

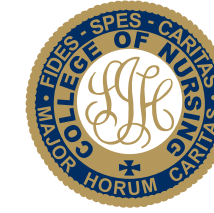


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# alumni**news**

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## In Memoriam: Patricia Gilmour Joyce '49 and Husband, Benjamin

A memorial mass was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at St. Joseph's Chapel honoring the lives of Benjamin Edward Joyce and his wife, Patricia Elaine Gilmour Joyce '49 who died tragically in a house fire on April 13 in Virginia Beach. Born on the same day in 1929, Patricia grew up in Syracuse, NY and Ben in Seattle, WA. They met in New York City and married in 1950.

Patricia retired as a registered nurse and Ben, as a captain in the United States Coast Guard. Four children, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and their siblings Michael Gilmour, Suzanne Gilmour Young, and Patricia Joyce Quast survive them.



The memorial mass was attended by family, friends, faculty, staff and administrators for the College of Nursing, and several of Patricia's '49 classmates including Natalie Smith Fadden, Florence Himpler Schuelke, Sister Thomas Marie, Eleanor Bauder Riley, and Jeannette Derosie Marquart.

Gifts can be made in Patricia and Ben's honor to St. Joseph's Hospital College of Nursing, 206 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.



# newsmakers

## WE PRAY FOR

### RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI:

Doris Cutting Friske '46  
Madelyn Frances Burke Locastro '46  
Mary Rita Fisselbrand '52  
Patricia Gilmour Joyce '49  
Margaret "Peg" Moore Switzer '51

### Margaret Sawmiller Johnson '57

married James L. Smith on Sept. 23, 2011 and moved from Camillus, NY to Marcellus, NY.

**Diane D. Bennett '58** writes from Victor, NY of her fond memories of the 50th reunion weekend. It was a grand event including the lovely reception, lunch and tour given by the Alumni Association – "they went all out!"

**Pauline Michaud Dumas '60** lives in Newport, RI where she sold her Medical Management Company and now works part time as a Tour Director.

**Kathleen Denny Leatherbarrow '62** became a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1977. She has written four children's books and works part time at Genesis heroin addiction program. She is currently living in Modesto, CA.

**Joan Wooton Connelly '63** is enjoying retirement in Salem, SC and writes that she plays a lot of tennis and also spends time volunteering.

**Rosellen Pearson Kreis '63** earned a BS degree from Alfred University and MS degree from University of Rochester. After 35 years, she retired from University of Rochester Medical Center but continues to work per diem.

Along with her husband, Al, she enjoys traveling and recently returned to her home in North Chili, NY from a trip to Europe!

**Shirley Robbins Nettles '65** of Fulton, NY proudly announces another addition to her family's three generation St. Joseph's legacy. Three of her daughters are graduates of the college and her granddaughter Cora Marie Nelson who is enrolled in the Dual Degree option with LeMoyne is a 2012 graduate from the college.

**Suzanne Barber Moslow '66** is living in Amherst, NY where since 2004 has been enjoying retirement, spending lots of time with her 14 grandchildren and of course, still enjoys the company of her husband of 43 years.

**Sandra Wood-Thomas Sourbier '69** after 30 years of working the 11 pm - 7 am shift at York Hospital retired in October 2010. Living in Roxboro, NC where she built her dream house on a lake just 200 yards from her daughter and two grandsons.

**Kathy Puerner '72** is relaxing and volunteering in Palmyra, VA after retiring from nursing in fields ranging from medical-surgical, public health, school health, emergency room and occupational health.

**Joanne Fleming Charles '76** resides in Arlington, VA and is employed at Springfield Family Medicine, Alexandria, VA. After earning a BS degree from LeMoyne College in 1977, BSN in 1984 and FNP Post Master's Certificate in 2001

from Old Dominion University, she is working as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Married to Randolph Charles, an Episcopal priest, she reports her daughter Frances attends Catholic University School of Law.

**Shelley A. Fess '76** continues to work at Monroe Community College in a new role as the Nursing Learning Center Coordinator, in Rochester, NY where she lives.

**Margaret Buckingham '86** works full time in the PACU at Community Memorial Hospital, Hamilton, NY. Living in Earlville, NY, she is also starting a business – Buckingham Legal Nurse Consulting.

