

# University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

## Nursing Alumni Newsletter

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

### Greetings Nursing Alumni, Emeriti and Current Faculty, Students, and Friends:

In this edition of the newsletter you will read about some of the many happenings at our College over the past year. However, we also are using this newsletter to invite you to our annual **Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk** scheduled for **Saturday, October 8, 2011**. Please come to enjoy the camaraderie of the walk and the many other activities planned for the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming weekend.

We have some exciting news to share and hope you can join us in our celebration. Dr. Linda Young will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> as our new Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Young comes to us from the Milwaukee School of Engineering, where she held a number of positions in the School of Nursing. We hope you will be able to come to the Nursing Alumni Walk to help welcome her to UW-Eau Claire. Additionally, Dr. Elaine Wendt, professor and dean emerita, also will be present to award the Elaine Wendt DNP Nursing Scholarship to one of our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students.

Our DNP program is up and running, with a cohort admitted for summer 2010 and one for summer 2011. The DNP program currently is offered as a post-master's option only; however, we anticipate offering both MSN-to-DNP and BSN-to-DNP options beginning in the 2012-2013



academic year. In keeping with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommendations we will stop admitting NP, CNS, and nursing administration students to the MSN program after this summer. Beginning in 2012, prospective students interested in those areas will need to apply to the BSN-to-DNP program. Prospective students still will be able to apply to the MSN program for the education role preparation. Be watching our website for notices of more DNP informational sessions we plan to hold for the public this fall.

Other news to celebrate has been the record number of BSN graduates from our College this past 2010-2011 academic year: 167 BSN graduates!! This record number reflects the escalating enrollments in our BSN completion program (Collaborative Nursing Program/BSN@Home) for nurses with associate degrees, the expansion of our Marshfield Site, and the offering of our accelerated program for second degree students. We also graduated a large class of 35 MSN students in May 2011. Furthermore, we received a HRSA grant that is enabling us to expand our clinical laboratory simulation activities to graduate students. We subsequently are increasing our simula-

tion space to accommodate the increased need.

Additionally, we'd like to share the news that our site visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for accreditation of our BSN, MSN, and DNP pro-

grams occurred as scheduled on April 18-20, 2011. We look forward to receiving the official report from CCNE late this fall.

For more news and information regarding our programs, please check out our Nursing website: <http://www.uwec.edu/CONHS/> and College news page: <http://www.uwec.edu/conhs/news>.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Nursing Alumni Walk on October 8<sup>th</sup> and that you realize our alumni and friends are always welcome to stop in for a visit or e-mail us at [nursing@uwec.edu](mailto:nursing@uwec.edu). As I complete my time as interim dean I would like to extend my appreciation for all the wonderful alumni who contribute so much to assure our ongoing success and fulfillment of nursing education excellence. Your accomplishments each and every day as nurses is why the tradition of excellence continues. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Debra Jansen, Interim Associate Dean, for the many ways she contributes to the college and particularly her skillful development of the newsletters and the homecoming walk. We hope to see or hear from you soon.

Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Interim Dean and Professor

## Dr. Linda Young Named Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Linda Young to UW-Eau Claire as our new Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Young will begin her new position on August 1, 2011. Dr. Young comes to our College from the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) where she was a founding faculty member of the School of Nursing and was instrumental in the development of its baccalaureate nursing program. She served in various roles while at MSOE, including program director, clinical site coordinator, and family

project coordinator. Dr. Young is a certified family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations and is a certified nurse educator through the National League for Nursing. Her research and publications have pertained to quality of life and anxiety in adult patients undergoing bone marrow transplantation and also the impact on the family. She is looking forward to being part of the UW-Eau Claire community and the broader community of Eau Claire. We are pleased to have her join us.

