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alumni news
St. Joseph’s College of Nursing at St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center
Grace Mabonni Roznowski ’42 has volunteered at Albany Medical Center Children’s Hospital for 42 years. Shirley Wing ’46 and Anna Mae Doran are both living at the North American headquarters of the Medical Mission Sisters. They have worked many years in India and Shirley celebrated her Diamond Jubilee as a Medical Mission Sister on February 11, 2013. Jane Hoyt Paolini ’48 was a former student nurse instructor in nursing arts and Captain in the United States Air Force NC. Helene Kelly Hipkens ’50 has been married for 62 years and busy with 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Eileen Scheibel Hatchell’s ’55 husband Mack passed away on July 13, 2012. They enjoyed 18 years of marriage together. Lorraine Fick Satanek ’55 celebrated both her and her husband’s birthdays by taking their four children and spouses to the Riviera Maya, Mexico in February. They had a fantastic time and enjoyed the break from winter. Lorraine is also celebrating her 55th wedding anniversary this year. She has 19 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Patricia Donovan Moran ’55 attended and enjoyed the 2011 Alumni Association meeting. She wishes more of the Class of ’55 could attend in the future. Linda Wood ’58 has an MSN from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is an education nurse at Pennbryn at Maryfield and a clinical instructor for student nurses from Community Colleges. Janet Carey Viscosi ’60 is working per diem for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc. in New Hartford, NY. She also is a volunteer chaplain assistant with Sr. Maureen Dunn at Faxton St. Luke’s Heath Care Center. Patricia M. Fox Howell ’60 retired from USN after 25 1/2 years as COR/NC. Gail Keating Lauricella ’61 retired after 22 years in home care. She now facilitates an Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support group in Central Square, NY. Mary Moriarty Rudy ’62 – a lot of thought and planning went into our wonderful 50th reunion September weekend of last year. So many were able to attend, great pictures and stories were shared and now we are planning our next for 2014. Thank you Joanne Whelan and Barb Connolly. Mary Jean Thomas ’63 has retired but is still working per diem as Family Nurse Practitioner at Crouse Hospital and traveling as much as possible. She says retirement is the best job she’s ever had! Eleanor (Ellie) Fiandack Waddell ’63 is looking forward to her 50th class reunion. Joan Wooton Connelly ’63 is enjoying retirement, grandchildren, tennis and volunteering. Ann M. Powers ’63 is finally fully retired after 49 years of active nursing and is hoping to retire to Cape Cod. Catherine Andros Gale ’63 was selected by her peers as a “Super Lawyer” in the field of medical malpractice defense for the sixth year in a row. She was also named one of only 25 top female litigators in Upstate New York. Catherine is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a past regional president of the American Board of Trial Attorneys and a Fellow of the Litigation Council of America. She is managing partner in the law firm of Gale & Hunt in Fayetteville, New York and practices with her partners Max (her son) and Kevin Hunt, whose mom is also a St. Joe’s graduate, and several associates. Winifred Eisenhauer Talentino ’64 just celebrated her 48th wedding anniversary and travels frequently. Her next trip will be to Africa. She says life is good! Marilyn Roesser Alt ’64 retired from school nursing. Agnes Brady Orr ’65 recently moved into a new home in sunny Smithport, NC. She saw classmates Noreen Mulhearn Salo, Kathy Tighe Powell, and Susan Ryan, to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Kathleen Murphy Gildemeyer ’66 retired from Jupiter Medical Center after 17 years in geriatric nursing. She has five children and 15 grandchildren and enjoys traveling, reading and cooking. Patricia Babiarez Gorman ’67 is the Director Case Management, IN Health at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN. She has been married for 40 years, has two sons and soon to be “Bacie” to her fifth grandchild. She is looking forward to retiring soon. Lynn Gulley Jolly ’67 works part time monitoring children having food and drug challenges conducted by a pediatric allergist at the University of Kentucky. Kathy Coughlin Nardi ’68 retired in June after working 24 years as a school nurse in the Amityville School District. Stephanie Laddick O’Neil ’68 just retired after 30 years as a health educator/manager at Centrastate Medical Center in Freehold, NJ. Ann Beyer Llewellyn ’69 recently took a trip to Ottawa with Sandy Bush Collins ’69 and Sharon Hallahan Austin ’69. They had a wonderful three days. Ann has become a runner at the age of 63 and just completed her 35th race in 16 months! Beatrice (Betty) Brannan Finocchiaro ’69 retired after 40 years as a registered nurse in ICU and ASU. She has three daughters: a schoolteacher, pediatrician and videographer. With her husband, John, she enjoys her grandchildren and travel. Patricia Jones Haley ’70 met her husband David while both were working at Connecticut Hospice in ’83, they married in ’86 and moved to Vermont in ’89. Patricia retired from nursing in 2003 as a BSN after working mostly in Hospice, supervisory, and elder care roles. She is still so grateful and proud of the education she received at St. Joe’s. Kathleen Dujenski McEnery ’71 has been working 10 years now at St. Joseph Hospital mother/baby unit. Jacquelyn Gonza ’71 is working hard on 3-1 and enjoying all the new graduates. She is trying to adjust to all the changes at the hospital. Barbara Vavra Schlegel ’71 had so much fun at the 40th reunion at Genesee Grand Hotel in Syracuse in September, touring the hospital and the luncheon. Mary Ellen (Mel) Dwyer Berg ’71 is now retired. She worked all but one year since graduation. She is now spending time with family and traveling with her husband, Bob. Deborah Williams Sherman ’72 is now fully retired from nursing. She is using her days as a caregiver to three grandchildren and spends the summer on the beaches of Long Island Sound.
LTC Mary P. Sherman ’73 is working again after a 15-month hiatus as a Registered Nurse Clinical Coordinator/Case Manager at the VA Hospital CBQE in Watertown, NY. She can’t believe it has been 40 years since graduation.

