



ALUMNEWS & VIEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2023



Alumni Association President, Joyce Fugate presents a check to Dr. Monica Posey, President of Cincinnati State, pictured here with some of the scholarship recipients from the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing



SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Homecoming Luncheon
Saturday, April 27, 2024

Keynote Speaker | Terry Foster, Emergency RN and
Nurse Humorist

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni Members,

As I reflect on this past year, I am thankful for so many things. One of these is the World Health Organization's May 5th announcement of the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. With the many restrictions that Covid placed on all of us, it is a relief to put those days behind us finally.

Other things that I am grateful for are the resumption of our annual spring luncheon and a new revised newsletter in color so we can stay in touch and celebrate shared memories. I'm also thankful that we continue to support nursing education through scholarships for the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing students and for the nursing alumni who are advancing their degrees and career education. Thank you for your generous financial support of these missions.

While this is wonderful news, my thoughts naturally wander to the future and, especially the future of the Alumni Association. The current board will not be around forever and we need new volunteers to offer their time and talents to help ensure future stability for our organization.

Cincinnati State nursing alumni have not had the same experience we have had. They do not share bonds that we formed through the years of learning and living together. It seems unlikely to expect them to fill these voids.

If you care about the mission of the Alumni Association - to support nursing education and provide fellowship among alumni members, I am reaching out to you, my fellow alumni members, to ask you to consider serving on the board in some capacity. If you are interested, you can email me at jfugate7248@gmail.com. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about becoming a board member of the Alumni Association. Your help is needed.

Sincerely,
Joyce Fugate, President



Joyce Fugate, President
Class of 1969

2023 ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

On April 29, 2023 we gathered for our annual Alumni Association Bethesda School of Nursing Luncheon. At the reunion, we celebrated our classes ending in 3 and 8. Linda Dicken Kraus, class of '63, took home the award for the alumni who travelled the farthest to the event. Linda traveled 1,050 miles from Houston, TX!



TOP | Class of 1958 | Seated: Carolyn Savage, Nan Bradley | Back Row: Barbara Bricker, June Pfister, Mary Helen Gore

MIDDLE LEFT | Class of 1963 | Seated: Barbara Tobias, Sharon Bennet, Linda Kraus, Bobbi Konieczny | Back Row: Linda Barker, Peggy Sisson, Marcia Chenoweth Shepherd, Gerry McDougal, Janet Wheeler Diaz, Janet Vanouter

MIDDLE RIGHT | Class of 1973 | Linda Sewell Buchheit

BOTTOM LEFT | Class of 1968 | Seated: Judy Laycock, Marcia Shank, Margie Liming Laubach | Back Row: Barbara Fitch, Margie Binzer, Brenda O'Neal, Pat Steiner, Judy Carlin Hardin

BOTTOM RIGHT | Class of 1988 | Sarah Schoettinger Wilson, Susan Sherlock Knasel

DRAHER-PAUTZ SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$68,000 were award to 34 Cincinnati State nursing students who are completing a degree in nursing.

Dyshay Anderson	Anna Hood	Joyce Bain Leonard	Serenity Skeens
Jazmin Berry	Skylar Huffman	Melinda Mason	Jacky Sonkoue Lonkeng
Emily Blanton	Christopher Johnson	Katelyn Montgomery	Yolanda Spencer
Kevin Bunger	Alicia Yvonne Joiner	Victoria Olakanmi	Edyta Swider
Talisha Chambers	Amreet Kaur	Marie Antoinette Owens-McNair	Mercedes Turnbow
Kaitlin Coleman	Brittney Kelley	Cory Rochele Pfefferman	Natmetha Valentour
Wisdom Eziukwu	Katherine Klafter	Taylor Schaaf	Philip Weisbrod
Jackie Godby	Yawavi Kokpaye	Jackie Sinchi	Jayrel Williams
Monica Herrmann	Lauren Lambeth		

LAMBERT-PAUTZ SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded to 6 graduates of Cincinnati State who are pursuing an advanced degree in nursing.

