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Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD
President College of Nursing

Dr. Stockert received her Ph.D. in Nursing from Saint Louis University in 2000. She has been with OSF Saint Francis since 1976 when she started her career as a surgical nurse. While earning her master's degree, she served as an instructor at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, and later became an assistant professor when the facility became the College of Nursing in 1986. She most recently served as the Dean of the Undergraduate Program.



Suzanne C. Brown, RN, DNP, PhD
Dean, Undergraduate Program

Dr. Brown received her Ph.D. in Nursing Education from the University of Northern Colorado in 2008. She has been with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center since 1996 when she joined the CVICU as a staff nurse. She began her career in Cleveland, Ohio as an oncology nurse and later served as an assistant head nurse and head nurse of an oncology unit. Dr. Brown joined the College of Nursing in 2003 as an instructor and most recently was an associate professor in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Dr. Janice F. Boundy continues in her position as Dean of the Graduate Program and Kevin N. Stephens continues as Assistant Dean of Support Services. We wish all the best, with many successes still to come.

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2012 Calendar of Events

April 28	8:30 am	Alumni Workshop	7th Floor Auditorium - OSF SFMC
May 17	Noon	Senior Sendoff	Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria
May 17	6:00 pm	Last Meeting of the Year	Wild Berries Restaurant, Peoria
May 19	9:00 am	Graduation	Peoria Civic Center, Ballroom
<i>No meetings in June or July.</i>			
August 16	6:00 pm	Speaker Meeting	Avanti's Restaurant, East Peoria

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Save the Date

Celebrating Our Alumni

September 15, 2012

Alumni Association 6th Annual Workshop

Rescheduled: Saturday, April 28, 2012

See page 5 for details



Message from the President

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope that this issue of Notes from Greenleaf and the spring season finds you doing well. It is hard to believe that we are into the spring semester. The first months in my Presidency have gone well for me. I continue to look forward to future challenges and growth of the College.

This issue will highlight the accomplishments of the College through this year. We are truly proud of the accomplishments for the 2011-2012 year. Here are the highlights for the year:

- :: The fall 2011 enrollment was 554 students and we had a record enrollment of 602 students who started in spring 2012.
- :: The Graduate Program offered three new programs in fall 2011: Nursing Management Leadership, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.
- :: In early March, the College hosted an initial accreditation visit from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The Commission will render its decision in July.
- :: In May, the first three students will graduate with their Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees. Two of the graduates are our own faculty, Phillis Dewitt and Crystal Slaughter.
- :: Four faculty completed their doctoral comprehensive examinations to become PhD candidates. They are Leigh Ann Bonney, Christina Garcia, Tina Hearn, and Theresa Miller.
- :: Kim Mitchell, RN, PhD, a long-time faculty member, was selected as one of 18 Nursing Educator Fellows for 2012 by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- :: We added two additional simulation labs for student learning. The labs and the purchase of SimMan 3G, Sim Newbie, SimMan Essential and four PYXIS medication dispensing machines were funded with Illinois Board of Higher Education Expansion Grant funds.

- :: The College of Nursing was awarded an FY2012 Illinois Board of Higher Education Improvement Grant for \$17,924 which will be used to purchase laptop computers for student use in the classroom and for testing.
- :: We received our 2011 NCLEX Pass Rates. The College of Nursing pass rate is 91% (up from 85% the previous year). It is through all your dedication and hard work that we were able to accomplish this. The national and state pass rates were both 88%.

As economic times continue to be challenging, we remain focused on increasing endowments and scholarships for our students. The continued decrease in federal and state funding for student financial aid presents challenges to the students. The annual appeal letter featuring Amy Funk, one of our students, highlights the continued need to financially help students to accomplish their dreams. I hope that you will consider making a gift this year after you have read the letter.

You are a very important part of the College family and it is our goal to stay connected with you.

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Proud of Our Own

Yay! SUPER! HOORAY! Way to go! NICE JOB! Congrats!



Tau Omicron earns Chapter Key Award

Dr. Kim Mitchell, president of Tau Omicron Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, proudly received the chapter's second Key Award at the Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

The Chapter Key Award, established in 1991, honors STTI chapters who excel in chapter-related activities such as membership recruitment and retention; publicity and

programming; professional and leadership development; and local, national, and international collaboration. Only 83 chapters out of the 510 STTI chapters worldwide received this award.

Tau Omicron is an active chapter. In November, the chapter sponsored a spaghetti dinner and raised over \$500.00 for Hospice House. In February, the chapter sponsored Emily Muehling, Pharm D, to speak on the topic of "What do nurses really need to know about vitamins, herbals and supplements taken by our patients?" Tau Omicron is currently making plans to induct new members on Apr. 29, 2012.

