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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ALUMNI OF THE UF COLLEGE OF NURSING

A PIONEERING JOURNEY CLINICAL NURSE LEADER GRADUATES TAKE THEIR PLACE IN A LONG LINE OF NURSING TRAILBLAZERS



Florence Nightingale
Leader of Modern Nursing Movement
1850s



Dorothy M. Smith
Founding Dean, UF College of Nursing
United Nursing Education and Practice
1950s



UF Clinical Nurse Leader Graduates
Nursing Leaders who will
Transform Patient Care
2007–Future



In the increasingly complicated world of patient care, a typical hospital stay might include visits from several physicians, a rotating team of staff nurses, and input from specialists, nutritionists, social workers, pharmacists and nursing administrators. The bevy of new faces and new technologies can be bewildering for patients.

The “pioneering” graduates of UF’s Clinical Nurse Leader program have learned to make sure that this complicated system does not hinder the delivery of the best possible patient care. UF’s first cohort of CNL students graduated at the end of the summer semester and are ready to blaze a trail in patient care.

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Sara Gravelle (center), a CNL student performing her residency at Wolfson Children's Hospital, speaks with staff nurses (L) Marilyn Espedido and Annie Inman (R) about the status of a patient.

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WOLFSON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, 6TH FLOOR

The 6th floor staff is readying for a discharge planning meeting. The many health care team members gather to discuss their patients—in order to uncover and resolve medical conditions, confer on patient status, and discuss an array of issues related to family support, psychological issues and plans for the patient after their hospital stay.

The group consists of young staff nurses, a physical therapist, child life specialist, social worker, nutritionist, patient education coordinator, and one member who acts as an important link between the team members. Sara Gravelle is an acting Clinical Nurse Leader who is immersed in the CNL role as part of a time intensive residency.

Throughout the meeting, Gravelle is constantly regarded as a vital connection amongst the complex team—she mentors the young staff nurses and advises the specialists on patient responses to treatment. She speaks to the social worker about home care that may be needed for a child and advises a nurse on how to counsel a first-time mother whose newborn is in the hospital.

Gravelle and her fellow CNL students know their patients and coordinate an array of resources to ensure the best possible outcome for each of them.

“Clinical nurse leaders (CNL’s) were a missing piece in patient care. There are so many technologies and services available to patients now, and the CNL will integrate care from all of those resources,” said Amanda Brown, a CNL graduate who, like Gravelle, will continue in a permanent CNL position at Wolfson Children’s Hospital. “I follow each patient to personalize and coordinate his or her care. Every patient I care for as a CNL will see me every day. They and their families will know I am their ‘point person’ in the maze of hospital personnel.”

The Clinical Nurse Leader program at the University of Florida is now at an exciting point on a long journey. Beginning

in 2000, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing began a thorough study of education, regulation and practice issues.

The AACN Task Force on Education and Regulation for Professional Nursing identified the need for a new kind of nursing professional, the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), one who is educationally prepared to effectively coordinate, manage and evaluate care for groups of patients in complex health systems.

This CNL serves as a generalist clinician who manages a health care unit and team, including licensed nurses, technicians, and other health professionals. Master’s degree level education prepares the CNL to bring a high level of clinical competence and knowledge to the point of care and to serve as a resource for the nursing team.

“This is a role that was lacking before—leadership at the bedside by an expert nurse who will focus on the patient. It allows our highly educated nurses to stay in the forefront of patient care,” said Jane Gannon, MSN, CNM, coordinator of the Clinical Nurse Leader program. “What we have found is that this role improves communication greatly among the entire health care staff, including fellow nurses as well as physicians and other professionals, which we anticipate will impact the quality of patient care delivery.”

The UF College of Nursing was one of the original 77 schools nationwide who piloted the new CNL program. The College was fortunate to have innovative practice partners, which include Shands at UF, Shands at AGH, Shands Jacksonville, Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center, Wolfson Children’s Hospital in Jacksonville and Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

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“We were excited to be working with the University of Florida, especially on the CNL program,” said Carolyn Johnson, Chief Nursing Officer of Wolfson’s Children’s Hospital. “At the acute care hospital level, we found that deficits existed—much of the master’s level education had moved to specialized primary care NP roles, and that caused graduates with a master’s degree to leave hospital-based practice. The CNL fills the gap for master’s prepared generalist nurses focused on direct care for hospitalized patients.”

