

University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire Nursing Alumni Newsletter

Greetings from the Dean

College of Nursing and
Health Sciences (CONHS)



Dear Nursing Alumni and Friends of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences,

Wasn't it just last month that I completed my update message

for the 2015 Alumni newsletter? Perhaps this gives an indication of what type of year this past one has been. Planning and celebrating the 50th anniversary of our college was indeed the highlight. For me, it meant rich conversations with all our living dean emeriti, meeting so many alumni that I had not met before (including dancing the last dance of the night with alumni who traveled to Eau Claire, all who graduated in 1976), and learning more deeply the history of this amazing nursing program. The end of the 50th celebration included spending time at research day, celebrating the work of our students and faculty and being inspired by the keynote speaker with hope of what lies ahead for nursing and healthcare.

I could fill the space of this newsletter with the specifics of implementing the budget cut on campus and in our college this past year but will refrain from doing so. Know it has been a very challenging year for all of us. We have now in our traditional program accepted 25 more students who are heading into or are in their junior year and 25 more students who are sophomores. We accommodated this increase in enrollment without extra faculty or staff and with the 6.9 FTE lost in the cut. Needless to say, we ended the academic year fully exhausted. But we survived, and I cannot honor enough the effort put forth by our bright, diligent faculty and

staff to ensure excellence in the teaching/learning of our students under these strained conditions. In my mind, they are worthy of an Olympic gold medal. The good news is that we have been granted permission to search for 5 FTE (4 tenure track positions and 1 full time instructional academic staff position).

I am hoping resources will continue to be provided to the college as the demand in the workforce for BSN and graduate prepared nurses is high and will only increase in the years to come. The cut not only impacted our college but also had implications for our alumni. I met a spouse of one of our alumni who indicated that his granddaughter applied to the nursing program and had met the requirements for admission. Had she been accepted, she would have graduated the same year her grandmother celebrates her 50th anniversary as a UW-Eau Claire nursing alumna. But because we have limited faculty to teach our students, we admitted 56 students of the 131 qualified students who applied. Not admitting more students breaks my heart on two levels. This family will miss the opportunity to celebrate both the grandmother and granddaughter being Blugolds together at their granddaughter's graduation. It also breaks my heart that at a time of great need for nurses and nursing faculty, we cannot accept more qualified students in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs to address the shortage. What is the solution?

1. Endowed chair
2. Named professorships
3. Academic/practice partnerships
4. A state budget that provides funding for nurses to earn terminal degrees so they can teach. Additionally, a budget that allows for more FTE for nursing faculty as well as loan forgiveness for new nursing faculty.

The first two solutions would include providing dollars: 1.5 million for an endowed chair and .5 million for a named professorship. Please consider if a group of you could come together to provide funds for a named professorship in recognition of a faculty you would like to honor. For solution number 3, know I am working to deepen academic/practice partnerships and hope to have some announcements this coming year.

Item four of the proposed solutions is one I have been working on and for which I need your help. As you may know, on March 7th of this year, I organized a presentation and discussion period for our state legislators entitled, "The State of Nursing and Nursing Education in Wisconsin." The leaders from WCN, WNA, WONE, and ANEW helped me get the problems of the nursing shortage and nursing faculty shortage as well as proposed solutions in front of the 22 who attended. Since that time, I have been working with Gina Dennik-Champion, Executive Director of WNA, in getting our message out to individual legislators and activating stakeholders to talk with our legislators prior to the November elections and January when the state budget is being formed and debated. I am appealing to you to be a voice for our nursing program and nursing in the state of Wisconsin. Please contact your legislative representatives. Tell them the UW nursing education programs need to be funded, lines and dollars are needed to be able to hire more faculty, and that loan forgiveness programs need to be in place to attract nursing faculty to UW nursing programs. Please take an active role in advocating for our UWEC nursing program to increase nursing faculty to help solve the problem of the nursing shortage.

Onward,
Dean Young

50th Anniversary Celebration

The 2015-2016 academic year marked the 50th anniversary of the nursing program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. On July 14, 1965, the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing approved the establishment

of a School of Nursing at what was then called the Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire, and later renamed the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The first class of 22 sophomore nursing students enrolled in the baccalaureate

nursing program in September of that year. In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences hosted a series of celebratory events, including a Nursing 50th Anniversary Gala, a Nursing Homecoming Walk and Nursing Hall of Fame Dedication, and Nursing Research Day. We also kicked off a fundraising campaign.

The commemorative academic year began with a Nursing 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration on Friday, October 9, 2015, at the Florian Gar-

den in Eau Claire. The event included a reception, banquet with program, and silent auction, and ended with a dance featuring the music of the local band the Homegrown Tomatoes. The funds raised through the silent auction were targeted to purchase simulation equipment to enhance our clinical teaching technology.