## Construction!!

If you have found your way to our building this past year you deserve special recognition for your fortitude and way-finding ability. Construction is progressing on the new W.R. Davies Student Center which will be very near our front door, just slightly to the northeast of the Nursing Building. The Nursing Building has been surrounded by fences since March, leaving us with one back door and one side entrance. Pedestrian traffic to and from the Nursing Building has been routed around and along Putnam Drive and Garfield Avenue. The good news is that footbridges are being created over the nearby Little Niagara Creek, providing in the near future for a more direct route to the Nursing Building from many locations on campus. The new W.R. Davies Student Center is expected to be finished in the summer of 2012. (Photo by R. Mickelson)



## Highlights from the 2010 Nursing Alumni Walk

Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Nursing Alumni Walk was held on October 2, 2010. Bright sunshine highlighted the flowers donated to the participants by May's Floral Garden, Inc. Approximately 56 people attended the event, including individuals from the classes of 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1989, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2010, along with several students expected to join our alumni ranks in the near future. We were treated to greetings from Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich and Provost and Vice Chancellor Patricia Kleine. Thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who came and to the many students who helped set up for the walk and made the day run smoothly. The numerous individuals and organizations who donated door prizes also deserve recognition, including

Ms. Catherine Berry, Community Health Partnership, Eau Claire Student Nurses Association, The Goat Coffee House, Green Bay Packers, Lee's Uniform Center, London Square Cinema, Luther Midelfort Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, Menards, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, Oak Leaf Surgical Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital, Saint Joseph's Hospital-Chippewa Falls, UW-Eau Claire Activities & Programs, UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences, UW-Eau Claire Dining Services, UW-Eau Claire Foundation, and Xcel Energy. Mark your calendars for the next homecoming walk on Saturday October 8, 2011. See you there!

## Please Register for the 2011 Nursing Alumni Walk— October 8, 2011

Please join us for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Nursing Alumni Walk on Saturday October 8th. The Nursing Walk will start at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Nursing Building (with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.). The walk will be a rather short one across and around campus (and the construction site for our new student center building), giving everyone an opportunity to remember their daily treks to and from classes.

We will have a continental breakfast at 8:30 following the walk. With the breakfast, we will provide an update regarding recent events at the College and University and draw names for door prizes. We plan on finishing before 10:00 a.m. so that you may attend the Homecoming Parade.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences T-shirts with an embroidered University logo are being ordered for the walk. To make sure we have enough T-shirts, we encourage you to

**pre-register using the attached form—see page 7.** While completing the registration form, please consider making a donation to build up our Nursing Advancement Fund. Monies from this fund are used to support student and faculty initiatives, special projects, and immediate needs not covered by the university's budget. Donations also can be made to new and existing scholarships for our students; to assist us in attracting, retaining, and "growing our own" doctorally prepared faculty; and to enhance our teaching facilities and clinical laboratory technology.

While you are here for the walk, please take advantage of the many other University activities scheduled for Homecoming Weekend. The events start on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Zorn Arena with the Varsity Night Live show. On Saturday, the Homecoming Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (just past the Lake Street area). Then watch

the 2:00 p.m. UW-Eau Claire Blugolds vs. UW-Oshkosh Titans football game at Carson Park. More information about the University's homecoming activities can be found at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association web site at <http://www.uwec.edu/Alumni> or by contacting the Alumni Office by telephone at 715-836-3266 or by e-mail at [alumni@uwec.edu](mailto:alumni@uwec.edu).

While you are at the Alumni Association web site, be sure to update the University and College of Nursing and Health Sciences with your contact information and any news you would like to share.

Please do not forget to return the **registration form** for the walk. We would appreciate receiving the forms by **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you at the walk and if you are unable to attend we appreciate your support and hope you will come visit your alma mater soon!!

### Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m.	Registration begins at the Nursing Building
8:00 a.m.	Walk (around and across campus)
8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast at the Nursing Building
9:00 a.m.	College of Nursing and Health Sciences Update
9:15 a.m.	Door Prizes
10:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade, starting on 1st Avenue (just past Lake Street)
2:00 p.m.	UW-Eau Claire Blugolds vs. UW-Oshkosh Titans Football Game at Carson Park



Highlights from the 2010 walk (photos by J. Lehman Caldwell).

