Welcome, new alumni!

Congratulations to the 247 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice and PhD students who graduated in May at Northrop. The commencement speaker was Cindy Kent, president and general manager of 3M’s infection prevention division. Alice Sanders, president of the Alumni Society Board, welcomed our new alumni to our family of nursing alumni. This year, the event was streamed live online and is available for viewing. Visit the school's commencement album on Flickr to see images from the day’s celebration.

School of Nursing All-Class Reunion 2017

Fond memories and excitement about the future radiated throughout the annual alumni reunion as School of Nursing alumni gathered at the Town and Country Club April 27. Graduating classes of 1967, 1977, 1992 and 2007 were honored.

This year’s award winners are:

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Mara Smith and Xiaohui Yu, both BSN Class of 2017
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Carrie Neerland, PhD candidate, MS ’05, BSN ’02
Rising Star Award: Katherine Todd, DNP ’12, BSN ’00

Please visit our Flickr page to see if you recognize any classmates in the school's all-class reunion album.

Congrats!

Jacob Panzer, BSN ’16, enlisted in the Air Force and will be stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, for three years.

Bonnie Lee Brueshoff, DNP ’13, MS ’89, was honored by the American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Section Effective Practice Award for work in creating The Breastfeeding Friendly Health Departments initiative.

Exhilda Siame, MS ’12, is the founder/CEO of Umulyango Consultants. She intends to collaborate with emerging health care markets in Africa to set up long term care systems that will support aging.

Miaofen Yen, PhD ’94, MS ’90, faculty and director of international nursing programs at National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan, received the Inaugural Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award from the International Council of Nurses.

Mary Steen Hartwig, BSN ’65, received the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Nursing 2017 Outstanding Alumnus award in May.

Save the date: Homecoming Oct. 14-21

Each year, the University of Minnesota Homecoming brings the campus community and alumni together with a week of events and activities that instill pride. There are many activities the School of Nursing could participate in as a group, including the Day of Service, Homecoming Parade and football game. The University of Minnesota football team will host Illinois, which will be Minnesota’s 97th Homecoming game. Tickets are expected to go on sale soon. Nursing is able to purchase tickets in a group. If you are interested in participating as a group in any of the homecoming events, please contact Barb Mullikin at west073@umn.edu or 612-624-0103.

In case you missed it
Spring was a busy time around the School of Nursing. The school hosted a reception and exhibit celebrating the history of nursing with a special focus on the University of Minnesota School of Nursing at the Minnesota History Center. Special thanks to the members of the school’s Alumni Society’s Heritage Committee for assistance in developing its content. Research Day included faculty, students and community partners leading concurrent oral and poster presentation sessions that showcased findings from innovative research and evidence-based projects. In June, the school hosted Nursing Knowledge: Big Data Science Conference, with Rebecca Freeman, chief nursing officer of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, US Department of Health and Human Services delivering the keynote.

**Be a preceptor, be a mentor**

As alumni of our school, you experienced first-hand the value of skilled, experienced preceptors and the impact they had in your transition to practice. We know you appreciate the importance of having preceptors who are willing to work with students. We welcome the opportunity to have our alumni serve as preceptors for our students in the Bachelor of Science, Master in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. If you are interested in helping to prepare a new generation of nurses or advanced practice nurses by serving as a preceptor, please tell us more about you.

**Five alumni elected to school’s foundation**

At the foundation’s annual meeting on June 14, the board welcomed these alumni as trustees beginning their first term: Jeannine Bayard, MPH ’77, BSN ’71; Carol Kelsey, BSN ’60; Lisa Moon, PhD ’17; Nancy Olson, MPH ’80, BSN ’61 and Marjorie Page, DNP ’09, MS ’95.

**Double the impact of your gift**

At its February meeting, the School of Nursing Foundation Board of Trustees voted to match all gifts to the school up to $1,000 given before the end of our fiscal year on June 30. We are thrilled to announce that we have surpassed our $36,000 goal for our alumni match challenge. Because of the support many of you gave us in the last few months, the School of Nursing will have $36,000 in additional resources! Thank you, nursing alumni! If you didn’t get a chance to contribute, there’s still time to make a gift this year. Join your fellow nursing alumni and make a gift in support of your alma mater. Thank you for your generous support of the School of Nursing and future alumni.

**Upcoming Events**

**Doctoral Information Session**
June 20, noon-1 p.m. | Online
Learn more about the Doctor of Nursing Practice and PhD programs at this School of Nursing during this webinar. Also offered July 10, July 26 and Aug. 10.

**Emerging Professionals Network at WCCO-TV**
Thursday, June 22, 5:30 p.m. | WCCO-TV Rooftop
Take in exclusive skyline views and reconnect with your fellow Gophers at the next Emerging Professionals Network event at the WCCO rooftop. Mix and mingle with fellow alumni and friends while enjoying local beers and burgers courtesy of MyBurger. Registration required.

**U of M alumni night with Minnesota United**
Saturday, June 24, 7-9 p.m. | TCF Stadium
Take part in the excitement of Minnesota United’s inaugural MLS season as they take on Vancouver Whitecaps FC at TCF Bank Stadium on the U of M campus. Special U of M Night package includes discounted game ticket and exclusive U of M soccer scarf (while supplies last). Buy your tickets now.

**Doctoral Programs Open House**
July 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | University of Minnesota Rochester
Learn more about the Doctor of Nursing Practice and PhD programs at this open house in Rochester.
Summer Institute in Adolescent Health  
July 24-27 | Ties Conference Center, Falcon Heights  
*Birds, Bees, and Ongoing Buzz: Families Talking with Teens about Sexuality*  
will discuss how youth-family connections and communication are keys to young people’s healthy sexual decision-making.

**Lillehei Symposium: Progress in Cardiovascular Care**  
Sept. 7-8 | The Commons Hotel, Minneapolis  
Gain practical knowledge of managing patients with a variety of cardiac diseases at this [symposium](#) through lectures by experts and interactive case discussions. Up to 16.25 ANCC contact hours offered.

**Care Across the Continuum: A Trauma and Critical Care Conference**  
Sept. 22, 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. | Crowne Plaza Hotel, Plymouth  
Hear about [new research findings](#) and updates to standard-of-care guidelines that will improve the care and outcomes of those critically ill and injured. ANCC contact hours offered.

**Keep us up to date**

Have you recently received a promotion, been hired for a new position or been honored with a special award? Keep us up to date and let us know!