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It has been a busy time of looking at the Foundation, where we have been, where we are at, and where we are hoping to be over the next few years. We are reaching our own as a Nursing Foundation in Illinois.

The INF continues to collaborate with community partners to promote the health of the public by supporting nurses through charitable, research, and educational initiatives. The Foundation provides funding for nursing scholarships and scholarly initiatives that advance the nursing profession and promotes the health of people. With the growing IL License Plate program, we are able to build our funds to support more grants and scholarships.

The Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) exists to allow Illinois nurses the opportunity to give economic value and power to their values of caring, concern, and compassion. In order to continue the work of the INF, continued donations, sponsorships of activities, and fundraising events are needed. Philanthropy allows the expression of the desire to promote the welfare of others and to promote positive change in society. This gives YOU, the opportunity to support the INF and its many programs. Since the INF is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization, all donations may be eligible as a charitable donation; please check with your tax accountant.

As we all know, it takes monies to just run the basics of a Foundation, and monies to do the work of a Foundation. A volunteer Board of Directors runs the Foundation, but staff is needed to support the Board's work and coordinate the INFs many functions, programs, and activities. There are no "members" or "membership dues" to support the Foundation.

So, you may ask, how can you give or participate in supporting the INF. One way would be to go to the INF website, www.illinoisnurses.foundation, and click on Donate. You can donate using a credit card or send a check to the INF. Additionally, you may have the ability to make a sponsorship donation for one of our annual events: 40 Under 40 Celebration, Honor a Nurse Program, or the Holiday Fundraising Gala.

We have also established a Legacy Program to include the INF in your estate planning. We offer the opportunity to name a nursing scholarship after your loved ones. Consider transferring your RMD funds directly to the INF and save on possible taxes. There are so many ways for you to reach students and nurses throughout the state. Please consider remembering the Foundation as we continue our work.



Cheryl Anema

Cheryl Anema, PhD, RN
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The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) was established in 2006 as part of the Nurse Practice Act and is located within the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). The INWC has established multiple coalitions with regional, state, and national organizations to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession.

One of the goals for this past year included the timely release of reports of data collected during license renewal. In 2019, the RN and APRN reports were written and posted on the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center website within one year of data collection. The LPN report will be posted by early 2020. The reports show that we have an aging nursing workforce in Illinois, for example, 52% of RNs are 55 years or older. We also have more nurses of color in the younger age groups. These are but a few details that can be found in the reports – extending back to 2001. For all current and past reports, please use the address below <http://nursing.illinois.gov/ResearchData.asp>

The INWC partnered with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to survey retention of faculty recipients of the Nurse Educator Fellowship program, FY2007-FY2019. Ninety-six percent of the Nurse Educator Fellows responding to the survey are currently employed in nursing education; only 4% are not. This program began in 2007 and has been funded for ten of the past thirteen years. A survey conducted in April 2019 found 114 of the 156 fellows the INWC were able to contact (73%) responded to the survey. This statistic indicates that this program is meeting its intended purpose, i.e., to help ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at Illinois institutions of higher education.

The Nursing Workforce Center, co-lead with ANA-Illinois and the Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) of the Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) provided outreach for the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) committee on the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 for the first of three town hall meetings which was held at Malcolm X College on June 7, 2019. IHAC was well represented by: INWC Chair Dr. Kathy Delaney, Manager Linda B. Roberts; IONL President Dr. Jennifer Grenier; ANA-Illinois President Dan Fraczkowski, Vice-President Dr. Karen Egeness and Executive Director Susan Swart. Other organizational leaders: ANA Board member Amanda Buechel; IACN President Dr. Judy Neubrandner; IOADN President Dr. Julie D’Agostino; NAHN-IL President Lupe Hernandez, Past Presidents Dr. Liz Aquino and Susana Gonzalez; State Board of Nursing Chair Dr. Catherine Miller and Nursing Coordinator Michele Bromberg, and many, many others.

The INWC continues to partner with the IHAC Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup which has been focusing on and funding academic-practice partnerships. This group, through a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) grant was able to fund 10 undergraduate and graduate projects. Three of these projects were showcased in a webinar in August; this webinar, which provides 1 hour of free CE is available on the Illinois Nurses Foundation website. A day of interactive workshops is planned March 12, 2020 at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. For those nurses that not able attend, the first two hours will be available through Zoom. The fiscal agent for this grant is the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center continues to work with industry professionals and educational institutions to ensure that Illinois has a nursing workforce necessary to meet the demands of a growing and aging population. Visit the INWC website, www.nursing.illinois.gov

Illinois Nurses Foundation – Overview

The Illinois Nurses Foundation was established in 2001 and our vision, mission and purpose provide us with the tools we need to serve the nurses and people of Illinois.

The Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) vision; “Developing the nursing profession to transform healthcare in Illinois”

The Illinois Nurses Foundation’s purpose is to collaborate with community partners in promoting the health of the public by supporting nurses through charitable, research, and educational initiatives.

The INF, as led by the Board of Directors, assures that its purpose is accomplished through scholarships, research and fellowship funding as well as continuing education for the nurses of Illinois. We offer several scholarships and fellowships that can be used to further the vision of the foundation.

Through these initiatives, we are supporting the future of nursing in Illinois, and safeguarding the care patients in Illinois receive.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council serves as a critical community champion of the Illinois Nurses Foundation. Members of the Advisory Council share their gifts in service to our mission by providing our organization with their professional expertise; their diverse knowledge of constituent perspectives; their connections to local, national or international resources, colleagues or peers; their philanthropic support or other forms of needed assistance. The Advisory Council has no governing function within the organization.

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GIFT OF HOPE LEGACY PROGRAM

The creation of the Gift of Hope Legacy Program utilizes an individual’s ability to provide financial support to the INF through sound financial estate planning. By allocating contributions to the nursing profession, it demonstrates support and concern for the profession and its future. The Program allows for assistance in reviewing one’s estate, and available assistance to an advisor while preparing the estate plan.

This plan involves wills, trusts, legacy donations, bequests and gift annuities. With the aid of a financial advisor and information obtained from the Illinois Nurses Foundation, securing the future of Illinois nursing can be an easy and convenient process.

NURSES IN NEED INITIATIVE

On an individual basis and in response to extreme need situations (i.e. natural disasters) the INF provides relief funds based on the Board’s review and approval of each situation.

FELLOWSHIPS

ANNE ZIMMERMAN FELLOWSHIP

Anne Zimmerman served the Illinois Nurses Association (INA) in many roles. She was the Executive Director from 1954-1981, and President of the American Nurses Association from 1976-1978. She was one of a select handful of courageous women and men who, over the last 60 years, transformed nursing to a respected profession.

