Leadership Anew: Alumni Society Board

The Alumni Society Board kicked off the 2017–2018 academic year with a robust agenda and exciting plans for the year ahead. The vision is to grow the alumni relations program by creating opportunities for students and alumni to enrich themselves personally and professionally. The goal is to engage fellow alumni in order to create a lifelong spirit of belonging and pride in the University of Minnesota, the School of Nursing and the nursing profession. The Alumni Society Board is looking forward to an excellent year and welcome your participation. Visit the alumni webpage to stay in touch. The new academic year also brings a new slate of Alumni Society Board executive officers:

Karen MacDonald, President
Sheryl Ramstad, President Elect
MS’87, BSN ’72 MN ’13, DNP ’17

Jean Carraher, Secretary
Alice Nagle Sanders, Past President
MSN ’03, BSN ’95, BS ’91 BSN ’05, MSN ’09

Six alumni selected as AAN fellows

The American Academy of Nursing selected 173 nurse leaders internationally as its 2017 class of Academy fellows. Selection is one of the highest professional honors in nursing. Congratulations to these six alumni:

Kuei-Min Chen, PhD ’00, MS ’96
Helga Jonsdottir, PhD ’95, MS ’88
Carolyn Porta, PhD ’04, MS ’97, BSN ’94
Barbara Tomczyk, BSN ’80
Martha Hughesdon Turner, PhD ’98, BSN ’75
Richard Westphal, BSN ’83

Inductees will be honored at a ceremony to be held during the Academy's annual policy conference, Transforming Health, Driving Policy, which will take place Oct. 5-7, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Dean’s Scholarship Reception

On Oct. 12, scholarship recipients and their benefactors will meet at the annual Scholarship Reception. More than $2 million has been awarded to nursing students for the 2017-2018 academic year, including 155 unique scholarships that provided 612 financial awards to 555 students. The Nursing Alumni Scholarship was awarded to three Doctor of Nursing Practice students totaling $12,000.

Homecoming 2017: Oct. 14-21

Join us for one or all of these Homecoming events.

Oct. 14:
Day of Service: School of Nursing faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends of the school are invited to participate in the Day of Service by supporting the American Brain Tumor Association in its 5K Run/Walk. Register online to volunteer by Sept. 29. Email Barb Mullikin at westr073@umn.edu with questions.

Oct. 20:
A Conversation with Matthew Desmond: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond discusses his book Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City at Northrop at 1 p.m. The event is free. Tickets are available online. The event is sponsored by the School of Nursing.

Homecoming Parade: Join us for the Homecoming Parade beginning at 6:30
p.m., which will be on University Avenue between 11th Avenue and Walnut Street SE.

Oct. 21: Homecoming Football Game: The University of Minnesota football team will host Illinois at 2:30 p.m. The contest will be Minnesota's 97th Homecoming game and 11th against Illinois.

2018 School of Nursing All School Reunion

Mark your calendars for April 5, 2018, for our annual All School Reunion. Help us make this the best reunion yet. Please contact Barb Mullikin at westr073@umn.edu or 612-624-0103 if you would like to help with this fun event. Graduating classes of 1968, 1978, 1993 and 2008 will be honored. Nursing Research Day will follow on Friday, April 6, 2018.

Congrats!

Katherine Todd, DNP ’12, BSN ’00, was named vice president of health and wellbeing at The Waters.

Alumni board member Wendy Sharpe, BSN ’83, was featured in the SunPost article OurLife: Longtime restaurant owner and a lifetime nurse extol virtues of work.

Be a preceptor, be a mentor

As alumni of our school, you benefitted from experienced preceptors who helped you in your transition to practice. We welcome you to consider serving as a preceptor for 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 by serving as a preceptor, please tell us more about you.

Upcoming Events

Asian Wisdom for a Western World
Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-noon | Bentson Center
Join us for Asian Wisdom for a Western World with Chungliang Al Huang. This one-hour session is made possible by Ruth Stricker in partnership with The Marsh, A Center for Balance and Fitness in Minnetonka. Ruth has made a generous gesture to share Huang’s uplifting message of deep faith in our community, empathy and compassion to fellow humans with the nursing community through this special event. Huang will lead an exploration of how to find resilience, slow down and recapture the connections that have suffered with the speed of everyday living.

Doctoral information session
Sept. 21, noon-1 p.m. | Online
Advance your nursing career with a doctoral degree. Learn more about the School of Nursing, the PhD and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs and how to apply. Also offered Oct. 9.

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. Up to 7.5 ANCC contact hours offered.

Emerging Professionals Network at Tattersall Distillery
Oct. 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m. | 1620 Central Ave NE; Suite 150, Minneapolis
Join the Emerging Professionals Network at Tattersall Distilling to connect with fellow recent alumni and swap tips about making the most out of post-graduate life in MSP!

- Enjoy a complimentary first drink and snacks.
- Connect with other alumni about resources and opportunities in the Twin Cities.
- Take a tour of the distillery.
MN SPARKS in Rochester
Nov. 1, 6 p.m. | Rochester
Join alumni and friends for a conversation with U of M faculty on topics relevant to the Rochester community. Snacks and refreshments provided. School of Nursing Professor Ruth Lindquist will discuss How the Simple 7 Can Transform our Health. In addition, Dean Laura Bloomberg, Humphrey School of Public Affairs will discuss Leading Together: Finding Common Ground in Uncommon Times.

Integrative Approach to Psychiatric Mental Health Care Conference
Nov. 3, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. | Crown Plaza, Plymouth
Health care professionals interested in integrative approaches to mental health are invited to attend this conference, which will acquaint providers with integrative therapies that can be incorporated into their clinical practice and mental health care settings. ANCC contact hours offered.

Give to the Max Day
Nov. 16
On Give to the Max Day generous donors will come together to raise a goal of $10,000 for the School of Nursing. This day of giving engages numerous donors, including recent graduates, first-time donors, and faculty and staff. These gifts have a profound and immediate impact on vital initiatives including student scholarships, community outreach programs, research and leading-edge technology.

Minnesota Nurse Practitioner Annual Conference
Dec. 1-2 | Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul
This conference gives nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students the opportunity to enhance their clinical skills, professional practice and engage in networking opportunities. ANCC contact hours offered.

Doctor of Nursing Practice information sessions
Ongoing | Online
Learn about the University of Minnesota’s Doctor of Nursing Practice program by participating in upcoming webinars. Learn about the application process, specialties and get your questions answered.

UMAA Webinars
See UMAA Engagement Calendar or Webinar Guide for full listings
- Oct. 5: Beyond Diversity 101
- Oct. 12: Dining Etiquette
- Oct. 26: Pursuit of Happiness
- Nov. 13: Demystifying Millennial Management
- Nov. 29: Tactful Self-Promotion

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!