Wolfson embraced the role from the beginning. They piloted the role for 30 days before the program actually began to see how it would fit within the spectrum of the hospital. The role grew and was so successful that Wolfson changed their patient care delivery model to facilitate the patient centered focus of the CNL. The nursing unit changed their delivery of care model to incorporate the CNL.

Gravelle, who has worked as a staff nurse at Wolfson for the past 10 years, had not considered returning to school for her graduate degree until she heard about the CNL program. The program seemed like the perfect fit because of her desire to stay in direct patient care—her true love.

“The facilitation of communication among the physicians, nurses and families has contributed to the hospital’s overall mission to be family centered in patient care. It seems as if the CNL role has also boosted the professionalism amongst the nursing staff. Nurses take more ownership of their practice. Since they can rely on me to work with them on issues or problems occurring on the unit, it enables all of us to be proactive,” Gravelle said.



CNL student Rhea Broyles (at right) mentors a new graduate nurse at Shands at AGH.

a review of the day’s patients. She speaks to the nurse on duty about the status of new and existing patients.

“I focus a lot on educating patients on risk factors such as diet, smoking, weight gain and other lifestyle habits,” Broyles said. “Hopefully we can educate these patients and their families so that we don’t see them admitted for the same problems again.”

A newly graduated nurse (referred to as a “GN”) approaches the nurses’ station, and Broyles discusses the status of several patients with her. A key role of the CNL on many units, including at Shands at AGH and Wolfson, is mentoring GN’s in order to ensure a smooth transition to professional nurse.

Broyles plans to act as a preceptor for future CNL students, help to promote the role in other areas of the hospital and encourage others to pursue the degree.

The next steps for the CNL program at UF and nationally are to measure the outcomes of the pilot program, including indicators of patient and nurse satisfaction, reduction of medical errors, and nurse-sensitive patient outcomes. Graduates face one more challenge before they begin their practice as CNLs, a national certification examination administered by AACN.

Along with Brown, Broyles and Gravelle, students Charlotte Birkenfeld, Danita Burch, Christine Cobb, Dana McCrone, Sharon Parrish, Vivian Pearson and Cindy Stuart make up the first class of CNL “pioneers” at UF. (Birkenfeld, Brown, Burch, Cobb, Gravelle and McCrone graduated at the end of the summer semester; Broyles, Parrish, Pearson and Stuart will graduate in the fall). Although they may not consider themselves so, their colleagues and faculty members believe that their courage and conviction to pursue this new role will not only improve patient care, but also offer them challenging professional careers.

“Sara was always a fantastic nurse, but she is a better CNL,” said Alice Bayne, clinical nurse educator and Gravelle’s preceptor at Wolfson. “This experience has allowed her to see the whole picture, and that growth has resulted in active learning and discovery, which has affected all those around her for the better.”

And the journey is just beginning...

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SHANDS AT AGH, 6 EAST, CARDIAC UNIT

About 70 miles south, CNL student Rhea Broyles transitions from her role as the director of nursing support services at Shands at AGH in Gainesville to begin her CNL residency on the 42 bed cardiac unit of the hospital. Broyles has been at the hospital for 36 years, and she decided to pursue her master’s degree when she heard about the CNL program.

Broyles’ residency has focused on congestive heart failure and acute heart attack patients in order to reduce readmission rates, address issues that may arise with this cohort of patients and facilitate and collaborate with the nursing staff.

Broyles greets everyone at the busy nurses’ station and immediately pulls a census, which is

I recently had the honor of being invited to sit on a national council charged with addressing solutions for the growing nursing and physician shortages. The Council on Physician and Nurse Supply is based in the University of Pennsylvania’s Consortium for Health Workforce Research and Policy, and is headed by Dr. Richard Cooper and our esteemed alumna, Dr. Linda Aiken.



KATHLEEN ANN LONG
PHD, RN, FAAN

Through my early work on this Council, it has heartened me to know that many of the national recommendations for addressing both the nursing shortage and problems in our health care delivery system are in process at our own College of Nursing. UF’s education programs illustrate our willingness to explore and evaluate innovations, and our collective belief that better educated nurses are essential for better patient outcomes and improved health care delivery systems.