Anne's leadership in representing nurses and her outstanding collaborative management skills fostered growth at INA. To honor Anne Zimmerman's memory and keep alive her spirit of commitment to promoting leadership within nursing associations, the Anne Zimmerman Fellowship was created. The first Anne Zimmerman Fellow was first awarded in 2005. A recent recipient developed a retired nurse's network here in Illinois. This is a wonderful example of how Anne's spirit continues to thrive at ANA-Illinois, the professional association for registered nurses in Illinois.

MOTHER BICKERDYKE AWARD

This award honors a nurse(s) who supports the true spirit of Illinois nursing by preserving its' history, performing exceptional selfless work for Illinois citizens and/or exhibiting unparalleled leadership qualities of compassion and dedication. An honorarium/stipend to help fund a project will be determined by the INF Board pending review of a proposal.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SONNE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Sonne Scholarship Program was created through a generous bequest from the estate of Maybelle Sonne, a retired nurse, who directed that the funds be used to aid those entering a career in nursing.

Members in good standing of the Student Nurse Association of Illinois (SNAI) are eligible for the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) Sonne Scholarship. These funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, or other costs encountered by a student enrolled in a state-approved nursing program which leads to eligibility to sit for licensure examination as a registered professional nurse.

A committee of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Nurses Foundation will review the scholarship applications and recommend recipients to the full INF Board of Directors who will make the final selection.

Depending on the funds available at the time of recipient selection, up to four scholarships of \$500 to \$1,500 will be awarded in the fall of each year. The recipients will

be recognized at the INF's reception at both the Illinois Nurses Association (INA) and Student Nurses Association of Illinois (SNAI) conventions. Scholarship recipients will receive a year's free membership in INA upon graduation.

ARTHUR L. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

In 2008, the INF developed criteria for a new scholarship for nurses looking to advance their degrees to become nursing faculty. The Arthur L Davis Scholarship is one step towards finding a solution for the looming nursing shortage.

Amount of Scholarship Award: \$1000.00

This scholarship was made possible through generous donations from Arthur L. Davis Publishing Agency, Inc.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Centennial Scholarship is dedicated to qualified students majoring in Nursing who are considered underrepresented according to the Sullivan Commission data.

Background:

African American, Hispanic and American Indians represent 25% of the US population. Per the 2007 Sullivan Report on Diversity, there were approximately 2.2 million nurses employed. However, only 9% of the employed nurses represented diverse populations. Additionally, in Nursing, Asians are also an underrepresented group.

Definitions:

In Nursing, underrepresented individuals include: African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Asians and Males.

Scholarship amount to be determined.

WENDY K. BURGESS DISTRICT 19 SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

This scholarship is dedicated to qualified students majoring in Nursing who reside in or attend nursing schools within the historical boundaries of the INA District 19 (West Cook and DuPage Counties).

Background:

Illinois Nurses Association District 19 was committed to the education and development of students interested

Renewal: A Showcase Event for Nurses' Art Expressions - Coming in April, 2020

2020 has been declared the "Year of the Nurse" by the World Health Organization and it is also the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale! These significant events call for special recognition and celebration of our profession! How can you help make it special?

From April 3 to May 24, 2020, the Hektoen Nurses and Humanities and the Hektoen International Journal of Medical Humanities will sponsor an exhibit entitled, "Nurses Relaxation and Renewal through the Arts" at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences (IMSS) at 1500 Lake Shore Dr. in Chicago. Our intent is to share with colleagues ways that nurses use a wide and varied range of artistic expressions to promote the rest, relaxation and renewal needed to support self-care.

We invite all nurses, students, retirees, etc., to submit examples of their wide variety of artistic talents for a 6 week long display of their poetry, photography, gardening, writing, sewing, pottery, painting, collage, music, etc. and any artistic activities that engage nurses in personal relaxation and renewal.

There will be an opening wine and cheese reception for 200 participants and guests at the IMSS on Friday evening, April 3rd. The opening event will allow nurses to network with those who share their artistic interests, regardless of their nursing specialty. (The exhibit might even prompt to healthcare institutions to highlight the talents of their own nursing employees during the "Year of the Nurse").

To submit your artistic expression, please send 1 to 3 photos of your art form online to rns@hektoen.org by March 1, 2020. All entries will be featured either on display at the museum or on video-loop presentation. More information is available through rns@hektoen.org. This is an amazing opportunity for nurses. Please consider submitting your art work! Show others what you do to nourish yourself as you continue to follow the path of Florence Nightingale. Hektoen Nurses and the Humanities presents programs that encourage the healing power of the arts and the humanities for caregivers and their patients. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NursesandHumanities/>

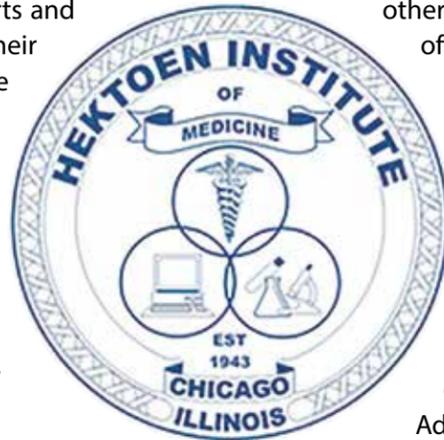
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Hektoen Institute of Medicine - Nurses & the Humanities

Nurses & the Humanities was founded in June 2006 to present programs that demonstrate and encourage the healing power of the arts and the humanities for caregivers and their patients. Programs addressing diverse themes of nursing and the humanities (art, literature, history, philosophy, music, theater, and dance) have various formats, including lectures, workshops, classes, and excursions. The programs are geared towards nurses, caregivers, medical professionals, and nursing students, but are open to the general public.

Our Mission is to provide humanistic, creative and interactive educational opportunities to clinicians. We endeavor to expand imaginative horizons and to



explore the arts as a source of healing for the self and for providing compassionate and holistic care to others. Our interactive arts-focused programs offer opportunities to network outside the health care arena and to explore the untapped healing potential of creativity.

Our Vision is the belief that nurses need to balance the science of nursing with an appreciation of the arts that offers them new strategies for self-care and that expands their repertoire of resources for holistic caregiving. The Advisory Committee embraces the joy of artistic expression, heightened sensory perception, and exposure to the vast realm of aesthetic possibilities as essential to the art of nursing.



in careers in the profession of Nursing. To that end, the District endowed a scholarship with the Illinois Nurses Foundation to assist nursing students who reside in or attend nursing schools within the historical boundaries of INA District 19.

Definitions:

Nursing schools within the INA District 19 historical boundaries include: Loyola University, Triton College, College of DuPage, Elmhurst College, West Suburban College of Nursing, Benedictine University, and Lewis University.

Scholarship amount to be determined.

