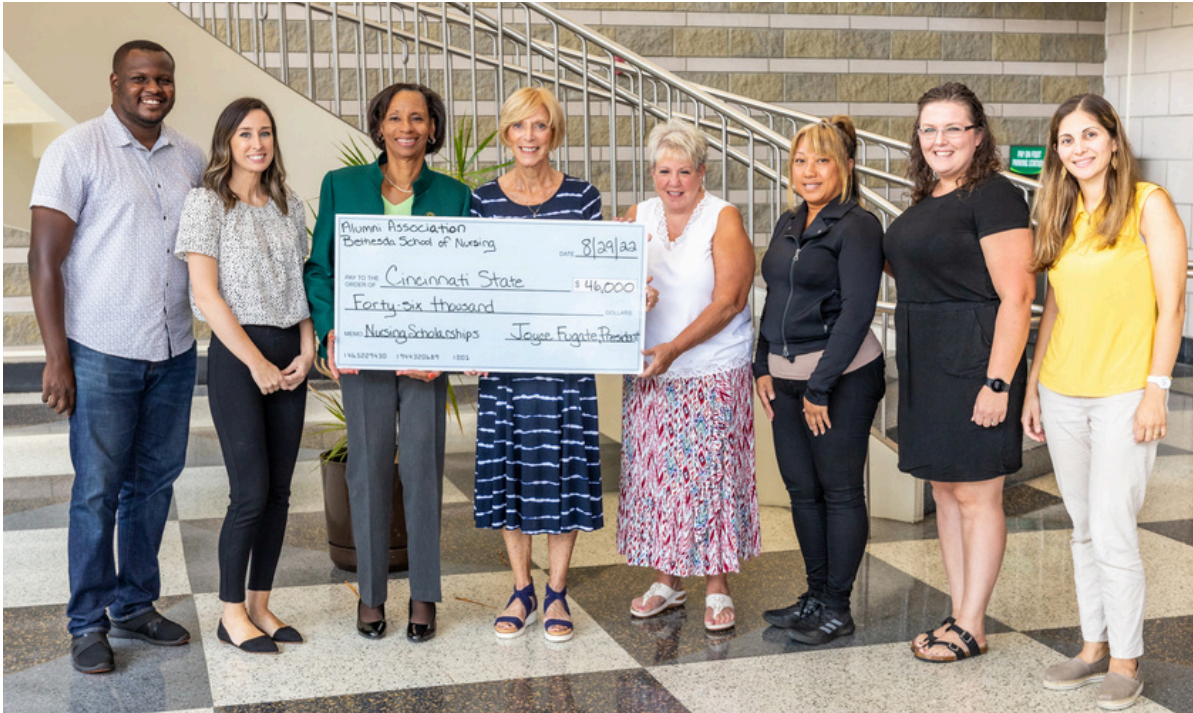




ALUMNEWS & VIEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2022



Alumni Association President, Joyce Fugate and Scholarship Committee Chair, Sharon Gallagher, (center and fourth from right) present a check to Dr. Monica Posey, President of Cincinnati State (third from left) and students and past scholarship recipients from the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing

THANK YOU BETHESDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing appreciates your continued support of our program and students!

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Homecoming Banquet
Saturday, April 29, 2023

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LOOKING BACK...TO THE FUTURE

Florence Nightingale raised the standard of Nursing by establishing principles and priorities for nursing education. She was an early proponent of evidence-based care. She also made recommendations for sanitary improvements and established standards for clean and safe hospitals. Nightingale used data to understand the current state of care, evaluate priorities and assess progress in improving patient outcomes. (Sounds a lot like the nursing process and the scientific method to me!) These small changes decreased the death rate of soldiers being treated in hospitals by two thirds.

Florence Nightingale challenged traditional medical authority in advancing collaborative, high quality care. She recognized the privilege of nurses to view, understand and transform health care systems. She was committed to interprofessional learning systems to continually improve health care and health.

In an article by Barbara Dorsey, Florence Nightingale, in 1870, wrote "that it would take 150 years for the world to see the kind of nursing I envision".

Fast forward 150 years to 2020, in the midst of the worst pandemic since 1919, the nursing profession used every bit of knowledge, skill, strength, caring, collaboration, and inspiration they had to care for the millions needing care from Covid. I think Florence Nightingale would have been proud.

So what's to prepare Nursing for the future? Here are just a couple of suggestions: All the learning, skill, compassion and collaboration each nurse can acquire. Explore health disparities that surfaced during Covid and advocate for and work toward leveling out the inequalities.

I am proud to say the Bethesda School of Nursing at Cincinnati State will be not only offering an Associate Degree in Nursing but will soon be offering opportunity to complete a Bachelor Degree in Nursing at the same campus. I think that would make Florence Nightingale proud also.