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As the current dean of the college, Dr. Linda Young emceed the event and provided a “Walk through Fifty Years of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Nursing Program: Celebrating the Past, Present and Anticipating the Future.” As each decade was reviewed, starting with the 1960s, the former deans, Dr. Marjorie Bottoms (Associate Dean & Educational Administrator, 1995-1998), Dr. Rita Kisting Sparks (Associate Dean & Educational Administrator, 2000-2002), and Dr. Elaine Wendt

(Associate Dean/Dean 2002-2008) stepped up to the podium to share their reflections of events that transpired during their time as nursing leaders and faculty with the nursing program.

Dr. Young read the greetings and remembrances provided by Sister Joel Jacobi (see *Good-byes and Remembrances* on page 8) and the deans who

could not be present: Dr. Suzanne Van Ort (Dean, 1977-1982), Dr. Patricia M. Ostmoie (Dean, 1982-1995), Dr. Susan Johnson Warner (Associate Dean & Educational Administrator, 1998-2000), and Dr.

Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher (Dean, 2008-2011). Reflecting on the past, Dean Young acknowledged the anonymous quote,

“Successful people build each other up. They motivate, inspire, and push each other.” In looking ahead to the next 50 years, Dean Young noted, “The future of the College of Nursing is going to continue to depend on an internal culture of successful, supportive members who hold and fight for the standard of excellence in nursing education, practice, and leadership as we go forward.” She saw simulation, technology, interprofessional education, and growing diversity as part of the next 50 years of the college.

Observing that the future success of the college rests much more heavily on financial support from private dollars, Dean Young encouraged participation in the silent auction held



during the gala. Nearly 100 individuals, businesses, and organizations donated items for the silent auction. Sponsorships for the gala

50th Anniversary Celebration (Continued)

event also were received (see page 4). Approximately \$10,000 was raised for simulation equipment through the silent auction and gala. Additionally, Ms. Catherine Berry, Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus, and her son Sean, daughter-in-law Kelly, and husband Steven created 50th Anniversary celebration wooden souvenir coins which were given to the gala attendees. The coins feature the nursing pin on the front and "UW-Eau Claire Nursing 50 Years of Excellence 1965-2015" on the back (see photo to the right).



the posters and in the program brochure (brochure may be viewed at this link: <http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/about/alumni-community/>). These posters will be on display at various times throughout the coming academic year as part of the University's Centennial Celebration which commenced this summer. (See pages 6-7 for selected nursing historical highlights from the past 50 years.)

Attendees were invited to sign a guest book—the same one used for the 25th anniversary celebration in 1990.

Posters were created highlighting the historical events of the school and college for each decade since the 1960s. Alumni were encouraged to send memo-

ries and photos from their time as students. The memories were assembled into a notebook displayed at the gala and many of the photos were featured in



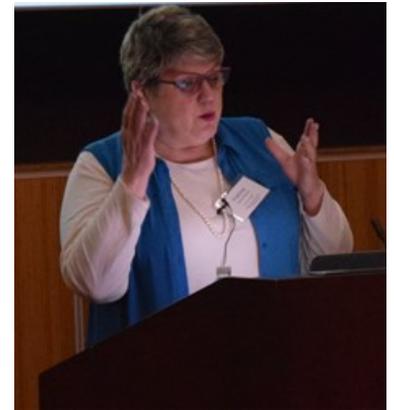
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Thanks and appreciation are extended to those alumni who sent photos and/or memories, including Mary Attermeier (Beth Ball, Class of 1974), Suzanne Hagen Becker (1969), Megan Caven (2009), Janice Giedd (MSN 1996), Carla Hansen (1974), Jane Hauger (1973, 1996), Dr. Michaelene (Pheifer) Jansen (1977), Michael Landgraf (1985), Dr. Susan (Eckes) Peck (1975), Dr. Shelley-Rae (Ringle) Pehler (1979), Barbara Piper (1970), Roberta Poirier (1974), Gina Prickril (1980), Kitty (McCormick) Rahl (1974), and Vicki (Myren) Vogler (1976, 1998).

The 50th Anniversary celebrations concluded with our annual Nursing Research Day which was held at Davies Center on May 6, 2016 (see photo to the right). The featured keynote speaker was Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Lillian S. Moehlman-Bascom Professor of the School of Nursing and College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She



engaged the audience with her talk on *Nursing, Virtual Reality, and the Future Environment of Health*. In addition to the Delta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, sponsors for the event included HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, and Oakleaf Surgical Hospital. Incidentally, Dr. Brennan (see photo below) has been appointed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to lead the National Library of Medicine, starting in August of this year.