Mary Whalen Malay ’75 is working at St. Joseph’s in Pre-admission Testing. She and her husband Dan are grandparents to two beautiful granddaughters – Meghan and Claire.

Kathleen Chapman Bratt ’75 is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Joslen Diabetes Center in Syracuse. Last year she was honored as Upstate’s Clinical Employee of the Year and received the JDRF Living and Giving Award. Kathleen is on the school board at Cato-Meridian, a volunteer EMT, married 38 years with six children and eight grandchildren.

Suzanne Erway Hoffman ’75 is in her 17th year as a school nurse. She still receives a Christmas card from Mrs. Florence Golden (Basic Nursing Instructor) every year. While her father was in the hospital – his discharge coordinator was Sandy Vatter Nau ’75 whom she hadn’t seen in many years.

Patricia McCabe O’Leary ’76 and her husband Tom became grandparents this past year to Abigail Grace O’Leary and Adelaide Elizabeth Collins. Patricia is thrilled and blessed.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Day Stevens ’77 is returning to St. Joseph’s Hospital after 25 years working in the cardiology office. She will be doing DRG assessment. The new home for the department is CDI. Elizabeth said she is coming back home!

Catherine Finelli Hayden ’79 recently transitioned to a Clinical Nurse Specialist role in the orthopedic/spine service line at SJHHC. She lives in Camillus, NY with husband Dick and daughters Claire and Marissa.

Mary Caron Kapfer ’79 has been the Coordinator of the Comprehensive Breast Program at St. Joseph’s Imaging Associates in Fayetteville, NY since November 2010.

Elizabeth Guerinot Koopman ’80 completed her masters in Leadership in Health Care Systems from the University of Rochester in May 2011. She is currently working as a Nurse Educator at Highland Hospital.

Suzanne L. Griffith Perry ’81 received her certification in Infection Prevention and Control in 2012 and was inducted into the Indian River State College Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

Leslie Williams ’83 has worked for the Department of Corrections for the last eight years. Her faith and spiritual training at St. Joseph’s has enabled her to endure many conflicting roles as an registered nurse in this setting.

Lorraine Hass Schneider ’83 graduated with a Master of Science from LeMoyne College in December 2011. Lorraine is full-time faculty at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing. Her son attends SUNY-ESF.

Susan Lavigne-Thornton-Connell ’85 got married in May 2012.

Rhonda Youmans Reader ’86 recently defended her dissertation proposal to become a PhD candidate at Sage Colleges, Albany.

Robert Thomas Dodge ’88 was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, NC.

Ann Tonzi ’89 is currently the CEO of Hospice and Palliative Care Inc. in New Hartford, NY.

Susan M. Baxter Converse ’90 is the mother of four wonderful children: Jim, Bridget, Emily and Claire. She is married to an extremely supportive and caring husband – Bob. Susan graduated from SUNY IT in 2009 with MSN-FNP-C and is practicing in Pediatrics Clinic at CMH/UHS and is faculty at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing.

Debra K. Thomas Oliva ’93 organized with her husband, Anthony Oliva, MD a guild of the Catholic Medical Association – The Saint Marianne Cope Guild. It provides support and formation for Catholic physicians, nurses and allied health professionals who wish to assist the Church in the work of communicating Catholic Medical Ethics to the medical profession and society at large.

Michelle A. Naef ’94 is currently working at Crouse Hospital in Endoscopy.

Amanda Fuller Neill has worked for Oswego Hospital since 1995. She started in med-surg and spent the last 13 years in surgical services. Over the last five years, she has been the Senior RN charge nurse of the Endoscopy unit. She is thankful for her great education!