## Best Wishes for . . .

## Happy Retirements

This past year has been bittersweet for us as we have said goodbye to a number of members of our College who have retired.

**Ms. Karen Maddox**, associate professor emerita, initiated the slew of retirements with her “retirement” in May 2010 after 31 years of service.



We are pleased, however, because she does not appear to have taken her own announcement seriously. She has been

serving as Chair of the Department of Public Health Professions in the College and still continues to teach in our accelerated BSN program for second degree students. Prior to her “retirement”, she received many honors and awards, including the Mary Adelaide Nutting Award from the Wisconsin Public Health Association in 2009; the Wisconsin Idea Fellow designation from the UW System Board of Regents in 2004; the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award in 2004 and the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness in 1997, both from the UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences (then School of Nursing); and the Nurse of the Year Award from the Wisconsin March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and Wisconsin Nurses Association in 1994.

**Mr. Robert (Bob) Lieske**, media specialist emeritus, retired in September 2010 after 27 years of service. Mr. Lieske was an ever-present fixture in our



Learning Resource Center where he helped students, faculty, and staff with various media needs. He also was our official photog-

rapher and supplied many of the images gracing our newsletters over the years. In 2009 he received the Col-

lege of Nursing and Health Sciences Ihle Family Award for Caring, along with his colleague, Ms. Marcia Bollinger.

Well, **Ms. Marcia Bollinger** followed Mr. Lieske’s lead and retired in June 2011 as senior media specialist emerita, after 23 years of service.



Besides receiving the Ihle Family Award for Caring, she also received a University Excellence in Performance Award in 1993.

Ms. Bollinger was responsible for managing our distance education equipment and connections with our Marshfield Site at Ministry Saint Joseph’s Hospital and also coordinated the numerous remodeling projects in our building.

**Dr. Michaelene Jansen**, professor emerita, retired this June 2011 after 30 years of service. Dr. Jansen is continuing to work as a nurse practitioner closer to her home in Drummond, Wisconsin and is undoubtedly happy not to be commuting for hours at a time. She received numerous honors including being inducted into the UW-Eau



Claire Alumni Hall of Honor in 2002 and as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2010. Dr. Jansen also deservedly earned many College awards, including the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award in 2004 and the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness in 1989. She authored or co-authored several books, including *ANCC Nursing Review and Resource Manual*; *Advanced Practice Nursing*; *Pain Management in the Older Adult*; and *Advanced Nursing Practice: A Guide to Professional Development*.

**Dr. Janice Berry**, professor emerita, retired in May 2011 after 15 years of service. Dr. Berry taught many of the family health nursing courses at our Marshfield Site and



continues to work as a nurse practitioner. She received numerous University Faculty/Student Research Collaboration grants and Differential Tuition grants to

provide research and clinical cultural immersion experiences for students. Dr. Berry was recognized with the College Ihle Family Award for Caring in 2007, the Wisconsin Nurses Association 2006 Nursing Education Award, and the Ministry Health Care Circle of Excellence Award also in 2006.

**Ms. Linda Duffy**, clinical assistant professor emerita, retired in May 2011 after 19 years of service. Ms.



Duffy taught at our Marshfield Site and was actively involved in many professional organizations. She was recognized with several honors including the Wisconsin Student

Nurses’ Association “Leader of Leaders Award” in 2010, the College Ihle Family Award for Caring in 2005 and 2007, the Ministry Health Care Circle of Excellence Award in 2007, the Melsen Volunteer Award from the Marshfield Opportunity Development Center in 2005, and the School of Nursing Patricia M. Ostmo Award for Faculty & Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Teaching in 1999.