50th Anniversary Gala Sponsorships

Appreciation is extended to the gala sponsors:

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Appreciation also is extended to multiple individual donors as well as to the nearly 100 individuals, businesses, and organizations which provided silent auction items for the gala.

Nursing 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the nursing program, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences launched an active campaign to raise \$100,000 to purchase simulation equipment to enhance our clinical teaching laboratories. Funds are particularly needed to acquire medium and high fidelity computerized pediatric and infant patient manikins. Approximately \$10,000 was raised through the silent auction and gala event. Dean Linda Young also is working with area health care agencies and businesses which are assisting us in reaching the \$100,000 goal. To date, agencies and individuals have given/pledged as follows: HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital \$12,500; Marshfield Clinic-Eau Claire \$12,500; Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire \$12,500; and Oakleaf Surgical Hospital \$12,500. Numerous individuals also have been donating, including Mr. Gerald Woltdt, a retired nurse anesthetist who has been supporting our students for the past several years with scholarships and has pledged \$5,000 for the simulation technology fund. We express our gratitude to the many donors. We, however, have not quite reached the \$100,000 goal and are asking individuals, corporations, and organizations to **consider contributing funds to the nursing clinical simulation fund.**

Besides donating to the simulation fund, persons may consider the following additional areas in need of support:

Nursing Advancement Fund: Support this general fund that provides for student and faculty initiatives, special projects, and immediate needs not covered by the University's budget.

Multicultural Clinical Experiences Fund: Support the college's strategic plan to expand experiential, multicultural, and interprofessional learning by providing funds to enable nursing clinical experiences with diverse populations at an Indian reservation in South Dakota; at a birthing clinic in Texas; at a homeless shelter, orphanage, and palliative care hospital in El Salvador; at Wisconsin farms with Hispanic migrant workers; and at other sites more locally in Wisconsin.

Student Scholarships: Establish or contribute to scholarships for students in the traditional undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or BSN completion programs, or our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN, nurse educator or administrator role preparations), or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse executive role preparations) programs.

To designate a gift, see <https://connect.uwec.edu/nursing-health-sciences> or call 1-877-625-2473 (UW-Eau Claire Foundation).

Individuals interested in establishing an endowed chair or professorship to assist in attracting highly qualified faculty to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are encouraged to contact Dean Linda Young at 715-836-5287; younglk@uwec.edu.

Nursing Homecoming Walk T-Shirt Quilt

Providing UW-Eau Claire Nursing t-shirts has been part of the tradition of the annual Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk since the event began. The first walk was held in the fall of 2000; after missing 2001, the walk has been held every homecoming weekend since then.

Looking for a means of recognizing the UW-Eau Claire Nursing Program and managing her growing collection of homecoming t-shirts, Ms. Vicki Vogler created a commemorative quilt utilizing squares cut from 14 years of nursing walk t-shirts. Ms. Vogler was a regular attendee of the walks and was a 1976 alumna of the traditional BSN undergraduate program and a 1998 graduate of the MSN program, in addition to teaching with us as a clinical instructor for a few semesters in 2002 and 2003.

She contacted Ms. Jane Jaenke, a quilt instructor, for guidance in crafting the quilt. Ms. Vogler proceeded to do all the cutting and sewing of the

various pieces of the quilt and then Ms. Mary Traaseth, a friend and home quilter, completed the “circular” quilting/sewing to bind the quilt layers together.

The result is a beautiful remembrance of the past fifteen years, with the t-shirt squares marking our transition from a School of Nursing to a College of Nursing and Health Sci-

ences. The white square was from our very first walk in 2000 when there were only 5 “charter member” attendees: Dr. Elaine Wendt, Ms. Marilyn Burgess, Ms. Jean Lamb, Dr. Debra Jansen, and Dr. Lorraine Smith. The quilt is on display in the Nursing Building on the wall across from the entrance of Room 119A, where the breakfast for the walk is held.



Grace Lutheran Foundation Relationship

As previously reported, the Grace Lutheran Foundation (GLF) and the College of Nursing and Health Science signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2015 to offer a number of opportunities to benefit our community. GLF is a non-profit faith-based healthcare organization in the local area that provides skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, independent senior apartments, adult day services, and school-age childcare. Consistent with the MOU, GLF has been buying out part of a senior faculty member's time to provide consultation to support organizational change to encourage culture change/resident centered care and to promote quality of care and care improvement. Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher, Professor and Nursing Graduate Programs Director, has been providing consultation to Syverson Rehab and Health (formerly Syverson Lutheran Home) and the organization as it prepares to open a new facility, including Prairie Pointe (rehabilitation and short-term stay) and River Pines (long term skilled nursing home), in Altoona, Wisconsin (near Eau Claire) this summer. Space is being provided in the new facility for UW-Eau Claire nursing faculty and student use.