D21 SCHOLARSHIP

The District 21 Scholarship is dedicated to US veteran nursing students with military service within the past 10 years and/or nursing students employed at the University of Illinois, University of Chicago, City of Chicago or Stroger Hospital of Cook County.

Scholarship amount to be \$1000 and can be used to pay tuition, buy books and/or supplies related to the training.

D2 SCHOLARSHIP

The District 2 Scholarship is dedicated to nursing students enrolled at one of the following programs of nursing:

- University of St Francis
- Joliet Junior College
- College of DuPage
- Elgin Community College

Scholarship amount to be \$1000. One scholarship to be awarded to each program listed above.

NORTH SUBURBAN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of the historical District 18, this scholarship was developed to assist undergraduate and graduate student schools of nursing located in north suburban Chicagoland schools of nursing. The scholarship is dedicated to qualified students majoring in nursing who are currently enrolled and attending one of the accredited schools of nursing within Northern Cook and Lake County.

Background:

Former District 18 was committed to the education and development of students in serving within the profession of nursing. This endowed scholarship is intended to provide opportunities with the Illinois Nurses Foundation to assist undergraduate and graduate nursing students who attend one of the following accredited schools of nursing within the above region: College of Lake County, Harper Community College, Loyola University, North Park University, Northern Illinois University, Oakton Community College. Schools of nursing which have lost accreditation will be ineligible until accreditation is achieved and/or renewed.

Scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 to one undergraduate or one graduate nursing student.

SOUTH SUBURBAN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

In honor of the historical District 20 of the IL Nurses Association, this scholarship was developed to assist students attending nursing schools located in the South Suburban Chicagoland Schools of Nursing. This scholarship is dedicated to qualified students majoring in nursing who are currently enrolled and attending one of the accredited nursing schools within the south suburbs as outlined below.

Background:

District 20 was committed to the education and development of students interested in careers in the profession of nursing. This endowed scholarship is intended to provide opportunities, with the Illinois Nurses Foundation, to assist undergraduate and graduate nursing students who attend one of the following accredited nursing schools: South Suburban Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State Community College, St. Xavier University, Trinity Christian College, Governor's State University, or Chamberlain School of Nursing – Tinley Park Campus (only). Schools listed which have lost accreditation would not be an eligible school until accreditation is achieved.

Scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 to one undergraduate or one graduate nursing student.

2019 Nurse of the Year Finalists

Amanda Buechel, BSN, RN, CCRN

Amanda is an amazingly dedicated young nurse who never stops. She is a fantastic nurse, dedicated volunteer, and role model for other recent graduates. She started her nursing leadership journey as a student at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. While attending school, Amanda was very active in student leadership, holding several positions at the St Francis student nurse association chapter. Amanda served as 1st vice president of the Student Nurses Association of Illinois (SNAI) in 2014. In 2016, she was appointed to the ANA-Illinois Board of Directors as a director at large and served until the end of 2017. During her time on the ANA-Illinois Board, Amanda traveled up and down the state speaking at numerous nursing schools to inform students on the Nurse Practice Act Sunset and to encourage them to fulfill their duty as nurses and get involved with their state professional association. She continues to serve as



a co-consultant for the Student Nurses Association of Illinois and continues to give back to nursing. In 2017, Amanda ran for and won a seat on the American Nurses Association's board of directors, serving as Director at Large-Recent Graduate. Her term in that role ends in Dec 2019. In this position, she has participated as an ANA-PAC Board of Trustees member, Committee on Honorary Awards member, and Committee on Appointments Chair, the first recent graduate to serve in that role. With her role on the ANA Board of Directors, one of her main goals was to increase the engagement of recent graduates at the annual Membership Assembly. She accomplished that goal. She was able to double the number of recent graduates that attended and had the highest number of recent graduates participate this past June at the 2019 Membership Assembly. There is no doubt this is only the beginning of a very long and successful career..

Eileen Moss, DNP, NR, NCSN, PEL-CSN

Dr. Moss has been the Lead Nurse for 17 years in the New Lenox School District #122, supervising 13 nurses for 5000 students in 12 schools. She is an innovator as she developed the very position she holds in her district. Among her many achievements in her area, she coordinated care integration for students with significant needs after dissolution of the local special education cooperative agreement with her district. Dr. Moss is the founder and leader of the monthly Will County School Nurse group. She received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Advanced Nursing Population at UIC last May, and serves as an adjunct clinical instructor for the UIC School Nurse Certification Program. At the national level, Dr. Moss is a member of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Scholarship Committee and has been a presenter for IASN and NASN. She co-authored an article for the Journal of School Nursing in April 2019, a poster presentation for IASN, and developed a toolkit for school nurses, based on her DNP project related to school nurse website design. Dr. Moss epitomizes excellence in



school nurse leadership, innovation, and professionalism.

Here is what some of Eileen's nursing colleagues and coworkers have to say about her:

"Through data, Eileen successfully negotiated an improved school nurse ratio from 1 nurse to 3 buildings to a nurse in every building..."

"Dr. Moss' exemplary leadership abilities, professional knowledge, and appropriate utilization of resources has contributed to our district being able to provide quality healthcare services within our schools.....She leads the district nurses by modeling ethical decision-making skills and provides a professional environment that fosters excellence in nursing services..."

"Eileen's personal touch is what elevates her practice from a science to art. I think every nurse in our district would call her advocate, mentor, leader, and friend."

"Eileen has gone above and beyond to ensure school nurses are using best practice..."

- Jo Carter, EdD, RN; Associate Professor, School of Nursing Millikin University
- Patricia Eathington, DNP, MS, BSN, RN; Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Western Illinois University

Projects that end after the webinar will have an opportunity to be on a panel at our next conference on March 12, 2020. The conference will have two options for attendance, 2 hours zoom or 3.5 hours in-person attendance at McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois.

What challenges are you experiencing in getting the work done?

Out of 10 partnership projects funded after two RFP rounds in 2018, two were completed by the end of 2018. Three were completed during the spring 2019 semester, three during the 2019 summer term, one during fall term 2019, and one not until the spring semester of 2020. We learned that we needed to be flexible with deadlines to meet the needs of the schools of nursing, academic level of student and practice setting capacity. For example, some schools of nursing don't offer practicums every semester, some only offer them in the summer, and graduate student projects can last a year or longer.

We also needed to be flexible with funding amounts. Some partnerships had the capacity and need for larger projects, and some could handle several projects, while others could only accomplish projects requiring a smaller quantity. After ten projects, we will have funding left for another RFP following our next conference.

Registration for September 4, 2018 conference was less than anticipated. We selected a date to coincide with the IPHA annual state conference, and the day available fell on the day after Labor Day, making travel to central Illinois a challenge. In 2020, we are planning a conference, *Return on Investment, Partnership in Action*. Participants may join the first 2 hours via Zoom or may attend the interactive workshops in person at McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois on March 12, 2020. Registration details are in the December issue of Nursing Voice.

