

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,

Greetings to all of you!

I hope you have been enjoying these summer days wherever you are. For those of you who are new alumni, this annual newsletter is written to keep you up to date with what is happening at your alma mater. It is helpful to have your most current contact information so please keep us updated with your e-mail address, home address, and phone number. Those who have done this over the years, know we are most grateful as it enables us to stay in touch.

This year has again been a busy one for all in the College. Faculty and staff have had heavy workloads given the additional students we took in as part of the means of increasing university tuition funds to help manage the budget cuts. Administration has been busy with outreach for future external partnerships as well as addressing internal needs of the College.

I celebrate our new partnership with Marshfield Clinic Health System in Marshfield (see article on pages 2-3). They have made it possible for our traditional undergraduate nursing

program to remain a presence in central Wisconsin and have provided FTE funding so that we can increase our admission at the Marshfield Site to 16 students/semester once again. With the budget cut, you may recall that we needed to reduce our admission to 8 students/semester and then determine if the Marshfield Site should close. Marshfield Clinic Health System in Marshfield has provided the space, resources, and FTE funding to ensure a well-funded UW-Eau Claire undergraduate nursing program in Marshfield going forward. We are planning a central Wisconsin alumni event in Marshfield this November—please watch for more details and plan to attend.

Meanwhile we are awaiting the passing of the state budget as there is the potential of obtaining additional monies for the College through a special funding stream. The funds would be used to expand the traditional undergraduate nursing programs at the UW System campuses in Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee, and Oshkosh. Stay tuned.

Regarding partnerships, you may have read or heard about UW-Eau Claire partnering with Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire and Rochester regarding research. We look forward to the opportunities this may bring to the College.

Students with the Eau Claire Student Nurses Association in Eau Claire and Marshfield deserve commendation for their service activities this past year.

In particular, they participated along with the other UW System nursing programs in supporting local causes for Nurses Week. Students in Marshfield held a dollar war drive for Shirley's House of Hope and students in Eau Claire collected various items for The Community Table.

As noted in this newsletter, we have said goodbye to several members of the College this past year and wish them all the best. I especially want to highlight Dr. Mary Canales, Ms. Nita Johnson, and Ms. Maxine Mork who left or retired after a long time of service and expertise given to our College. They already are greatly missed.

At the same time we are excited for the new members who have joined our College and look forward to working with them. A college picnic is planned for this August to welcome our new members. With so many new faculty and staff, I am reaching out to the Alumni and Emeriti to ask if you may be interested in being a mentor to these individuals as they acclimate to the Eau Claire and Marshfield communities. If interested, please email me at younglk@uwec.edu.

We live in a world of change, both in academia and in the healthcare industry. What has not changed, however, is our commitment to excellence and the contributions UW-Eau Claire nursing graduates make to this world.

Onward Blugolds!
Dean Linda Young



Save the Date:

September 30: Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk (see p. 11 for Registration Form)

Distance Education Site in Marshfield Supported by Marshfield Clinic

We are delighted to report a new partnership to support our distance education site in Marshfield, Wisconsin. This July, Marshfield Clinic Health System finalized the purchase of Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. The hospital is now being called Marshfield Medical Center. The hospital had been the site of our distance education program for the past 30 years.

Marshfield Clinic has signed an agreement to continue to support our undergraduate nursing program in Marshfield. They are providing building space in the hospital, resources, and some funding for FTE. We are quite grateful for the many years of support we received through Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital; however, we also appreciate the opportunities Marshfield Clinic will provide for our students in central Wisconsin. With this partnership we hope to continue to help meet the demand for nurses in that part of the state. Wisconsin is facing a significant nursing shortage, with nearly 41 percent of the nursing workforce expected to leave direct patient care within the next ten years, primarily due to retirements.