The department of nursing will utilize the new facility for undergraduate clinical experiences in the 2016-2017 academic year, extending our collaboration, as we are presently using Syverson Rehab and Health. Nursing graduate students also have been utilizing this relationship with GLF for clinical opportunities as they learn about planning and implementing culture change. Additionally, students have benefited from two \$1,000 scholarships supporting nursing students with special interest and past experience in gerontology and/or long-term care, preferably GLF nurses and staff interested in furthering their education or leadership development.

In addition, GLF is funding a \$5,000 grant to support evidence-based practice projects led by UW-Eau Claire nursing faculty in collaboration with undergraduate and graduate students. The first faculty recipient will be selected this summer, with the project taking place in the coming academic year. Once the new facility is open, the college will provide educational offerings open to the public in the community space of the new building.

Selected Highlights from the Past 50 Years

Please see the following website for the *2015 50th Anniversary Gala Program* which includes a more detailed list: <http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/about/alumni-community/>

1960s

July 14, 1965: Wisconsin State Board of Nursing approved the establishment of a School of Nursing at Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire. Wisconsin Board of Regents approval also received. Ms. Marguerite Coffman served as the first dean.

September 1965: First class of 22 sophomore nursing students admitted and enrolled in the baccalaureate nursing program.

1965-1966: The School of Nursing operated out of offices and classrooms located in Schofield Hall while the first floor of the new Crest Commons Building was completed for temporary use by the School.

1966: The School of Nursing temporarily relocated to the Crest Commons Building, which soon became too limited and mobile office facilities (trailers) were placed next to the building for the overflow.

June 1968: First class of 17 students graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Fall 1969: The School of Nursing Building was completed and occupied, following the July 1968 groundbreaking.

1970s

1974: The first RN students were admitted to the School of Nursing for RN degree completion. The students took some of the same nursing courses as students in the traditional BSN program.

1974: The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction approved the school nurse program.

1980s

Fall 1981: First graduate students in the MSN program began courses; the focus was adult health nursing. The first cohort consisted of 3 full-time and 9 part-time students.

May 1983: The first three graduates of the MSN program were awarded their degrees.

Fall 1985: The west side building addition was completed.

1987-1988: The first cohort of distance education students started taking courses at Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

May 1990: The first cohort of 18 students at the Marshfield Site graduated.

1990s

1990: A family health focus was added to the MSN program, which already had an adult health focus. Students chose from clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator, and nurse administrator role preparations. The nurse practitioner role preparation option was added by 1993.

1992: An agreement was signed with Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Ojibwa Community College enabling students to take pre-nursing courses at the tribal college and then transfer to UWEC to complete the BSN. Ten years of Indian Health Service (IHS) grant funding (1993-2003) provided for student scholarships, faculty development, and hiring student/program support personnel.

1994: The Optel audiographics system of distance education for the Marshfield Site was converted to an interactive video system.

1995: Chancellor Larry Schnack, despite nursing opposition, merged the School of Education, the School of Human Sciences and Services, and the School of Nursing into the new College of Professional Studies. Dr. Ronald Satz was appointed dean of the college and Dr. Marjorie Bottoms was appointed associate dean and educational administrator of the School of Nursing (she already was the associate dean, but was now also the educational administrator).

1996: A new Collaborative Nursing Program for RNs to pursue the BSN degree was developed and offered. This program involved UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, and UW-Milwaukee collaborating with UW-Extension to jointly offer nursing core and elective courses through distance technologies. UW-Stevens Point joined in 2012.

2000s

November 2002: SimMan, a high fidelity human patient simulator, was purchased through a donation by Jane (class of '73) and Jim Moore.

May 2004: Chancellor Donald Mash dissolved the College of Professional Studies, effective September 2004, and created the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. This new college was comprised of four departments: Adult Health Nursing, Family Health Nursing, Nursing Systems, and Public Health Professions (consisting of Environmental Public Health, Health Care Administration, and Music Therapy). Dr. Elaine Wendt named dean of the college.

Selected Highlights from the Past 50 Years (Continued)

2006-2007: Piloted a one-year accelerated BSN program, with the first class of 8 students graduating in May 2007. It was later offered from 2009-2012 before being placed on hold due to resource issues.

2007: The nursing faculty voted to restructure from three academic departments to a department of the whole. Thus, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences was comprised of two departments: Nursing and Public Health Professions.

2010s

Summer 2010: The first class (16 students) of post-master's DNP students began taking courses.

May 2012: First class of post-master's DNP students graduated (14 students); a 15th student graduated later in August.

Fall 2012: The first class of post-baccalaureate DNP students began taking classes.