Most recently, the establishment of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida Center for Health Care Access, Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes at UF positions our College for a leadership role in developing better care for all of Florida’s citizens as well as designing models that can be used nationally.

The Center’s inaugural project has begun under the leadership of assistant professor Donna Neff, PhD, RN. She is working with the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research to examine nurse work environments. The Florida study will survey 50,000 registered nurses to develop an understanding of how staffing and practice environments affect patient care. We believe that the results of the study will ultimately improve patient care.

The faculty and students at the UF College of Nursing know that we can never fix our broken health care system or provide high quality nursing care for every patient by embracing the status quo. Rather, we view the current shortage as a tremendous opportunity to improve the future of health care—a chance to better educate nurses and reform our delivery models so that every professional nurse is utilized to the full extent of her or his knowledge, skill and ability.

Kathleen Ann Long

Psychiatric Nursing Faculty Honored for Service

Assistant Professor Jodi Irving and Associate Professor Jo Snider were awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards by the North Central Florida Journal Club to acknowledge their lifelong professional contributions to psychiatric nursing at the College of Nursing and the Gainesville community. Both Professor Irving, a nurse practitioner, and Dr. Snider, a clinical specialist, have a long history of teaching psychiatric-mental health content at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

At the same recognition ceremony, the organization awarded Clinical Assistant Professor Linda Gouthro a Certificate of Merit in recognition and appreciation of her scholarly contributions to psychiatric nursing at UF and in the Gainesville community.



(L-R) Dr. Jo Snider, Prof. Jodi Irving and Prof. Linda Gouthro.

accomplishments in brief

Assistant Professor Jeanna-Marie Stacciarini was recently approved for graduate faculty status at UF. Her article “Group Therapy as Treatment for Depressed Latino Women: A Review of the Literature” was published in the journal *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*. Dr. Stacciarini’s poster, “Focus Group with Puerto Ricans: Adapting the Language and the Culture of an Instrument” was accepted for presentation at the 2007 APNA conference.

Assistant Professor Alice Poe, coordinator of the nurse midwifery program, was notified that the program recently received a three year HRSA grant.

Assistant Professor Dinah Welch’s poster abstract “Residential Inequalities Negatively Impact Women’s Health” was accepted for the Florida Association of Public Health Nursing Conference.

Associate Professor Jennifer Elder was recently promoted to Full Professor and her article “Diet and Child Behavior Problems: Fact or Fiction?” was published in the journal *Pediatric Nursing*.

Assistant Professor Barbara Lutz was invited to serve as a member of the Stroke Nursing Committee of the American Heart Association’s Council on Cardiovascular Nursing, and she also was invited to speak at the 2008 State-of-the-Art Stroke Nursing Symposium in February. She had a paper accepted for the 8th Annual Qualitative Methods Conference in Canada that will be held in September and

the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Washington, DC, which will be held in November. Dr. Lutz’s article, “Care Coordination/Home-telehealth for Veterans with Stroke and their Caregivers: Addressing an Unmet Need” was published in the journal *Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation*. She published a chapter, *Theory and Practice Models for Rehabilitation Nursing*, in the 4th edition of *Rehabilitation Nursing: Prevention, Intervention, and Outcomes*.

Many faculty members gave presentations at Sigma Theta Tau’s 18th International Nursing Research Conference in Vienna, Austria in July. They include:

Assistant Professor Susan Donaldson – “Fathers’ Perspectives on Interventions to Help Their Children with Autism.”

Jenks Endowed Professor Beverly Roberts – “Effects of Anemia on Physical Function, Activities of Daily Living and Falls,”; “Co-Impairments of Dyspnea and Depression on Functional Limitation,” and “Disability in Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Among Persons with Heart Failure.”

Clinical Assistant Professor Susan Schaffer – “Smoking Cessation: Potentially Risky Effects on Prescribed Medications.”

Professor Jennifer Elder – “Novel Approaches and Technology in Training for Fathers of Children with Autism.”

COLLEGE OF NURSING HONORS UF NURSING PIONEERS

Dean Emeritus Lois Malasanos By Katie Phelan



Many family members, friends and former colleagues came together to honor the memory of Dean Emeritus Lois Malasanos at a remembrance service on June 14. The remembrance service honored Dr. Malasanos's work and dedication to both the College of Nursing and to the nursing field as a whole.

