



ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWS

March 2017

Don't miss the School of Nursing annual All-Class Reunion

Join School of Nursing alumni, students, faculty and friends on April 27 to reconnect with classmates and colleagues as we honor and celebrate the tradition that represents the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Graduating classes of 1967, 1977, 1992 and 2007 will be honored. [Register](#) by April 20. Please contact [Barb Mullikin](#) to volunteer in the planning of this great event or for your specific class reunion.

School of Nursing ranks 13th among nursing schools nationally

U.S. News and World Report released its [2018 graduate school rankings](#), and the School of Nursing ranked 13th nationally among graduate schools with Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. Our nursing informatics specialty ranked second, and the nurse-midwifery specialty ranked fourth. Considering that the number of nursing graduate schools nationally exceeds 150, these rankings are exceptional.

History of Nursing in Minnesota

The Minnesota Historical Society will host an exhibit from March 28-May 27 on the history of nursing in Minnesota. This exhibit is located in the second floor library of the Minnesota History Center and is free. Special thanks to the members of the school's Alumni Society's Heritage Committee for assistance in developing its content.

Be a preceptor, be a mentor

As alumni of our school, you experienced first-hand the value of skilled, [experienced preceptors](#) and the impact they had in your transition to practice. We know you appreciate the importance of having preceptors who are willing to work with students. We welcome the opportunity to have our alumni serve as preceptors for our 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 or advanced practice nurses by serving as a preceptor, please [tell us](#) more about you.

Speed Mentoring hosted by the Alumni Society Board

The speed mentoring event on Monday, April 3, at 4:30-6:30 p.m., is an opportunity for students to learn from your expertise and have one-on-one conversations with you. This is a great opportunity to socialize and network with fellow alumni, talk with students and open doors to potential mentoring relationships. Email [Barb Mullikin](#) if you are interested in mentoring and sharing

your nursing expertise during the event, which will be held in the Bentson Center at the School of Nursing.

Spring commencement set for May 12

Congratulations to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice students as well as the PhD candidates who will graduate on Friday, May 12 at Northrop Auditorium. The [commencement](#) speaker will be Cindy Kent, president and general manager of 3M's infection prevention division. Alice Sanders, president of the School of Nursing Alumni Society board, will welcome our new alumni to our family of nursing alumni. This year, the event will be streamed live online and available for viewing later.

Congrats!

Beth Good, DNP '12, was awarded the March of Dimes 2016 Nurse of the Year in Advanced Practice Nursing. Good has been a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing for 22 years and is employed by FirstLight Health System in Mora, Minnesota.

Ann Garwick, PhD '91, senior executive associate dean for the School of Nursing, will transition to phased retirement in the 2017-18 academic year. We have celebrated her outstanding leadership for several years, as well as her faculty commitment for decades.

Professor **Ruth Lindquist**, PhD '83, MS '79, BSN '76, has accepted the position of the Rochester campus coordinator. Currently Associate Professor Patrick Dean holds this position and will retire at the end of this academic year.

Call for nominations - School of Nursing Alumni Society Board

Dean Connie White Delaney and School of Nursing Alumni Society President Alice Sanders invite nominations for the Alumni Society Board. Board members represent the school at various campus events, engage and connect with alumni, assist with the promotion and coordination of School programs and events, and encourage alumni to contribute their time, talent and support to their alma mater. To nominate someone (or yourself), contact [Barb Mullikin](#).

Call for nominations - School of Nursing Foundation Board

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 shape the school's strategic direction and resource enrichment plans. To nominate someone (or yourself), contact [John Kilbride](#).

Double the impact of your gift

The School of Nursing Foundation Board of Trustees wants you to make an impact on the school through your philanthropy. At its February meeting, the board voted to match all gifts to the school up to \$1,000 before the end of our

fiscal year on June 30. Join the challenge and double your impact!

Your IRA + School of Nursing = Leaders in health care

Individuals at least 70 and a half years old can make a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 from an Individual Retirement Account directly to the University of Minnesota Foundation without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. Gifts can be designated to existing funds that benefit the School of Nursing or can seed a new endowed fund. For more information, contact John Kilbride at [612-624-2428](tel:612-624-2428) or kilbride@umn.edu or Maria McLemore at [612-625-1365](tel:612-625-1365) or mmclemor@umn.edu.

Upcoming Events

Alumni webinar: Job search tips from recruiters

Thursday, March 30, noon-1 p.m. | Online

Ever wonder how professional recruiters view the job search process? What are the best practices and the missteps they have observed? Join us for a panel discussion with four recruiters and learn how to [stand out in your job search](#). Sponsored by UMAA. Free event.

UMN SPARKS in Willmar

Thursday, March 30, 5:30-8 p.m. | Minnwest Technology Campus

Join fellow alumni and friends for a conversation with [University of Minnesota faculty](#) about drug addiction and avian influenza. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public but [registration](#) is requested.

Florence Schorske Wald Lectureship on Palliative Care and Hospice Care Sunday, April 2, 1-5 p.m. | DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington

The [keynote](#) will be delivered by Jeff Cohn, medical director of Common Practice, which designs tools to make conversations about advance care planning, serious illness and death accessible. Cohn is an oncologist who served as the chief quality officer at the Albert Einstein Health Network in Philadelphia for more than a decade. American Nurses Credentialing Center contact hours offered.