July 2013: The Environmental Public Health Program, the only program still within the Department of Public Health Professions, moved to the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences now consisted of one department, the Department of Nursing.

May 2015: First cohort of 13 full-time post-baccalaureate DNP students graduated.

Fall 2015: Enrollment numbers: 442 pre-Nursing students; 369 admitted Traditional BSN program students; 98 BSN Completion students; 5 MSN students; and 88 DNP students.

Highlights from the 2015 Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk

The walk for 2015 continued our 50th anniversary celebration festivities, as it occurred early in the morning on October 10th, following our gala event the evening before. More than 80 people attended the walk, including some of those who stayed until the very end of the dance (they may have been a little tired at the breakfast). Dr. Cheryl Brandt, Professor of Nursing, and Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler, a 1979 alumna of our undergraduate program and Associate Professor and Director of Evaluation, along with her husband Adrian, split attendees into two groups and led historical walks/tours around campus. Many



classes were represented, ranging from the first class of 1968 and extending to current students. As part of the walk, Dean Linda Young dedicated our Nursing Hall of Fame, a corridor in the Nursing Building near the Dean's suite in which the portraits of the former deans are displayed as well as plaques honoring the recipients of the various college awards. Additionally, there was a dedication of the Nursing Homecoming Walk T-shirt Quilt (see related story and photo on page 5) created by Ms. Vicki Vogler using squares cut from t-shirts from each of the prior 14 years of the walk.

Special Thanks to Clinical Agencies, Preceptors, and Donors

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 undergraduate and graduate students. We also appreciate our many donors. We would not be able to offer our programs without their continued support. Thank you!

Goodbyes and Remembrances

This past year was one of many significant transitions, as we sadly said goodbye to a number of our past and present colleagues.

Sister Joel Jacobi, OSF, MSN, RN
Sister Joel Jacobi passed away on December 13, 2015 in Springfield, Illinois. She was 98 years old and had been living at the Motherhouse for the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield since 2005. Sister Joel taught with us for 28 years from 1967 until her retirement from the University



in 1995 at the age of 78. In the early 1980s, besides teaching, she was instrumental in starting the St. Francis Food Pantry in Eau Claire and continued to devote herself to the pantry until she returned to the Motherhouse.

Sister Joel originally professed her religious vows in 1938 and earned a nursing diploma from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield in 1941, a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Louis University in 1955, and a master's degree in nursing from The Catholic University of America in 1959.



The following greeting was shared by Sister Joel Jacobi, as read by Dean Linda Young, at the Nursing 50th Anniversary Gala in October:

*Dear friends,
In 1964, I joined Drs. Haas and Hibbard, along with Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire faculty, to study the need for a nursing program. We were thrilled when we received approval and even happier to greet the 22 students*

who arrived in September 1965.

As a member of the faculty, I found satisfaction in teaching the students who would carry on the nursing tradition. In addition to the science of nursing, my objective was also to instill in my students to think of patients not simply as a room number but, more importantly, as a person created in God's image. Nurses should be compassionate and competent while caring for one's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

As I anticipate my 99th birthday next year, I give thanks to God for many blessings including the 40 years that I spent in Eau Claire – these years are among my fondest memories. I congratulate you on your 50th anniversary and share my prayerful support.

Dr. Kathleen Simon

Dr. Kathleen Simon, age 65, of Brunswick, Georgia died unexpectedly of a heart attack on January 2, 2016. She earned her BSN in 1972 at UW-Eau Claire and taught briefly at the School of Nursing. She earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and her doctorate from Boston University.

Dr. Thomas Johnston

Dr. Thomas Johnston, age 64, passed away on December 26, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. He had been residing in Chippewa Falls. Dr. Johnston had taught at the School of Nursing and was the founder/owner/director of Marriage & Family Health Services, Ltd and creator of Mikan Trauma Reprocessing and Resculpting Therapy. He had a passion for helping traumatized children and teens and had worked in an inpatient psychiatric unit during the Vietnam War and organized a combat stress unit during Desert Storm.

Retirements

Dr. Cheryl Brandt, Professor, retired from the University in May 2016 after teaching with us for about 29 years, from 1985-1988 and then from 1991-2016. Outside of the University, she



was a parish nurse in Eau Claire for many of those years, along with working as a nursing research specialist and staff nurse at Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire. Some of the honors she

received over the years included multiple leadership awards from the Delta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, two Patricia M. Ostmoe Awards for Faculty and Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Instruction, the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness, and the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award.

Dr. Brandt loved curriculum and educating students both in the classroom and in clinical settings and served



for many years as the Chair of the Nursing Undergraduate Curriculum and Admissions Committee. As the chair, she led the latest revision of the traditional undergraduate nursing program curriculum. She also was the coordinator of the Accelerated BSN Program from 2008-2012.