Desiree Desiree	Michelle Hinderer	Tasha Hines	Brianna Holman-Garr
Rachel Willmarth	George Winkler		

GREISER SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships totaling \$2,266 were awarded to 3 Alumni Association members for continuing education courses.

Madeline Bronaugh	Rashawnda Joiner	Martha Roth
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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.

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SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$84,266

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BECAUSE OF YOU

My name is Julia Carroll Litteral, and I am a two-time recipient of the Alumni Association Bethesda School of Nursing Legacy Scholarship.

I am writing to say THANK YOU for your support of the Scholarship Fund and for helping students like me realize their dream of becoming a nurse. I come from a long line of nurses including my grandmother Nancy Glaze, class of '59, who worked at Bethesda for 43 years. My mother, my sisters and my brother are all nurses!

I have always had an interest in nursing and especially in helping young children. I think the body is fascinating and I have a passion to help young people who are at their worst feel better.

In 2020, when I graduated from Liberty University with my nursing degree, I accepted a position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. I'm proud to be a nurse and to work at the best children's hospital in the nation.

I recently got married and accepted a new position at the Cincinnati Children's Liberty Unit working in the Operating Room. It seems hard to believe that all my dreams are finally coming true.

There are so many people I want to thank who helped me along the way. It's a struggle financially for most people to attend nursing school, and I am grateful to the Alumni Association for their help in easing the burden. It's a blessing to have this assistance and I plan to pass it on by supporting the fund myself.

Sincerely,
Julia Carroll Litteral



ABOVE: My grandmother Nancy Glaze and me

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Thank you so much. You have no idea what this scholarship means to me and takes a big burden off my mind about how I'm going to have enough money to pay for the semester. I just really can't thank all of you enough.
Sincerely,
Cory | 2023 Recipient

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

As we enter the new school year, there are some exciting changes happening at The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing. I stepped back into the role of Director at the beginning of February, just in time to navigate an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing accreditation visit. I am happy report that the preliminary report found us in compliance with all accreditation standards. We are waiting the final review panel review which will convene in September. After serving as Director for the past six months, I will be handing the administration of the program over to Dr. Bonnie Smith. Dr. Smith comes to us with a great deal of experience in higher education, and has served as both a nursing program faculty member and administrator. We are fortunate to have her as part of the Cincinnati State team.

Dr. Smith has experience leading RN-BSN programs, which will assist her as we start the RN-BSN Completion Program this Fall. We are starting small and delivering the program face to face the first year, but will be switching to a hybrid model (online with some face to face meetings) in 2024-2025. We are excited to build on the excellence of our associate degree program and provide a seamless transition to the BSN for our graduates.

The Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) is a new version of the NCLEX that our associate degree graduates have been taking since April 1, 2023. It is designed to assess clinical judgment in nursing candidates. It includes unique new item types that measure whether future nurses can think critically about how to care for clients through evolving case studies. So far, our students are passing the new version of NCLEX at the same rate as the national average for all test takers. The faculty has integrated strategies to prepare our graduates to pass the new NCLEX into the curriculum, and will use data to continually improve our preparation of students for NCLEX success as well successful transition to the role of Registered Nurse.

Dr. Denise Rohr

Associate Provost of Assessment and Accreditation

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I want to take the time to thank everyone deeply from the Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association for allowing me the opportunity to apply for a scholarship through their organization. Nursing has always been a career passion for me. I have worked in the healthcare Field for over 15 years, and this is the next step in my career. This scholarship has helped tremendously by alleviating some of the cost. Being a working mother and a student has had some challenges, but I am grateful for this scholarship during this time while only being able to work very limited hours. This proves to me that my long hours of studying, and work have paid off. I can't wait to continue my career after graduation at The Cincinnati VA Medical Center. I have been there for 10 years and am excited for the next journey of Role Transition in the Emergency Department.