This fall marks the 30th anniversary of the start of our distance education site in Marshfield. In 1987-1988, the first cohort of UW-Eau Claire undergraduate students started taking nursing courses in Marshfield, with the initial

class of 18 students graduating in May 1990. Since then, 670 nurses have earned the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from UW-Eau Claire through the

therefore sought out the relationship with UW-Eau Claire. Dr. Patricia Ostmo, Dean of the School of Nursing from 1982-1995, was instrumental in establishing the partnership.



For about the first 20 years, approximately 24 students were admitted once a year to the program. Later grant funding in 2008 enabled us to expand the Marshfield Site, such that 16 students were admitted each semester, for a total of 32 students per year. Recent state budget cuts caused us to reduce enrollments to 8 students per semester

Marshfield Site, with the majority of them continuing to work as nurses in central Wisconsin.

The original partnership to create the distance education site in Marshfield was established with Saint Joseph's Hospital in 1986. Around that time, the hospital administration had decided to phase out its three-year diploma program which it had operated for many years; however, it determined there was a need for nurses with baccalaureate degrees in central Wisconsin and

for two terms in 2016; yet with the support of Marshfield Clinic, we are continuing to enroll 16 students per semester. The Marshfield Site has been particularly advantageous for place bound students unable to relocate because of family and work responsibilities.



Distance Education Site in Marshfield (Continued)

Faculty work to ensure students at the Marshfield Site receive the same high quality education as those enrolled at the Eau Claire campus. Students at the Marshfield Site and Eau Claire campus take the same 60 credits of nursing courses. The courses are taught via interactive dis-



tance education technologies by UW-Eau Claire faculty located in Marshfield and in Eau Claire.

Both the Eau Claire campus and the Marshfield Site each have three distance education rooms designed for the nursing classes. Video and audio equipment in the rooms enable students and faculty to see and interact live with each other. Students complete prerequisite and general education courses primarily at UW-Marshfield/Wood County, UW-Marathon County, and UW-Stevens Point, as well as online through UW-

Eau Claire or UW Colleges Online.

Clinical experiences take place at the hospital and at other health care locations including short term rehabilitation facilities, public health departments, and other community agencies, to name a few. Students also have been able to participate in some of the same cultural immersion opportunities available to the students in Eau Claire, including clinical experiences at Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Besides our traditional undergradu-

ate nursing program, we have a BSN completion program that enables registered nurses with associate degrees to earn baccalaureate degrees in nursing. Core nursing courses are taught online with an additional two courses taught in a hybrid format involving a combination of online content and a few face-to-face days on campus. When enrollments are sufficient, sections of the hybrid courses are offered at the distance education site in Marshfield.

With the support of Marshfield Clinic, we are looking forward to many more years of assisting students in the region with attaining their goal of becoming nurses with bachelor's degrees and of meeting the needs of the community for baccalaureate prepared nurses. Many of the graduates of our traditional undergraduate program at the Marshfield Site and of the BSN Completion program later go on to seek master's and doctoral degrees through our nursing graduate programs. They continue to work in their communities in advanced professional and practice nursing roles, including as nurse practitioners, nurse educators, and nurse administrators.



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.

Ms. Jean Lamb, 86, passed away on October 23, 2016 from metastatic carcinoma. She taught with us for 22 years, from 1970-1992, primarily in the area



of maternity nursing. Ms. Lamb was born in the town of Grantham in Lincolnshire, England. As a child, she attended Katherine Grantham Girls School, interestingly, at the same time as Mrs. Margaret (Robertson) Thatcher, former Prime Minister of Great Britain. Ms. Lamb subsequently enrolled in the Premier Training School and received nursing training at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in Birmingham. She then pursued District Nurses training and nurse midwifery training in Berkshire.