Dr. Brandt had high expectations for students and peers, but always balanced this with a great sense of humor and kindness. She also was a generous individual who frequently responded to pleas for assistance with, "I'll happily serve in any capacity" or "I can help as you need me." She and her husband moved to sunny California to be closer to their two daughters who live in Redlands, California. She has accepted a faculty position in the Nursing Depart-

Goodbyes (Continued)

ment at California State University-San Bernardino.

Ms. Linda Feeney-Schroeder, Clinical Agency Coordinator for Post-Licensure Programs, retired in May after being connected to the nursing



program in various ways for the past 38 years. From 1998-2002, she was a clinical instructor,

primarily for junior level students, and skills lab coordinator and later returned in 2013 to serve as a clinical agency coordinator. As the clinical agency coordinator, she monitored the immunization records of graduate and BSN completion program students and assisted with finding clinical sites for them.

Ms. Feeney-Schroeder originally earned her BSN and MSN (Family NP) degrees from UW-Eau Claire. Other professional positions she held included working for HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in roles ranging from staff nurse and house supervisor to nurse educator and diabetes educator. In later years, she was a Family NP at the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, the Pain Clinic of Northwestern Wisconsin, and at the Marshfield Clinic in Osseo. She appreciated precepting UW-Eau Claire NP students every semester while employed at Marshfield Clinic. Ms. Feeney-Schroeder greatly enjoyed working with the students, particularly the enthusiasm and knowledge regarding the latest guidelines and research they brought with them.

She plans to spend more time with her children and eight grandchildren who are located in places ranging from Washington, DC to Eau Claire, and therefore will likely be doing much traveling with her husband over the coming years.

Ms. Jane Hauger, Clinical Instructor, retired after teaching with us for 14 years, from 1995-1999, and then from 2006-2016. She also earned her BSN (see photo in Nursing student uniform) and MSN degrees from UW-Eau Claire.



Some of her prior positions included working as a regis-

tered nurse at Luther Hospital (now Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire) and HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital and as a nursing instructor at the Chippewa Valley Technical College. Ms. Hauger had been on the Board of Directors for the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic and helped get it up and running, having co-written (with Ms. Amy Dwyer) the first business plan for the Free Clinic as part of the MSN program.

Ms. Hauger, however, is most proud of educating and guiding student nurses from the sophomore to the senior level and watching them grow and become confident. Recently when teaching clinical at an area hospital, she was struck by how many nurses working on the units whom she had as students and are now accomplished RNs helping to precept and teach the next generation of nurses. She acknowledged, "I do not think

I can put into words how very special Nursing has been. I never, ever wanted to be anything else except a Nurse, and I was truly fortunate to be able to accomplish and live my dream. I now feel that I can leave Nursing with a great deal of peace knowing that the future of the profession I have loved for 43 years is in good hands—the hands of those who teach and the hands of those who practice."



With retirement, Ms. Hauger hopes to spend as much time as she can with her husband, two daughters, and grandson and also tend to her flower and vegetable gardens. Plus, she plans to spend a month in Florida this winter and finally read for pleasure.

Dr. Jill Hecker Fernandes, Clinical Assistant Professor, taught with us since 2002, specializing in educating students in the care of children with complex health deviations. This frequently entailed traveling to Minnesota to supervise our students at pediatric hospitals in Minneapolis. She also traveled with the undergraduate students to



the Holy Family Birth Center in Weslaco, Texas and to El Salvador for cultural clinical immersion experiences and served as the faculty advisor for the newly formed *Farming Hope Eau Claire* student organization. She recently reflected on her many years in nursing and believes "my passion for nursing is as strong today as it was in May of 1990" when she graduated with her BSN from Marquette University. "We always say that we leave footprints. My footprints include realization and embracing cultures outside of our own. Footprints for all to understand that while pediatrics is a low volume high risk specialty, children are everywhere. Children live in communities; their access to care is small community centers not tertiary hospitals. My footprint was to assure UWEC students were able to develop a comfort level with acutely ill children." Her plans are to "take my five inch heels and continue to leave footprints."

Dr. Rosemary Jadack, Professor and BSN Completion Program Director, is retiring in August 2016 after joining the nursing program in 1999. Dr. Jadack was chair of the department of nursing from 2009 until 2015, a role in which she believed in advocating for faculty. As a member of the University

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Senate and Senate Executive Committee, she was further able to advocate



for faculty as well as students. She also had been chair of the nursing graduate curriculum and admissions committee and

played an important role along with others in helping to establish the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program in our college. She truly loved teaching and taught both undergraduate and MSN and DNP classes. A statistics and research guru, she enjoyed helping both students and faculty with data analyses for their projects.

