



ALUMNEWS & VIEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING

FALL 2026



**The Alumni Luncheon Provides a Wonderful Way
to Reconnect!**



SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 24, 2027
Bethesda North Hospital

Speaker: Terry Foster, Emergency Room RN
and Nurse Humorist

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Alumni Association Bethesda School of Nursing is honored to carry on the school's legacy and continue support for next generations of nurses. Alumni Association Board of Directors work year-round to keep our Association running. We meet twice a year; plan the Spring luncheon, put together this newsletter, process dues and gifts, keep the mailing list up to date, and award the scholarships. I am forever grateful for their work and dedication. Thank you!

In this issue of Alumnews and Views, you will read a story from a mother and son reflecting on the impact that the Bethesda School of Nursing has had on their lives, how one graduate's school nursing uniform ended up at the Cincinnati Museum Center, and the recipients of this year's scholarships.

When we presented a scholarship check for \$90,000 to Cincinnati State which carries on the legacy of the Bethesda School of Nursing, Cincinnati State leadership expressed their gratitude for the Alumni Association's ongoing scholarship support and the "extraordinary generosity and commitment to supporting the next generation of nurses through these scholarship awards." As an Association, we are happy to continue the partnership with Cincinnati State knowing that today's investments will have a lasting impact on patient care and community health for generations to come.

All year, we have been celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our very own Debby Niehaus, Class of 1970 and a Daughter of the American Revolution, delivered the keynote address at our Spring Luncheon in which she reflected on the history of our nation. Our history right here in Cincinnati, Ohio from the founding of Bethesda Hospital 130 years ago, to the start of the Bethesda School of Nursing in 1914, and the continued work of our Alumni Association in supporting nursing education is one in which I am very proud, and I hope you are too.

Sincerely,

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

Joyce Fugate, Class of 1969
President



Alumni Association Board Members. L-R , Madeline Bronough, Janet Killian, Joyce Fugate, Martha Roth, Barbara Jenkins, Deborah Niehaus, Sue Rutherford, Sharon Gallagher, JoAnne Groseclose. Not pictured: Avis Geygan and Margaret Swinford

2026 ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

Class of 1961



Janet Kirsch Killian, Sandra Read Bowie

Class of 1966



Patricia Fischer Graf, Marilyn Cromer Compel,
Kathy Hiatt Thompson, Ella Bryan Milton

Class of 1971



Beverly Dilz Johnston, Shirley Roe Stroup

Class of 1976



First Row Left to Right: Dianna Collins Brown, Pat Estes, Rhonda Johnson Souders, Nancy Frazier Rosenacker, Martha Pletikapich Roth, Susan Ogden Murphy, Chandra Pester, Carol Macy Macejko, Madeline Magruder Bronaugh

Second Row Left to Right: Susan Sweet Minges, Jeri Weil Abrams, Shonda Davis Hahn, Debbie Beckman Webb, Mary Reeder Snider, Mary Knowles Barnett, Rebecca Rush Arledge, Sharon Heitman Roehm, Lorrie Schwer Segelken

Class of 1981



Jeff Trees

Class of 1986



Christine Rimer Williams, Lisa Pierce Russell

Class of 1991



Athena Farmer

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, chaired by Sharon Gallagher, is pleased to present the names of this year’s scholarship recipients.

Draher-Pautz Scholarship

Awarded to Cincinnati State Nursing Students

Adara Holbrook	Hannah Profitt	Lydia Moore	Rosa Siler
Addison Glassmeyer	Jalynn Wabnitz	Maneet Kaur	Sarah Clifton
Anna Nascimento Bennett	Jeramiah Kimble	Maria Bohannon	Tiffany Welch
Charafa Barhdadi	Kaitlyn Henry	Mauriana Brooks	Travonn Voner
Cheyenne Gray	KaShara Bishop	Maylie Coate	
Divine Terry	Kathleen Hughes	Mikayla Wells	
Elizabeth Bolton	Larman Rodgers	Mikaylah Lumpkin	
Fatimata Sall	Lauren Post	Riley Homan	