After reading a book about nurses riding horses to care for patients in rural Kentucky, she and a friend were inspired to travel to the United States and work for the Frontier Nursing Service (FNS). After two years with the FNS, Ms. Lamb returned home for a short period of time before moving back to the United States and obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. She then earned a Master's degree in Nursing Education in 1968 under the guidance of Ms. Reva Rubin, one of the first specialists in maternity nursing, at the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Lamb subsequently accepted the Chief Nurse position for the Children and

Youth Project in Louisville, Kentucky. Dean Marguerite Coffman then recruited her to teach maternity nursing at the UW-Eau Claire School of Nursing, beginning in 1970.

While at UW-Eau Claire, Ms. Lamb held many positions including that of department chair, before retiring in 1992. Many nursing alumni and friends have fond memories of her humor, encouragement, and assistance. She also is remembered for her independence and love for dogs, including raising and showing English Shetland Sheepdogs. Following retirement, Ms. Lamb stayed very active. She was an avid reader, loved to exercise, and volunteered for numerous organizations including Wisconsin Public Radio and Meals on Wheels, and delivered books for the public library.

Dr. Kristi Burdick, Assistant Professor, returned to clinical practice this Spring 2017 as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Family Medicine at Mayo Clinic Health



System-Eau Claire. She taught with us for two years, primarily in the family nurse practitioner role preparation courses and in an undergraduate pediatrics course. Previously she was a tenured faculty member at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and held nurse practitioner positions at various locations in Michigan. She hopes to continue to work with our graduate students by serving as a preceptor for them in the nurse practitioner role preparation courses.

Dr. Mary Canales, Professor, left the University at the end of the May 2017 semester to join her husband in Plattsburgh, New York. Dr. Canales originally came to UW-Eau Claire in January 2009



where she taught in both undergraduate and graduate courses. She is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards through the University, including the Women's Studies Feminist Lifetime Achievement Award, the University Excellence in Service Award, a Student Affairs Faculty Award of Distinction for Collaboration, and a Women's Studies Faculty Scholarship Award. Additionally, she twice was a Scholar-in-Residence at the Helen C. Whiteley Center at the University of Washington, and was an Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Fellow at UW-Eau Claire, a Helen Glass Researcher in Residence at the Manitoba Centre for Nursing & Health Research at the University of Manitoba, a UW-Eau Claire Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Faculty Fellow, and a Fellow at the Center for Research in Vermont. She is particularly proud of her food insecurity research with community agencies. Prior to coming to Eau Claire, Dr. Canales was a tenured faculty member at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Ms. Allison Dryer, Clinical Instructor at the Marshfield Site, accepted a position with Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the Pediatric Pulmonary Department. She taught for one year with us for the 2016-2017 academic year at our distance education site in Marshfield. This past March, she piloted taking two students to Ecuador for a cultural clinical immersion oppor-

Goodbyes (Continued)

tunity through Timmy Global Health. Ms. Dryer previously participated in four volunteer trips through Timmy Global Health, a non-profit organization based in



Indianapolis that aims to expand access to healthcare for the underserved and views students as “the next generation of global leaders.” She hopes to stay involved with UW-Eau Claire in the future, including helping to further develop global public health opportunities. In addition to her work as a nurse practitioner, Ms. Dryer is keeping quite busy as the program director and head coach of a youth gymnastics program and the head coach of the high school gymnastics team in Marshfield.

Ms. Nita Johnson, Skills and Simulation Laboratory Coordinator and Clinical Instructor, retired from UW-Eau Claire in June 2017 after 22 years of service to the University. Ms. Johnson



started at UW-Eau Claire in 1995, teaching a newborn nursery clinical and in 2003 took on the role of skills and simulation laboratory coordinator. Previously she was an NICU research

coordinator and a pediatric cardiac care coordinator at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas. She also had been an ICU nurse at Milwaukee Children’s Hospital, at a children’s hospital in Atlanta, and at Loma Linda University Hospital in Loma Linda, California.

Ms. Johnson was the recipient of a number of honors, including a Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness, a Sigma Theta Tau International-Delta Phi Chapter Excellence in Mentoring Award, and a March of Dimes Nurse of the Year award. Ms. Johnson also was an active volunteer with many organizations in the community. She and her husband plan to move to Boise, Idaho to be near their daughter. She will continue with her many domestic hobbies, including cooking and knitting, as well as running, for as long as possible.