Integrative Nursing Symposium

April 5-7, 2017 | Tucson, Arizona

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with more than 400 attendees who are passionate about and dedicated to [integrative nursing and health](#), including leading experts, clinicians and students from diverse practice and academic settings.

Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference

April 6-8 | Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis

The School of Nursing is proud to be the primary host school of this year's 41st annual [Midwest Nursing Research Society conference](#). Nurse scientists from the 13-state Midwest region will gather in Minneapolis to showcase the latest in nursing research. The theme is [Harnessing Big Data and Nursing Science to Improve Health](#).

Alumni Association Annual Celebration

Friday, April 7, 5:30-9 p.m. | McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis

The 113th [University of Minnesota Alumni Association Annual Celebration](#) will celebrate our alumni community, volunteers, board members and campus partners. The evening will include a networking social hour, full dinner and a program.

Practical Orthopedics for Primary Care Conference

Friday, April 7, 7 a.m.-4:15 p.m. | DoubleTree by Hilton, St. Louis Park

This [conference](#) will focus on the evaluation and non-surgical treatment of common orthopedic conditions. Topics will cover treatment from the site of injury to the operating room as well as specific anatomical areas. ANCC contact hours offered.

Cardiac Arrhythmias: An Interactive Update for Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Family Practice

Friday, April 7 | Earle Browne Heritage Center, Brooklyn Park

This [conference](#) will provide a focused update on cardiac arrhythmia care. ANCC contact hours offered.

Alumni Webinar: Creating a Meaningful Career

Thursday, April 20, noon-1 p.m. | Online

In the last decade much research has been done on what actually creates purpose and meaning at work. Simultaneously, we have seen a shift in priorities for today's professionals, with more workers focusing on careers that give back to the community, have impact and feel purposeful. This webinar will share simple tips that can help you create a professional life that provides meaning and purpose, and that is in alignment with your values. The presenter is Kelly McClellan, an associate director for the Graduate Business Career Center, Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. [Registration](#) is requested.

Minnesota Valve Symposium

April 20-21 | Hilton, Minneapolis

Local, national and international leaders in valvular heart disease and transcatheter aortic valve replacement will gather to discuss the [latest information](#) on patient evaluation, management guidelines, imaging, pathology, surgical techniques, devices and long-term results. ANCC contact hours offered.

Implicit Bias Lecture with Benjamin Reese

April 21, 10 a.m.-noon | Mayo Memorial Auditorium, Minneapolis

The School of Nursing invites you to join us in a focused exploration of implicit bias with [Benjamin Reese](#), an internationally renowned scholar on implicit bias. He will be speaking about the development of implicit bias in early childhood, the impact of implicit bias on decision-making, what helps to diminish implicit bias and implications for future research.

Alumni Webinar: Student Debt Management and Refinancing

Thursday, April 27, noon- 1 p.m. | Online

Have student loans? Our partner, [Credible](#), will present easy ways to refinance and save on student loans, key considerations when choosing whether to refinance or not, and how better managing your student loans and refinancing affects other parts of your life, including your credit and mortgage. [Registration](#) is requested.

School of Nursing Research Day

Friday, April 28, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis

You are invited to join fellow alumni, faculty and community partners at [Nursing Research Day](#). Throughout the day, faculty, students and community partners will lead oral and poster presentation sessions that showcase findings from innovative research and evidence-based projects that improve health and quality of care.

PhD information session

Friday, April 28, noon-1 p.m. | McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis

Are you interested in advancing your nursing career? Learn more about the PhD program at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing at this [information session](#).

Hospital Medicine Updates: A Full Systems Review

May 18-19 | Marriott Courtyard, Minneapolis

The [Hospital Medicine Updates conference](#) is ideal for practicing hospitalists managing adult or pediatric in-patients. The scope will include urban, suburban and rural hospital medicine. ANCC contact hours offered.

Bariatric Education Days: An Integrated Approach to Treating Obesity

May 25-26 | Radisson Blu, Bloomington

National and local leaders, scholars and experts in the surgical, medical and integrative fields who care for [bariatric patients](#) will provide multidisciplinary presentations designed to engage health care practitioners in learning about advances in the pathophysiology of obesity and the comorbidities related to obesity. ANCC contact hours offered.

Alumni Webinar: U of M Research Shaping Early Autism Identification and Intervention

Wednesday, May 24, noon- 1 p.m. | Online

Autism can be detected between 12 and 24 months of age. So why is the average age of diagnosis still close to 5 years? Researchers at the University of Minnesota are trying to change that through innovative training and intervention programs for providers who work with families in the community. The webinar will cover recent research advances in the early identification and intervention of very young children with autism. [Registration](#) is requested.

Caring for a Person with Memory Loss Conference

Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Humphrey Conference Center, Minneapolis

Experts will provide education for adult children, spouses, parents, health and community care providers, and others concerned with [caring for people with memory loss](#).

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](#)!