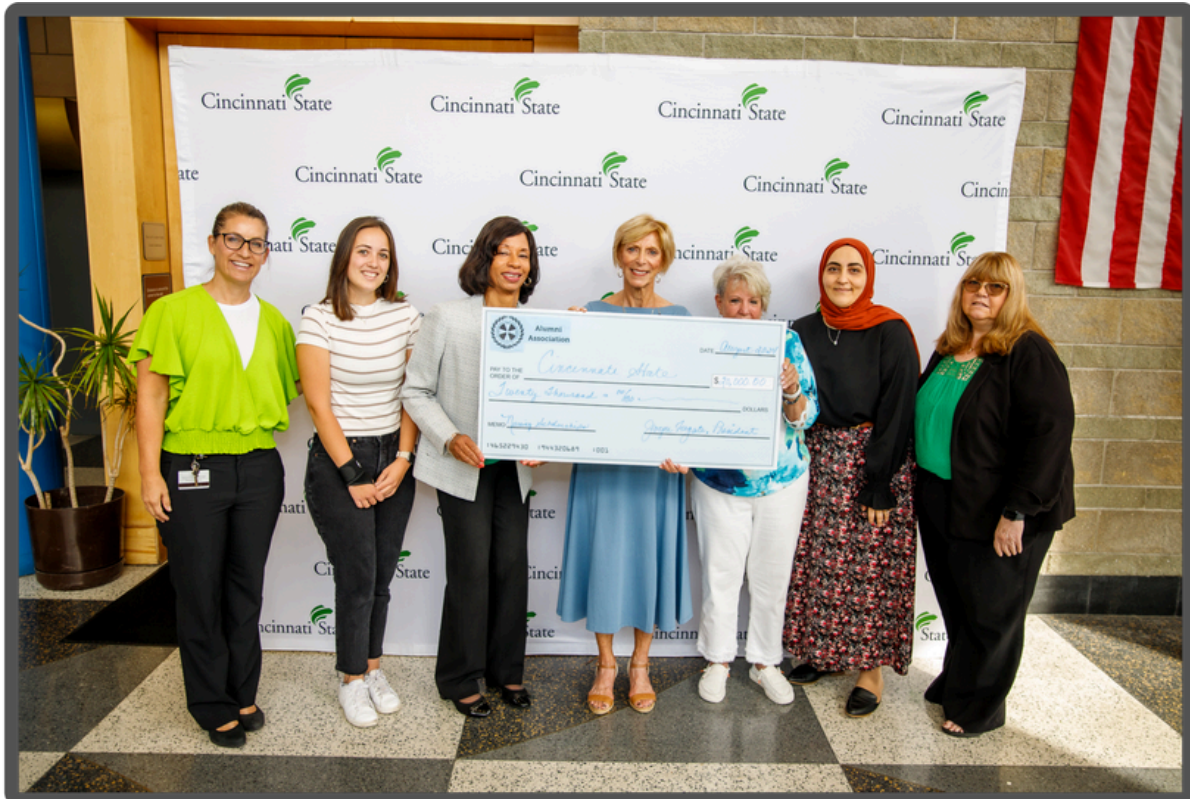




ALUMNEWS & VIEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2024



Dr. Beth Hamon - Nursing Professor - Program Chair RN-BSN Completion Program, Lauren Lambeth - Draher-Pautz Scholarship Recipient | Dr. Monica J. Posey - President, Cincinnati State | Joyce Fugate - President, Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association | Sharon Gallagher - Chair, Alumni Association Scholarship Committee | Alaa Airout - Draher-Pautz Scholarship Recipient | Dr. Bonnie Smith -Dean, Health and Public Safety Division, Nursing Program Director.



SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Homecoming Luncheon
Saturday, April 26, 2025

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni Members,

Happy 110th Anniversary to us!

The Alumni Association of the Bethesda School of Nursing started in 1914, and we are keeping the memories and traditions of the Bethesda School of Nursing alive.

Our support of nursing education, our newsletter, and our annual homecoming luncheon keep us connected with our history and one another. As president of the Alumni Association, I want to thank all of you who support us through your membership, gifts to the scholarship fund, and by attending the annual luncheons. Of course, we are always looking for members to join the board or help plan our gatherings. So, please reach out to me at jfugate7248@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

We are excited to share that the Cincinnati Historical Society/Cincinnati Museum Center has expressed interest in adding the Bethesda School of Nursing archival materials to its collection. The items the museum has selected help tell the early story of medical history, particularly focused on German-speaking citizens, the founders of Bethesda Hospital, and the early deaconesses which add a missing element to its current collection. This arrangement will provide for the proper maintenance of our records for posterity. Part of this historical inventory includes nursing uniforms and stories of our fellow graduates who once proudly wore these uniforms.