How is evaluation data going? Is it on track to provide findings at project end?

A "writing" sub-group of the PHNL Academic-Practice workgroup consists of the RWJF PHNL, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) workgroup representative, and three academic workgroup members. All participated on the PHNL Dissemination Project Writing WebEx, June 19, 2018, the materials sent following the WebEx were reviewed, and we decided to focus our articles on the value of a PHN Academic-Practice partnership and the process including successes and challenges. Three journals have been targeted for the writing project, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is supporting a writing coach for this project.

After reviewing the reports from the first two projects submitted in January 2019 we realized that while their reports provided excellent information about the project activities and outcomes, we are not receiving the type of information we need to evaluate the partnership process from all partners. A questionnaire about partnership collaboration was developed and distributed to the project partners to complete and submit in addition to their project final reports.

Summary

The Illinois Public Health Nurse Leaders Academic-Practice Partnership Workgroup, with the expansion funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) for 2018 -2019, has successfully expanded the number partnerships throughout Illinois to include MSN students in addition to BSN and RN-BSN students. The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) continues to provide support for the project, and the Illinois Nurses Foundation continues to be the project fiscal agent.

This is the third year of academic-practice pilot projects promoting the culture of health, including focusing on population health. The student pilot projects routinely supported organization objectives, so the full impact of a project might not be measured until after the students were gone. The academic-practice pilot projects are seen as critical to strengthening the educational opportunities for current public health nursing staff and encouraging new nurses to consider careers in public health nursing.



Project Update: November 2019

How is the project going?

With the expansion funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for 2018 -2019, the Illinois Public Health Nurse Leaders Academic-Practice Partnership Workgroup continued to expand the number partnerships throughout Illinois to include MSN students in addition to BSN and RN-BSN students. The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) continues to provide support for the project, and the Illinois Nurses Foundation continues to be the project fiscal agent.

So far, ten projects have been funded, and awards range from \$307.50 to \$3,500. Two projects were completed during the fall 2018 term, and eight projects were initiated during the spring 2019 term with ending dates ranging from May 2019 through the spring term, 2020. Projects are located throughout the state in the northern, central and southern regions. Academic partners include both graduate and undergraduate programs. Project titles and partners:

1. Partnering to enhance patient coaching and self-management: Will County Community Health Center/Lewis University
2. Partnership in school-based health clinic: St. John Fisher School/St. Xavier University School of Nursing
3. Breast-feeding friendly initiative: Jackson County Health Department/SIU Regional Nursing Program
4. Vermillion County Health Department/University of Illinois at Chicago, Champaign-Urbana
 - A. Mental health initiative provider survey
 - B. Male-involvement and adolescent pregnancy prevention campaign
 - C. Emergency preparedness
5. Interdisciplinary collaboration: public health department and students providing education in the rural county: Fulton County Health Department/Western Illinois University
6. Student hot-spotting: Department of Family and

Community Medicine, SIUE, School of Medicine/St. John's College, Department of Nursing

7. What are perceived healthcare needs of Chicago south suburban residents related to health and participation in holistic learning: Restoration Ministries/Trinity Christian College
8. Social marketing – crossing the way to health: Crossings Healthcare/Millikin University
9. Nurse internship in primary care nursing serving the underserved: Access Community Health/Loyola University of Chicago, Niehoff School of Nursing
10. Community collaboration for the implementation of vaccine distribution: Vermillion County Health Department/Lakeview College of Nursing

A statewide conference was held on September 4, 2018, in central Illinois with 50 participants. Topics included: 1) Panel discussion of 2017/2018 projects, 2) Challenges facing rural hospitals, 3) Creative writing and story-telling to strengthen the nursing workforce, 4) Tips for Public Health Advocacy, 5) Project development and stakeholder mapping and 6) Developing a grant application process. Evaluations were reviewed; participants agreed that upon conference completion they were able to identify a potential population health problem and obtain a skill to build and sustain partnerships to improve local culture of health. Topic suggestions for a future academic-practice partnership conference were received. A summary report is available upon request.

The showcase webinar was delayed until at least half of the projects were completed. A successful lunch-and-learn webinar was held on August 28, 2019: *Successful Academic-Practice partnerships in Illinois Communities*. There were 50 attendees whom each received one hour of free continuing education (CE). Three projects were presented:

- Krista Jones, DNP, MSN, RN, PHNA-BC; Director, Urbana Regional Campus; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Health Systems Sciences; UIC College of Nursing

Sue Clark, Nurse Lobbyist

It is my honor to recognize Sue Clark with an Honor a Nurse Nomination. After a successful career as a registered professional nurse, Sue Clark linked her passion for healthcare into a second career as a lobbyist in Illinois. Sue Clark has served as lobbyist for nursing in Illinois since 1994. For 25 years she has stood under the dome of the Capitol and represented nurses and the profession. She has mentored the Board Members of the Illinois Nurses Association, ANA-Illinois, and the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nurse, and countless others. She has educated those individuals on the importance of grassroots advocacy and how to develop public policy. She has also spent countless hours educating legislators and other policy leaders on the role of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses in health care. There is not an introduced bill or adopted statute that Sue has not been involved in the last 25 years. Many of these bills were, in fact, written by



her and then perfected with legislators, nurses and other stakeholders. Her negotiating skills and ability to see a path to resolution has resulted in the passage of the many pieces of legislation in Illinois. Her accomplishments also include the hundreds of laws that she helped to stop or to amend to remove onerous language detrimental to the profession of nursing. I would be neglectful if I did not note that in Springfield, when a bill addresses nursing, legislators know to talk to Sue Clark. Her respected presence has served the entire profession well for over 25 years. In summary, it is a proud moment for me that I have this opportunity to honor Sue Clark in this manner. If it were not for her and the time she has invested in so many nurses throughout the state, we would not have advanced the profession in Illinois as we have. There is nothing I know regarding public policy and nursing regulation that I have not learned from Sue. She is an amazing woman, mentor, leader, and nurse.