Several key figures in Malasanos' life and career spoke at the service. The speakers included Vice President for Health Affairs Emeritus Dr. David Challoner; Daughter Dr. Toree Malasanos; Dean Kathleen Ann Long; College of Nursing faculty members, Ms. Jodi Irving and Dr. Sandra Seymour; College of Medicine Professor Dr. Kathleen Shiverick; former student and professor emeritus Dr. Claydell Horne and special college friend Mr. Murray Jenks.

Attendees at the service also shared their memories and stories of their time with Malasanos. At the end of the service, a toast was offered in honor of Malasanos.

Malasanos touched the lives of so many during her time as dean and faculty member at the College of Nursing. This was evident through the memories described during the service.

"As current Dean of the College of Nursing, I can say with assurance that the contributions Dr. Malasanos made to both our college and the nursing profession in Florida, nationally and internationally, are innumerable...Dr. Malasanos' accolades go on and on. She truly was a leader who was a force in nursing education, science and practice," said Dean Long.

Dr. Sandra Seymour noted how Dr. Malasanos encouraged her to go back to school to earn a doctoral degree and rejoin the faculty. Although Dr. Seymour was hesitant, Dr. Malasanos did not give up and later gave Dr. Seymour the support she needed.

Others, including faculty members and former students, noted in particular Dr. Malasanos' devotion to teaching and her students, as well as her extensive knowledge and passion for nursing science.



(Above) Many of Dr. Malasanos colleagues and friends gathered to remember her spirit and lasting impact.



(Left) Dean Kathleen Ann Long with Dean Emeritus Malasanos' daughter, Dr. Toree Malasanos and her sons.

Malasanos was truly a leader in nursing and achieved great things during her time as dean. The memories that were shared during the service were only a few of many that she left behind. She will be greatly missed by her students and colleagues.

Professor Jennet Wilson



One of the College of Nursing's founding faculty members who helped pioneer obstetrics and maternity nursing passed away May 9 at the age of 88.

Professor Emeritus Jennet Mae Wilson helped develop and influence bold innovations in maternity nursing when the UF Health Science Center was in its infancy.

In memory of Professor Wilson, the College of Nursing held a remembrance service on June 18. The service took place following the Heritage Faculty tea. Several of Professor Wilson's colleagues, friends and former students spoke in her honor including Dean Long, Dr. Betty Hilliard and Dr. Rose Nealis.

"Truly she was a great influence in the personal and professional development of many students and her fellow colleagues," Dean Long said.

Wilson served as a U.S. Navy nurse during World War II. She subsequently received a bachelor's degree in nursing at Duke University.

After receiving her master's degree in nursing from Teachers College at Columbia University, Wilson was asked by Founding Dean Dorothy Smith to help establish the College of Nursing at UF. At UF, Wilson taught maternal-infant nursing and practiced at Shands at UF, where she introduced new concepts such as instructing new mothers on infant care and keeping newborns in the same rooms as their mothers. Wilson also managed the Carver Clinic



Colleagues gathered to remember Jennet Wilson. (L-R) Seated: Polly Barton, Ann Smith and Dr. Betty Hilliard. Standing: Virginia Strozier, Dr. David Williams and Dr. Gene Anderson.

for expectant mothers where she and her students managed the care of underserved pregnant women.



COLLEGE CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2007

What do a superhero, a president, a group of visiting Polish colleagues and one of the largest numbers of graduates in the College of Nursing's history have in common? They all helped commemorate the College of Nursing's Class of 2007 as the members took their place in a long line of Gator Nurse graduates.

This year's College of Nursing commencement ceremony, which took place May 4, 2007, was held once again at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Serving as keynote speaker was Dr. Loretta C. Ford, the founder of the nurse practitioner movement. Now retired and living in Florida, Dr. Ford, along with pediatrician Henry Silver, developed the first nurse practitioner program based on a model for health promotion and disease prevention in the pediatric population. Dr. Ford also served as the Founding Dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing and Director of the University Hospital's Nursing Service.

Dr. Ford inspired the graduates with thoughts about her own experiences and reflected on how the students had a unique opportunity to shape and influence the future of nursing and health care. After her speech, Dr. Ford unveiled her secret weapon—her "Supernurse" persona!

