

A Note from Dean White Delaney

Our commencement ceremony held May 16 was outstanding, with more than 190 students receiving Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Doctoral degrees, the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Army Surgeon General Patricia Horoho and the beautiful Northrop setting. I offer special thanks to all our alumni who sent cards of congratulations for these new nursing graduates. Visit the School of Nursing's [Flickr page](#) to view photos of the day.

We also celebrate a new law that will enable advanced practice nurses in Minnesota to practice to the full scope of their license and education. This landmark legislation, effective Jan. 1, 2015, will have a positive impact on health care access and perspective in Minnesota. We express our gratitude to all who advocated for this change over the last several years. We are proud of the leadership role Mary Chesney played on the coalition that led the effort.

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Emerging Professionals Network

Emerging Professionals Network, which is a collaboration between the School of Nursing Alumni Society, multiple collegiate societies at the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, will host an event June 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Day Block Brewing, 1105 Washington Ave. S. [Register online](#) or contact Erin Strong at estrong@umn.edu or 612-625-9187 for information. Cost is \$10 with alumni membership, \$12 without.

Alumni Awards

The Nursing Alumni Society is pleased to celebrate the recipients of this year's alumni awards presented at the Nursing Alumni Spring Celebration on April 24.

Outstanding Undergraduate Nursing Student: Emma Butzer, BSN '14

Outstanding Graduate Nursing Student: Brie Zillhardt, MN '09, DNP '14

Rising Star Award: Laurie Kubes, DNP '12, MS '02

Distinguished Alumni Humanitarian Award: Molly Secor-Turner, PhD '08, MPH '04, BSN '99

Excellence in Nursing Education: Susan Henly, PhD, RN

Hats Off

- Rozina Bhimani, PhD '09, DNP '10, received the [Faculty of the Year Award](#) from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn.
- Cheryl Tefer, MS '90, was named 2014 Outstanding Educator by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
- Mindy Yoder, DNP '11, was named Dean of Health Sciences at University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In the News

Mary Chesney, PhD '08, MS '83, was quoted in "[Dayton signs bill giving some nurses more authority](#)" published by MPR May 13.

Marie Manthey, MS '64, BSN '62, was featured in "[One woman's effort to understand the problem of nursing and addiction](#)" published by MinnPost May 28.

Future U of M Nurse

The School of Nursing Alumni Society congratulates Jon and Bethany (Hedstrom) Beattie, BSN '11, on the birth of their Future U of M Nurse Sybil, born March 30.

[Email](#) news about your baby or grandchild along with your mailing address 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 upcoming Alumni News.

Retirement Announcements

Clinical Assistant Professor Karen Dunlap celebrated her retirement on May 19 in the Bentson Health Communities Innovation Center.

A retirement reception will be held for Professor Susan Henly on June 6 at the McNamara Alumni Center.

Upcoming Events

June 5-7: Nursing Knowledge: Big Data & Science for Transforming Health Care Conference will be hosted by the School of Nursing and Center for Nursing Informatics.

June 9: A Doctor of Nursing Practice Information Session will be held in the Bentson Center.

June 17: A free webinar "Consider a Future in Nursing Informatics" will be presented by Associate Professor Bonnie Westra.

June 25: Professor Mary Jo Kreitzer and Clinical Associate Professor Teddie Potter will be speaking at [Ways of Knowing: Transformative Thinking and Connecting](#).

June 25-26: Paul Plsek will facilitate the seminar "Transforming Health Care: Creative Thinking for Serious People" at the Commons Hotel.

July 28-30: Ready, Set, Now! Access and Youth-Friendly Services will be the focus of the Summer Institute in Adolescent Health held at the Amherst H. Wilder Center, St. Paul.

Aug. 14: Life Reimagined, a workshop for nurses and nurse educators who face age-related transitions in their working lives, will guide participants through possible career transition.

Save the Dates

April 23, 2015: Annual Nursing Alumni Spring Celebration & Reunion Dinner at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul

April 24, 2015: Nursing Research Day at McNamara Alumni Center

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