William Ryherd, BSN, RN

It is with great admiration and a thankful heart that William (Bill) Ryherd, BSN, RN, from the Family Practice Clinic at the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center for be nominated for Nurse of the Year. When our son, who has autism, turned 20, we found ourselves buried in a mountain of paperwork for the State and Federal Governments. These organizations required multiple forms and letters be submitted in order for Andrew to continue to receive his medical benefits. We did not know where to begin, so our son's nurse recommended asking Bill, another Clinic nurse for assistance because of his proficiency in this area. In spite of having his own extensive work load Bill didn't hesitate to offer assistance with the exhaustive and complex paperwork required for these special needs programs. Bill's dedication to caring for others has led to him becoming an acknowledged expert in completing the intricate and often convoluted forms associated with special education mandates and Government programs. The paperwork systems created by these organizations were designed as navigational tools. What we needed, and found in Bill, was our navigator. He

worked closely with us, Andrew's School, and Andrew's Doctor in coordinating schedules, collecting information, completing forms, and creating and sending the required supporting documentation to the appropriate agencies. He was instrumental in helping us manage the process and explaining expectations, options, and possible outcomes. Through his diligence Andrew was granted continuing medical coverage on his 21st birthday by the Department of Defense and will continue to receive his much-needed benefits from the Social Security Agency. We dedicate this quote to Bill from Vincent Van Gogh. "Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on Earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling."

Thank you Bill, you are an amazing nurse who has proved to be an extraordinary advocate, confidante, pathfinder, and friend. You used your valuable time to look out for Andrew's best interests and helped us to successfully traverse the confusing world of special needs programs to obtain the support he will need well into the future.

2019 NURSE OF THE YEAR

Chris Galloway, DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC, MOT

I would like to honor Dr. Chris Galloway DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC, MOT. Dr. Galloway brings strong assets to his role as an APRN. First, this nurse is dedicated and hardworking both in the areas of patient care and innovation. He is extremely organized and focused on excellence in evidence based patient care. He was not satisfied with the “status quo”, and in order to provide the quality of care that he feels his patients deserve, he opened his own ambulatory practice “Elemental Care – Health and Wellness Center”. His DNP project focused on alternatives to opioid use by using essential oils – thereby providing an evidence base for avoiding the use of opioids for chronic pain. Chris has the 68th Full Practice Authority license in Illinois – and I know how much he was looking forward to getting this license!!!



In addition, Dr. Galloway mentors nurse practitioner students, frequently, serving as a preceptor – and even hired one of his former students for his clinic! Dr. Galloway not only serves his community, he has also served his country. He just completed his time serving in the United States Army Nurse Corps where one of his assignments was the executive officer of a combat support hospital. As if this all of this was not enough, Dr. Galloway is also an outstanding faculty member. I had the privilege of being his colleague at Resurrection University in Chicago. He teaches both online courses as well as face-to-face courses. I can honestly say that more than one student has approached me to tell me that Dr. Galloway is awesome!!! I am so very pleased to Honor Dr. Chris Galloway.

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The Illinois Association of School Nurses (IASN) Welcomes its New Board



The Illinois Association of School Nurses (IASN) installed its new Board this past October at their 62nd Annual Conference—*New Trends in School Nursing: Changing Practices to Meet Our Students’ Needs*. The sessions, and speakers were relevant to school nursing practice today, and ensured that attendees have the foundation of knowledge, and skills to be successful in their role as school nurses. IASN will continue to be at the forefront of delivering vital content to its members, and are committed to improving their engagement in the policy and advocacy arena for better school health. As a nurse working in any Illinois school this is the organization you can depend on. To learn more about IASN visit our webpage at iasn.org.



Left to right: Linda Vollinger, Treasurer; Karen Madura, Governance Coordinator; Laura Robinson, Education Coordinator; Gloria E. Barrera, President Elect; Juanita Gryfinski, President; Bridget Heroff, Communications Coordinator. Not pictured: Cathy Yonkaitis, IL Director to NASN; Jessica Gerdes, Advocacy Coordinator; Linda Kimel, IASN Foundation Liaison.

Illinois Nurses go to Washington - Inspired to Advocate for Patients

Attending the ANA Membership Assembly in June 2019 for the first time was an inspiring and invigorating experience. I was elected to vote on behalf of ANA-Illinois and I was humbled to represent my state. The weekend started with ANA Hill Day where I was able to speak to members of the House of Representatives and staff from Senators Durbin and Duckworth. My conversation with Rep. Jan Schakowsky was the highlight of the day. I felt well-prepared and empowered to advocate for my patients and my colleagues regarding a variety of pending bills. In October 2019, the Title VIII bill passed the House and was referred to the Senate. Title VIII extends nursing grant programs to support the education and training of nurses. As nursing faculty, I'm thrilled my students and my college have financial support to grow and to diversify the nursing profession. In November 2019, the House passed the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act. Requiring employers to protect their front line staff is an important step to protect nurses and to give nurses recourse when they do experience violence. I'm thrilled to see the efforts of thousands of nurses' efforts come to fruition.

After ANA Hill Day, we spent 3 days at the Membership Assembly where positions on a multitude of issues were voted on. Voting on behalf of my state was not something I took lightly and it was reassuring to see there was near-unanimous support across all states for the proposed



motions. The position statement "The Nurse's Role When a Patient Requests Medical Aid in Dying" was approved and advised nurses to remain objective when patients are considering the option of medical aid in dying. Remaining objective, even when a nurse may personally disagree with a patient's choice, is something I am constantly teaching my nursing students. This position statement reinforces the importance of not allowing one's personal beliefs to cloud one's nursing judgment.

An issue I'm extremely passionate about is encouraging all patients to be immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases and I have written op-eds to combat the misinformation spread by anti-vaccine groups. The Assembly voted to remove the religious exemption and to require annual recertification for medical exemptions. We need to protect the health of all American citizens, and ANA supporting the removal of a religious exemption sends a powerful message.

The Assembly voted to advocate for state legislation to all DACA nursing students to take the NCLEX in all states without barriers. The nursing profession has always been a large employer of immigrants and a person's immigration status should not dictate whether or not they can care for their fellow human beings. If a person has successfully completed a nursing program, their ability to work should not be restricted, this goes against the core values of the nursing profession. I was galvanized to see this very important motion passed.

Another pinnacle of the weekend was to watch Susan Swart from ANA-Illinois elected as Vice President of ANA. I benefited from being able to learn from Susan over the course of the Assembly and was able to see her passion first-hand. She will be an exceptional Vice President and all nurses will benefit from her leadership. Thank you and I can't wait to do it all again next year!