The College had the special honor of welcoming President Bernie Machen to the ceremony. He offered congratulations to the Class of 2007. In addition, the College was proud to host special guests from the Medical University of Gdansk. (For more on the dignitaries from Poland, see page 11).

Preceding the ceremony on Thursday afternoon, the College hosted a festive commencement barbecue to honor the graduates where Albert and Alberta, UF's alligator mascots, greeted both students and faculty members.

The following day, at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 288 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree graduates walked across the stage to enter into the next stage of their nursing careers. Of particular significance was the first cohort of Clinical Nurse Leader graduates who commemorated their Summer 2007 graduation during the spring ceremony.

A number of other retired and emeritus faculty as well as friends of the College were also in the audience.

The Alumnus of the Year award was given to Dr. Amy Barton (PhD 1990), a "rising star" in nursing education and leadership. Dr. Barton is currently the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Professor at the University of Colorado at Denver Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. She was named a 2005 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. This program is designed to prepare leaders for the nation's health care system. She also was selected to participate in the American Association

of Colleges of Nursing 2005 Leadership for Academic Nursing Program. Dr. Barton had the special honor of having her Alumnus award presented to her by President Machen, who also serves as her professional mentor.

The College honored outstanding students with College of Nursing Excellence Awards, chosen by faculty members based upon students' performance in the care of particular patient populations. In addition, awards were given by Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Theta Chapter and the class of 2007. The Academic Excellence awards were given to the top scholars from the Generic, Accelerated and RN to BSN tracks, as well as the MSN and PhD programs.

Students from the graduating class gave out the outstanding faculty award to Joan Castleman, Clinical Assistant Professor in community health nursing.





College Hosts 2nd Annual Pinning Ceremony

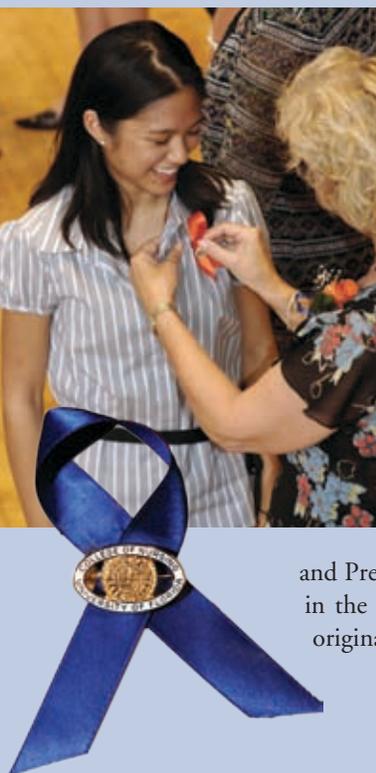
By Katie Phelan

Family, friends, faculty and alumni gathered to honor graduating baccalaureate students at the UF College of Nursing Pinning Ceremony on May 3. Hosted by the Nursing Alumni Council, the event was held at the historic University Auditorium. One hundred and thirty seven graduating students from the BSN nursing program were presented with their College of Nursing pins to signify their passage from student to alumnus and professional nurse.

The UF College of Nursing pinning ceremony signifies the end of the graduates' time as students as they embark on their careers as alumni of the University of Florida. Nurses often wear their school pin during their career activities to show pride in their achievement and their alma mater.

Bonnie Pepper, UF College of Nursing Alumni Council President-Elect and Dean Kathleen Ann Long welcomed the students and spoke of the importance and significance of the event. The ceremony continued with the recognition of each student and later the pin presentations by Dr. Karen E. Miles, Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. The students, pinned by faculty members and members of the Alumni Council, received their pins placed on orange and blue ribbons.

Meghan Bullard, graduating senior and President of the UF Nursing Student Association, spoke on behalf of the class. She talked about the significance of the pinning, and Jessica Wild, graduating senior and President of the Nursing College Council, led the students in the Pledge for Professional Nursing, a revised form of the original Florence Nightingale Pledge.