Lambert-Pautz Scholarship

Cincinnati State Graduates continuing education toward a BSN degree

- Artesian Martin, attending NKU
- Kate Klafter, attending Good Samaritan College of Nursing
- Brianna Strong-Mosley, attending Franklin University
- Larissa Da Silva Lins, Cincinnati State
- Habiba Diallo, Cincinnati State

Legacy Scholarships

Students with a Bethesda School of Nursing Family Connection

- Joseph Carroll, grandson of Bethesda School of Nursing Class of 1961 alumnae,
- Nancy Glaze, finishing his degree as a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at the University of Cincinnati

Greiser Scholarship for Continuing Education*

Madeline Bronaugh, Bethesda School of Nursing Class of 1976

***The Greiser Scholarship** reimburses Alumni Association members for tuition/registration and related expenses for continuing education courses and/or methods other than collegiate courses to enhance their knowledge base for practice. These funds can be used for seminars, workshops, certification examinations, etc. To qualify, the applicant must have an active membership and submit a completed application with supporting documentation



BETHESDA SCHOOL OF NURSING

PHILANTHROPISTS

Graduates of the Bethesda School of Nursing continue to support the Alumni Association Operating fund and the Scholarship fund. We are happy to recognize these alumni for their generosity! Through your gifts, you make a difference for nursing students and the legacy of the Bethesda School of Nursing.

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Appreciation from Cincinnati State

Bonnie Smith, PhD, MSN, RN

Dean, Health and Public Safety Division

On behalf of Cincinnati State's Nursing Program, our faculty, and most importantly, our students, thank you for investing in their future. Your support does far more than help pay tuition, purchase textbooks, or cover everyday expenses. It provides encouragement, confidence, and reassurance that others believe in their potential and are willing to invest in their success.

Nursing education is challenging and demanding. Our students balance rigorous coursework, long clinical hours, family responsibilities, and often employment obligations while pursuing their dream of becoming nurses. For many, scholarship support is the difference between struggling to continue their education and confidently moving forward toward graduation.



“I am truly honored and grateful for your support of my educational journey. This scholarship will help me continue pursuing my academic and professional goals while reducing financial burdens. I appreciate your investment in my future and the opportunities this award provides.

- Brianna Strong-Mosley

Thanks for your partnership, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to healthcare education. Your investment in our students today will have a lasting impact on patient care and community health for generations to come.

MARTHA'S UNIFORM

NOW AT THE CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER

The Museum Center is now the keeper of the archives of the Bethesda School of Nursing. One of the requests the curators made was for a story to go along with some of the nursing uniforms. Martha Pletikapich Roth, Class of 1976, provided her story which we will share in part here. To read the complete article, find it on our website: bethesdaalumni.com.

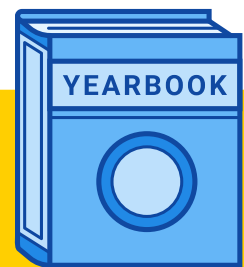
After graduating from McAuley High School in 1973, Martha entered the Bethesda School of Nursing that August.

The course of study was very intense and followed a full-time three-year schedule. In addition to the classes at Edgecliff College, we studied nursing with lectures and lab classes at Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing and had clinical experiences for sixteen hours each week. Clinicals were held at Bethesda Hospital, Children's Hospital, Longview State Psychiatric Hospital and Cincinnati Health Department. The day after graduation, I began my nursing career on the night shift at a new suburban hospital. I missed the people and busy varied environment of Bethesda Hospital and returned there one year later. While working full-time as a staff nurse, I pursued my Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) at Edgecliff College which became part of Xavier University before my 1982 graduation.

After earning the BSN, I accepted a job as the night shift charge nurse in the gynecology/oncology unit at Bethesda. My interest in caring for patients with cancer led me to join the Oncology Nursing Society and become an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN). Later, I worked as a staff nurse for the float pool and learned critical care nursing to work in the ICU and emergency departments. When a new department, Care Coordination, was formed, I served as an RN Care Coordinator at Bethesda North Hospital for twenty-one years. When the day of my retirement arrived, I was greeted at my home by a parade of fifteen cars filled with my co-workers, a police car, and a fire engine.