I hope you enjoy the features we have put together in this newsletter and look forward to seeing you at our Annual Homecoming Luncheon in April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Fugate RN, CNP".

Joyce Fugate, President

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Thank you for believing in my potential and supporting my educational journey. Your generosity inspires me to work harder and strive for excellence, and I am committed to making the most of this opportunity. I look forward to the day when I can give back and help other students achieve their dreams, just as you have helped me.

Sincerely, Grace Loba, Draher-Pautz scholarship award recipient

2024 ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

These classes were honored at the April Alumni Homecoming Luncheon!

Class of 1959



Row 1: Janet Hood, Jenn Dudgeon, Susan Srivastava,
Claudia Gray, Jean McFaddin
Row 2: Bette Reynolds, Nancy Glaze

Class of 1964



Row 1: Alice Younger, Joyce Boehm, Lynn Miller, Roslyn Henschen
Row 2: Jane Booth, Sue Pollock, Mary Marley, Lyda Steinmetz,
Millie Baker, Marilyn Strunk, Fern Browning

Class of 1969



Row 1: Kay Davenport, Joyce Fugate, Gayle Penny, Kathy O'Brien,
Mary Tom Maphet | Row 2: Paula Rudolph, Rosita Noes, Sue Rutherford,
Barb Jenkins, Pat Hauke Mallott

Class of 1974



Row 1: Carol Rauch, Debbie Hucke, Sharon Ashley, Vicki Pfuehler
Row 2: Donna Sponsler, Cindy Marcou, Suzanne Day, Deb Quallen, Bev
Steel, Janet Campell, Carmella Specker, Dorothy Sheehy, Brenda Monroe

Class of 1979



Kathy O'Brian, Michelle Gamble, Cindy Foreman

Class of 1984



Linda King and Lisa Lincoln

SCHOLARSHIPS: CINCINNATI STATE STUDENTS

10 scholarships awarded to Cincinnati State Students.

Alaa Airout	Tara Bramlett
Lauren Lambeth	Edyta Swider
Grace Loba	Cory Thiel
Yolanda Spencer	Mercedes Turnbow
Wisdom Eziukwu	Jayrel Williams

SCHOLARSHIPS: GRADUATES

6 scholarships awarded to Cincinnati State graduates pursuing advanced nursing degrees at other institutions.

Meherest Assefa - Ohio University
Michelle Hinderer - Case Western Reserve
Brianna Strong-Mosley - Franklin University
Amanda Sharp - Western Governor's
Caroline Thuo - Ohio University
Eugenia Twumwaa - University of Cincinnati

SCHOLARSHIPS: CONTINUING EDUCATION

2 scholarships awarded to Alumni Association members for continuing education courses.

Madeline Bronaugh (Class of 1976) Angela Thompson (Class of 2010)

**This year, we awarded over \$33,000
in nursing scholarships to 18 individuals.**

BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS:

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The Bethesda School
of Nursing legacy
lives on in the
Cincinnati State
nursing program that
carries the Bethesda
name.

Dr. Bonnie Smith

THE DEJARNETTE TWINS - LINDA KING AND LISA LINCOLN, CLASS OF 1984

Twins Lisa and Linda Dejarnette graduated from the Bethesda School of Nursing in 1984. Growing up in Northern Kentucky, their father called them his “little nurses” as they cared for him in his illness.

Although he died when they were 11 years old, the moniker stuck, and they grew up knowing that they wanted to become nurses. When they enrolled in the Bethesda School of Nursing, their grandfather paid for their first year of school.



Linda and Lisa with their mother
on graduation day.

According to Lisa, being at Bethesda and living across the street in Draher Hall was “like having lots of sisters.” Their fellow students became like extended family, and the twins would often bring some of their classmates home with them for the weekend or holidays.

The nursing school and its instructors, former Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association President Margaret Swinford for example, set high expectations for the students and encouraged them to treat their patients as favorite family members.

Upon graduation, Linda first worked at Shriners’ Hospital where she was in leadership and has been in home care and care management over the years and is now at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Lisa’s first nursing job was at Clermont Mercy, and then she worked at St. Elizabeth until joining the Cath Lab team at Bethesda North in 2023.

The twins are best friends who share the love of nursing, support one another, and talk every day. Those “little nurses” are carrying on the tradition of nursing excellence that was instilled in them by the Bethesda School of Nursing.

Mom and Dad would be proud.

Jana Widmeyer, Bethesda Foundation

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CINCINNATI STATE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING

It has been a busy year for The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing's associate degree program. In January 2024, faculty and staff celebrated student success when we learned of our NCLEX-RN pass rate of 88.52 for 2023. This annual pass rate was above state and national averages. The NCLEX pass rate continues to trend well for 2024. Currently 83 students have tested, and our 97.59 pass rate remains above state and national average. Our next class of nurses will complete the program in December.