Paul H. Hudson ’95 is working per diem at St. Joseph’s Electrophysiology Lab. He keeps busy working, traveling and visiting grandchildren down in Georgia. He recently won 2012 NY State Bass Federation Sportsman of the Year Award for his work in conservation.

Deborah Hall ’97 will complete her BSN in August 2013 and is a clinical coordinator on 2-5, St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Kathleen M. Saccene ’02 has been named Chapter Coordinator of Onondaga/Oswego Counties for Project Linus, which delivers handmade blankets to children in the hospital to provide a “warm hug.”

Dianne Clark ’05 passed her CCRN on October 19, 2012.

Emily Costello O’Hern ’05 and husband Chris have a one-year old son, Evan, and is practicing in the Electrophysiology Lab at SUNY Upstate.

Ryan Donahue ’09 is working in the cath lab at SUNY Upstate.

Timothy Walker ’11 is working on unit 2-5 at St. Joseph’s Hospital and will soon be transferring to the SICU. He is enrolled in an RN-MS (CNS) program at Upstate Medical University.

Karen Selesky-Siemer ’11 became a UPC member in 2012 and UPC chair in 2013.

Deborah A. Oley ’12 passed the NCLEX and earned her registered nurse title in March 2013.

Kristen Mulburn ’12 began working at St. Joseph’s on 3-6, April 1, 2013. She will attend Upstate to get her NP in mental health starting in September.
JUNIOR LEVEL
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Barlow, Angela '88
In memory of Roberta Acquaviva
Bridgman, Lucy S. (Hull) '52
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ‘52
Roach, Ann P. (Pachak)
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ‘50
Rogers, William Keith ‘98
Semel, Constance (Spadafore) ‘74
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In memory of Thomas Shepardson and Reggie Stack Smith ‘64
Sherman, Mary P. ’73
Strong, Carolyn M. (Dimmick) ’57
Yeazel, Frances M. (Marsjanik) ‘65

GRADUATE LEVEL
$500.00 and above

Baker, Jane B. (Bosco) ’42
In memory of Tabor Baker and Margaret (Peg) Moore Switzer ’42
Connors, Carolyn (Byrnes) ’56
McInerney, Ruth F. (McClelland) ’66
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’66

SENIOR LEVEL
$100.00 - $499.00

Class of 1962
In honor of the Class of ’62 – 50th Anniversary Reunion
Class of 1972
In honor of the Class of ’72 – 40th Anniversary Reunion
Beecher, Patricia R. ’65
Dexter, Barbara G. (Tremmol) ’43
In memory of the Class of ’43
Ettelson, Mary Ann (Morton) ’53
In honor of the Class of ’53
Fess, Shelley A. ’78
In memory of Shirley and John Fess (loving parents)
Grant, Benita ’69
In memory of Clinton and Beverly Baxter
Grundy, Susan T. (Loverock) ’69
In memory of Mary Jane Loverock (mother)
Guilfoyle, Mary M. ’76
In memory of Donald and Eleanor Guilfoyle
Jensen, Kathleen M. ’81
In memory of Thomas B. Donohoe
King, Sylvia H. (Horstman) ’58
In memory of Rose Kramer ’58
Malay, Mary C. (Whalen) ’75
In memory of Elizabeth Hale Whalen ’41 and Millie Schneider Malay ’46
O’Hara, Margaret M. (Peggy) ’92
In honor of “living and deceased members of the Class of ’47 for sixty-five years of caring example.” In memory of Margaret Bresnahan O’Hara ’47
Orr, Karen E. ’64
Pasinski, Diane L. (Rickt) ’95
Querreeveld, Susan R.
Reilly, Karen E. (Casamento) ’70
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’70
Roach, Ann P. (Pachak)
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ‘50
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Charles, Joanne C. (Fleming) ’76
In honor of Diane McNamara ’76
Clancy, Kathryn A. ’65
Clark, Dianne Susan ’05
Conte, Linda C. (Cardinal) ’65
In memory of Mary Ellen Zeller
Cusano, Kathy J. (Cardinal) ’70
Dumas, Pauline C. (Michaud) ’60
In memory of her twin sister Paulette Michaud Carroll ’60
Dwyer, Carolyn M. (DeCoursey) ’67
In memory of John and Arlene DeCoursey
Gilman, Barbara L. (Schlamowitz) ’68
In loving memory of Dr. Samuel T. Schlamowitz
Gladstone, Karen L. (Kepler) ’71
In memory of Donald Kepler
Gorton, Ann Byrne (Byrne) ’71
In memory of Barbara Hillery Bowden ’71, Jean Welch Augustus ’71, and Dorothy Riley Byrne ’45
Johnson, Margaret M. (Sawmill) ’57
In memory of parents and Bill Johnson
Kiggens, JoAnne G. (Kochman) ’64
Lambert, Zilpha M. (Byram) ’46
Lewis, Sharon A. (Kopka) ’76
Lyboldt, Jacqueline M. (Sutton) ’70
In memory of Florence Lyboldt and the Class of ’39
Martineau, Judith A. (Lambert) ’57
In memory of Joe Lambert
McCarthy, Mary W. (Walier) ’53
In memory of deceased members of the Walier and McCarthy families
Powell, Kathleen A. (Tighe) ’65
In memory of Richard Powell
Reader, Rhonda L. (Youmans) ’86
In memory of Robert Reader and Ralph Youmans
Ross, Kimberly Anne (Smith) ’06
In memory of Frank L. Smith, Jr. and Mary A. Smith
Silveira, Janet E. ’56
Skelly, Nancy A. (Mooney) ’60
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’60
Turner, Carolyn J. (Williams) ’58
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’58
Vona, Mary Jo (Orzel) ’80
In memory of Vincent and Helen Orzel