Wanted: Do you have a button-on apron like the one Martha is wearing that you would consider donating to the Alumni Association? This apron will make our uniform display more accurate and complete. Contact Joyce Fugate at jfugate7248@gmail.com.



The Alumni Association seeks past yearbooks. If you would like to donate yours, please contact Sue Rutherford at srutherford870@gmail.com.

THE BETHESDA LEGACY CONTINUES

This mother-son duo Carol Macejko and Joe Macejko are graduates of the Bethesda School of Nursing. Carol was in the class of 1976 and Joe graduated in 2021. Here is their story.



Carol's Story: Joe and I both graduated from Bethesda School of Nursing, although separated by many years. I originally applied to nursing school because I always wanted to be able to provide for myself and any future children. The struggles that my mother persevered through after becoming a widow at 44 were definitely the motivator. Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing fit perfectly in my plan academically, financially and the time needed to complete my goal. My Diploma in Nursing prepared me from the beginning to deliver excellent patient care and to be proud of my choices.

Bethesda and TriHealth have allowed me to grow as a nurse from Med-Surg, to Clinical Team Manager in the Emergency Department (for the majority of my career) and now in Occupational Medicine. I am forever grateful that I made the correct decision for my education and career path.

Joe's Story: Following my mom's path to Bethesda School of Nursing felt natural because I saw firsthand how her education shaped the kind of nurse and person she became. I wanted that same foundation that was built on rigorous clinical experience, strong mentorship, and a culture that expects excellence. Bethesda gave me exactly that as well as a long-lasting friendship with a couple of my fellow graduating classmates. The long clinical days, the tight-knit support among classmates, and the instructors who pushed us to grow all prepared me for the realities of nursing and reinforced why Bethesda has such a respected reputation.

My career began in the Emergency Department at Good Samaritan Hospital, where six and a half years of fast-paced, high-acuity care sparked a deep interest in cardiac care after a patient experiences the emergency room. That curiosity led me to Bethesda North's telemetry unit for a year, strengthening my cardiac foundation and confirming my goal of working in the Cardiovascular ICU. Transitioning into the CV-ICU allowed me to grow into the nurse I had envisioned, caring for critically ill patients and managing advanced therapies such as post-operative open-heart surgery care and managing ECMO circuits (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation- a last effort for cardiopulmonary support). Being able to say that my mom and I both built our careers on the same Bethesda foundation is something I'm incredibly proud of. It's a shared legacy rooted in growth, resilience, and a commitment to high-quality patient care.

REMEMBERING OUR NURSING CLASSMATES

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

Class of 1952 Martha Sheard Hogerson	Class of 1963 Patricia Smith Anders	Class of 1978 Sandra Cravens Gruenwald
Class of 1955 Lois Evans Acus	Class of 1963 Carole Grant Craft-Barnhart	Class of 1978 Daphne Jones
Class of 1957 Jennie Hensen Barrett	Class of 1965 Jacqueline Harner	Class of 1978 Patricia Doogan Walsh
Class of 1957 Edith Hines Horton	Class of 1966 Patricia White	Class of 1981 Constance Ernst
Class of 1957 Jane Boso Lawrence	Class of 1968 Joyce Eltzroth Creamer	Class of 1983 Laurie Laizure Rheaume
Class of 1958 Mary Guin Gore	Class of 1969 Eleanor Stallworth Little	Class of 1985 Linda Hill
Class of 1958 Carolyn Leeker Janosik	Class of 1969 Roberta Tobias Cobb	Class of 1989 Julia Robinson
Class of 1958 Patsy Barnes Windisch	Class of 1973 Howard Korb	Class of 1990 Alice Liddell Marsh
Class of 1959 Dollie Ritenour Acton	Class of 1977 Kathy Hathaway Lawler	Class of 1991 Rhonda Hambrick Love
Class of 1959 Jean Grooms Dudgeon	Class of 1977 Connie Kaufmann Roller	

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