Additionally, a few other members of our College left in May 2011 for other opportunities, including **Ms. Kerrie Smithberg** and **Ms. Teresa Loftsgaarden**. All are missed and we wish them much happiness. We invite everyone to keep in touch with us.

## ... and Warm Welcomes

While we had some people leave, we also have been welcoming many new faces to our College. Several people joined our College in August 2010, including **Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl**, Assistant Professor; **Dr. Arin Van Wormer**, Assistant Professor; **Ms. Theresa Buckley**, Clinical Instructor; **Ms. Elysia Goettl**, Clinical Instructor; **Ms. Rachael Haupt-**

**Harrington**, Clinical Instructor at our Marshfield Site; **Ms. Heather Iverson**, Clinical Instructor; **Ms. Debbie Martin**, Clinical Instructor at our Marshfield Site; and **Ms. Julia Lehman Caldwell**, Media Specialist. **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler**, Associate Professor, will start teaching with us in August 2011. A few other faculty members completed

doctorates and joined the ranks of assistant professors in our College in 2010-2011, including **Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree**, **Dr. Rachel Merkel**, and **Dr. Rita Sperstad**. Additionally, three other assistant professors completed doctorates, including **Dr. Cara Gallegos**, **Dr. Lisa Schiller**, and **Dr. Angela Stombaugh**.

## Honors and Recognitions

We are proud of the excellence demonstrated by our students, faculty, and staff in our College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Highlights of the many who were honored this past year include:

**Ms. Natalie Nicholas**, a senior in our traditional undergraduate program, was elected as the new Legislative Vice President of the Wisconsin Student Nurses Association (WSNA) at the annual convention held in February 2011. Natalie is from Waupun, Wisconsin and expects to graduate in December.

**Dr. Michaelene Jansen**, now professor emerita, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in June 2010. She was one of only 44 inductees to receive this prestigious honor. Besides working part-time as a nurse practitioner since 1994 and authoring many books, Dr. Jansen has served on the board of directors of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

**Dr. Mary Canales**, associate professor, was selected as the 2010-2011 Faculty Fellow in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. As a fellow, Dr. Canales was charged with continuing to develop research-related services for students and faculty, including exploring and identifying ways to increase student awareness about research and scholarly opportunities.

**Dr. Lisa Schiller**, assistant professor, received the Provider of the Year Award from AgriSafe, a nonprofit national membership organization which represents health professionals who are concerned about the health and safety of farm families. She implemented the AgriSafe model in her Shawano clinical practice.

**Ms. Debbie Martin**, clinical instructor at our Marshfield Site, was named a section editor for *Air Medical Journal*, the official journal of the five leading air medical transport associations in the United States. Ms. Martin has been on the editorial board of the journal since 1997 and has been certified as a Medical Transport Executive since 2008.

Four faculty and instructional academic staff members were honored with awards from the College at the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. **Dr. Cherly Lapp** received the Ihle Family Award for Caring; **Ms. Lori Waltonen** the Patricia M. Ostmo Award for Faculty & Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Instruction; **Dr. CeCelia Zorn** the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness; and **Ms. Gail Hanson Brenner** the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award.

Five members from our College also were honored as Wisconsin Nurses Association "Faces of Nursing" at the 2010 WNA/Wisconsin Student Nurses Association Annual Meeting and Conference held in October in

Madison. Those recognized were **Dr. Janice Berry**, now professor emerita; **Dr. Cheryl Brandt**, associate professor; **Ms. Karen Maddox**, associate professor emerita and interim chair, public health professions; **Dr. Susan Moch**, professor; and **Ms. Lorraine Smith**, assistant to the dean of nursing, BSN completion program senior student services coordinator and director of the statewide [BSN@Home](#) program. Honorees are acknowledged for their accomplishments and contributions to the profession and the association.

