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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING

FALL 2025



**The Alumni Luncheon Provides a
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Alumni Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Bethesda North Hospital

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Bethesda Legacy

The Bethesda School of Nursing has a wonderful legacy of educating nurses. That legacy began when German Methodist Deaconesses came to Cincinnati. These women walked up and down the hills of Mt. Auburn, tending to the sick. This work led to the founding of Bethesda Hospital as a house of “mercy and service to the sick poor, especially German immigrants,”* followed by the establishment of a nursing school.

*[The Ripple Effect: How Bethesda Transformed Health Care in Cincinnati](#), 2016

The Bethesda School of Nursing legacy continues today at Cincinnati State. In this issue, you will read how we are carrying on that legacy through the scholarships that we provide every year to nursing students.

Our founding deaconesses, along with Rev. Christian Golder, are buried at Spring Grove Cemetery in a plot with a large Bethesda marker. Every year, Bethesda leadership, retired and current team members, and school alumni gather for a ceremony to commemorate the founding of Bethesda Hospital on April 13, 1896.

I mentioned in last year’s newsletter, that the Cincinnati Museum Center is now the owner of the Bethesda archival materials, which will be preserved and made available to historians for future use. As Christine Engels, Archives Manager at the Museum Center, explained at our spring luncheon, the patient records, hospital board minutes, and school of nursing photographs play an important role in telling the story of health care in Cincinnati’s history.

While our historical records and memorabilia may be in a museum, the mission of caring for the community continues every day at Bethesda. What a proud history, and we are all part of it!

Sincerely,

Joyce Fugate RN, CNP

Joyce Fugate, Class of 1969
President



2025 ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

CLASS OF 1970, CELEBRATING 55 YEARS

By Sharon Gallager

Fifteen of our class members attended the Bethesda School of Nursing Spring lunch along with four husbands, a few relatives, and friends. Altogether, we travelled 2957 miles from Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, and Montana.

We had 48 classmates who graduated in 1970. Sadly, 3 have passed away.

We enjoyed reminiscing and sharing family stories at the banquet. It was also wonderful to see other graduates like our "big" and "little" sis's. After the banquet, we stayed to share with each other a recap of our personal and professional accomplishments. We have had careers that have gone beyond nursing to include an attorney, a doctorate in social work, real estate, nursing instructor, health supplement distributor, medical device safety, and research!

Thank you to the Alumni Association for planning the banquet! As always, the food was great, decorations were so cute, and the speaker talking about the Bethesda School of Nursing archives being incorporated into the Cincinnati Museum Center's collection was very interesting.

Looking forward to next year's banquet!

Class of 1965



Fay Rawlings Hailes

Class of 1966



Kathy Hiatt Thompson and Pat Fisher Graf

Class of 1970



Front Row, Left to Right: Carol Biggs Hart Sand, Teri Scheiring Ballard, Marsha Straus, Carol Roe, Sharon Gallager

Back Row, Left to Right: Janet Burton Stratton, Linda Morrison Miller, Sandra Scroggins Delaney, Dorothy Workman Julliard, Joyce Voss Downing, Jane Dresselhaus, Linda Hinz Allhands, Diana Carlier, Marla Rea Thompson, Linda Robinette

Class of 1975



Front Row, Left to Right: Tina Lukes Gay, Terri Carson Lynch, Pam Shannon, Elaine Cohn Cook, Kathryn Duli Hill

Back Row, Left to Right: Diane Denicola Fights, Karen Guenther Hofman, Diane Thomas Sanyal, Nancy Wehr Moran, Bonnie Maynus, Theresa Zimmer Betts, Deborah Zembrodt Mauntel, Deborah McWhorter Celenza

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee chaired by Sharon Gallagher is pleased to announce the 2025 Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Scholarships of \$3,000 each to the following recipients.

Draher-Pautz Scholarship

Current Students at Cincinnati State pursuing the RN

Christina Smith	Anna Nascimento Bennett	Cadi Nemecek	Charafa Barhdadi
Takia Nolen	Lyric Turner Ganz	Rachel Davies	Jemiyotan Koloh
Evonnyia Rox	Diane Oudabachi	Maylie Coate	Chioma Ezeilo
Jennifer Orona	Russell Hausfeld	Dameisha Brewster	Hannah Profitt

Lambert-Pautz Scholarship

Graduates of the Cincinnati State nursing program pursuing the BSN

Nosson Wiggins, attending Franklin University
Yaakov Harkavy, attending Franklin University
Taylor Keiser continuing at Cincinnati State
Kate Klafter, attending the Good Samaritan College of Nursing
Meheret Assefa, attending Ohio University

Legacy Scholarships

Students with a Bethesda School of Nursing Family Connection

Danica Komine, Columbus State Community College
Joseph Carroll, University of Cincinnati

“WOW! Thank you so much for this amazing news! I truly appreciate it. I am speechless. THANK YOU!
Kind Regards,
Cadi Nemecek

“Wow, thank you so much. I feel exceedingly privileged to be the recipient of this award. Thank you for all that you do for the nursing community. May you only see blessing and success!
Nosson Wiggins

“Thanks so much for this honor of an award. I read the mail with tears in my eyes. This is a great relief and assistance to me and my family. May God bless and replenish you all, the donors, and the entire Bethesda foundation a million-fold. I promise to work harder at understanding the nursing concepts, critical thinking and passing my courses well by God's grace. I am grateful and indebted to you all.
Sincerely Grateful,
Chioma Ezeilo

Thank you to these donors to the Scholarship fund! Your generosity is reflected in the support we are able to provide to nursing students!