**Susan Fear Serrao '86** is Director of Healthy Families Division, Onondaga County Health Department, a full time position. She obtained a BSN in 1988 and MSN/PNP in 2004. She resides in Camillus, NY and has four children 21, 20, 18, and 16 years of age.

**Karen Foran '94** living in Manlius, NY, is currently a professor at Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY School of Business - Health Care Management. She is anxiously awaiting becoming a "Nana" for the first time, with a grandson due March 2012.

**Joyce C. Ryan '94** presently working as the Director of Clinical Affairs at Sage Products in Cary, IL, reports living in Englewood, FL. She holds a BSN, MSN NP from SUNY Upstate 2001 and DNP@UMKC 2011.

**Deborah E. Prockup Hall '97** continues to work towards a BSN and resides in Liverpool, NY.

**Kathleen Saccone '02** was the nurse for underprivileged children at a camp on Oneida Lake, NY during the summer of 2011 and lives in North Syracuse, NY.

**Alice Konkol-Wilbur '03** writes she received a BSN degree in 2009 from Winston Salem State University and lives in Raeford, NC.

**Heidi M. Kinnally '04** reports that she graduated from SUNY Upstate post master psych NP program and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau. She is also happy to report in December 2011 she passed the ANCC boards and is a readjustment counselor at the VA and monthly on-call at Auburn Memorial Hospital psychiatric inpatient unit. She lives in Brewerton, NY.

**George H. Davenport '10** is now a case manager with St. Joseph's Home Care and loves having more "one on one" time with his patients. He lives in Fabius, NY.

**Theresa Bellor Benson '10** is a school nurse for the Liverpool Central School District, Chestnut Hill Elementary and resides in Camillus, NY.

**Jamla M. Rizek '10** has obtained a bachelor's degree and is living in Syracuse, NY.



**Joan Giordano Cullen**, Liverpool, NY; **Lois Arnold Murphy**, Syracuse, NY; **Theresa "Terry" Kalinowski Passero**, Rochester, NY, 1956 Classmates celebrated their 55 year graduation anniversary with an "awesome" trip to Israel (pictured left).

**Nancy Niemi Nardelli '71** submitted this photo taken of the Class of 1971 (below) when they gathered to celebrate their 40th reunion September 2011.



BACK ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (STANDING): Sandra (DeMichele) Mancuso, Keitha Costello, Kathleen (Dujenski) McEnery, Patricia (Fletcher) Aiken, Joanne (Puderbaugh) Engelhardt, Rosemary (Murphy) Barry, Karen (Kepler) Gladstone, Anne Byrne Gorton, Laureen (Hitchman) Drake, Jayne Prendergast, Christine (Brown) Howell, Mary Ann (Boscaino) Ayers, Maureen (McCann) Nicholas, Frances (Costa) Zirilli.

MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (SITTING): Janice (Lighthouse) Richman, Arlene (Moran) Beck, Barbara (Vavra) Schlegel, Christine (Tremont) Warner, Jacquelyn Gonza, Mary Ellen (Dwyer) Berg.

FRONT ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (KNEELING OR SITTING ON FLOOR): Susan (Kyer) Gugisberg, Teresa Kunzwiler, Nancy (Niemi) Nardelli, Marie Fabrizio, Ann (Monnat) Nunn, Barbara (Fisher) Bono.



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In memory of husband,  
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In honor of the Class of 1951

### Fess, Shelley A. '78

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### Freeman, Joan F. (Waltos) '75

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In honor of Class of '69

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In memory of mother, Mary Bourguignon

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### Konkol-Wilbur, Alice K. '03

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In memory of loved ones

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In memory of Thomas Shepardson and  
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### Talentino, Winifred V. (Eisenhauer) '64

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### Craven, Margaret K. (Kuba) '54

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### Cusano, Kathy J. (Millberg) '70

### delfierro, Elizabeth A. (Kaheny) '67

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In memory of parents  
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### Gross, Mary E. (Gonza) '83

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In memory of the Class of '55

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In memory of Patricia Zielinski Thibodeau '54  
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In memory of Mary Connor Sharkey '52

### Desimone, Shirley A. (Dingledein) '55

In memory of Albert and  
Dorothy Dingledein

### Dickinson, Natalie N. '51

### Dixon, Terral A. (Droll) '64

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '64

### Dwight, Mary E. (Lindberg) '79

In memory of our son  
Daniel Dwight, 23 years old

### Easton, Phyllis M. (Marks) '55

In memory of Michael C. Dent

### Farrell, Carol I. (Trinchik) '62

### Fetcho, Paula M. (Ryan) '61

In memory of the Ryan, Fetcho and  
Netluno families

### Folts, Mary A. (Aungier) '69

### Galek, Rose M. (Karpinski) '62

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '62.