Terry Gallagher DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNL

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This scholarship was approved by the 2017-2019 Board of Directors to establish a means to support nurses wishing to pursue an APRN degree and APRNs wishing to pursue additional education. **Applicants must be an ISAPN member and reside in Illinois or be attending an Illinois college/school.**

2019 Scholarship Winners

Jayro G. Cortez

Millikin University
Centennial Scholarship

Shea Demonteverde

Aurora University
Sonne Scholarship

Jackie Falotico

Northern Illinois University
North Suburban Nursing Scholarship

Sara Ismail

Saint Xavier University
South Suburban Nursing Scholarship

Justin Jasper

University of St Francis
District 2 Scholarship

Audrey Paitz

Loyola University Chicago
Dr. Wendy Burgess Scholarship

Janeshia Robinson

Bradley University
District 21 Scholarship

Charitee Rummage

University of Illinois of Chicago
Fresenius Kabi/American Nurses Foundation

Youngkwan Song

University of Illinois at Chicago
Arthur L. Davis Scholarship

Lanette Stuckey

Capella University
Anna Gallagher/American Nurses Foundation
Scholarship



Being involved in numerous organizations and leadership roles while balancing nursing school and family has made it difficult for me to work and pay for school. This scholarship has helped me and my family alleviate some financial stress so that I can focus more on my academics. It is my goal to continue my education further while working as a nurse bedside. I want to be able to give back to the community that has shaped me to be a better person. Although I have many more challenges to face, this scholarship has given me hope and encouragement to keep pursuing my dreams. I am immensely grateful for this opportunity from the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

Thank you,
Shea Demonteverde
Nursing Major/Physiology Minor

Nurses Impact National Policy and Witness the Power of Their Voices

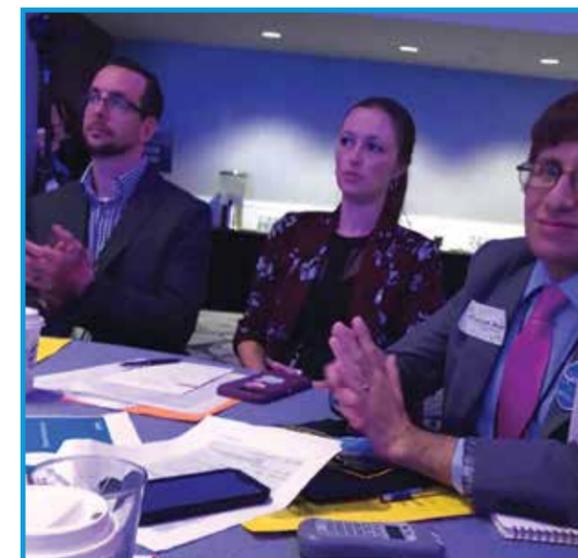
This past June, there was quite a buzz of energy and excitement in our nation's capital. With several hundred registered nurses representing the ANA at the 2019 Membership Assembly, there was much witness to the power and passion of the nursing profession. As one of the ANA-Illinois delegates, I was honored to attend the assembly and opportunity to visit legislators' offices on the days prior to the convening meeting.

As the governing and official voting body of the ANA, the annual Membership Assembly provides the important opportunity for representatives from the various ANA organizations (i.e. state chapters, affiliated organizations) and the ANA Board of Directors to gather. The overall objective of the assembly is to allow discussion and action on pertinent policy recommendations and issues that impact nursing and healthcare.

My first full day in Washington D.C. offered a chance to gather with fellow nurses for a legislative briefing in preparation of our small group visits to Congressional and Senate offices. Statements by ANA President, Ernest Grant and ANA lobbyists provided a foundation for the important conversations we'd be having that day with those that represent our respective districts. I was extremely excited to hear my own Congresswoman offer a call to action during the orientation session. Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, a registered nurse and first time representative from the 14th Congressional district in the Chicagoland suburbs, spoke eloquently and pointedly to the power of the nursing voice and how nurses have a unique way of looking at the whole person, including their environment and social/cultural perspectives. The nurses, including state chapter leaders, delegates and others wanting to advocate for important

health issues, then gathered into small groups to make personal visits to our representatives' offices. The Illinois delegation was able to visit with members of Senators Duckworth and Durkin staff and various Congressional offices based on our residency district. Our "asks" included support for legislation to impact workplace violence against nurses and nurse practitioner authority related to home care orders, amongst others. We were warmly welcomed by all the offices and it was apparent that the evidence that nurses can offer as to the impact of policy was appreciated.

The next couple of days, June 21st to 22nd, were full of formal assembly protocol, testimony and discussion and some informal networking and collaboration with a diverse group of nurses from across the nation. The official business of bylaw revision, review and voting on position statements and election of new ANA officers keep us engaged and often in awe of how one of the oldest and largest organization of US professional nurses addresses individual professional needs to those of the global community of nurses and healthcare.



Our contingent from Illinois was both excited and proud to see the election of our own, Susan Swart, as ANA Vice-President beginning January 2020. The Illinois leaders, including Susan and ANA-IL President Dan Fraczkowski, provided exemplary mentorship to those of us serving as a delegate for the first time. I have found this experience vital to my own personal and professional growth, as a nurse, an educator and a civically engaged community member. I encourage all of

you to consider becoming, or staying, involved in the leadership opportunities offered by our state and national professional nursing organizations.

Who is ANA-Illinois?

Current membership 4,406 (as of 10/27/2019)

ANA-Illinois has become a vital community for professional registered nurses in Illinois.

Our members represent all segments of nursing practice, from bedside to administration, consulting to advanced practice, and education to public policy. Together, we are the experts in nursing practice. Our strength is our solution-focused thought leadership, our longer-term view of the nursing profession in a dynamic healthcare environment, and our impact on quality care and patient safety.

What Does ANA-Illinois Do?

Together with our national partner, the American Nurses Association (ANA), which represents the interests of the 4 million registered nurses through its network of affiliates and specialty nursing organizations, we focus on healthcare policy and nursing regulation. We are an organization that advocates for the profession - providing a voice for all nurses across all specialties, practice settings, and roles. We speak for our members and the other 171,000+ registered nurses in the state who are not represented by a Nurses' Union. We protect the practice of nursing by ensuring that the profession's priorities are incorporated into legal and regulatory decisions. We understand what is important - issues such as staffing, oversight of scope of practice, appropriate use of unlicensed personnel, and the impact of national health care policies. We safeguard and promote licensure, credentialing, and the right of the

With a diverse membership and decades of experience in nursing regulation & policy, we are the trusted experts.

profession to define nursing education & practice.

The ANA-Illinois Board of Directors has focused on fostering meaningful connections with other nursing organizations in the state to leverage the power of the profession to address issues relevant to nurses and the patients we serve. AN-Illinois facilitates meetings of the Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations (ICNO), a voluntary unincorporated organization made up of 26 nursing organizations from across the state of Illinois.

Through the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF), our 501c3 foundation, we award scholarships and fund grants for nurse-initiated projects. We are supporting the future of nursing in Illinois, helping to reduce the nursing shortage, and safeguarding the care of patients in Illinois. Nurses living in Illinois donate nearly all the funds collected by the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

Scholarships are not just about financial assistance—they are a visible acknowledgement of the important work that nurses do. Your contribution is a way to help us ensure that we can continue to fund scholarly initiatives that promote the health of people and development of the nursing profession in Illinois.

We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference.

When you help one nurse you help many.