Development and Psychometric Testing of the Colonoscopy Embarrassment Scale.



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Kim Mitchell who had her article related to her dissertation research accepted for publication in the Western Journal of Nursing Research.

West J Nurs Res. 2011 Jun 6. [Epub ahead of print] Mitchell KA, Rawl SM, Champion VL, Jeffries PR, Welch JL.

Celebrating Achievement



Theresa Miller, RN, MSN/MSHA, PhD(c)

Theresa has been appointed by National League of Nursing (NLN) to serve as the NLN Ambassador to Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. As Ambassador, Theresa will ensure that the College faculty are informed of NLN initiatives and the opportunities available to them for research grants, reduced program registration fees, and reduced rates on NLN testing products, and certification. Also, she will facilitate communication between NLN and the College about trends, needs and concerns. Theresa passed her written comprehensive exams for her PhD. She is now Theresa Miller PhD (c). On to the dissertation!



Christina Garcia, RN, PhD(c)

After successfully passing her written comprehensive exams for her PhD, Christina accepted the position of Lead Faculty responsible for the Nursing Management Leadership option in the Graduate Program.



Patricia Schwarzentraub, RN, MS, RN-C, CCNS, APN

Patricia has been collecting used nursing books for distribution to a nursing school in Ganta, Liberia, now totaling more than 1,500 books.



Patricia O'Connor RN, MSN, CNE

Patricia O'Connor and Julie Edwards co-authored the article "Improving Technological Competency in Nursing Students: The Passport Project" which is published at the *Journal of Educators Online* at <http://www.thejeo.com/>. Well done!



Julie Edwards RN, MSN



Peggy Jacques RN, MSN

Peggy Jacques and Nancy Bailey passed the NLN Certified Nurse Educator Exam.



Nancy Bailey RN, MS



Leigh Ann Bonney RN, MSN, CCRN, PhD(c)

Leigh Ann Bonney successfully passed her written comprehensive exams for her PhD.

Valentina Hearn RN, CCRN, PhD(c)
Valentina successfully passed her written comprehensive exams for her PhD.

Stephanie Meuser RN, MSN, FNP
Stephanie Meuser is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.



Alumni Update

Mary Donnelly, '79 : President of the Alumni Association

Happy Spring everyone! Although Central Illinois had a mild winter, it is nice to see the green of spring. It was nice to note on one of the most blustery January evenings, many alumni braved the elements and attended our post-holiday dinner meeting at the Lariat Steakhouse. Two individuals attending that evening were classmates and weren't aware the other was attending. How pleasantly surprised they were to reconnect. I share this as an example of what can occur when you attend an activity. These individuals left the meeting planning to contact more from their class for a future get together.

I can't help comparing the freshness of spring with its new growth to our budding association. Our membership is growing and alumni are calling with ideas and suggestions that are helping make the association a stronger resource for our alumni and the college.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of alumni support to this association. With each new member, we are able to reach out and do more.

Membership monies have allowed us to:

- :: Provide gifts, food and scholarships to current students
- :: Expand homecoming activities
- :: Offer members a discount at our annual continuing education conference
- :: Purchase two benches for the front of the college (*Students love to sit and visit in the warm weather between classes.*)
- :: Purchase plaques listing the names of members in silver and lifetime members in gold. These plaques will be displayed in the college lobby

Alumni have shared a preference for off campus dinner meetings. Parking is easier and it's nice to socialize around a meal. We are making plans to hold our meetings next year off campus. We hope to reserve a variety of dining options so if you have a favorite restaurant let us know.

We will also invite speakers for some of these meetings. Again, if you have any ideas let us know.

Two classes (1962, 1972) are currently working to reunite at our homecoming dinner in September. Call us and we'll be happy to assist you in getting a group together from your class.

I return to my comparison of spring time and the Alumni Association. The College has given us strong deep roots to grow caring and rewarding careers. The Alumni Association offers each of us an opportunity to continue building our connections to the College and each other. Perhaps this spring there is something new you would like to see or do? Please consider new ways you can contribute to the growth of the Alumni Association.

January 2012 Post Holiday Meeting
Lariat Steakhouse



Seated : Edith Matarelli'50 (83rd birthday) Pat White'63
Back row : Mary Donnelly'79, Mary Jo Gebhardt'62, Pat Geltmaker'66,
Paulette Archer'70, Kathy Rosenbohm'65, Deb Richardson72,
Sheila Gibbs82, Janet Shipley'65, Linda Gilbert72, Mary Jo Paine'61



We Need Your Email Address

Would you like to receive Alumni Association news via email?
Email helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org to be added to our email list.