### Hayes, Patricia J. (Sherlock) '49

In memory of Katherine O'Hara Sherlock

### Hudson, Nancy E. (Dullea) '64

In memory of Regina Stack Smith '64

### Johnson, Kerry Ann (Ahern) '98

### Johnson, Mary Anne (Hall) '66

In memory of Gary Johnson

### Johnson, Patricia A. (O'Brien) '75

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In memory of Denise Tibbits Parker '53

### Kiggins, JoAnne G. (Kochman) '64

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '64

### Kilcullen, Patricia A. '76

In memory of Edward J. Kilcullen

### Krafft, Carol A. (Higgins) '69

In memory of Mary and Ed Higgins

### Kratz, Kim S. (Delaney) '79

In honor of members of the Class of '79

### Lamanna, Susan J. '69

In memory of Sr. Francis Agnes Ryan

### Lambert, Zilpha M. (Byram) '46

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '46

### Lee, Kathleen (Race) '89

In memory of brother Andrew Race

### Leroux, Julia M. (DeVries) '82

### Marquart, M. Jeannette (Derosie) '49

### McCarthy, Mary W. (Walier) '53

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '53

### Mulvey, Cecilia J. '5

### Olson, Deborah J. (Pesklak) '78

In memory of William Pesklak

### Orzell, Jeanne S. (Gombola) '61

In memory of Drusilla Gebo Cowan '61

### Polacci, Maureen E. (Polacci) '94

In memory of Shelly Martin '94

### Potter, Mary G. (Berg) '67

### Premo Jr., Brenda J. (Doud) '73

In memory of Robert and John Doud

### Pross, Marsha A. (Branish) '64

In memory of Regina Stack Smith '64

### Quinn, Linda K. (Pastella) '68

### Raymond, Marilyn A. '74

In memory of Sr. Barbara Olmstead '74

### Rossignol, Michele R. '94

In memory of Karen Loveland Payment '77

### Roznowski, Grace J. (Mabonni) '42

In honor of the Class of '42

### Ryan, Eileen M. (McNaught) '68

In memory of Mary Kelly Trendell

### Ryan, Terry L. (Quinlivan) '69

### Thuman-Krell, Claudette T. '92

### Troiani, Elizabeth H. (Hazard) '59

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '59

### Viscosi, Janet M. (Carey) '60

### Wallon, Kay Lynn (Kinney) '08

In memory of nephew, Nathan Alan Thomas  
1986-2011

### Way, Mary E. (McDermott) '57

In memory of deceased members of the  
Class of '57

### Wheaton, Marion T. (Long) '49

In memory of Phyllis Long Meier, former  
head nurse, Pediatric Unit at St. Joseph's

### Whelan, Joanne H. (Kozlowski) '62

### White, Rita D. (Davidson) '54

### Wood, Linda L. (Schultz) '58

In memory of Sr. Mary Shelia Daly '42



# 2012

## Graduation Ceremony

The 112th commencement ceremonies for St. Joseph's College of Nursing were held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at the John H. Mulroy Civic Center in Syracuse, NY. One hundred-fourteen students were awarded an associate's degree in applied science with a major in nursing. The distinguished Dianne Cooney Miner, PhD, RN, CNS Founding Dean, Wegman's School of Nursing, St. John Fisher College gave the commencement address.

The students who participated in the ceremony were from the Weekday Option and the St. Joseph's Dual Degree Partnership with Le Moyne College, in which students receive their associate's degree in nursing from St. Joseph's and continue their studies for one more academic year at Le Moyne to receive their bachelor's degree. Also included were 38 graduates who completed requirements of the Weekend Option in December 2011 and received their pins and degrees at a convocation ceremony held in January, 2012.