I want to express my deepest gratitude for everyone that contributes to the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) Scholarship Fund. It was a blessing to receive this award. This award helped tremendously with the purchase of my anesthesia books, which will continue to serve as references throughout my education and nurse anesthetist career. Due to the rigors of these graduate programs, many people are unable to work, and this puts added stress when unforeseen expenses are experienced. As the saying goes, "when it rains, it pours!". This award could not have come at a better time for me, and I am honored to be one of the recipients. In 2011, I set a goal to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. With a promise to my self to serve underserved communities and take yearly mission trips around the world. December 2021, I will graduate from Millikin University with a DNP in Nurse Anesthesia and one step closer to achieving these goals. I plan to pay this blessing forward once I am officially a practicing clinician!

– Jayro G. Cortez, BSN, CCRN, SRNA



I am extremely honored to have received a scholarship from the Illinois Nurses Foundation. Since it relieved some of the financial burden, I was able to dedicate more time, effort and support to the nursing students I serve. It has allowed me to function as a bedside nurse and tackle the intensity of my master's program as well. This scholarship also made it possible for me to take some time away from work in order to serve as a caretaker for my grandmother in her last months. It truly was a blessing for me, and my family and I am eternally grateful. Thank you so much!

– Jackie Falotico, RN



The opportunity of going to college was not a guarantee for me. I have fought academically and financially to get to where I am today, and I could not have done it without the support and the gracious nature of the Illinois Nurses Foundation. I am honored to have been selected for this scholarship and it has given me a new standard that I hold myself to and given me confidence in myself and my career. Coupled with that, it has opened doors for the prospect of an advanced nursing degree in the future as financially, it has provided much needed breathing space for my family and I. As I work towards my bachelors of nursing, I am reminded through this scholarship of the excitement to come in my career and I hope to carry the same compassion and dedication in my future patients as the Illinois Nurses Foundation has shown me. Thank you!

– Justin Jasper, anticipated graduation May, 2022



First, thank you very much for this honor and charity. Words cannot describe how grateful I am. As I am a fourth-year PhD student, this scholarship is crucial in helping me from finding a job in work unrelated to my studies. As a result, I now have the time and opportunity to focus on my dissertation study with goals of becoming both a nursing researcher and university educator. With this gifted time, I am in preparation for becoming a Certified Nurse Educator to maximize my preparation to be a university faculty member in Illinois. I now recognize my responsibility and look forward to "paying it forward" by modeling excellence for future nurses and nursing researchers.

– Youngkwan Song, RN, MSN, PhD-c

2019 AWARD WINNERS

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Gloria E. Barrera, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN

As a public health nurse, specialized in school nursing, Barrera knows that ANA-Illinois is the organization she can depend on to advocate for her profession. Barrera has been an active member of ANA-Illinois since 2016 and takes advantage of member resources related to advocacy and policy. She's participated in our annual Nurse Lobby Day and has spoken to lawmakers about issues that impact her current role. Barrera currently works as a certified school nurse at a public high school and teaches at several universities, most notable DePaul University and her alma mater Saint Xavier University. She serves on the Board of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses-Illinois Chapter and will be taking office as President Elect of the Illinois Association of School Nurses, both organizations are strong supporters and affiliates of ANA-Illinois. Barrera shares "My passion is public health nursing and I am committed to continuing my efforts to improve child health outcomes in our most vulnerable populations through my practice and teaching. I am ANA-Illinois." To learn more about IASN visit www.iasn.org; to learn more about NAHN-Illinois visit www.nahnillinois.org.



Meet Eli Heicher, RN, MSN, CENP

"My name is Eli Heicher. I am a Registered Nurse and work as the director of Emergency Services. I have been a registered nurse for 14 years and a member of the American Nurses Association and ANA-Illinois for the last 10 years. I am proud of being a nurse and excited to see the work that the ANA does to help promote the growth, education and collaboration of our profession."



Introducing Brandon Hauer MSN, RN

"My name is Brandon Hauer, and I am a Registered Nurse and Nursing Instructor. I am a member of the American Nurses Association and ANA-Illinois and serve as Vice President of the Illinois Nurses Foundation. I love being a part of an organization that advocates on behalf of nurses across the state and and remains focused on patient care."



Angel Arroyo
MSN, RN, CCTC



Monika Barthelmes
BSN, RN, CNRN



Katherine Breen, PhD candidate,
MSN, BSN, BS, CVRN-BC, RWJFNS



Elena Caro
DNP, RN



Bettianne Casper
MSN, RN



Jessica Clark
MPH, BSN, RN



Nicole Delinski
DNP, RN, CCRN



Kimberly Duback
MS, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPN, CPHON



Chloe Haney
DNP, APRN, FNP-BC



Ashley Hasselbring
MSN, RN, CCRN



Alison Hernandez
PhD, RN-BC



Bridget C. Heroff
MSN, RN, PEL-CSN



Maureen (Molly) Hofmann
MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC, AFN-BC



Brittany Hohoff
BSN, RN



Michael Huyck
BSN, RN-CEN



Bethany Lebron
MScN, MBA, BSN, RN



Gina Malfeo-Martin
MSN, RN-BC



Nury Marcelo
MSN RN- CCHP



Michelle Martinez
BSN, RN



Matthew Mason
MSN, RN





A Reflection of 2019

In 2019, ANA-Illinois continued to prioritize and take the lead on nurse advocacy that elevates, and advances the nursing profession by supporting professional registered nurses running for elected positions, advocating for legislation that allows advanced practice nurses to have full practice authority, creating safe work environments, informing health policy, and much more. Additionally, ANA-Illinois supported national initiatives including the promotion of health, and well-being through the “Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation” campaign, and supported the Nurses on Boards Coalition goal to have 10,000 nurses serving on boards by 2020.

This year we thanked our outgoing board members for their time and unwavering dedication to ANA-Illinois. We welcomed new ANA-Illinois board members at our Professional Issues Conference: Colleen Morley, DNP, RN, CMCN, ACM-RN, Secretary; Nicole Lewis DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Director at Large; and Susana Gonzalez MHA, MSN, RN, CNML, Director at Large. Amongst our devoted outgoing board members is Dan Fraczkowski, MSN, RN-BC. On behalf of ANA-Illinois members, I sincerely thank him for his exceptional leadership as President for the past four years, and for paving the way to where ANA-Illinois is going.

We continue to recognize nurses who are impacting the nursing profession and health care in Illinois. Annually we celebrate 40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leaders from across the state. On November 8th, ANA-Illinois lobbyist, Sue Clark was honored with the SAGE award at the 2019 Power of Nursing Leadership event. We appreciate Sue’s years of leadership as a nurse lobbyist helping to shape the future of nursing in Illinois.