Ms. Maxine Mork, Budget Manager Emerita, retired from the University in July 2017 after many years of service to the University. She initially worked for



about 15 years in Schofield Hall, which included positions in the Registrar’s Office, Institutional Studies, and Human Resources where she was a Management Information Specialist. She then left these positions to complete a BBA degree through UW-Eau Claire, after which she worked for 20 years in management at a law firm and at a clinic. Ms. Mork returned to the University in 2007 when she took a position as the budget manager for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

With retirement, Ms. Mork plans to spend time with family and friends and travel, enjoying the flexibility of being able to come and go between her families in Wisconsin and Florida.

Ms. Rorey Pritchard, Clinical Assistant Professor, taught with us for the past 3 years, through May 2017. She primarily taught in the final semester senior clinical courses. She was the recipient of the Rita Kisting Sparks



Faculty Service Award given out by the College in 2016.

Ms. Lois Slattery retired from her position as Senior Media and Technology Specialist and Distance Education Coordinator in January 2017. She came to UW-Eau Claire in 2011, after having been an instructional technology coordinator, an oral/interpersonal communication adjunct instructor, and a media technician/graphic designer at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. While at UW-Eau Claire, Ms. Slattery is most proud of her work in securing laboratory modernization grants, coordinating classroom renovations, and improving the wireless capabilities in the nursing building and at the Marshfield Site.



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:

Several faculty members were honored with awards from the College at the August 2016 College of Nursing and Health Sciences meeting held at the start of the 2016-2017 academic year. **Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher** received the Suzanne Van Ort Award for Faculty Creativity and Scholarliness; **Ms. Linda Sargent** the Patricia M. Ostmo Award for Faculty and Academic Staff Excellence in Clinical Instruction; **Ms. Rorey Pritchard** the Rita Kisting Sparks Faculty Service Award; **Dr. Ann Recine** the Sue Peck Holism and Integrative Therapies Service Award; and **Dr. Der-Fa Lu** the Ihle Family Award for Caring.

Also at the August College meeting, Assistant Professor **Dr. Debra Hofmann** (pictured on the left in the photo) received the Mary C. and Fred Bliss En-



dowment for Nursing Faculty Professional Development award for junior faculty for her research project entitled, *Outcome Evaluation of the Use of Acupressure in Surgical Patients at Risk for Post-operative Nausea and Vomiting*. The Blisses later visited the College and met with Dr. Hofmann in October.

Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree, **Dr. Rachel Merkel**, **Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl**, and **Dr. Arin VanWormer** were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in August 2016 and earned tenure. **Ms. Suzanne Voros** was promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor, also in August 2016. **Dr. Diane Marcyjanik** graduated from Capella University in October 2016 with a PhD in Nursing Education; she and **Dr. Ann Recine** will be starting the 2017-2018 academic year as assistant professors after teaching with us as clinical assistant professors.

Dr. Mary Canales received the University Excellence in Service Award at the August 2016 Blugold Breakfast and



opening meeting, which launched the 2016-2017 academic year. Dr. Canales was recognized for her service to both the University and to the Eau Claire-area communities. Her work with food insecurity and local justice issues were areas of focus particularly cited by her nominators. Dr. Canales along with collaborators from Feed My People Food Bank and the Eau Claire County UW-Extension Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program received a two-year development grant in 2014 to research food insecurity and hunger in Eau Claire County.

Dean Linda Young received the Wis-

consin Nurses Association (WNA) Signe Cooper Image of Nursing Award in October 2016. The award is given to recognize nurses involved in activities which enhance the image of professional nursing and of WNA. She was cited for her many leadership activities, including being the project lead for Nurses for Wisconsin, a \$3.2 million collaborative initiative to address the nursing faculty shortage. The initiative was funded through a UW System Economic Development Incentive Grant. Dr. Young also represents nursing on numerous committees both regionally and nationally. Consistent with the examples of leadership cited by her nominators, more recently, Dr. Young is assuming the role of President-elect of the Association of Nurse Educators of Wisconsin (ANEW).