Outside of the college, she was a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) in Eau Claire from 2002-2008 and was the coordinator of the program for several of those years. Additionally, she helped establish the University's Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault (CASA) and worked to temporarily bring the Child Advocacy Center to the Nursing Building. One of the highlights of her SANE (or insane?) years was jumping out of an airplane to raise funds during sexual assault awareness month. Not surprisingly, she found the skydiving experience to be "exhilarating, but once was enough!"

In terms of honors, Dr. Jadack received the prestigious University Excellence

in Service Award in 2008 as a testament to her devotion to assisting traumatized women and children. Other honors included the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness, the Patricia M. Ostmoie Award for Faculty and Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Instruction, and the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award. With leaving UW-Eau Claire, Dr. Jadack will be moving closer to her family in Sparta where she will continue her nursing career.



Ms. Vicki Lieske, clinical instructor, retired in late August 2015 after serving in recent years as a pre-nursing student adviser. She also enjoyed and had a passion for teaching wellness courses. Ms. Lieske began teaching with us in 2007, supervising senior nursing students.



Ms. Shelley Mather retired from a program assistant position in late July 2015 after working with the Department of Nursing for over seven years. She also chaired the Classified Staff Council.



Dr. Genevieve Thul, assistant professor, left for a clinical practice position in August 2015 after coming to UW-Eau Claire in 2012. She primarily taught sophomore and junior undergraduate nursing courses, as well as some classes in the DNP program. Dr. Thul is an alumna of our undergraduate program and brought an interest and expertise in clinical simulation to her teaching.



Ms. Deborah Wendorf, Clinical Instructor at the Marshfield Site, left in May 2016 after teaching with us for three years. She particularly taught in junior and senior level clinical courses.



Welcomes

We welcomed **Dr. Kristi Burdick**, a family nurse practitioner, who joined our college as an associate professor in August 2015. She had been a faculty member at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. **Ms. Maria Stracke** joined us in January 2016 as a clinical instructor; and **Ms. Catherine Berry**, recently retired Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus, returned to teach. **Mr. Thomas Storm** began advising pre-nursing students in January before moving to the new centralized advising center on campus in July.

In August 2016, we will be welcoming **Dr. Amanda Raffield Seeley** and **Dr. Megan Lagunas** as assistant professors. Dr. Seeley earned a DNP degree at the University of Minnesota and Dr. Lagunas just completed a PhD degree at the University of Washington in Seattle. Both are alumni of our traditional undergraduate nursing program.

Honors, Recognitions, and Awards

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

Four faculty members were honored with awards from the college in August 2015 at the start of the 2015-2016 academic year. **Dr. Cheryl Lapp** received the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness; **Dr. Debra Hofmann** the Patricia M. Ostmo Award for Faculty and Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Instruction; **Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree** the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award; and **Dr. Der-Fa Lu** the Sue Peck Holism and Integrative Therapies Service Award. **Ms. Amy Dwyer** (BSN Class of 1974, MSN class of 1996) received the Ihle Family Award for Caring.

Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler, Dr. Lisa Schiller, and Dr. Rita Sperstad earned tenure in August 2015; Dr. Schiller and Dr. Sperstad also were promoted to the rank of associate professor. (Dr. Pehler already is an associate professor.)

Dr. Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean for the Marshfield Site, served as Interim Department Chair for the 2015-2016 academic year. We are pleased to announce this summer she has accepted the Department Chair position, in addition to her Assistant Dean role.

Ms. Melissa Boellaard, Clinical Agency Coordinator, received a University Excellence in Performance Award for Administrative and Professional Academic Staff at the University's opening meeting in August 2015. As a clinical agency coordinator, she works with more than 300 agencies to secure the clinical placement of UW-Eau Claire undergraduate nursing students in



addition to managing the health/immunization requirements of students. She is an alumna of our BSN and MSN programs.

Dean Linda Young received a distinguished alumni award from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing on April 15, 2016. She was recognized for her leadership in advocating for increasing the supply of nursing educators in Wisconsin. As part of the UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing's

50th anniversary celebrations, the college recognized 50 of its alumni who have contributed to nursing in extraordinary ways.

The student organization, **Farming Hope Eau Claire**, received the UW-Eau Claire Excellence Student Organization Award in May and **Ms. Eva Riedesel**, who graduated with her BSN in May, received an Excellence Award as president of the organization. Farming Hope Eau Claire is a new student organization on campus that aims to help local homeless people through tending plots of land in an Eau Claire community garden and raising awareness and funds. Nursing students were inspired to start the organization after a nursing clinical immersion experience in El Salvador where they met Ms. Maria Trinidad. Ms. Trinidad runs the orphanage, hostel, and farm where the students stay, as well as the program she calls "Farming Hope." Dr. Jill Hecker Fernandes served as the faculty adviser for the new student organization which now includes students from various majors across campus.