**Dr. Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn**, professor, and **Ms. Catherine Berry**, clinical assistant professor, traveled to China this summer, along with three nursing undergraduate students, Anja Meerwald, Rachel Nerison, and Lauren Wieseman, as part of a UW-Eau Claire International Research Fellowship. They taught nurses about Type 2 Diabetes and worked with Chinese middle school students to help them understand the importance of healthy eating and exercise to prevent diabetes.



Ms. Catherine Berry and a Chinese translator presenting at a diabetes conference in China.

## New Scholarships for Nursing Students

Our students in our undergraduate and graduate programs are fortunate to benefit from the many contributions made by donors to our various scholarship funds. A few new scholarships were created this past year. The **Elizabeth Barnes & Robert Fugate Memorial Scholarship** was established by Dr. Nancy Fugate Woods in honor of her mother and father. Dr. Fugate Woods is a graduate of our first nursing class (class of '68) and went on to be Dean of Nursing at the University of Washington School of Nursing in Seattle. The scholarship is for students in our accelerated BSN program, which is a program for students returning for a nursing degree after having earned a

degree in another area; and also for students in our new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The **Gerald D. Woldt Nursing Scholarship** was established by Mr. Gerald Woldt, who is originally from the Chippewa Falls area. Mr. Woldt served in the Army Nurse Corps for 21 years, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, and worked for 21 more years in the civilian sector as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. He developed the scholarship in order to increase diversity in nursing and to encourage more men to enter the profession. The **Elisabeth Coolidge Nursing Scholarship** was established for junior and senior nursing students with great promise

in the field of nursing, with preference being given for nontraditional female students.

Please consider making a donation to a new or existing scholarship fund. We find ourselves particularly in need of more scholarship opportunities for students in our Accelerated program and our Doctor of Nursing Practice program. If you are interested in designating a gift to a specific area, please contact the Foundation Office at [fdn@uwec.edu](mailto:fdn@uwec.edu) or (877) 625-2473, or visit the Foundation website (<http://www.uwec.edu/fndn/index.htm>) for assistance.

## Elaine Wendt DNP Nursing Scholarship



Dr. Elaine Wendt, professor and dean emerita of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has established a

new scholarship to support Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students. Preference in awarding the scholarship is given to DNP students who have a history of supporting the

nursing programs at our College. Dr. Wendt will be presenting the scholarship at the Nursing Alumni Walk on October 8<sup>th</sup>. She was instrumental in helping the College obtain the entitlement to plan the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program and in establishing the nursing skills laboratory simulation activities. Additionally, Dr. Wendt is the original founder of the annual Nursing Alumni Walk held during Homecoming weekend. Dr. Wendt retired in 2008 after 25 years of teaching at UW-Eau Claire. She began teaching at UW-Eau Claire in 1969; but also

worked for a time in nursing in New York City and in Maryland and taught briefly at UW-Milwaukee. She was Chair of the Department of Family Health Nursing at UW-Eau Claire before becoming Interim Associate Dean of the School of Nursing in 2002, Associate Dean in 2003, and Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences in 2004. Dr. Wendt has long been an advocate of increasing access to the nursing profession and especially of supporting nurse educators. Please join us at the walk to congratulate the recipient and to thank Dr. Wendt.

## Special Thank You!!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the many health care agencies and individuals and preceptors at those agencies for the wide array of rich clinical opportunities they have provided for our students.

## *Hope to see you at the Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk!*

### Keep in Touch!

- Please contact the Alumni Office for nominations for outstanding alumnus or to update your information ([www.uwec.edu/alumni](http://www.uwec.edu/alumni); [alumni@uwec.edu](mailto:alumni@uwec.edu); 715-836-3266).
- Please continue to contact the Alumni Office (see above) and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (715-836-5287; [nursing@uwec.edu](mailto:nursing@uwec.edu)) if you have an upcoming reunion or news to share.
- For information or questions related to this newsletter, please contact Dr. Debra Jansen ([Jansenda@uwec.edu](mailto:Jansenda@uwec.edu); 715-836-5183).
- To designate a gift, see [www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm) or call 1-877-625-2473.