College of Nursing Excellence Awards

- Audrey Clark Quarles Award for Clinical Excellence in Maternal-Newborn Nursing – **Carissa Anne Stanley**
- Jennet M. Wilson Award for Academic Excellence in Maternal-Newborn Nursing – **Elizabeth Reagan Treece**
- Excellence in Pediatric Nursing – **Jill St. Marie Jurkiewicz**
- Virgie Pafford Award for Excellence in Community Health Nursing – **Carissa Anne Stanley**
- Catherine Bell Award for Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing – **Sroda Dzifa Ablordeppey**
- Excellence in Community Service – **Julie Ann Gonzalez and Meghan Lorraine Bullard**
- Excellence in Research – **Allison Maritsa Lewis**
- Dr. Mary Elizabeth Hilliard Award for Leadership and Scholarship in Nurse Midwifery – **Cynthia Trainer Williams**
- Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing – **Wesley Jack Foley**

Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Excellence in Clinical Practice Awards

- Clinical Practice – **Jordon Graves**
- Scholarly Activity – **Constance Alford, Charles Zeilman**

Academic Excellence Awards

- BSN Generic Track – **Elizabeth Reagan Treece**
- RN to BSN Track – **David Dionisio**
- BSN Accelerated Track – **Kellie Jean Fortner**
- MSN – **Claudia S. Crena**
- PhD – **Hilary Stevens Morgan**

Student Awards

- Excellence in Doctoral Research Awards – **Robyn Panther Gleason**
- Outstanding Faculty Member – **Joan Castleman**
- Nursing College Council Recognition Award – **Lorraine Keller**
- UFNSA Recognition Award – **Julie Gonzalez**
- Outstanding Senior Student Award – **John Waters and Carissa Stanley**
- Outstanding Senior Mentor – **Meghan Bullard and Camille Hanson**

COLLEGE OF NURSING '07 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

201 Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates
(includes accelerated degree students)

81 Master of Science in Nursing graduates

6 PhD of Nursing Science graduates

288 Total Graduates

(includes Fall 2006, Spring and Summer 2007)

GET TO KNOW YOUR AL



PARRINO

Maryse (dela Grana) Parrino, BSN

BSN 1974, *President*

Maryse currently works at her husband Jack's busy allergy practice in Tampa, Florida. Her daughter, Adriana, 24, is presently in graduate school at UCF studying communication disorders. David, 20, is in his third year of pre-med at the USF. Maryse volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America. Maryse can be reached at MaryseGP@aol.com



PEPPER

Bonnie (Snider) Pepper, MSN

BSN 1980, *President Elect*

Bonnie currently works at the Marcus Institute in Atlanta, Georgia as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the feeding disorder program. She is single with three children, Suzi, 13, Scotty 21, who is a senior at UF, and Kenny, 23, who graduated from UF in 2006 and is working for Marriott Golf in Phoenix, Arizona. Bonnie is a Board Member of the University of Florida Alumni Association and Treasurer of the Atlanta Gator Club. Bonnie received her MSN in 1996 from Georgia State University. Bonnie can be reached at gatorbonnie@yahoo.com



LOVE

Patsy Love, MSN

BSN 1990, *Treasurer*

Patsy currently teaches health assessment at Bethune-Cookman University and does pediatric clinicals in the ER for senior nursing students. Patsy is also attending USF in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Her oldest daughter is an RN with a master's degree in counseling and lives in Orlando where she is opening her own practice specializing in play therapy. Her youngest daughter is a UF graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in marketing and lives in North Carolina. Patsy has five grandchildren that love coming to the beach and going to Gator games with Grandma. Patsy can be reached at pwlove@bellsouth.net.



SASSNER

Patricia Sassner, MSN

MSN 1997, *Secretary*

Pat Sassner is currently working at the NF/SG Veterans Health System as an NP in a Primary Care clinic. She has been an active member of the UF Board of Nursing Alumni Council since her graduation in 1997. Pat is also an associate professor at the College of Nursing, handling clinic rotations for the UF undergraduate nursing program and acting as a preceptor for the MSN program. She is married with one child. Pat can be reached at eaglei23@aol.com



GEIGER

Barbara "BarBee" (Emmel) Geiger, MBA

BSN 1974, *Past President*

BarBee currently works for the NF/SG Veterans Health System in Gainesville, Florida as the Chest Pain Center Coordinator/Systems Redesign Coordinator. She has been married to Chuck for 33 years. She has three grown children, Macy, Austin and Kent, and a 2-year-old grandson, Max. Her hobbies include reading, golf, sewing, cooking and gardening. BarBee would love to hear from her 1974 classmates. BarBee can be reached at barbeegeiger@hotmail.com



CREWS

Kelli McCall Crews, MSN

BSN 2001, MSN 2005, *Regional Representative*

Kelli is board certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner by the ANCC. She is currently employed by the VAMC in Lake City, FL and works as a nurse practitioner on the telemetry and ICU units. Kelli enjoys tennis and is a competitive player on the Lake City/Gainesville team. Kelli is married to Chad and they have one son, Gavin. Kelli can be reached at kellimc6@hotmail.com.