PINKIE LEVEL
Up to $50.00

Bartleson, Kathleen J. ’80
Berthelot, Mary A. ’60
Brennan, Mary T. ’57
Bubnack, Julia A. (Dillon) ’76
Caracci, Mary A. (Sauro) ’69
In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauro

Gorton, Ann Byrne (Byrne) ’71
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The College of Nursing and the Alumni Association would like to thank alumni who have established and continue to fund scholarships and awards that benefit the college in honor/memory of a loved one or colleague.

Cathy Pawlikowski Ponto ’91 and Carol Lynne Pawlikowski Salm ’03: Mary Bazan Scholarship
Andrea Turley Fust ’66: Andrea Turley Fust ’66 Scholarship Fund
Carolyn Byrnes Connors ’56: George and Loretta Byrnes Scholarship
Elisabeth Boduc ’90: Jenifer Rich Scholarship

The College of Nursing and the Alumni Association would also like to thank and recognize family and friends who established and continue to support scholarships and awards that benefit students in honor/memory of an alumnus.

Karen Loveland Payment ’77: Scholarship
Anne Marie Verostek ’87: Angel of Mercy/Sr. Antonia Award
Deacon Pio and Nancy Ryan Carranti ’50: Scholarship
Katharine Roach Hoeffler ’33: Memorial Award
Joanne Paine Walker ’61: Scholarship

Chapman, Robert T. ’93
In memory of Mary Ellen Chapman

Connelly, Joan I. (Wooton) ’63
In memory of Catherine Smith

Connor, Janet W. (Walsh) ’52
Craven, Margaret K. (Kuba) ’54
In memory of husband, Ray and son, Tim Craven

Cullen, Joan C. (Giordano) ’56

DelFierro, Elizabeth A. (Kaheny) ’67
Desimone, Shirley A. (Dingledein) ’55
In memory of Albert and Dorothy Dingledein

Dickinson, Natalie Nancy ’51
In honor of the Class of ’51

diGiovanna, Patricia J. (Moran) ’82

Dixon, Terral A. (Droll) ’64
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’64

Dubaniewicz, Carolyn R. (Iwanski) ’62

Easton, Phyllis M. (Marks) ’55
In memory of Allen K. and Gladys T. Marks

Ferrara, Jeanette L. (Lieb) ’46
In memory of Marcella Nunan Scheibel ’49

Folts, Mary A. (Aungier) ’69
In honor of the Class of ’69

Forbes, Julie A. (Hotchkiss) ’70
In memory of Jean Carpenter, LPN

Fuhr, Erika B. (Benz) ’59

Golden, Florence L. (Endres) ’42

Hollenbeck, Shelly Lynn ’03

Howell, Patricia M. (Fox) ’60
In memory of Joan Ruth Lannan ’60 and Patricia Ryan Ficano ’60

Huff, Cynthia R. ’55
In memory of Jack S. Huff

Hunter, Mary Anne F. (Humphrey) ’64

Johnson, Patricia A. (O’Brien) ’75

Keeler, E. Zoe ’95
Kelly, Michelle A. (Carpenter) ’70

Kilcullen, Patricia A. ’76

Knittel, Kathleen Ann (Cuhill) ’02
In memory of her mother, Eleanor Meyers Cuhill ’51