Provided by Alumni Association



Cookies for Student Nurses Day



Treats for Halloween



Sr. Sendoff : Cooler and One-year Free Membership

NEW DATE

Saturday
APRIL 28, 2012

The Alumni Association presents
6th Continuing Education Conference

Using Simulation in Nursing Practice and Education
8:00 am - 3:30 pm, 5 CEU's

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, 7th Floor Auditorium

• **Registration Fees:**

- \$60 Non-Association Member
- \$40 Alumni Association Member,
- \$20 Student

- **Fee includes** materials, continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. Parking is free in the North parking deck off of Berkeley Avenue.

Please make checks payable to SFMCCON Alumni Association and send them to Attn: Paulette Archer, 511 NE Greenleaf Street, Peoria, IL 61603

For additional information, contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, (309) 624-9933 / helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org



Please Help Us Find These Alumni

We have 1,021 graduates whose addresses are unknown.

Margaret Mulligan Dillavou '33
 Lucille Verdun Bell '34
 Cornelia McDonald Mavrelis '34
 Alice Madden Scurry '34
 Edna Mayhew Haickey '36
 Frieda Seitz Haley '036
 Bonita Lesan Collins '36
 Betty Bates '40
 Jo Ellen Smith Collins '40
 Sarah Philhower D'Onofrio '40
 Virginia Robinson Dreyne '40
 Irma Freece '40
 Mary Wright Hayes '40

Dorothea Hageman Jackson '40
 Ann Marie Lavin-Brady McGee '40
 Edith McTague '40
 Florence Lamphere Mettler '40
 Mary Moore '40
 Geraldine Thomas Tate '40
 Edna Morris Francis-Zehr '41
 Doris Donnely Wilty '41
 Mary Jones '41
 Dorothy Rachford Kearney '41
 Alice Dunn Launsbury '41
 Julia Cebuhar Nelson '41
 Maxine Reid Parmentier '41

Loretta Pfeffer '41
 Neele Curran Sullivan '41
 Betty Mann '41
 Minnie Filippone '41
 Sally Traverse Ditmars '41
 Mary Morris Zehr '41
 Eleanore Sheahan Johnson '41
 Consetta Mirande Immegart '41
 Eleanor Gravell '41
 Betty Stambaugh Walder '41
 Arlene Emmerson '41
 Catherine Erickson '41

Starting in this issue we will be asking for your help to locate alumni that we have lost contact with. We will list alumni with specific years of graduation whose address is unknown. This issue we will focus on the years from 1933 to 1941. Please ask any alumni you have contact with to help locate these graduates.

New Alumni Association Members

Lucy Hoscheit McGann	1951	Patricia Hudson O'Connor	2007
Bonnie Dye Seelye	1952	Matt Wilson	2010
Elizabeth Lacey Broadfield	1953	Angela Bickett	2011
Mary Spainhower Noel	1954	Linda Cooper	2011
Mary Lou Gora Craig	1960	Britny Durst	2011
Patricia Yoches Hinds	1965	Shannon Kunkle	2011
Rita Goble Smith	1965	Jill McConnell	2011
Jeanne McLaughlin Ladzinski	1967	Mallorie Menold	2011
Sheri Couture Clayton	1968	Meghan Odell	2011
Linda Garth Gilbert	1972	Robin Strange	2011
Suzzane Forbes Neureuther	1972	Holly Swisher	2011
Deb Scudder Richardson	1972		
Janni Zeman Kahn	1977	LIFETIME MEMBERS	
Shellan Mogged Schwank	1978	Mary K Legner Peiffer	1958
Maureen Mogged McIntosh	1986	Patricia Cassel Stachowiak	1966
Ibbie Voltz	1990	Nancy Aagesen Bracken	1970
Shannon Kunkle	2001	Sara Stachowiak Blackert	1999



HOME COMING 2012

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

Saturday
September 15

College of Nursing

11:00 am - Members only Brunch
 Speaker : Dr. Patricia Stockert
 President of the College

12:00 noon - Tours of the college upon request

Four Points by Sheraton, Downtown Peoria

6:00 pm - Celebrating Our Alumni Dinner

This is the time to celebrate together. Plan your special reunion or just get together with friends who have graduated.

Let Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, help you plan a perfect evening.

Alumni Accomplishments

Cindy Traver, '76 has been promoted to Director of OSF Sisters Community Healthcare Center effective immediately.