Dr. Gunnar Larson, Associate Director of the Clinical Learning Center, became a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) in January 2017. To be certified, Dr. Larson was required to have recent experience and expertise in healthcare simulation education and pass the CHSE exam.

Ms. Nicole Lauffer, who graduated with a BSN degree in December 2016, and **Ms. Shanna Ellefson**, who graduated with a BSN degree in May 2017, received Wisconsin Nurses Association Future Leader Awards at the UW-Eau Claire Nursing Convocation (pinning) ceremonies held in December 2016 and May 2017, respectively.

Dr. Julie (Johnson) Zerwic, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN accepted the position of Dean of the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She has been with the University of Iowa for 25 years, beginning as an assistant professor and then most recently has been the executive associate dean. Dr. Zerwic is a 1981 alumna of the BSN program.

Special Thanks to Clinical Agencies, Preceptors, and Donors

We 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!

Welcomes

Although we said goodbye to a number of individuals this past year, we were pleased to greet many new faculty and staff members. In August 2016 we welcomed **Dr. Megan Lagunas** and **Dr. Amanda Raffield Seeley** as assistant professors. Both are alumna of our traditional undergraduate nursing program. Dr. Lagunas completed a PhD at the University of Washington in Seattle and Dr. Seeley earned a DNP degree at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Lagunas also is taking on the role of interim director of our Clinical Learning Center.

Besides the tenure track faculty, a number of clinical instructors joined us in August 2016, including **Ms. Allison Dryer** at our Marshfield Site and **Ms. Amber Jones** and a returning **Dr. Lorraine**

Smith at our Eau Claire campus. **Ms. Margaret Buchholz** also joined the college as a clinical agency coordinator for post-licensure programs in August 2016. **Ms. Pamela Johnson** and **Ms. Melissa Weise** returned as clinical instructors in Spring 2017 and **Dr. Rosemary Jadack** returned to teach graduate classes. **Ms. Ann Gerrits** and **Mr. Rich Slifka** also started as clinical instructors in Spring. **Ms. Sheryl Gonzales** came in late February 2017 as a university services associate 2; and **Mr. Andrew Hanson** started in March as our new distance education coordinator and technology specialist. **Ms. Samantha Pearson** began as an administrative specialist in June 2017.

In August 2017, we will be welcoming **Dr. Dalete Mota** as an associate professor

and **Dr. Jeanette Olsen** as an assistant professor. Dr. Mota taught nursing at the Federal University of Goias and received her PhD from the Universidade de Sao Paulo in Brazil. Dr. Olsen had been a faculty member at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake and earned a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Dr. Pamela Guthman will join our nursing department as a Clinical Assistant Professor. A number of other clinical instructors will begin teaching with us this fall including **Ms. Gina Brandl** at the Marshfield Site, and **Mr. James Hubert**, **Dr. Dezeray Matott**, **Dr. Carlee O'Connor**, and **Ms. Karen Sohn** at the Eau Claire campus.

DNP Program Reaccredited by CCNE

In October we received notification from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) that our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has been reaccredited for 10 years, extending to December 31, 2026. The CCNE Board of Commissioners determined that the program met all four accreditation standards and that there were no compliance concerns. The accreditation standards pertained to program mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching-learning practices, and assessment and achievement of program outcomes. Our baccalaureate and master's programs were previously reaccredited through December 31, 2021, at which time in 2011 the DNP program also received full initial accreditation through December 31, 2016, reflective of the five-year maximum time for new program accreditation. The accreditation is through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.