Konkol-Wilbur, Alice K. ’03

Kratz, Kim S. (Delaney) ’79
In memory of Ella Darling

LaDoueur, Alice M. (Wolf) ’68
In memory of Cara LaDoueur

Lamanna, Susan J. ’69
In memory of Terry Crowley ’69

Lane, Mary (Hallihan) ’51

Lynch, Donna J. ’61
In memory of Sister Mary Sheila Daly ’42

Markowitz, Sarah Elizabeth ’10

Marvasti, Fatemeh ’89

Moslow, Suzanne E. (Barber) ’66
In memory of Marjorie and Robert Barber

Mulvey, Cecilia J. (Fitzmaurice) ’55
In honor of the Class of ’55

Murphy, Lois J. (Arnold) ’56

Nardelli, Nancy A. (Niemi) ’71

Orzell, Jeanne S. (Gombola) ’61
In memory of Drusilla Cowan Gebo ’61

Potter, Mary G. (Berg) ’67
In memory of Dorothy and Judd Berg

Preme, Brenda J. (Doud) ’73
In memory of Robert and Jack Doud

Puerner, Kathleen M. ’72
In memory of Margaret (Marge) Ferry

Quigley, Loretta

Quinn, Linda K. (Pastella) ’68

Reed, Adele L. ’69

Reichel, Kathleen M. (Moran) ’62

Rudy, Mary M. (Moriarty) ’62
In memory of Donna Smith Walker ’62

Ryan, Eileen M. (McNaught) ’68

Ryan, Mary H. (Headd) ’72
In memory of Ann Tanny Hass ’48

Ryan, Rosanne Marie (Auble) ’09
In honor of Leigh Ann Henry ’09

Schlegel, Barbara J. (Vavra) ’71

Sourbier, Sandra A. (Wood-Thomas) ’69
In memory of Gilles Wood-Thomas

Troiani, Elizabeth H. (Hazard) ’59
In memory of deceased members of the Class of ’59

Viscosi, Janet M. (Carey) ’60
In honor of Nancy Mooney Skelly ’60

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St. Joseph’s College of Nursing at St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center held its 113th annual graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 19 at the SRC Arena and Event Center, Onondaga Community College campus, Syracuse. An associate degree in applied science with a major in nursing was conferred on 132 students. The notable Bradford C. Berk, M.D., Ph.D., CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and senior vice president for health sciences, was the commencement speaker.

The graduates included 81 who completed the school’s Weekday Option and 51 who completed the Weekend Option. Forty Weekend Option and 11 Weekday Option students who completed their program earlier in the year were honored at a convocation ceremony in January. Students participating in the St. Joseph’s Dual Degree Partnership with LeMoyne College received their associate’s degree in nursing from St. Joseph’s and will continue their studies for one more academic year at Le Moyne to receive their bachelor’s degree.

Ceremony

Sr. Rose Ann Renna, OSF, bestowed the invocation and College Dean Marianne Markowitz, MS, RN followed with salutations. Anne Marie Czyz, MS, RN ’99, vice president, Clinical and Educational Services/CNO, St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, offered welcoming remarks to the graduates, and their family and friends. Kathryn H. Ruscitto, BA, MPA, president and CEO, St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, gave the Address to the Graduates. Jonathan LeSuer, class of 2013, performed the Ave Maria by Franz Schubert.

Commencement Address

Since receiving his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Rochester, Dr. Berk has served on the faculties of Harvard Medical School, Emory University and the University of Washington. Dr. Berk was recruited to URMC in 1998 as chief of the cardiology division. Dr. Berk founded URMC’s Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) and has published more than 250 articles, chapters and books. Dr. Berk served as chairman of medicine from 2001 until 2006 when he became CEO.

After a leave in which he recovered from a serious spinal cord injury, Dr. Berk has focused on cultural transformation at URMC, promoting development of a patient – and family – centered environment, developing capabilities to address the challenges of health care reform and facilitating the translation of fundamental research discoveries into clinical applications.

“For many, many years we have provided great care to patients, but now we want to provide great care working with patients and their families. It is that combination of involving the patient and their family in care that is so critical. As health care reform proceeds, we know that it is the continuum of care. It is not those few days the patient is in the hospital but it is that lifetime of living with the disease that is so critical and you can’t do that unless the family is involved.”

“Two things I want you to take home. One is the critical role of teamwork. As we move forward in health care reform you as an individual should be valued by contributing to the team. And the second is attentiveness, we frequently want our patients to do
something but much more important is to understand what the patient wants. Be attentive to their needs because then you can form a bond that will enable you to provide great care.” “To summarize what I see as the future for nursing and its challenges, there is going to be a real emphasis on experiential learning, continuous learning, and inter-professional learning. There will be a lot of changes in how we learn. There will be online courses and simulation and a huge emphasis on technology and making the practice a lot easier. Technology will allow you to do more and your patients and families to do more. Embrace it but don’t forget the critical part – the human touch – attentiveness. Always be attentive to your patients’ needs.”

**Student Speakers**

Ms. Amy Elizabeth Ancone was selected by her fellow graduates to speak. She reminded the graduates of the connections they have made that will move with them throughout their careers and lives. Each of them possesses exactly what they needed to be their greatest selves. Everyday they will touch a life or a life will touch them. “Take these moments and keep them in your hearts forever to remind you of the dedication, compassion and love you have and need in order to be the greatest nurse you can be.”

