing* [Letter to Editor]. *Nursing World Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*, May 2, 2002. www.nursingworld.org/ojin/letters/t17e1.htm

Brewer, T. L. (2003). Are you paying attention? *American Journal of Nursing*, 103(7), 58-63.

REGINA CUSSON

Cusson, R. M. (2002, October). *Role transition: Moving from the neonatal nurse to neonatal nurse practitioner role*. Presentation at Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. M. (2002, October). *Interpreting research*. Presentation at Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. M. (2002, October). *Preterm infant development: Impact of genetic and environmental interaction*. Presentation at Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. M. (2002, October). *Kangaroo Care: Research and practice update*. Presentation at Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. M. (2003). Factors influencing language development in preterm infants. *Journal of the Obstetric Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing*, 32(3):402-9.

Cusson, R. M. (2003, March). *Introduction to structural equation modeling as a measurement technique*. Presentation at Eastern Nursing Research Society's 15th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT.

Cusson, R. M. (2003, May). *Enhancing role transition: Helping novice NNPs become valued team members*. Presentation at Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003, Washington, DC.

Cusson, R. M. (2003, May). *Narratives from the nursery: APNs as nurturers, leaders and teachers*. Presentation at Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003, Washington, DC.

Cusson, R. M. (2003, May). *State of the Science of NNP*. Presented at Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003. Washington, DC.

Cusson, R. M., Resnick, B., Doswell, W., & Fineout-Overholt, E. (2003, March). *Methods of measurement: Using structural equation modeling for measurement*. Presentation at Eastern Nursing Research Society's 15th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT.

CAROLYN D'AVANZO

D'Avanzo, C. E., & Geissler, E. M. (2003). *Cultural Health Assessment*, (3rd ed.). St. Louis, MI: Mosby.

D'Avanzo, C. E. (2003, April). *Health promotion and disease prevention in three ethnic groups*. Presentation at Case Managers Network 10th Annual Conference, Oak Brook, IL.

D'Avanzo, C. E. (2003, June). *A comparison of risk factors across three cultural/ethnic groups: African-American, Hispanic-American and Asian American*. Presentation at 14th International Congress on Women's Health Issues, Victoria, British Columbia.

LAURA DZUREC

Brewer, T. L., & Dzurec, L. C. (2002). *The dark side of nursing*. Presentation at the 6th Annual Research Utilization Day, Hartford, CT.

Colangelo, R. M., Quirici, L., Adams-Babineau, S., & Dzurec, L. C. (In press). A partnership to strengthen baccalaureate nursing preparation, graduates readiness for clinical roles, and agency recruitment strategies. *Nursing Management*.

Dzurec, L. C. (2002). Relationship as an inherent component of healthy women's fatigue. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, 24(4), 441-453.

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Dzurec, L. C., Hoover, P. M., & Fields, J. (2002). Acknowledging unexplained fatigue of tired women. *The Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 34(1), 41-46.

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The School of Nursing Josephine A. Dolan Distinguished Service Award was established in 2002 to honor Josephine A. Dolan, MS, RN, PdD, DNSc, Professor Emerita. The award will be given annually in her honor.

Josephine A. Dolan, a graduate of St. John's Hospital School of Nursing (Lowell, MA), received her baccalaureate and master's degrees from Boston University, and honorary doctorates from Rhode Island College and Boston College. She achieved a national reputation as a nurse historian and her contributions to nursing education and nursing scholarship. Best known as the author of the history text *Nursing in Society*, in 1958 Dr. Dolan succeeded Minnie Goodnow as author of the nursing history series. Dr. Dolan, the School's beloved first professor has an enviable record of professional service at the local, state, and national levels. Her teaching, journal articles, reviews, keynote addresses, consultancies, and committee memberships, and general presence have positively influenced many people - Thank You Jo!