We have many things to be grateful, and proud of in 2019. I am eager to see what we will accomplish in 2020. The WHO announced that 2020 is the year of the nurse and midwife in honor of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. 2020 is the year that nurses everywhere advocate for themselves, and their patients louder than ever. Nurses will be sitting on 10,000 boards across the nation where our nursing voice can be amplified. Nurses will be at the election booth demonstrating their voting power, nurses are running and being elected for political office, and nurses will help create the change they want to see in the world. To make that happen we need you. Stay involved, or get more involved in ANA-Illinois. WE need your voice, WE need your ideas, and

WE need your engagement. I encourage each of you to share the benefits of being an ANA-Illinois member with every nurse you encounter, they’ll thank you for it later.

I look forward to another successful year for ANA-Illinois in 2020; this is our year!

Thank you for your support,

Elizabeth Aquino, PhD, RN
President, ANA-Illinois
#IAMANA-Illinois
@LatinaPhDRN



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EMERGING NURSE LEADERS

Katherine J. McArdle
BSN, MSN, RN, CNL



David Miller
DNP, MSN, RN, CENP, CNL, CRRN



Jennifer A. Ocampo
BSN, RN, CRRN



April Odom
MSN, APRN, CRRN, FNP-BC



Onyeisi Stephen Ogbomeh, MSN-
FNP, MSN-L, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, NE-BC



John Patterson
BSN, RN, CMSRN



Kathryn Perticone
MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, MSW



Brooke L. Piper
DNP, MSN, RN



Ashley Pond
MSN, RN-BC



Jenna Reeh
DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC



Jennifer Reilly
BSN, RN, CMSRN



Jaclyn Rodriguez
BSN, BS, RN, SANE-A



Melissa K.G. Sautter
DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC



Adam R. Spurlock
DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, CNL



Lanette Stuckey
MSN, RN, CNE, CMSRN



Andy Ponce Vasquez
BSN, RN



Kimberly Wittmayer
MS, APRN, PCNS-BC, AP-PMN



Ebonie Wright
BSN, RN, CWON



Nicole Wynn
DNP, RN-BC



Stephanie Yohannan
DNP, MBA, RN, NE-BC



Saint Xavier University School of Nursing and Health Sciences

In July 2018, the School of Nursing and Health Sciences was formed, thus joining Nursing with Health Science programs, including Communication Sciences and Disorders, Exercise Science, Sports and Fitness Administration, and Gerontology. All programs remain strong and growing, with Exercise Science boasting more than 100 majors and Gerontology offering a certificate program to nurses who work in long-term care settings, as well as the major and minor for undergraduate students. In October, Communication Sciences and Disorders celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Ludden Speech and Language Clinic, which provides services of speech-language pathologists to people of all ages from the community. The clinic also serves as a practicum site for students in the Speech-Language Pathology graduate program.



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School of Nursing and Health Sciences

100% online MSN tracks in Clinical Leadership, Executive Leadership, Nurse Educator, and MSN-MBA dual degree. New for Fall 2019, the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner track transitioned to fully online delivery. Post-Master's Certificates are available to students interested in the Family Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Leader or Nurse Educator programs. Online offerings are also available for the RN-BSN completion program where Associate Degree nurses can obtain their BSN within 15 months, with only two non-nursing courses required.

Special traditions bookmark the nursing student's experience at SXU. The White Coat ceremony, held at the start of each semester, welcomes new sophomore students to the nursing profession (see photo). At this event, students are "cloaked" by nursing faculty with their white lab coat and receive a "Keeping Healthcare Human" lapel pin, which is provided through the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The pins serve as a visual reminder that compassion and empathy are hallmarks of nursing clinical practice. At the end of their nursing program, graduating students participate in the Pinning Ceremony, at which they receive the SXU Nursing pin before an audience of family, friends, and faculty (see photo). Each student chooses a person to pin them and a short statement about the significance of that person in the student's nursing journey is read.

2020 marks the 85th Anniversary of Nursing at SXU! To begin this special year, SXU is launching a Nursing Alumni group, with a kick-off at Cooper's Hawk restaurant in Orland Park scheduled for January 23, 2020 from 6:30-9:00 pm. All alums are invited!

For more information about the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, please visit our website or call 773-298-3700.

<https://www.sxu.edu/academics/sonhs/index.asp>



For 2019, the online Master of Science in Nursing program was designated #3 by U.S. News & World Report. The program has been in the top 3 rankings for online MSN programs for the past six years. Saint Xavier offers



Olivet Nazarene University Department of Nursing

Since the fall of 1967, Olivet Nazarene University's nursing program has sought to prepare nurses for lives of service to God and humanity through personal, professional, and spiritual growth. As faculty, we are privileged to be part of the educational journey students experience as they progress through the traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN (ABS), RN-BSN, RN-MSN, MSN: Education, MSN: Leadership/Management, MSN: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), or post-master's FNP certificate program tracks.

Olivet nursing students are dedicated to learning their chosen program of study, but they often amaze us with their motivation to also positively impact the lives of others locally and globally. In May 2019, LuAnn Huen (RN-BSN) received the Ralph E. Perry Student Excellence award for her compassion and selflessness as she invested in the people at her practicum agency, even after her hours were completed. ABSN students chose to donate to Help Heal Veterans, an organization that provides therapeutic arts and crafts kits to veterans to help them recover from physical and emotional injuries and conditions. Over the past eight years, BSN students have served in Papua New Guinea and Uganda. While overseas, students are able to shadow physicians in various parts of the hospital; work a shift with the nurses; and partner with the indigenous people in planting, painting, and building.

In addition to personal growth through serving others, Olivet nursing programs offer excellent opportunities for students to grow professionally. The RN-MSN program track began in 2017 for RNs who want to achieve their personal and professional goals of earning a bachelor's and master's degree in one seamless program. Students are able to experience graduation and celebrate completing the BSN portion of the degree prior to continuing on in one of three MSN tracks. If students choose the MSN: Education track, they will be prepared to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE®) Exam. Students in the MSN: FNP track are able to attend an FNP

Immersion course, offered three times a year. During an intensive, interactive Immersion, each student performs pelvic, prostate, inguinal hernia, and rectal exams with live models; demonstrates outpatient procedures such as suturing, fluorescein dye use, and ear wax removal, as taught by Skills on Point, LLC; and learns other topics such as ICD-10 coding, resume building, and interviewing preparation.



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Olivet Nazarene University's nursing students make us proud. Through hard work and a strong commitment to excellence, we achieved a 95% NCLEX pass rate in 2018; are consistently recognized as a College of Distinction; and continually meet full accreditation criteria by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for all programs. Many nursing programs graduate excellent nurses; at Olivet, we are excited to offer a transformative educational journey that develops nurses who use their gifts and talents to impact the world through lives of service to God and humanity.

For more information about the Nursing programs at Olivet Nazarene University, please visit our website <https://www.olivet.edu/nursing> or call 815-939-5340.