**Degrees and Awards**

Dean Markowitz, Loretta Quigley, MS, RN, Academic Dean, College of Nursing, and Nicole Blumin, MS, Assistant Dean for Students, College of Nursing, presided over the conferring of degrees. Don Reifsneider, MS, RN, Christine Tancredi, MS, RN ’94, Joan Zallnicj, MS, RN, and Deborah Hopkins, MS, RN ’95 presented the students with their Graduate Pins.

The St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center Scholarships, awarded by the St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center to the two graduates with the highest and second highest grade point averages for the pursuit of higher education at any college or university, were presented to Eric Metz and Sara Karen, both with perfect 4.0 cumulative GPAs taking 60 and 56 credits, respectively. The Esther G. McCarty Scholarships, given in memory of Esther G. McCarty and awarded by the College of Nursing Alumni Association to the two graduates with the third and fourth highest grade point averages for the pursuit of higher education at any college or university, were presented to Miss Emilingo and Gale First.

The other graduate awards and scholarships were presented to the graduates at a brunch the previous day. Donors and supporters of the awards and scholarships were also recognized at the brunch for their dedication and generosity to the College of Nursing.

Concluding the commencement, Sr. Rose Ann Renna blessed the graduates and sent them on their way to begin their nursing careers.
The Class of 1962 spent the entire weekend of September 7-9, 2012 together celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from the School of Nursing. A very active alumni group, they stayed at the Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse, eating together, sleeping at the retreat house and spending their down time over the weekend together, probably reminiscent of their Marian Hall days.

On September 7th about 22 class members arrived at St. Joseph’s Hospital campus for a tour and lunch. Many of them familiar faces as there were those that had worked at the hospital for many years, or still do, or are active volunteers. Others traveled distances to attend, from California, Georgia, Florida, Rochester, NY, Massachusetts and many other locations. Everyone enjoyed remembering their days as a student nurse and filling each other in on the past 50 years.

At the end of the afternoon the Class of 1962, in appreciation and support made a donation to their Alumni Association.
Christine Tancredi ’94 MS, RN, FNP was awarded St. Joseph’s College second annual Daisy Faculty Award on May 6, 2013. As a nurse educator, Christine exemplifies the kind of faculty member that students, colleagues, staff, and administrators recognize as an exemplary educator and an outstanding role model.

Christine’s nomination from a student stated, “I would like to recognize Christine Tancredi for her caring, compassionate, enthusiastic, and dedicated involvement in my education. Chris is a true student advocate....” The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died of complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. During Pat’s eight week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to Pat but to everyone in his family. One of the goals Pat’s family set in creating a Foundation in his memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the amazing work they do everyday. As evidenced by the testimonials submitted in her nomination, Christine is very deserving of this award.

Congratulations, Christine!

Left to right – Mary Headd Ryan ’73, Christine Tancredi ’94, Renee Jastrzab Granato ’94
The Alumni Association Annual meeting was very well attended by alumni, and family and friends of Alumni Award recipients. Held the first weekend in June during what is now Alumni Reunion Weekend, the Class of 1963 met on Saturday morning in the hospital lobby for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their graduation. Twenty-two women from the class gathered to reminisce, renew old friendships, and catch up on each other’s lives. Many had not seen each other since graduation, while some still work together to this day at St. Joseph’s.

It became evident what a wonderful, accomplished, and compassionate group they are as they each shared what has happened during the last 50 years over lunch following their hospital tour. Among the Class of 1963 are entrepreneurs, including the classmates that together started a home care business, lawyers, bedside nurses, and even a marathon runner. Very adventurous and independent after graduation, many of the members of the Class of 1963 crisscrossed the country and Europe, sometimes returning home with only pennies in their pockets but with memories that have lasted a lifetime. Almost all in attendance continued their education after graduation from St. Joseph’s; most obtained their BS degree, some their MS, and some hold PhD degrees. Some members married once and are celebrating 50 years of marriage, others married several times, and others not at all. One member of the Class of 1963 has 9 children and 23 grandchildren, a few members have no children. One classmate was very instrumental in the nurse practitioner movement in New York State and other members found that the military was their calling. What is clear is that no matter where their lives have taken them, the members of the Class of 1953 have stayed true to their St. Joseph’s values of faith, hope, and charity and their friendships have stood the test of time. Even those that left nursing found a way to work in a profession that helped others in their lives.

The class had a private dinner on Saturday evening and joined everyone at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Sunday. Having rekindled friendships and reminisced over the weekend, the ever-adventurous members of the Class of 1963 will travel...
together very soon to Italy. That’s the St. Joe’s spirit! Bon voyage, ladies, and send photos!

