



ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWS

December 2016

Welcome, new alumni!

The School of Nursing Alumni Society extends its best wishes to the 63 Master of Nursing, 18 Doctor of Nursing Practice and three PhD students who graduated on Friday, Dec. 16 at Northrop. The commencement speaker was Pamela Johnson, who is the chief nursing officer for Mayo Clinic. Alice Sanders, president of the School of Nursing Alumni Society board, welcomed our new alumni to our family of 13,000 nursing alumni.

Call for nominations

Dean Connie White Delaney and School of Nursing Foundation Board President June Lapidus invite nominations for the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Trustees represent the school at various campus events and help to shape the school's strategic direction and resource enrichment plans. To nominate someone (or yourself), contact [John Kilbride](#).

MinneCollege coming to Naples, Florida

University of Minnesota MinneCollege programs feature University faculty and experts speaking on topics of current interest and conclude with a reception featuring top University officials. This year's [Florida MinneCollege](#) will be Feb. 4, with keynote speaker Gary Schwitzer, from the School of Public Health, speaking on *Too Much of the Wrong Kind of Health Care News*. The School of Nursing will host a nursing event prior to MinneCollege at the Naples Hilton with Dean Connie White Delaney and Professor Joe Gaugler, who will speak on *Community Engagement That Drives Science and Service: The Caring for a Person with Memory Loss Conference*. Contact Barb Mullikin at [612-624-0103](tel:612-624-0103) or [email](#) her for more information about the School of Nursing event.

Congrats!

Karin Alaniz received the University-wide 2016 Alumni Service Award. This award recognized her 38-year tenure as a faculty member at the School of Nursing and repeated accolades by students, colleagues and alumni for excellence in education. She was also honored by the University Student Alumni Association with its Advisement Award. The Nursing Alumni Society board acknowledged her leadership gifts, serving on the board for 12 years, two terms as its president.

Eileen Kern, BSN '95, was named 2016 School Nurse Administrator of Year by the School Nurse Organization of Minnesota for her work in the Bloomington School District.

Karen Taylor, DNP '15, was awarded the 2015 Oklahoma Nurses Association

Excellence in Nursing Clinical Practice Award for her DNP project
*Implementation of a Telemental Health Service to Improve Access to
Psychopharmacological Services of the Choctaw Nation: A Pilot Project.*

Keep us in the loop

Have you recently received a promotion, been hired for a new position or been honored with a special award? Let us [know](#)!

Alumna serves as U's homecoming grand marshal

Brig. Gen. Clara Adams-Ender served as grand marshal for the University of Minnesota's 2016 Homecoming Parade. She was selected by the University of Minnesota's Alumni Association as an alumna who has made great contributions to the University and her community. Adams-Ender earned a Master of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Minnesota in 1969 and recently committed a bequest of \$2 million to the school. The Clara Adams-Ender Endowed Leadership Chair will support a dean at the School of Nursing.

Save the Date: Annual Spring Celebration and All-Class Reunion

Join nursing alumni, students, faculty and friends for a fun evening reconnecting with classmates and colleagues at the annual Spring Celebration and All-Class Reunion Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Town and Country Club. Please contact [Barb Mullikin](#) if you would like to volunteer in the planning of this great event or for your specific class reunion. See lifelong friends and make new friends!

Dean's Scholarship Reception

It was a wonderful evening with more than 360 grateful students, generous benefactors and mischievous Goldy Gopher at the Dean's Scholarship Reception. More than \$1.7 million was awarded through 475 scholarships to students enrolled in our BSN, MN, DNP and PhD programs. So much for which to be thankful! Check out [photos](#) from the night and a [video](#) that was shown at the reception.

Nursing represented at Day of Service

Nursing alumni gathered this fall for a morning of leaf raking and garden clean-up at a Hammer Residence home in Plymouth as part of the University's Day of Service during Homecoming week. It was a great time to be together and help this wonderful organization. A few of the residents joined us in the project. Hammer's mission is to provide adults and children with developmental disabilities services that support the opportunity to live life to its fullest. Next year we hope you will join us.

Transition to Practice

Thank you to all who volunteered to assist with a class session for the course *Transition to Practice* last month. All of our senior nursing students prepare a

resume and cover letter as a course assignment. A total of 46 volunteer alumni (35 alumni at the Twin Cities campus and 11 at the Rochester campus) provided feedback on resumes/cover letters. Alumni enjoy this interaction as much as the students do.

Mentor kickoff was a success

Graduating Master of Nursing students and alumni met Dec. 6 for a kick-off career mentoring event hosted by the School of Nursing Alumni Society Board and the University of Minnesota College Nursing Board. A total of 21 mentees from the MN program and 15 mentors participated. Both mentors and mentees anticipate a rich experience in professional development and personal growth.

Year-end giving - there's still time!

Make a contribution to the School of Nursing by Dec. 31 to receive your 2016 tax benefits. Your generosity will have an immediate impact on student and alumni programs and will help the school remain at the forefront of nursing education and research. Learn more about [giving to the school](#).

Upcoming Events

Gopher Football Holiday Bowl, San Diego

Dec. 27

[More information](#)

PhD in Nursing webinar

Jan. 10

[More information](#)

Doctor of Nursing Practice informatics specialty webinar

Jan. 18

[More information](#)

MinneCollege in Florida

Feb. 4

[More information](#)

Big Ten Alumni Night at the Minnesota Timberwolves

Feb. 10

[More information](#)

MinneCollege in Arizona

Feb. 25

[More information](#)

Help Us Help You

Something you like to see in future newsletters? Interested in board service and other volunteer opportunities? Contact [Barb Mullikin](#) to help us create new ways to serve our growing alumni community.



Copyright © 2016 Regents of the University of Minnesota, All rights reserved.
The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

This message was sent from:

University of Minnesota School of Nursing
5-140 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard Street SE
Minneapolis, MN, 55455
USA