If you would like more information on joining the Alumni Council Board, or serving on

ALUMNI COUNCIL BOARD

Dee Goff, BSN

BSN 1971, Regional Representative

Upon graduation, Dee spent 15 years as a critical care nurse at hospitals in Florida and Washington. She then moved away from the bedside and spent 14 years in various positions at a large durable medical equipment company. Since December 1999 Dee has been the national director of Quality Assurance & Risk Management for Kforce HealthCare. She has two grown children and both of them are Gators! Her daughter is also a Gator Nurse. Dee resides in Clearwater. Dee can be reached at dgoff@kforce.com.



GOFF

Karen Hanson, MSN

BSN 1966, MSN 1986, Regional Representative

Karen enjoys working with the alumni council and has been very connected with the college since graduating. In the late 1970s, she worked with other Central Florida nurses to bring graduate nursing education to Orlando. She currently works at Florida Hospital in Orlando as a Process Architect with the MIS department. She has three children. Scott, 38, is a high school administrator and has two children. Brett, 35, works as a government contractor in computer security and has three children. Michelle, 26, is an environmental engineer living in Los Angeles. Karen is an avid Gator fan, having had season football tickets for 30 years. Karen can be reached at khanson@cfl.rr.com



HANSON

Russell Jacobitz, BSN

BSN 1994, Regional Representative

Russell is current the Chief of the Clinical Informatics Service for the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. Russell enjoys golf, men's softball, and ultimate frisbee. He is married to Kelly, CON class of 98, and they recently welcomed their first child, Nicholas.



JACOBITZ

Alice Jackson, BSN

BSN 1977, Member-at-Large

Alice currently works at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida as the Administrative Assistant Director for Emergency Services.



SMITH

Ann Smith, MSN

MSN 1967, Member-at-Large

Ann is currently retired and residing in Gainesville, Florida. She joined the Alumni Council during the Spring of 2007. Her other activities include the board of the University of Florida Retired Faculty, board of the Matheson Museum of Alachua County, and the Gainesville Civic Chorus. Ann can be reached at asmith360@aol.com.



IRVING

Jodi Irving, MS, ARNP, CS

Faculty Member

Professor Irving is advisor and coordinator of the RN/BSN track. She teaches Professional Socialization, therapeutic communication and psychiatric-mental health clinical nursing at the undergraduate level as well as family theory/therapy and family therapy clinical experiences at the graduate level. In addition, she engages in a private practice that she established in 1973. She joined the Alumni Council in April 2007 and serves as the Philanthropy Committee Chair. We are happy to welcome Jodi as a new member. Jodi can be reached at irvinja@ufl.edu



DENKER

Ann-Lynn Denker, ARNP, PhD

BSN 1973, Ex-Officio Member

Ann-Lynn is the current Magnet Project Director/Nursing Research Coordinator at Jackson Health System in Miami Florida. In addition Ann-Lynn has a faculty appointment at the University of Miami School of Nursing. Ann-Lynn also serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Nurses Association and is currently chair of the FNA Political Action Committee. Ann-Lynn can be reached at adenker@um-jmh.org

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Gator Nurse Tami Jungklaus Follows Her “Heart” In Her Career and Community

By Katie Phelan



In her life and in her career, UF nursing alumna Tami Jungklaus has always followed her heart.

Thirty years after her career began, she is at its most rewarding point, serving as a nurse practitioner in cardiology nursing and passing along her passion for nursing to her daughter Elizabeth, who followed in her footsteps to graduate with her BSN and MSN from UF.

Jungklaus credits her experience at the University of Florida with preparing her for the opportunity to work in the field of cardiology nursing, her true love.