Devoted to Dr. Dolan and the history of the nursing profession, the School of Nursing is pleased to showcase the newly renovated Dolan Room - one of the premiere collections of nursing history in the nation! The majority of nursing artifacts displayed in the room are permanent gifts to the School from Dr. Dolan's extensive and prized collection. Join us and learn more about Dr. Dolan, her collection, and the history of nursing. Nursing History ... generously shared, gratefully received.

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The Story Behind the Patricellis' Gift to UConn

Both Bob and Margaret Patricelli are health care administration professionals in the true sense of the word. They have immersed themselves in the field, contributing to it at every level but actual clinical practice. "I love this field!" said Margaret. "Health care, or its absence, affects everyone. It's a constantly changing field, in which technology and demographics play powerful roles."

Health services have been an integral part of their lives, so it was fitting to Bob and Margaret that they establish the Robert & Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship for the School of Nursing. John Wilson, the foundation's executive director, has extensive experience in Hartford area community service organizations. Margaret and John make frequent site visits to their grantees. "Reversing the shortage of nurses and maintaining excellence in nursing training are critical issues in today's health care system," Margaret affirms. "We find it especially gratifying to meet with those responsible for providing health care services that directly benefit the community." She went on, "Having the opportunity recently to meet Stacey Bentil, the current recipient of the Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship gave us a deeper appreciation for how this gift to the School of Nursing is opening doors to Hartford students with strong interest in the field."

John Wilson agreed, giving additional insight into the family's decision to endow a scholarship at UConn. "Bob and I have known each other for 30 years. He knows Greater Hartford better than most," John said. "We bounce ideas off each other. Bob and Margaret wanted to provide financial assistance to enable Hartford youths to study in the health care field, and a scholarship at the UConn School of Nursing was the answer."

It did not appear initially that either of the Patricellis would choose health care as a career. Although he was accepted at medical school, Bob decided to attend Harvard Law School. Margaret majored in art history as an undergraduate. Soon she found her calling, though, earning her Master of Public Health at UCLA. Following graduation, she started her career in health services research at Harvard and later, advanced her knowledge at a hospital regulatory agency in Massachusetts. After law school, Bob, a former Fulbright Scholar, worked for a time in government, serving as a deputy undersecretary of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and as a minority counsel to a U.S. Senate subcommittee before later joining CIGNA. As an executive vice president of the parent company and president of CIGNA's health care group, he became an expert in the field.

He is now founder, chairman and CEO of Evolution Benefits, Inc., a young company that helps companies manage defined contribution benefits, providing electronic payment technology services. Bob is also the founder, chairman and CEO of Women's Health USA, which provides a broad array of services to the health care industry, from clinical trials to industry consulting to practice management services.

When she moved to Connecticut to work at CIGNA in employee benefits and health care, Margaret's path converged with Bob's and the rest was history. After ten years at CIGNA, where her focus was on marketing communications and government relations, Margaret moved to CT Public Television where she produced documentaries and news stories on health and social welfare issues. She went on to manage public affairs for ConnectiCare, a non-profit health maintenance organization.

Margaret currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of both the Mark Twain House & Museum, and Planned Parenthood of Connecticut. She is a member of the School of Nursing Advisory Board, and has been to rural Haiti three times (most recently with Bob last January), volunteering in a community health and education program which serves over 200,000



Margaret Patricelli with Stacey Bentil, the current recipient of the Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship

people. The program is directed full time in Haiti by School of Nursing Distinguished Alumnae Award recipient Bette Gebrian, RN, MPH, PhD.

Another subject close to Margaret's heart, other than Bob and their children and grandchildren, is philanthropy. The couple's gift to the School of Nursing was made through the Robert & Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation, Inc. "All of us—Bob, his daughter Alison and son Thomas are officers of the family's foundation; we think building philanthropic awareness and experience among the family is important for future generations," she stated.

Dr. Laura Dzurec, Dean of the School of Nursing, said, "Margaret and Bob understand the value of private philanthropy in changing lives. They knew that a scholarship endowment at UConn was an investment that could be leveraged to touch many, many lives both through students whose dream it is to make health care their career, and the patients these students will serve so well."



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