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College received a \$1.5 million ARPA

grant in September of 2023 from the Hamilton County Commissioners. The grant has enabled the College to expand nursing enrollment, offer student scholarships, and build an additional nursing skills lab. The new skills lab is currently in the final phase of construction and will be ready for a grand opening fall semester 2024. The new skills lab provides an opportunity for the associate degree nursing and the practical nursing certificate students to have their own lab spaces.

The Cincinnati State Health Simulation Lab opened in January of 2024. Interdisciplinary collaboration has been implemented in the lab. Currently, students enrolled in the associate degree nursing, practical nursing certificate, occupational therapist assistant, emergency medical services, medical assistant, American Sign Language, and respiratory care are enjoying simulation and virtual reality experiences in the new lab.

On August 1, 2024, ten students enrolled in the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing associate degree and RN-to-BSN Completion programs received scholarship awards from the Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association. The awards were celebrated by students, faculty, staff and members of the Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association.

On August 12, 2024, the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing RN-to-BSN Completion Program recognized the capstone projects of the College's first cohort of students. These students began the RN-to-BSN course of study in August of 2023 and have completed the three-semester face-to-face program in three semesters. Faculty, staff, family and friends celebrated the success of these graduates. The RN-to-BSN program will transition to an online/hybrid format fall semester 2024.

Bonnie Smith, PhD, MSN, RN

Dean, Health and Public Safety Division Cincinnati State Nursing Program Director



Pictured left to right: Cory Thiel (graduate), Colleen Lucas (graduate), Dr. JoAnne Worthington (faculty), Dr. Nikki Howard (faculty), Marthe Ndachi (graduate), Debra Morris (graduate), Mariah Shephard (graduate), Dr. Janice Lockett (faculty), Dr. Anne Dean (faculty), Dr. Beth Hamon (faculty), Beth Cornelius (graduate), Dr. Jennifer Tyler (faculty)

NURSE HONOR GUARD

*"When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, she was there.
In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, she was there."*

So begins the Nightingale Tribute recited at funerals for beloved nurses.



Last year, as I arrived for the funeral of a dear friend, there was a group of women in white nursing uniforms, caps and capes gathered. As the service began, this Nurses Honor Guard entered in a solemn procession that brought tears to my eyes.

Similar to a military tribute, the Nurses Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses at the time of death by performing the Nightingale Tribute.

Nurses from the Nurses Honor Guard dress in the traditional white uniform complete with cap and cape, recite the Nightingale Tribute, and lay a white rose on the casket symbolizing the nurse's dedication to the profession. After reciting the Nightingale Tribute, a nurse rings a triangle. The deceased nurse's name is called three times, and the triangle is rung after each call, and then the nurse is officially released from nursing duties. A lit Nightingale lamp that was carried up at the beginning of the ceremony is then extinguished and presented to the family with personal condolences.

Every time I think of my friend, I remember this beautiful tribute to her.

The Cincinnati Nurses Honor Guard exists to comfort loved ones and honor fallen nurses for their stewardship and compassion to serve others and welcome active and retired nurses volunteer to join them. Find out more on their Facebook page [Cincinnati Nurses Honor Guard](#) or email CincinnatiNursesHonorGuard@gmail.com.

Jana Widmeyer, Bethesda Foundation

REMEMBERING OUR NURSING CLASSMATES

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

Class of 1943 Georgia Kincheloe Fisher	Class of 1975 Linda Herbert Murray
Class of 1951 Evelyn Holderfield Beck & Kathryn Moore Young	Class of 1976 Pamela Field
Class of 1952 Eddith Emery Cooper & Roberta Gardner Holt	Class of 1980 Barbara Rotter Pierce
Class of 1954 Garnett Beach Jones, Juanita Reed Smith, & Constance Roby Swartz	Class of 1982 Angela Aylor & Lora Butler
Class of 1956 Elizabeth Bausmith Matanguihan & Pollyanna Rogers Sedziol	Class of 1988 Melinda Traylor
Class of 1957 Jan Hayes Plumley	Class of 1989 Diana Swecker Mayleben
Class of 1958 Anita Brate Kindt, Willa Meale Kolthoff, & Rae Marie Kerkhoff	Class of 1990 Geraldine Klaene & Joan Suddendorf
Class of 1960 Janet Estridge Schindler	Class of 1991 Dean Bowers
Class of 1964 Donna Taylor Nevin	Class of 1991 Richard Goedde
Class of 1965 Barbara Davisson Ambler	Class of 1991 Mary Beth Hall
Class of 1968 Nancy Beard Maurath	Class of 1991 Mary Harig
Class of 1973 Pamela Hufford Nicholls	

For changes in contact information (including email address) and class updates, please contact Sue Rutherford at srutherford870@gmail.com

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