



ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWS

Join us in Florida for the 2015 Minne-College

Join us at the 2015 [Minne-College](#)! The University of Minnesota is bringing some of the most exciting, innovative and ambitious program leaders to share their stories and vision with you. This year's Minne-College will be Jan. 17 in Naples, Florida. Learn about the response to Ebola, the psychology of volunteerism, wind energy research at the U of M, controversies surrounding President Obama's foreign policy, prostate and urological cancers, and learning through doing. The cost is \$50 per person and includes the University reception.

Prior to the event, you are invited to join School of Nursing alumni and friends for a complimentary brunch with Dean Connie White Delaney on Jan. 17 from 10 a.m.-noon hosted by June and Neil Lupidus at the Mediterra in Naples, Florida. RSVP for brunch by Jan. 12 by calling Barb at [612-624-0103](tel:612-624-0103) or emailing westr073@umn.edu.

Hats Off

Professor Ad Honorem **Joanne Disch**, PhD, RN, FAAN, [testified on patient safety before U.S. Senate](#) July 17.

Four University of Minnesota nursing faculty were inducted into the prestigious American Academy of Nursing in October. Clinical Associate Professor **Mary Chesney**, Professor Emeritus **Susan Henly**, Professor **Kathleen Krichbaum** and affiliate faculty **Dawn Bazarko** were the four inductees named from Minnesota by the Academy. This brings the number of faculty fellows at the University of Minnesota to 22 – 30 when the school's faculty emeriti are included. The Academy selected 168 nurse leaders for induction as fellows this year.

Associate Professor **Diane Treat-Jacobson** received the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Vascular Nursing for her leadership and dedication to advancing vascular nursing.

Professor **Donna Bliss** was elected as chair of the Nursing Committee of the International Continence Society.

Professor **Cindy Gross** was elected secretary/treasurer of the International Society for Quality of Life Research.

Congratulations Graduates!

The 2014 fall commencement ceremony was held Dec. 12 at Northrop. Roxanne Fernandes, RN, MHA, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota chief nursing officer, presented the commencement address. Student speakers included Susanna Eldredge and Angela Mattson. Approximately 800 guests attended, honoring graduates of the Master of Nursing program (63 students), the Doctor of Nursing Practice program (19 students) and the PhD program (1

student). Visit the School of Nursing's [Flickr page](#) for photos of the ceremony.

Retirement Announcements

Clinical Associate Professor **Cathy Juve** celebrated her retirement in July. Associate Professor **Linda Halcón** celebrated her retirement at a reception in the Bentson Center on Dec. 17.

Connect With Fellow Alumni

Are you following us on [LinkedIn](#)? If not, be sure to add the school and connect with fellow alumni.

Making Dreams Come True

The video "[Making Dreams Come True](#)" highlights the opportunities made available to School of Nursing students who were awarded more than \$1.2 million in scholarships from generous donors to the School of Nursing for the 2014-2015 academic year. If you have yet to make a contribution to the School of Nursing and wish to do so before the tax year ends on Dec. 31, 2014, please [make your gift online](#). Thank you!

Meet Our Students and Graduates

Please take a moment to [meet some of our current students](#) and recent grads online. They continue to make us proud.

Reports From Liberia

Assistant Professor Dorcas Kunkel and Associate Professor Cheryl Robertson [wrote about their experiences](#) and observations as part of a team of health professionals in Liberia. They were charged with recruiting and training a team of more than 150 health care workers as well as setting protocols and procedures.

School Seeks Nurse Practitioners for New Clinic

The School of Nursing seeks [two nurse practitioners](#) to work at its first nurse-led clinic opening in March in downtown Minneapolis.

Share Your Expectations

The school invites advanced practice registered nurses to share with us how you expect Minnesota's new APRN law will impact your practice and your patients when it becomes effective Jan. 1. How do you anticipate the changes will enable you to serve patients more efficiently or cost effectively? [Share your thoughts](#).

Future U of M Nurse

Meet Theo Grant Sanders, who is nine months old. His proud mother, Alice Nagle Sanders, BSN '05, MSN '09, currently serves on the Nursing Alumni Society Board. If you have a new arrival in your family, email news about your baby or grandchild along with your mailing address to mallo001@umn.edu to receive a "Future U of M Nurse" baby onesie (available in 12 months size). Then, email a photo of your new "Future U of M Nurse" to be included in an upcoming Alumni News.

Citrus Bowl Here We Come

The Golden Gophers are headed to the Citrus Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1, 2015. The University is hosting the [official tour](#), along with the athletics department, to help the Gophers close out an incredible football season. We've got the tickets, the flights, the hotels and even the events to make this the most fun game of the year. Book your trip now. If you want game tickets only, be sure to purchase through the [Gopher Ticket Office](#) to get a seat in the Gopher fan section.

Save the Date for Reunion Weekend Festivities

Thursday, April 23: Gather with friends and colleagues at the Nursing Alumni Spring Celebration and Class Reunion. Honored reunion classes include the BSN classes of 1965 (and earlier), 1975, 1990 and 2005. All are welcome and reunion class get-togethers are being planned. The Discovery Expo, registration and dinner program will take place 4:30-8:15 p.m. at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul. Cost is \$50. Contact Laurel Mallon at [612-624-2490](tel:612-624-2490) or mallo001@umn.edu for more information or assistance with class reunion activities.

Friday, April 24: Join alumni, faculty, students and community partners for a day of concurrent oral and poster presentations showcasing innovative research and evidence-based projects that address health issues and improve quality of care at the Nursing Research Day at the University of Minnesota. The keynote speaker will be Pamela S. Hinds, RN, PhD, FAAN, a nationally-known expert in pediatric oncology whose groundbreaking research is improving the quality of life and care for children with cancer and their families. Nursing Research Day will take place 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis. Contact [Margaret Celebrezze](#) at for additional information.

Contact Us

Have a photo, nursing memory or other news to share? Feel free to contact us via our [website](#) or contact Laurel Mallon directly at mallo001@umn.edu or [612-624-2490](tel:612-624-2490)

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