Jill Crawford RN, MSN, CAN-BC, '92 accepted the Director of Professional Development position at OSF SFMC.

Allison Paul, '09 has a new position as General Pediatrics Patient Care Manager at OSF SFMC.

Beth Moore, '06 is now 2700/3700 Patient Care Manager at OSF SFMC.

Mark Daabs, '90 has accepted a position as CNE (Nurse Executive) at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Illinois.

Annette Moore (Minnis), '95 accepted a teaching position with Methodist College of Nursing. She previously taught at Oklahoma University.

A Note From Admissions

The Spring 2012 semester began on January 16. In the undergraduate BSN program we have 288 full time and 92 part time students for a total enrollment of 380. Of the 380, we have 45 RN students enrolled in the RN-BSN accelerated pathway. For Fall 2012, we have a potential of 107 new entering Junior students which would be our largest class for the BSN program.

The graduate program is especially growing. This semester we have 199 MSN students, 10 DNP students and 10 Post Graduate students for a total enrollment of 219. The total headcount for all programs this semester is 599.

Summer Session 2012

The College of Nursing is offering limited courses for the summer 2012 session. With 195 students enrolled at this time. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information on any of our programs, please visit us at www.sfmcon.edu or email CONAdmissions@osfhealthcare.org.

Spring Open House

On Saturday, April 14 from 9 am-12 noon at the College of Nursing, we're hosting our Spring Open House. Everyone is welcome to come and visit. For information please contact Ibbie Voltz at 309-655-3274.

Keep In Touch

1951

Rita Thiel

Congratulations to Rita and Paul Thiel who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2011. The Thiel's have five daughters, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Rita is retired registered nurse and still makes calls on a voluntary basis. The Thiel's live an active lifestyle on the shores of Lake Murray in Columbia, S.C. and enjoy boating, gardening, working on church related activities and visiting their children all over the country.

1957

Delores (Preci) Gagon

Delores and her husband Bob, who live in Tucson, Arizona, have welcomed their 3rd great-grandchild, Isaac Ryan Urban, whose home is Charlotte, NC.

1962

Sandra Tebben Buffington

Sandra lives in Tucson Arizona and works as an International Nurse Midwife Consultant. She is currently part of an exciting group from Emory University, working with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity. She travels about three times a year to Ethiopia for 4-6 weeks at a time.

1975

Michelle Gipson Dodson

Michele lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and works in Medical Staff Services.

1993, BSN 2009, MSN

Elly Wear Fennell

Elly lives in Dunlap, Ill working as an ACNS at the Illinois Gastroenterology Institute.

2003

Michelle Benson

Michelle lives in Metamora, Illinois, and obtained her MSN from Bradley University in 2010 in Nurse Anesthesia. She now works as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

2008

Marissa Marti

Marissa earned her Oncology Nurse Certification. She works at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas on the oncology floor.

2009

Cecilia Dion-Trent

Cecelia writes, "After passing my National Boards August 2010, I started on a journey to finding my dream job. There were many disappointments along the way. During this time I prayed and continued to work as a Travel Nurse in central IL. The job was stressful with last-minute cancellations or pick-up shifts, most of all I was driving more than I wanted. In September I met the man of my dreams James Daniel Trent, and married this past May 21st in Maryland at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Eventually, we packed and moved to Illinois. We have a wonderful apartment in La Salle. I have a job as an Adult CNS with Dr. Constantino Perales in Peru, IL. I actively attend the La Salle County Medical Society meetings, look for new avenues to reach the poor clients in this area, and strive to improve health and wellness by incorporating alternative therapy into pain management clients and work with a large population of Hispanics and uninsured. It has been an eye opener to live in a rural area affected by the economic collapse of industry. Jim is my Rock which I rely on heavily to get through those tough days. I am seriously considering going back to school. Not for a Doctorate. My husband has been encouraging me to look into a Family Nurse Practitioner program so that I may expand my talents. Many of my clients desire to have me provide their children's needs however, without licensing I am not able to do so. I have never been this HAPPY and in LOVE. God Bless everyone!"

In Sympathy

The faculty and administration of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing extend their sympathy to the families of the following Alumni.

Pat Barbier Forbes '50

Rita Fultz Hertenstein '57

Dixie Kingsley Ohlman '62

Suzanne Mary Swietek Freeman '79

Call for Nominations

College of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Awards

Ruby Cealey Award : An alumnus who demonstrates caring, professionalism, leadership, community service; and contributions to the profession.

Outstanding Alumni in Leadership : An Alumnus who has positively influenced health care at the institutional, local, regional, nation, or international levels and demonstrates leadership and a commitment to improving nursing and health care through involvement in professional and community activities.