Lois Acus	Pamela Court	Richard Piening	Sharon Weber
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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

JOEY CARROLL - 2025 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Nancy Glaze graduated from the Bethesda School of Nursing in 1959 and worked at Bethesda until her retirement in 2003. Her daughter, Karen Riggs Carroll, worked as an RN at Bethesda. Four of Karen's five children are nurses – all of them have worked at Bethesda at one time or another, and two are currently on staff.

Joey Carroll, one of Nancy's grandchildren and one of Karen's children, is the 2025 recipient of the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship. Joey graduated from Liberty University and is now a graduate student in anesthesia at the University of Cincinnati with an expected graduation in December 2026 as a CRNA. Recently, Joey and his grandmother came to Bethesda North to thank the Alumni Association for this scholarship. Joey said that his family "got me into this field" and he credits them for encouraging him to become a nurse and then a nurse anesthetist.



Alumni Association Scholarship Committee Chair Sharon Gallagher, Joey Carroll, Nancy Glaze, and Association President Joyce Fugate

"I am truly honored to have been selected by the board to receive this special scholarship. It means so much to me to carry on a legacy in nursing that began with my grandmother, Nancy Glaze. She cherishes her memories and accomplishments from her time at Bethesda North, and I know she is proud to see that spirit of service and excellence continue through me. As I work toward becoming a CRNA, I am deeply committed to delivering the same compassion, skill, and dedication to every patient I serve. This scholarship will be a tremendous help to my family as I continue through school, and I am deeply grateful."

Joey and his wife recently welcomed their first child, Nancy's 6th great grandchild, Susanna Faye. By the time this newsletter has gone to print, great grandchild #7 will be here, too. Of note, Joey's sister, and Bethesda team member Julia Carroll Litteral is a two-time recipient of the Legacy scholarship.

Congratulations to Joey Carroll, and, thanks to Nancy Glaze and her family, the future of nursing is bright!

DANICA KOMINE - 2025 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I wanted to write a thank you note to express my gratitude, and so you can "see" the family of the lives you've blessed through this scholarship:

My mom, Sona Lipps Moore, Class of 1967, front right.

Danica Komine, front row left.

Middle Row Lenae, RN, Legacy Scholarship Recipient 2023



CINCINNATI STATE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING

Every year we like to provide an update on the Bethesda School of Nursing at Cincinnati State. Here are some statistics from Dr. Beth Hamon, DNP RN CNE, Associate Dean / Director of Nursing.

RN-BSN Completion Program:

- Anticipating an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accreditation visit in Spring 2026
- We have over 20 graduates this August
- Over 50 new students in the program this Fall

Associate Degree Program

- Our program chair Dr. Janice Lockett is retiring, and Professor Sheena Davis will be transitioning to the role of program chair
- Board scores remain above state and national average
- Expecting over 60 graduates this semester

Practical Nursing Program

- Board scores over state and national average
- Enrollment increasing with over 60 students this Fall
- Over 30 students will graduate this semester



Happy Birthday Margaret!

A person very special to the Bethesda School of Nursing Alumni Association, our former Alumni Association president and someone who played a pivotal role as the School of Nursing transitioned to Cincinnati State, is Margaret Swinford, pictured here on her 85th birthday.

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Elizabeth Frauhiger Schussele, Class of 1938

By Mary Tom Maphet, RN, Class of 1969



Elizabeth Schussele and Mary Tom Maphet

What an honor to share my relationship with Elizabeth Schussele. I contacted her in my capacity as Membership Secretary of the Bethesda Alumni Association.

Elizabeth grew up in Goshen, Indiana. What a wonderful, warm personality she had! We discovered we were both born in Goshen – that is right – she in Indiana and me in Ohio. Both of us still living in our hometown.

She relayed that she had a wonderful childhood. After graduation from Bethesda, she accompanied a fellow nurse friend to Olean, NY. That is where she met her husband Norman aka Pete. She had a job as a surgical assistant and did private duty. Asked to become a school nurse, she took the courses needed for certification and was a school nurse at Olean High School for the rest of her career. After her husband's passing, in 2008, she returned at age 80 to Goshen, Indiana, to be close to her 10 siblings.

When the 100th Anniversary of our nursing school came around, it was a celebrating year for Elizabeth. Her daughter went to Goshen, Indiana from New York to drive her to Cincinnati. They both attended the luncheon at Kenwood Country Club on April 12, 2014.

I am so blessed to have met, hugged and talked with Elizabeth. She passed on March 24, 2022, at the age of 104, still living in Goshen. We spoke frequently on the phone. She would always say, "This is Elizabeth from Goshen, Indiana. Is this Mary Tom from Goshen, Ohio?" Then we would laugh and continue a wonderful conversation. I miss her.

REMEMBERING OUR NURSING CLASSMATES

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

Class of 1938 | Elizabeth Frauhiger Schussele

Class of 1944 | Mildred Bodiker Lange

Class of 1946 | Mabel Unger Smith

Class of 1947 | Mary Reidel Orleman

Class of 1951 | Lois Sandman Richard

Class of 1952 | Martha Jean Sheard Hogerson

Class of 1955 | Betty Riggs Hughes

Class of 1957 | Emma Jean Morgan Ralston and Barbara Bell Krueger

Class of 1959 | Claudia Carr Gray

Class of 1962 | Nancy Winkleman Cook and Barbara Lindower

Class of 1967 | Barbara Ann Ballman Alge

Class of 1969 | Pat Farrish Connors and Jeanette Eggleston Call

Class of 1974 | Debbie Glancy Samples

Class of 1987 | Carolyn Rebold Maguire

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