Thank you. Jacqueline Godby | 2023 Recipient

TRANSITIONS FROM BETHESDA OAK TO TODAY

An Interview with Joyce Barhorst McHenry, BSN Class of 1990 by Sue Rutherford

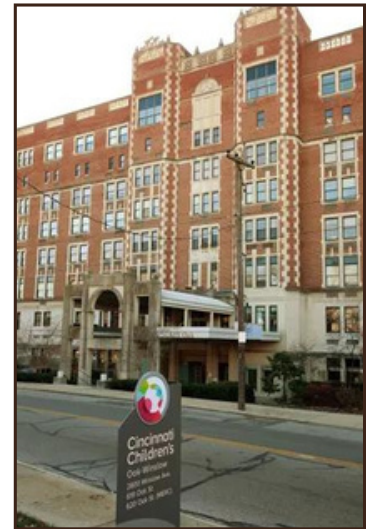
Many of us, driving along I-71 in recent months, have watched the demolition of the Bethesda Oak Hospital campus. Although the buildings are gone, fond memories remain for those of us who graduated prior to 1991 when the Bethesda School of Nursing program transitioned into the collegiate program of Cincinnati State /Bethesda School of Nursing.

What was it like to be a student in those transition years? In 1987, Joyce Barhorst (McHenry) was one of 90 enrollees of the class of 1990. Draher Hall was still a functioning dormitory until 1991. Joyce's classmates were predominantly commuters, but the remainder lived in Draher Hall.

Joyce's class was doing 4 hour per week clinicals the first year in school while also spending time doing all the support classes at Cincinnati Technical College. The clinicals consisted of the basics of personal care, vitals, and they were passing oral meds by the end of the year. The remaining classes were all at the Oak Street building with clinicals typically 24 hours per week. The clinical groups spent time at Bethesda North & Oak Street as well as Children's with a Psychiatric rotation at the Lewis Center and health training at the Health Department on Burnett Avenue.

Joyce was part of an accelerated program, allowing students to work through their last summer and graduate in November, 6 months before the traditional rotation of students in May. The class who began in 1988 had an accelerated option with 32 students graduating in November 1990 versus May 1991. It made for a confusing class roster during those years!

After spending time in an orthopedic/neuro floor at Oak, she was doing home hospice care for Hospice of Cincinnati while finishing her BSN at the Mount. Joyce stated that because of all of her training and clinical experiences, she graduated feeling confident as she began a career. She ended up in Occupational Medicine/ Employee Health and is still doing that today.



REMEMBERING OUR NURSING CLASSMATES

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

Class of 1948 | Grace Boehmer Casper

Class of 1949 | Edna Faye Sloan Miller

Class of 1951 | Eleanor Jean Wiley Aldred

Class of 1952 | Rosemary Johnson Tigner

Class of 1959 | Virginia Winkler Simidian

Class of 1963 | Patricia Smith Anders

Class of 1968 | Diana Martin Rohrer

Class of 1970 | Vicki Willman

Class of 1973 | Valarie Greathouse

Class of 1974 | Susan Friedmann

Class of 1975 | Linda Herbert Murray

Class of 1977 | Kathy Hathaway Lawler, Connie

Kaufmann Roller, Barbara Koch Todd

Class of 1978 | Jeanie Hendren, Melissa Winscher

Class of 1979 | Linda Schmidt, Theresa Lageman Westphal

Class of 1980 | Barbara Rotter Pierce

Class of 1981 | Susan Futvoye Daneker

Class of 1982 | Peggy Kinsella Baldwin, Sandra Hargis,
Julie Ferguson Spatz

Class of 1983 | Marcia Monfort Austin, Marcella Gwinn
Graves

Class of 1984 | Patricia Littleman

Class of 1986 | Marcia Weisenburger

Class of 1987 | John Mitchell, Roger Parker, Judy Vega

Class of 1988 | Denise Quincy, Diana Swecker
Mayleben, Debra Mullins Wells

Class of 1989 | Christine Rheault

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