September 2018

Alumni Society launches new academic year

The Alumni Society Board has kicked off the 2018-2019 academic year with a robust agenda and exciting plans for the year ahead. The vision is to grow the alumni relations program by creating opportunities for students and alumni to enrich themselves personally and professionally. The goal is to engage fellow alumni in order to create a lifelong spirit of belonging and pride in the University of Minnesota, the School of Nursing and the nursing profession. The Alumni Society Board is looking forward to an excellent year and welcomes your participation. Visit the alumni [webpage](#) and watch for our emails to stay in touch and get involved.

The new academic year brings a new slate of Alumni Society Board executive officers:

**Sheryl Ramstad, Chair**, DNP ’17, JD, MN ’13, BA ’72

**Jean Carraher, Chair Elect**, DNP ’16, MS ’03, BSN ’95, BS ’91

**Anna Munson Carpenter, Secretary**, MN ’16, BA

**Karen MacDonald, Past Chair**, MS ’87, BSN ’72

Students begin new year

It’s always exciting to see the new energy on campus when new students arrive. Together we have launched the 2018-19 academic year. We share the honor of serving more than 989 students across our programs. As we welcome our next generation of nurses, we can learn, too. What an opportunity we have to celebrate the hope we hold for advancing health of all people within their contexts.

Homecoming 2018: Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Join us for one or all of these [Homecoming](#) events.

**Day of Service**: School of Nursing faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends of the school are invited to participate in the Day of Service on Sept. 29 by supporting the Alexandra House in its HopeFest. [Register](#) to volunteer by Sept. 24. Email Barb Mullikin at westr073@umn.edu with questions.

**Alumni Awards Affair**: Kuei-Min Chen, PhD ’00, MS ’96, will be awarded the 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association on Oct. 4. This award recognizes Chen’s outstanding achievements and leadership in practice and policies that advance the health of older adults in Taiwan and
globally. Chen has been influential in altering the landscape of geriatric care in Taiwan and recently accepted the appointment as dean of the Office of Global Health at Kaohsiung Medical University in Taiwan. She will be presenting a lecture on exercise programs for older adults at the School of Nursing on Oct. 3.

**Homecoming Parade:** Join us on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. for the Homecoming Parade, which will be on University Avenue between 11th Avenue and Walnut Street SE. The 2018 Homecoming Grand Marshal is Justice Alan Page.

**Homecoming Football Game:** The University of Minnesota football team will host Iowa on Oct. 6. The contest will be Minnesota's 100th Homecoming game and 14th against Iowa.

**Dean's Scholarship Reception**

On Oct. 24, scholarship recipients and their benefactors will meet at the annual Scholarship Reception. More than $2,340,100 was awarded to nursing students for the 2018-2019 academic year, including 156 unique scholarships that provided 482 financial awards to 380 students. The Nursing Alumni Scholarship was awarded to five Doctor of Nursing Practice students totaling $23,000.

**Give to the Max Day**

On Give to the Max Day, Nov. 15, generous donors will come together to raise a goal of $10,000 for the School of Nursing. This day of giving engages numerous donors, including recent graduates, first-time donors, faculty and staff. These gifts have a profound and immediate impact on vital initiatives including student scholarships, community outreach programs, research and leading-edge technology.

**All School Reunion**

Mark your calendars for April 11, 2019, for our annual All School Reunion. Help us make this the best reunion yet. Please contact Barb Mullikin at westr073@umn.edu or 612-624-0103 to get involved in the planning. Graduating classes ending in 4 and 9 will be honored. The best attended reunions are those that are supported by the classmates. Please let us know if you are interested in being a class representative and connect with classmates, encouraging their attendance at the reunion.