Outstanding Alumni in Education : An Alumnus who functions as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses. Also serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.

Outstanding Alumni in Practice : An Alumnus viewed as an excellent nurse by peers and the public by demonstrating the skills, attitudes, knowledge, qualities, and values of a professional nurse.

Nomination forms can be picked up in the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Public Relations department or contact Helene Batzek at 309-624-9933 / helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to honor an outstanding alumnus.

All nominations must be received by August 31, 2012.

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing will honor its distinguished alumni at the Celebrating Our Alumni Dinner on September 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Lifetime Alumni Member Passes Away



Rita Fultz Hertenstein '57

Rita graduated from Saint Francis School of Nursing in 1957 and was married that same year. She worked as an operating room nurse at the hospital until her husband was drafted into the Navy in 1959. Returning to Peoria in 1961, she

worked part-time in surgery before becoming a full-time mother and volunteer.

In 1965, Name became involved in the Peoria Medical Society Auxiliary, serving on the board of directors and various committees. She was president of the Auxiliary Board in 1994-95. She also served on the first board of directors for Saint Francis College of Nursing.



Helene Batzek Embraces Role at College of Nursing

As Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing continues to grow, along with the need for nurses, the importance of keeping graduates connected also grows. Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, helps to do just that. Helene works with the Alumni Association to coordinate alumni reunions, meetings, workshops, newsletters and membership. She also promotes the presence of the association throughout the medical center, community and college. She helps to assess the needs of the college and brainstorms ways that the association can help meet those needs.

"I am not an alumnus of the College but have fallen in love with both the College and its graduates."

Got questions? Helene's got answers. Here are some frequently asked questions:

- :: Can you help me connect with a classmate?
- :: Can you send addresses of a graduating class?
- :: Can you help me put a gathering of classmates together?
- :: Can you send me a picture of my graduating class?
- :: When are the annual fees for membership due?

For help with any of these questions, contact Helene at 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

"One of my goals is to increase membership and help graduates to keep connected with each other and the college," says Helene. "Our surveys show our alumni would like to reunite more often with their graduating class. The Alumni Association and I are here to plan events and gatherings and supply information for this purpose. We encourage alumni to utilize this service."

For more information about the College of Nursing, visit their website at www.sfmcccon.edu or their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/sfmcccon>.

Class of 1962 and 1972 Planning 50th and 40th Anniversaries

Anniversary celebrations are being planned for Saturday, September 15th, 2012 at the Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Peoria for the classes of 1962 and 1972.

1962 graduates – please contact:
> **Mary Jo** (Zelenda) **Gebhardt** 309-685-5130
rmgebhardt@yahoo.com

> **Bonnie** (Robbins) **Brailey** 615-773-7251
bkbrailey@aol.com

1972 graduates – please contact:
> **Constance** (McConnell) **Ryan** 309-243-5925
drdtm@mtco.com

> **Linda** (Barth) **Gilbert** 309-637-1732
gilbewh@worldshare.net

Reminder...

All checks for alumni events or donations must be made out to SFMCCON Alumni Association

Keep Sending Us Your Thoughts and Ideas

The College continues to read your communications and it is our goal to serve you as best we can. If you have any input to what you would like to see the College and Alumni Association do, please contact **Helene Batzek** at 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org.

We'd like to hear from you!

Is there any professional or personal news you'd like to share with your colleagues? New job? Promotion? Advanced certification? Honors/awards? Professional activities? Marriage? New baby? Move? What would you like to see included in *Notes from Greenleaf*? Send us the details.

Last Name	First	Surname	
Home Address		Telephone	
City	State	Zip Code	
Occupation	E-mail	Yr. Graduated	
SFMCCON/SFHSON Degree(s)		Year(s) Received	
Other Degree(s)	Year(s) Received	Institution	Major

For further information contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative. Phone: (309) 624-9933 E-mail: helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

Please help keep our alumni files current by sending us your e-mail address and phone number.

Interested in Joining the Alumni Association?

Name: _____

Surname: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please respond to Paulette Archer '70 at (309) 655-4132, paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org, or mail your \$10 membership fee (\$250 for Lifetime Membership) to 511 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, Illinois 61603. Make checks payable to SFMCCON Alumni Association

★ **Reaching for the Stars** ★

Current population of graduates : **3,212**
Current alumni association membership : **192**

★ Help us fill that gap with your membership ★

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Winner of the College Hooded Sweatshirt for liking us on Facebook was **Daniela Lawson '09**.