Respectfully, Joyce Fugate

BETHESDA OAK



In May 2022, the Cincinnati Enquirer ran an article announcing that the aging building at 620 Oak Street, formerly known as Bethesda Oak Hospital, is being vacated for demolition.

No timeline has been set for demolition. The future use of the 6 acres - along interstate 71 and adjacent to the Uptown Innovation Corridor being developed by the University of Cincinnati and others at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and I-71 - also has yet to be decided.

The Oak Building once was the site of Bethesda Oak Hospital, which opened in 1926 and closed in 2000. The location then was acquired by Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

2022 ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

Although Covid kept us from having our reunion for the past two years, we were finally able to gather in person again in 2022. At the reunion, we celebrated three cycles of graduating classes: Those ending in 5 and 0, 6 and 1, and 7 and 2. Marre Barnette, MSN, RN, CNS, Associate Dean and Director of Nursing at Cincinnati State was the special guest speaker at the luncheon. Marsha Straus took home the award for the alumni who travelled the farthest to the event. Marsha traveled 2,200 miles from Rowan, Montana!



TOP LEFT | Marre Barnette, MSN, RN, CNS

TOP RIGHT | Class of 1967 | Seated: Evelyn Heins Harris, Carol Jones Wilkinson, Nancy Jones Roell | Back Row: Janice Black Humphrey, Peggy Huffman, Linda Parks, Diane Dresback, Joyce Wright

BOTTOM LEFT | Class of 1970 | Seated: Sharon Gallagher, Debbie Niehaus, Marsha Straus, Linda Robinette | Back Row: Linda Miller, Dorothy Jilliard, Joyce Downing, Carol Roe, Carol Sand, Teri Ballard

BOTTOM RIGHT | Class of 1976 | Front Row: Madeline Bronaugh, Sara Alexander, Susan Murphy, Karen Shoemaker Ebel, Rebecca Arledge | Back Row: Sharon Roehm, Sue Minges, Judy Shelton

DRAHER-PAUTZ SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$46,000 were award to 23 Cincinnati State nursing students who are completing a degree in nursing.

Jessica Ballard	Stephanie Heim	Nhu Tho Nguyen	Antoinette Thomas
Adriane Brown	Desiree Johnson	Marie Owens-McNair	Leslie Turner
Stephanie Combs	Taylor Keiser	Jada Ryce	Samantha Watt
Lauren Combs	Kela McBride	Indira Sapkota	Samuel Williams
Chelsey Greer	Travis McBride	Tina Shipley	Angela Wireko
Stephen Gyambrab	Jennifer Moore	Helen Tayar	

LAMBERT-PAUTZ SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$14,000 were awarded to 7 graduates of Cincinnati State who are pursuing an advanced degree in nursing.

Landen Angel	Paulette Brown	Rebecca Lancaster	Sherri Seward
Marre Barnette	Steven Johnson	Hellen Scharff	

GREISER SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$2,000 were awarded to 2 Alumni Association members for continuing education courses.

Madeline Bronaugh	Angela Thompson
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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship totaling \$2,000 was awarded to 1 nursing student with a family connection to the Alumni Association.

Cassidy Louderback

SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$64,000

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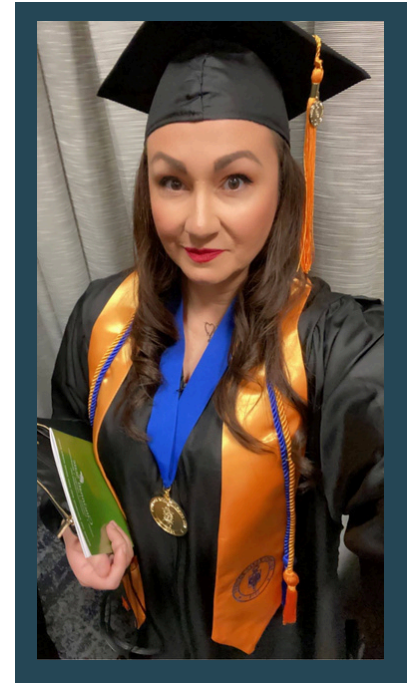
BECAUSE OF YOU

I started pursuing my nursing education back in 2011 and like many adult learners had to place my wishes on the back burner to meet the needs of my family. As a new mother I encountered numerous difficulties with my health and had trouble finding the help that I needed. My boss at the time was a Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni from the first class held at Cincinnati State. She gave me two pieces of advice. One was that I already had the heart of a nurse, I just needed the credentials. Second was that delay is not denial. I followed her advice and continued taking classes when I could.