**Celebrate our alumni**

Every year the School of Nursing Alumni Society honors deserving alumni by bestowing distinguished awards for achievement and outstanding service. If you would like to nominate a deserving alum for one of the awards listed below and for more details, please let us know by emailing westr073@umn.edu. The award winners will be honored at the All School Reunion. Alumni Awards include Rising Star Award, Excellence in Nursing Education Award and the Distinguished Alumni Humanitarian/Service Award.
Six alums named FAANs

Six University of Minnesota alums are among the 195 highly distinguished nurse leaders to be named fellows to the American Academy of Nursing. Casey Hooke, PhD ’06, Hyeoneui Kim, PhD ’05 (Health Informatics); Martha Y. Kubik, PhD ’02 (Epidemiology); Robin M. Lally, PhD ’06, MS ’99, BSN ’91; Kristin Sandau, PhD ’04, and Misty Wilkie, PhD ’09, were selected to be inducted. The achievement is considered one of the highest honors in the nursing profession.

Congrats!

In August, the Mpls.St.Paul Magazine announced its 2018 Outstanding Nurses award winners.

Four School of Nursing alumnae were among 17 total winners announced at the magazine’s annual banquet. Bethany Beattie, BSN ’11, received an Outstanding Nurse Award in the women’s health category. Ann Garwick, PhD, ’91, received an Outstanding Nurse Award in the nurse researcher category. Janice Majkozak, BSN ’88, received an Outstanding Nurse Award in the clinic setting category from Mpls.St.Paul Magazine. Anne Meyer-Ruppel, MS ’98, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Mpls.St.Paul Magazine.

Laura Reed, DNP ’16, is chief nursing executive and chief operating officer at Fairview Health Services. Shanda Demorest, DNP ’17, BSN ’13, assistant clinical professor, is leading the Nurses Climate Challenge, the first national campaign to mobilize nurses to educate health professionals on the impacts of climate change on human health in partnership with Health Care Without Harm and Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments.

Nurse’s Week Challenge success!

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who responded to our Nurse’s Week Challenge! The challenge from an anonymous alumnus to match her gift of $1,500 grew to $5,860 in gifts for the Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Be a preceptor, be a mentor

As alumni of our school, you benefitted from experienced preceptors who helped you in your transition to practice. We welcome you to consider serving as a preceptor for 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 by serving as a preceptor, please tell us more about you.

Upcoming Events
Sept. 19: Nursing Salon
Sept. 20: Curiosity Drives Progress Lecture Series: Enabling Technologies
Sept. 20-21: Lillehei Symposium: Progress in Cardiovascular Care
Sept. 22: Difficult Airway Workshop
Sept. 27: Nursing Salon
Sept. 27: Dan Buettner: The David A. Rothenberger Lecture
Oct. 3: Developing and Translating Innovative Exercise Programs for Older Adults
Oct. 5: ECMO Symposium: Advanced Management of the Failing Lung or Heart
Oct. 11: Psychiatry Review 2018
Oct. 15: Henry Street Consortium Conference
Oct. 17: Nursing Salon
Oct. 25: Nursing Salon
Oct. 27: Interprofessional Discussion of Healthcare Ethics
Nov. 2-3: School Nurse Organization of Minnesota 2018 Annual Conference
Nov. 9: 7th Annual Integrative Approaches to Mental Health Care
Nov. 16: Emerging Infections in Clinical Practice and Public Health: New Insights, New Approaches
Nov. 21: Nursing Salon
Nov. 29: Assuring safe environments for work, study and play
Nov. 30: Minnesota Nurse Practitioners 2018 Annual Conference
Dec. 8: Difficult Airway Workshop
Dec. 19: Nursing Salon

Fall webinars

Sept. 25: Management Tips for New Managers
Oct. 8: Election 2018: Midterm Update
Oct. 11: Making a Career Change w/ Elizabeth Craig
Oct. 25: Foes, Fear and Failures: Confronting the Three Fs to Become Your Best
Dec. 6: How to Get Hired at the University of Minnesota
Ongoing: Learn more about doctoral programs at the School of Nursing

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!