We extend our thanks to the students, alumni, and community agencies who supported us during the accreditation process. We are particularly appreciative of the clinical agencies and individuals who participated in the March 7-9, 2016 site visit. Preparing for accreditation is an intensive process involving years of work to complete a self-study report and facilitate the site review visit by CCNE. Accreditation requires the support of everyone—thank you!

Nursing Needs to Consider

Nursing education is ever changing as we work to prepare nurse leaders to meet the demands of a more globally aware and diverse society. Your gift to any of the following will help enhance student learning experiences and provide valuable faculty resources.

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 inter-professional learning by providing funds to enable nursing clinical experiences with diverse populations locally in Wisconsin, nationally, and internationally.

Student Conferences Fund: Support opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to attend professional conferences. Examples include annual conferences by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing, the Wisconsin Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Midwest Nursing Research Society.

To designate a gift, see <https://connect.uwec.edu/nursing-health-sciences> or call 715-836-5630 (UW-Eau Claire Foundation).

Northwestern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing Formed

The American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) has existed since 1971 as a professional organization to improve gender inclusion in nursing. In spring 2016, steps were taken to form the Northwestern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Assembly for Men. The original officers who founded the chapter were UW-Eau Claire nursing students Jamison Young as President (graduated in December 2016, pictured on the left), Tom Gugel as secretary (pictured on the right), and Michael Peggarr as treasurer, with Assistant Professor Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin serving as the faculty adviser. Dr. Gunnar Larson, Associate Director of the UW-Eau Claire Nursing Clinical Learning Center, assisted with writing the bylaws. With the 2016-2017 academic year, the chapter was formally recognized as an official student organization on the UW-Eau Claire campus. The hard work of these individuals was fur-



ther acknowledged in October 2016 when the Wisconsin Center for Nursing (WCN) presented the chapter with an award for supporting men in the nursing profession.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the leadership transitioned to a new slate of

elected officers, with Tom Gugel as president, Jacob Griebenow as secretary, and William Tonn as treasurer. The goal of the chapter is to increase enrollment of minorities, particularly men, into nursing and create more diverse future cohorts of nursing students at UW-Eau Claire and nationally. Approximately 11% of admit-

ted undergraduate nursing students and 8% of nursing graduate students are male at UW-Eau Claire. According to Mr. Gugel, "the organization is *not* solely focused on increasing enrollment of men into nursing." Members are "committed to increasing diversity in the classroom, by encouraging students from all genders, religions, cultures, and backgrounds to join the nursing program" at UW-Eau Claire. Membership in the chapter is open to male and female pre-nursing and admitted nursing undergraduate and graduate students at UW-Eau Claire, including the Marshfield Site, as well as non-UW-Eau Claire students and practicing nurses. Mr. Gugel emphasizes that the chapter is open to anyone who is interested in the organization and promoting awareness about minorities in the nursing profession. They plan on hosting a promotional event in the fall to recruit

as many new members as possible, including both UW-Eau Claire and non-UW-Eau Claire nursing students and practicing nurses from the community. Individuals interested in joining are asked to contact Mr. Gugel at gugela@uwec.edu or see the UW-Eau Claire Blusync website: <http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/organizations/>.

Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society-Delta Phi Student Advisory Board

In February 2016, the Delta Phi Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society board members voted to appoint an ad hoc student standing committee. The goals were to encourage student member assistance with carrying out the duties of the Delta Phi Chapter as well as to promote student engagement and participation in the honor society chapter. The student committee would provide for leadership opportunities for students both in Eau Claire and in Marshfield as well as link the Delta Phi Chapter to the rest of the UW-Eau Claire campus, students, and student organizations. Nicole Lauffer was appointed president, Jacqueline Jorgensen as vice president, Heather Newman as treasurer, and Tonya Lipsy as secretary of the student ad hoc committee (pictured in order in the



photo); all four officers graduated in December 2016 with their BSN degrees. With the assistance of Dr. Gunnar Lar-

son, the advisor for the student organization, the members named their organization the Delta Phi Student Advisory Board (DPSAB) and worked to create bylaws.