Finally, in 2020, I began the final steps towards finishing my goal of graduating nursing school. When the pandemic hit, I persevered. To receive the coveted acceptance letter was a major milestone in my life. Throughout my journey, I learned that you are never too old to answer a calling in life. Problems can often be gifts and opportunities to pursue change. I realized that the time I had to take away from my education was not lost but had a purpose.

It is my hope that my story inspires others. As a scholarship recipient, I hope I make the Alumni Association proud. I am so grateful for the help I have received in pursuing my dream to become a nurse. My next step is pursuing my BSN in Holistic Nursing and I hope to join the Integrative Health team at Trihealth.

Jamie Buelterman, Draher-Pautz Scholarship Recipient



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EXPANDED BSN PROGRAM

During the summer of 2021, the Ohio Legislature passed a revision to the laws governing higher education which allowed for Community Colleges to deliver the Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree. Cincinnati State immediately mobilized to determine if such a degree would be beneficial to the community we serve. Our community partners unanimously agreed that offering a RN-BSN Completion Program along with our successful Associates of Applied Science in nursing degree would help to meet the need for BSN prepared nurses in their facilities. Our current students and recent alumni reported that pursuing a “higher touch” BSN at Cincinnati State would be preferable to the online, higher cost degrees at other colleges and universities.

With this support, the school applied to add an RN to BSN completion program to The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing last Fall. After many meetings and information requests, the college was approved to deliver the degree by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The College will host an accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission in Fall as part of the approval process, with the hope of the first class beginning the program in Fall 2023. After the program starts, the College will seek programmatic accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

This program would not have been approved if not for the history of excellence of The Bethesda School of Nursing/The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing. Although four-year colleges and universities attempted to block our approval, a school with NCLEX-RN pass rates among the highest in the region, as well as over a hundred years of excellence is hard to argue against. This program will assist nurses who are from diverse backgrounds and not typical college students (older, parents) earn the BSN and progress in their careers. Thanks to all of you for providing the foundation that it is being built upon.

Denise Rohr, EdD, MSN, RN
Associate Provost

**Dr. Monica Posey, President of
Cincinnati State, announces the
newly expanded BSN program for
the Cincinnati State Bethesda
School of Nursing**



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT | MICHELLE GRADS

My grandmother, Anna Brandt Grad, was born in Wisconsin in 1888, the daughter of a Methodist minister. In 1910, she left home to fulfill her dream of becoming a Methodist deaconess by enrolling in the Bethesda Hospital Training School. In 1910, things were changing rapidly at the Training School as the curriculum was being reorganized, enlarging the program to provide for the education of nurses. Applicants no longer had to be deaconess candidates, studying only for religious work. It was a broad curriculum and nurses were placed in areas of greatest need.

Anna was one of six graduates in the class of 1913. Upon graduation, she continued working at Bethesda Hospital. Her aspirations towards being a deaconess changed when she met Ed Grad, a young assistant to a prominent local surgeon. They were married and Ed went on to become a physician, serving on the General Practice staff at Bethesda Hospital for many years. They first resided in Northside and later moved to White Oak where they raised two children, Ed Jr and Marjorie who both became doctors.

In 1914, Anne most likely was considered a member of the newly formed alumni association called The Florence Nightingale Club. She was an active member of the alumni association for over 40 years and was recognized for this lifetime membership in 1954, shortly before she passed away in 1956.

Michele Grad, MD



Anna Brandt Grad

REMEMBERING OUR NURSING CLASSMATES

We remember these Bethesda School of Nursing alumni whose deaths have been reported in the past year:

Class of 1947 | Edith Moore Brissey & Mary Eva Allphin Massie

Class of 1948 | Ruth Johnstone Dreske & Emma Munson Juett

Class of 1949 | Grace Sprang Brueshaber & Bernice Brand Stevens

Class of 1950 | Beverly Keilman Minnick

Class of 1952 | Ruth Johnston Black, Joan Thomas, & Joyce Cook Varner

Class of 1953 | Mary Farmer Herbert & Emma Jane Speeg

Class of 1954 | Jane Kelly Simkins

Class of 1955 | Garnett Fortner Hall & Martha Barkhau Malone

Class of 1959 | Nancy Carol Christman Brown, Winona Kay Howard Coleman, Joan Beasley Loudenslager, & Carrie Joan Thatcher

Class of 1960 | Joyce Black, Bonnie Landy Hoagland, Judith Adams Reed, & Sharon Bates Wolf

Class of 1962 | Patricia Bice Burns & Sarah Louise Brown Jacobs

Class of 1966 | Joan Cross

Class of 1968 | Carol Hackney Skinner

Class of 1977 | Brenda Steuver Conley & Sandra Hale

Class of 1980 | Janet Bartram Davis

Class of 1981 | Connie Joan Ernst

Class of 1986 | Paula Antonucci Morgenroth

Class of 1999 | Rosina Lyons

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