UW System Nursing Faculty Recruitment Video Series

The University of Wisconsin (UW) System released a series of short videos this May to highlight the need for nurse educators in the UW system schools. The first video in the series, *Nurses for Wisconsin: The Nurse Shortage*, is an introductory video intended to inspire people to consider careers as nurse educators and to inform the public of the nursing faculty shortage. The video asserts, "What impact could YOU make as a Nurse Educator?" It then provides links to videos featuring each of the UW System nursing programs, including UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Stevens Point, to learn more about careers in nursing education at the schools. The Wisconsin Center for Nursing predicts a shortage of 20,000 nurses in Wisconsin by 2035. This shortage is compounded by the lack of nursing faculty to meet the demand for nurses. The video can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aw5NGDCh_BA&feature=youtu.be&list=PLz-0FltcaFzT5yNeQi-Y7GshvwUsTVAH3. To learn more, visit Nurses for Wisconsin at www.nursesforwisconsin.org.



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Please Register for the 2016 Nursing Alumni Walk— October 1, 2016

Please join us for our 16th annual Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk on **Saturday, October 1, 2016**. We are excited to be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire as part of our walk festivities.

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 will conclude in the Nursing Building where we will enjoy a breakfast. With the breakfast we will provide an update regarding recent events at the college and university and draw names for door prizes. Interested attendees are invited to tour the building and simulation laboratories following the breakfast. We plan on finishing before 10:00 a.m. so that people may attend the Homecoming Parade.

As a special treat this year, **Dove Healthcare is providing the T-shirts:** All attendees who register for the walk will receive a free T-shirt. The navy-colored T-shirts, with a front and back design, will refer-



ence the 100th Anniversary of the University.

To guarantee T-shirt orders, including youth sizes, please pre-register by September 15th using the attached form (see page 15), also available at <http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/about/alumni-community/>



While completing the registration form, please consider making an additional donation to help us reach our

50th Anniversary Celebration goal of \$100,000 to purchase clinical simulation equipment. Donations also can be made to build up our Nursing Advancement Fund. Monies from this fund are used to defray the costs of the breakfast and to support student and faculty initiatives, special projects, and immediate needs not covered by the University's budget.

More information about the University's homecoming activities can be found at the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association web site at <http://www.uwec.edu/alumni/> or by contacting the Alumni Office at 715-836-3266 or 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 **pre-register** for the walk **by September 15th** to guarantee t-shirt orders. 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!!

Homecoming and Nursing Walk Schedule of Events—October 1st

7:30 a.m.	Registration begins at the Nursing Building, Lobby area
8:00 a.m.	Walk (around and across campus)
8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast at the Nursing Building, Rooms 119/119A
9:00 a.m.	College of Nursing and Health Sciences Update
9:15 a.m.	Door Prizes
9:45 a.m.	Tours of the Nursing Building and Simulation Laboratories
10:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade, starting on 1st Avenue (just past Lake Street)
1:00 p.m.	UW-Eau Claire Blugolds vs. UW-Stevens Point Football Game at Carson Park

Registration Form on page 15 and at this website: <http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/about/alumni-community/>

Please return forms by September 15th to guarantee T-shirt orders.

Please detach and **mail** with check by **September 15th** 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



Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Other Name as Student (e.g., maiden) _____

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City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address: _____ Class of _____

Check if:

Alum Emeritus Faculty Faculty/Staff Friend of Nursing Family Student

The following family/friends plan to attend: _____

Total Number Attending _____

Adult T-shirt size: Small; Medium; Large; XLarge; XXLLarge; XXXLarge

Youth T-shirt size: Small (6-8); Medium (10-12); Large (14-16)

Breakfast and Walk Registration (T-shirts complimentary courtesy of Dove Healthcare)	Number Attending	Total Cost
Suggested donations: Adults = \$20.00 (\$25.00 if register on day of walk)		\$
Emeriti faculty/staff, Students, & Children = \$15.00 (\$20.00 if register on day of walk)		\$
Nursing Navy Blue 100th Anniversary T-Shirts (courtesy of Dove Healthcare; please indicate sizes above & below; one T-Shirt per registrant—must attend to receive complimentary)	Number of T-Shirts & sizes	
Adult sizes		
Youth sizes		
Not attending, but would like T-shirt mailed or purchasing extra T-shirts at \$25.00 each (purchases are not considered donations)		\$
Additional Donation		
	Total Amount Enclosed	\$

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

*T-shirts are guaranteed to those who pre-register by September 15th

Questions: E-mail nursing@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5287.

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