Please detach and mail with check by **September 26<sup>th</sup>** to:

**College of Nursing and Health Sciences**  
**Attn: Nursing Alumni Walk, Rm 103**  
**University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**  
**105 Garfield Avenue**  
**P.O. Box 4004**  
**Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004**



[Registration forms also available at www.uwec.edu/CONHS/news/nurs](http://www.uwec.edu/CONHS/news/nurs)

## Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk Registration Form

- I plan to attend the Nursing Alumni Walk.                       I also would like a T-shirt\*.
- I cannot attend the Walk; however, please accept my donation of \$25.00 and send me a T-Shirt.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Name as Student (e.g., maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

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Check if:  
 \_\_\_Alumnus    \_\_\_Emeritus Faculty    \_\_\_Faculty/Staff    \_\_\_Friend of Nursing    \_\_\_Family    \_\_\_Student

T-shirt size: \_\_\_Small; \_\_\_Medium; \_\_\_Large; \_\_\_XLarge; \_\_\_XXLarge; \_\_\_XXXLarge

The following family/friends plan to attend and also request T-shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### Suggested donations\*:

Alumni	\$20.00 (\$25.00 if register on day of walk)	
Emeriti Faculty	\$15.00 (\$20.00 if register on day of walk)	
Faculty/Staff	\$20.00 (\$25.00 if register on day of walk)	
Friends and Family	\$20.00 (\$25.00 if register on day of walk)	
Students	\$15.00 (\$20.00 if register on day of walk)	
Not attending, but would like T-shirt mailed. <b>Please indicate size:</b>	\$25.00	
<b>Additional Donation</b>		
	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	\$ _____

Make **check payable** to the **UW-Eau Claire Foundation** and indicate the "Nursing Advancement Fund" in the memo line.

\*Note: If accepting a T-shirt, part of the donation may be used to defray T-shirt expenses.



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## ***University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Nursing Alumni Newsletter & Nursing Walk Invitation/Registration Form***

### **Nursing Needs**

**July 2011**

Nursing education is continually changing as health care technologies advance and as we work to prepare nurse leaders to meet the demands of a more globally aware and diverse society. We are continually working to update our teaching methodologies and skills laboratory equipment to be current with the realities of modern nursing practice and to prepare for the future. We also are taking steps to ensure opportunities for cultural immersion experiences for all of our students. At the same time, our College is growing as we admit students into our undergraduate accelerated program for second degree students and our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Additional resources are needed to manage these areas of growth and change.

Your gift to any of the following will help enhance student learning experiences and provide valuable faculty resources.

**Multicultural Clinical Experiences:** Support the university's strategic plan to expand experiential, multicultural, and interdisciplinary learning by providing funds to enable nursing experiences with diverse populations in Alaska, at Indian reservations in South Dakota, at a birthing clinic in Texas, and more locally in Wisconsin.

**Accelerated BSN Program Scholarships:** Establish an accelerated BSN program scholarship. These nontraditional students engage in a rigorous year-long program that does not enable them to work during the course of their studies.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Scholarships:** Establish a DNP program scholarship. These graduate students are enhancing their clinical leadership skills as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse administrators to promote quality health outcomes for individuals and communities.

**Nursing Faculty Scholarship:** Support our ability to enhance faculty development of scholarship, including named professorships.

**Skills Laboratory Simulation and Replacement Equipment:** Provide needed simulation equipment (e.g., computerized manikins, control room monitors and cameras) as well as replacements of skills laboratory equipment as materials become outdated or nonfunctional.

**Electronic Health Record System:** Purchase an electronic health record system, complete with simulated patients. Such a system would enable students to practice charting patient cares and assessments, review patient histories and laboratory reports, document medication administration, and engage in quality improvement activities.

To designate a gift, see [www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm) or call 1-877-625-2473.