This past Fall 2016, the UW-Eau Claire Student Organization approved DPSAB as an official student organization at the

University. The stated purpose of the student organization is to improve the health of people by increasing the scientific base of nursing research through the recognition of superior achievement and the development of leadership qualities, fostering high professional standards, encouraging creative work, strengthening the commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession of nursing, and assisting in carrying out the work of the Delta Phi Chapter.

The current student board officers include Angel Schmidt as President, Misty Howland as Vice President, Stephanie McNamara as Secretary, Anna Peterka as Treasurer, and Alexandra Fernstaedt as Director.

Highlights from the 2016 Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk

The 2016 Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk was particularly notable as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the University (see photos). The annual walk occurred on Saturday morning, October 1st with 80 registrants. As a special treat, Dove Healthcare provided attendees with navy blue t-shirts—they even designed the t-shirts to include the centennial celebration theme. Dove Healthcare also assembled a rather large team of walkers. We are quite grateful for their generous support.



The walk was led by Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree, Associate Professor, and Dr. Diane Marcyjanik, Clinical Assistant Professor. Associate Dean Dr. Debra Jansen provided an update on events from the College and recognized clusters of alumni from the classes of 1973, 1983, and 1992 (see photo for the '92 class) who were holding reunion get-togethers.

Other represented classes were from 1969, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1989, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2016, and future graduates.

In addition to gratitude to Dove Healthcare, thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who came and to the many students and faculty who helped set up for the walk and assisted with the morning.

The numerous individuals and organiza-



tions who donated door prizes also deserve recognition, including Acoustic Café, Eau Claire Express Baseball, Famous Dave's, Festival Foods, Gold's Gym, Impact Advertising, Lee's Uniform Center (now Uniforms Direct), May's Floral Garden Inc., Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire, Milwaukee Burger Co., Oak Leaf Surgical Hospital, Sodexo Dining Services, UW-Eau Claire Activities, Involvement & Leadership, UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, UW-Eau Claire Bookstore, UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences, UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education, UW-Eau Claire Foundation, UW-Eau Claire Student Nurses Association, and Xcel Energy.

Please plan to attend the 17th annual walk on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Please Register for the 2017 Nursing Alumni Walk— September 30, 2017

Please join us for our 17th annual Nursing Alumni Homecoming Walk on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**.

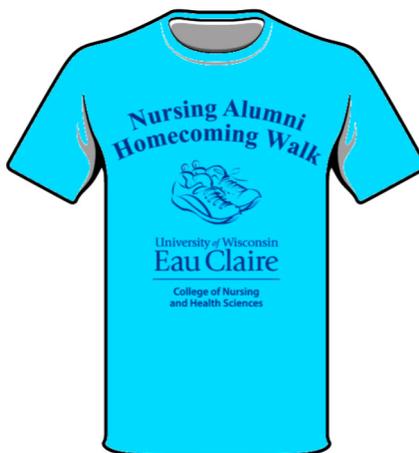
The Nursing Walk will start at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Nursing Building (with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.). The walk will be a rather short one across and around campus and will conclude in the Nursing Building where we will enjoy a breakfast. With the breakfast we will provide an update regarding 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.



Once again, as a special treat this year, **Dove Healthcare is providing the T-shirts**: All attendees who register for the walk will re-

ceive a free light blue UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences T-shirt.

To guarantee T-shirt orders, please pre-register by September 15th using the attached form (see page 11), 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 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!!

Questions: E-mail nursing@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5837.

Homecoming and Nursing Walk Schedule of Events—September 30th

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-River Falls Football Game at Carson Park

Registration Form on page 11 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) _____

Street Address _____

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

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 \geq 12 years = \$15.00 (\$20.00 if register on day of walk)		\$
Nursing 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		
Adult 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 715-836-5837.

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