You can request a transcript by any of the following:

- Download and mail or fax a “Transcript Request Form” from the College web site: www.sjhcon.org, “Alumni” page
- Send an e-mail to the College Registrar, Cheryl Thomas at Cheryl.thomas@sjhsyr.org

Please be sure to include:

1. The exact address where the transcript should be sent
2. The name you graduated under and the year of graduation
3. Your current name, address and phone number

- Mail your own written request including the above information.

There is a $5 transcript fee. Checks payable to St. Joseph’s College of Nursing should be mailed to:
206 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203

If you need a Maria Regina transcript, send a written request including all information listed above to Sr. Ferdinand Hudak, 1024 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208. A check in the amount of $5 payable to the Sisters of St. Francis must accompany this request.

We Want To Thank You!

Gifts through wills, known as bequests, are one of the easiest and most frequent forms of charitable giving. If you have named St. Joseph’s College of Nursing in your will please let us know – we just want to say THANK YOU! If you would like to let us know the provisions you have made or information on how you can support the College of Nursing after your lifetime please email Connie.Semel@sjhsyr.org or phone Connie Semel 315 448 5303.
The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held Sunday, September 9th. This year the venue and format were changed to accommodate classes celebrating anniversary reunions held over the weekend. In attendance was a large representation of the class of 1962 to celebrate their 50th anniversary but also to honor their classmate Sister Maria Salerno the recipient of the Alumni Excellence in Nursing – Community Setting Award. In addition Mary Ann Kubacki Katz ’76 received the Excellence in Nursing – Clinical Setting Award. Both women very deserving of the award bestowed upon them their nominations steeped in accomplishments and praise for their nursing accomplishments.

Pramila Adhikari ’09 and Michael Sciarrino ’07 were the recipients of the Graduate Nursing Education Scholarships. The Alumni Association is very proud to help support them in their educational endeavors beyond their education at St. Joseph’s.

President Patricia O’Brien Johnson ’75 stressed to everyone in attendance the importance of supporting the Alumni Association through dues paying membership and donations to the Association. Many of the programs, awards and scholarships traditionally supported by the Association are in jeopardy of being eliminated due to lack of funds.

Elected to the Alumni Association board of directors were Jamla Rizek ’10 and Carol Pinkosky Sheldon ’76.

Many educational institutions believe that alumni associations are the institution’s memory keepers and the disseminators of traditions and values. In attendance were those that believe in supporting the values of St. Joseph’s College of Nursing and keeping its rich history of academic excellence in nursing education past and present known to all.
The 2013 Annual Meeting and Brunch was held on June 2, Sunday at the Ramada Inn. The group of alums in attendance spanned many decades from the 1940s to 2010s. The brunch was delicious but the company even better with milestone classes well represented. President Patricia O’Brien Johnson ’75 gave the annual state of the alumni association report followed by the highlight of the event, the presentation of Alumni Awards. Recipients are nominated by their fellow alums and selected by the alumni awards committee, chaired by Susan Lamanna ’69. All recipients were very deserving of their awards evident by the multiple nominations received from their classmates and colleagues.

The event concluded with the drawing of the Alumni Raffle fundraiser, first prize of an iPad mini was won by Karen LaFrance, second prize of a $100.00 gift certificate to Bayberry Uniforms was won by Peggy Thomas. The half and half raffle was won by Jason Woodsome.

Thank you to all who supported these fundraisers.

The following note was sent by Judy Lambert Martineau ’57 to the College.

“Following the June Alumni Annual meeting and brunch, my classmate Peggy Sawmiller Johnson Smith, ’57, sent me a note remarking that one award recipient, Pat Gibbons, lived in the Greensboro area and had something to do with Hospice. Thanks to the internet I soon found that Pat was the Director of Beacon Place, our local Hospice residence. We arranged our first meeting by email, met within a few days and reminisced for an hour and a half. I soon learned that Pat Martin Gibbons, Class of ’69, left Boston 17 years ago to take this position with Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro and that we actually live just five minutes apart.

It was such an enjoyable meeting that we looked forward to seeing each other again. However, the next development was equally wonderful. Pat told me she had a patient at Beacon Place who also graduated from St. Joe’s, Anne Jackson Haluska, Class of ’77. Arrangements were made and a few days ago we three met in Anne’s room and relived some of our special moments as St. Joseph’s student nurses. We had a great time, RNs of three decades, laughing and entertaining each other as well as Anne’s visitor. Before our party broke up we had a picture taken of the three of us and promised to visit together again soon.”

The 2013 Recipients Were

Heidi Kinnally  
Class of 2004  
Excellence in Nursing, Clinical Setting Award

Patricia Martin Gibbons  
Class of 1969  
Excellence in Nursing, Community Setting Award

Sister Geraldine DeLuca  
Class of 1964  
Outstanding Service to the College of Nursing
2012 Commitment

Of the 137 students participating in the St. Joseph’s College of Nursing Commitment to Nursing Ceremony held in August, 2012 more than 40 received a total of $25,500 in awards and scholarships. Students entering the second year of the program celebrated their accomplishments. Participation in the Commitment to Nursing Ceremony is a testament to the students’ dedication to the nursing profession. Female students receive the traditional nursing cap and all students receive a cross pin from the upperclassmen. The cross symbolizes the inspiration of St. Francis and signifies that St. Joseph’s nursing students practice their profession with compassion and reverence.