Jungklaus started her nursing career as an LPN in 1978 after graduating from Mitchell Community College in North Carolina. She worked in the cardiac care center at

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and this fell into place for me.”**

—Jungklaus

Iredell Memorial Hospital before deciding to continue her education. After moving to Gainesville, Jungklaus received her associate’s degree in nursing from Santa Fe Community College in 1995.

Although she was working in the nursing field, Jungklaus wanted to pursue her education and become a nurse practitioner. She received her BSN in 2001 and her MSN in 2002 from UF.

During her graduate study, Jungklaus served as a research assistant to Associate Professor Meredith Rowe and also worked as clinical resource coordinator for the Senior Health Center in Gainesville. She found her experiences with research very rewarding as it allowed her to learn about evidenced-based practice.

After graduation, Jungklaus was offered a position working in a cardiology private practice with Dr. James O’Meara at the Cardiology Associates in Gainesville.

“It is difficult to obtain a position in nursing in the field of cardiology so I consider myself lucky. I followed my heart, and this fell into place for me,” said Jungklaus.

Jungklaus cares for patients in both the clinical and non-clinical settings. She visits patients at Shands at AGH. After providing clinical care, she educates her patients in an effort to reduce their risk of developing future heart problems.

Jungklaus’s desire to care for others continues beyond nursing. She recently started the organization “Dining for a Cause,” which consists of a group of women who meet for dinner every fourth Thursday of the month. Instead of spending money on a dinner out, the members make their own dishes and donate their saved money to local Gainesville charities. Although the organization was only started a year ago, it has already raised several thousand dollars.

Along with being an active member of the community, Jungklaus enjoys spending time with her family including her two grandchildren, Jordan and Sarah. Besides Elizabeth, she is also mother to son Jeremy and daughter Amanda.

“My children are the joy of my life! I am very proud of their accomplishments and Elizabeth’s desire to become a Gator Nurse was very exciting. Her following in my footsteps was the ultimate form of flattery. Her desire to become a pediatric nurse practitioner grew out of a deep love for children and compassion to serve the community. I am proud to be working as a professional colleague with her,” Jungklaus said.

College Hosts Polish Visitors from Medical University of Gdansk



(L-R) Dean Kathleen Ann Long is pictured with Dr. Janusz Morys, Dr. Aleksandra Gaworska-Krzeminska, Dr. Piotr Lass and Dr. Roman Kaliszan.

As part of an ongoing collaboration between the UF College of Nursing and the Medical University of Gdansk (MUG) in Poland, four leaders from MUG visited the College in May. These included Roman Kaliszan, D.Sc., PhD, Rector of MUG, Janusz Morys, MD, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Piotr Lass, MD, PhD, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Aleksandra Gaworska-Krzeminska, N.Med, PhD, Head of the Department of Nursing.

The College hosted these individuals as honored guests at the College's Commencement ceremony, and they toured many areas of UF and met with faculty members from across the Health Science Center. Rektor Kaliszan provided a presentation about the Medical University and health professions education in Gdansk.

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president's message

Dear Gator Nurses!

We had a busy week in May with our Graduation BBQ, Pinning Ceremony and Commencement. The BBQ sponsored by Florida Hospital was attended by graduating seniors, faculty and staff of the College and a good time was had by all, including Albert and Alberta who took pictures with each student.



MARYSE PARRINO

The Alumni Council sponsored the Pinning Ceremony on the evening of May 3rd at the University Auditorium with a full house. It was a special evening for the seniors who attended and were pinned by fellow Alumni Council members, Bonnie Pepper, Karen Hanson and Patricia Sassner, as well as faculty members and alumnae Debbie Popovich and Faye Medley. The Alumni Council truly appreciates the support of the College and its faculty.

We have reviewed applications for our Book Awards and appreciate all of the support that each of you has given to this wonderful program. We were able to increase the amount that each student receives, and with your continued support we will be able to do so year after year.

Finally, please be sure to save the date for the College of Nursing's Reunion Weekend on November 2-3, 2007. This is a great time to catch up with former classmates, faculty and to make new friends.

We hope to see at you Reunion Weekend! Go Gator Nurses!

Maryse Parrino
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Nursing Alumni Council President

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Alumni Council Meeting & Open House
11:30 am to 4 pm
HPNP Complex

Cocktail Reception
5 pm to 7 pm
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