



ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWS

Join Alumni and Friends for the Annual Spring Celebration

Join nursing alumni, students, faculty and friends for a lively evening reconnecting with classmates and colleagues at the [Spring Celebration and Reunion](#) on April 24 at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul. This year's theme is Celebrating 100 Years of Engaging Alumni. The night will include pre-event gatherings for 50, 40, 25 and 10-year BSN reunion classes; a Discovery Expo featuring nurse authors and a silent auction; and a dinner program with Dean Connie White Delaney and Brian Lucas, author of "Here Comes the Sun: A Young Family's Journey through Cancer." Meet past presidents of the Nursing Alumni Society and recipients of the 2014 student, faculty and alumni awards. The cost is \$45 for U of M Alumni Association members, \$50 for alumni and friends, and \$25 for students. The registration deadline is April 18.

Participate in Nursing Research Day

Participate in the School of Nursing's annual [Research Day](#) at McNamara Alumni Center on April 25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with keynote speaker Robin Newhouse presenting "Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: Changing the Lens of Our Questions, Methods and Outcomes." Throughout the day, oral and poster presentations by faculty, students and community partners will highlight innovative research and evidence-based projects that address health issues and improve quality of care. The registration deadline is April 19 or when capacity is reached.

Hats Off

Clinical Assistant Professor **Patrick Dean** was named president-elect for the International Association for Human Caring.

Associate Professor **Jayne Fulkerson** was appointed associate editor of "Public Health Nutrition," which provides an international peer-reviewed forum for the publication of research and scholarship aimed at understanding nutrition-related public health achievements, situations and problems.

Associate Professor **Linda Lindeke** received the Loretta Ford Fellowship Award from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners for improving pediatric health care and advancing the profession.

Professor **Ruth Lindquist** was awarded the Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award, which is awarded to teachers for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota.

Cynthia Prestholdt, PhD, RN, was inducted into the Louisiana Nurses Foundation Hall of Fame in February. She credits her initial nursing education (BSN '63) and graduate nursing education (MS '67) at the University of Minnesota, as well as her clinical nursing experiences in Minneapolis, as providing the foundation for accomplishments during her nursing career both in Minnesota and Louisiana.

School's Research Ranking Improves

The School of Nursing advanced to 15th nationally among schools of nursing in National Institutes of Health funding during the federal fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2013. According to Dean Delaney, this is a major achievement and a telling reflection of the great work and collaboration of faculty and staff. Securing grants to support the important work being done to improve health in Minnesota and beyond is extremely challenging and increasingly competitive.

In the News

Minnesota Daily published "[Bill could clear nursing hurdles](#)" March 27.

Star Tribune published "[Electronic health records: A hard pill to swallow for some doctors](#)" March 10.

MPR aired "[Nurses lobby for authority to practice independently](#)" March 5.

KARE 11 aired "[Plane crash survivor inspired to start second career](#)" Feb. 14.

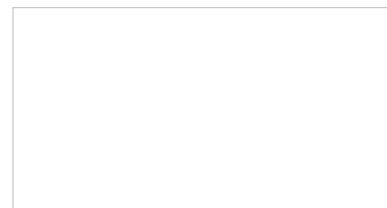
Star Tribune published "[UnitedHealth-Mayo venture Optum Labs adds partners](#)" Feb. 13.

The Post-Bulletin published "[Students step forward to donate bone marrow](#)" Feb. 12.

Star Tribune published "[Nursing career came later in life for these U students](#)" Jan. 19.

Future U of M Nurse

The Nursing Alumni Society congratulates Sarah Thier Dyreson, Class of 1998, on the birth of her Future U of M Nurse Adeline Dorothy Dyreson, born Feb. 18, 2013. The Dyresons reside in Portland, Ore.



Upcoming Events

April 10: Elle Allison-Napolitano, founder of Wisdom Out and a published researcher of nurses' wisdom, will facilitate a [Leadership Resilience](#) workshop at

the Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center The workshop, which is hosted by the Katharine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership, will help participants visualize and process new ways of working through workplace challenges.

April 30: School of Nursing faculty will host an all-day open house, [Advance Your Nursing Career: Explore Doctoral Education](#), in Rochester.

May 6: Join Dean Connie Delaney and Clinical Assistant Professor Patrick Dean for a dinner and UMR Connects Program featuring nursing students on the Rochester campus. Contact Laurel Mallon at [612-624-2490](tel:612-624-2490) for additional information.

June 25-26: Paul Plsek will facilitate the seminar “[Transforming Health Care: Creative Thinking for Serious People](#)” at the Commons Hotel in Minneapolis.

May 31: [Caring for a Person with Memory Loss Conference](#), which provides information, support and education for those concerned with caring for people with memory loss, will take place at the Mayo Memorial Auditorium.

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