Many of the donors who fund the awards and scholarships attended the ceremony and presented the recipients with their awards. A reception followed the ceremony for all those in attendance.

Class of 1972 40th Anniversary Reunion

The Class of 1972 celebrated the 40th anniversary of their graduation. They gathered for a late morning coffee reception in the hospital conference room on a Saturday in November 2012. After greeting each other, renewing old friendships and reminiscing they toured the hospital and College of Nursing. They especially enjoyed touring the College and remembering which rooms were their dorm rooms and chatting about “those good old days” living all together. They returned to the hospital conference room and had lunch together while listening to the state of the College from Dean Marianne Markowitz. They spent time looking over photos from their class years and their class yearbook. All were excited to catch up on what everyone is currently doing. Those that attended either were still working in healthcare or recently retired from healthcare. The Class of 1972 attendees represented a very professional, experienced, caring gathering of women who have made a positive impact on healthcare in their communities over the past forty years.

Family Tradition

Three members of the Class of 1972 at St. Joseph’s Hospital School of Nursing followed in the footsteps of their mothers, who were also St. Joseph’s graduates. Carrying on the family tradition, from left to right are: (Circa 1969) Teresa Locastro Hogan and Madelyn Locastro Burke ’46 (deceased), (May McQueeny Burke, Teresa’s grandmother, also graduated from the school in 1917), Anne Burke Headd ’48 and daughter, Mary Headd Ryan, and Dorothy Koczan Hulchanski ’48 (deceased) and daughter Jeanne Hulchanski Stanton.

Many alumnae(i) of St. Joseph’s College of Nursing have a long history with the school carrying on a family tradition of nursing. If you are a legacy, we invite you to forward your name, family members names, note relation to you, and years of graduation to the attention of Connie Semel, email: connie.semel@sjhsyr.org or mail to St. Joseph’s College of Nursing, 206 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203. We would like to recognize you and your family members in upcoming newsletters and future alumni events. Photos also welcome.

Accreditation Granted to St. Joseph’s College of Nursing

St. Joseph’s College of Nursing was granted initial accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. The commission is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as an accreditor of degree-granting colleges and universities in the Middle States region, which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and several locations internationally. The commission is a voluntary, non-governmental, membership association that defines, maintains and promotes educational excellence across institutions with diverse missions, student populations and resources. It examines each institution as a whole, rather than specific programs within institutions. Accreditation by Middle States is evidence of the quality and excellence of the nursing education program offered at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing. St. Joseph’s College of Nursing also is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly NLNAC. ACEN is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs (clinical doctorate, master’s, baccalaureate, associate, diploma and practical programs.) ACEN is nationally recognized as a specialized accrediting agency for both postsecondary and higher degree programs in nursing education.

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Sharing a Symbol of Excellence

For many, the culmination of graduating from St. Joseph’s is receiving their nursing pin. It binds every student going back to the school’s first graduating class of 1900. When Marcy Singer, Class of 1951 and retired faculty member, inquired about donating her pin to the College of Nursing she was met with great enthusiasm. In 2005 St. Joseph’s officially changed the name from School of Nursing to College of Nursing. The same year, the graduate pins reflected that change so the school no longer had any pins with School of Nursing in their possession.

Marcy initially was planning to be laid to rest with her graduate pin but hearing someone mention that they were unable to afford to replace theirs she changed her mind and decided to share it. After her donation two years ago, Marcy often thought about who received her pin and hoped they would treasure it as much as she had. For Marcy her pin reflected even more than her nursing achievements; she received it with her classmates that many years later remain as close as sisters.

Marcy was very excited when she recently received a call from Cheryl Thomas, Administrative Assistant/Registrar at the College, informing her that her pin was going to be donated. A gentleman in hopes of replacing a friend’s lost pin had contacted the college. The recipient of Marcy’s pin was Sr. M. Frances Cabrini of Hawaii, Class of 1949.

Marcy is absolutely thrilled and delighted that she knows who received her pin. “It is special to know that a classmate has my pin. When she turns it over she will see my name and graduation year engraved on the back,” noted Marcy.

Additional information from the archives:

In 1900 the first graduation pin was presented to the first graduating class – “gold monogram pin with the letters St. J. H. in the center surrounded by a circle of blue enamel on which appeared the Latin motto, “Fides, Spes, Charitas major horum charitas”, “Faith, hope, charity and the greater of these is charity.”