The College of Nursing takes great pride in the Weekend Option cohort who all 38 graduates on their first attempt achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. The exam measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, registered professional nurse.

### 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. Kara Pirozzolo, class of 2012, performed a vocal musical selection of Ave Maria by Franz Schubert. Kathryn H. Ruscitto, BA, MPA, president and CEO, St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, gave the Address to the Graduates and introduced the Commencement Speaker Dr. Cooney Miner.

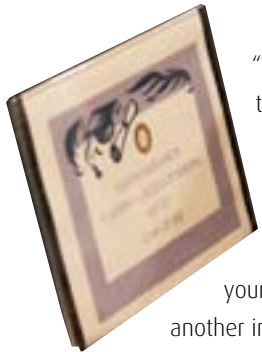
### Commencement Address

A Syracuse native who graduated from a hospital based school of nursing, Dr. Cooney Miner spoke about how her career has taken her around the world from being a staff nurse in Germany to a visiting professor at the Waterford Institute of Technology in Waterford, Ireland with academic appointments at the local, state, national and international levels in between. Dr. Cooney Miner teaches in the undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs at St. John Fisher College. Her professional career includes practice in acute and critical care, nursing education and administration.

"None of what I have achieved would have been possible if long ago, I did not complete what was the basic, foundational and most critical element in my life's work," stated Dr. Cooney Miner. "Becoming a nurse... as you have done."



## 2012 Graduation Ceremony



“This is what we come together tonight to celebrate; this transformational event in your lives. However, along with your transformation there is another important element that I want each of you to celebrate, remember and hold dear,” continued Dr. Cooney Miner. “Celebrate YOU. Be proud not just that you know what a nurse does, but also, be proud of yourself because now you can do it.”

“With this pride, do not forget to have a little MOXY; a little courage under fire and personal pride in yourself. Be courageous because, believe me... you will need it... a healthy dose of MOXY will fuel you to not only advocate for your patients, but also for yourself and for our profession.”

### Student Speakers

Mr. Michael Bilbo was selected by the Weekday Option class to be the student speaker. He encouraged his fellow graduates to embrace the RN to BS proposal, which would mandate every RN to have a BSN within 10 years of obtaining licensure to practice in New York State.

Bilbo further urged the graduates to start their higher education immediately.

At the January Convocation, December 2011 class representatives Michael Gallo, Aimee Hillman, and Kristen Naylor addressed the Weekend Option graduates.

### Degrees and Awards

Dean Markowitz; Loretta Quigley, MS, RN, Associate Dean, College of Nursing; and Nicole Blumin, MS, Assistant Dean for Students, College of Nursing, presided over the conferring of degrees. Carol Sheldon, MS, RN '76; Joan Zallnick, MS, RN; Christine Tancredi, MS, RN '94; and Cathy Jaworski, MS, RN were selected by the students to present the 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 Alison Houck, highest GPA, and Tom Ringwood, second highest.

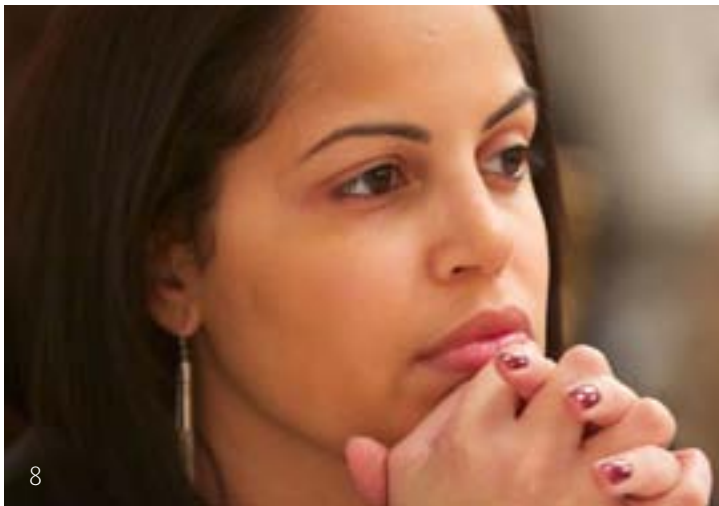
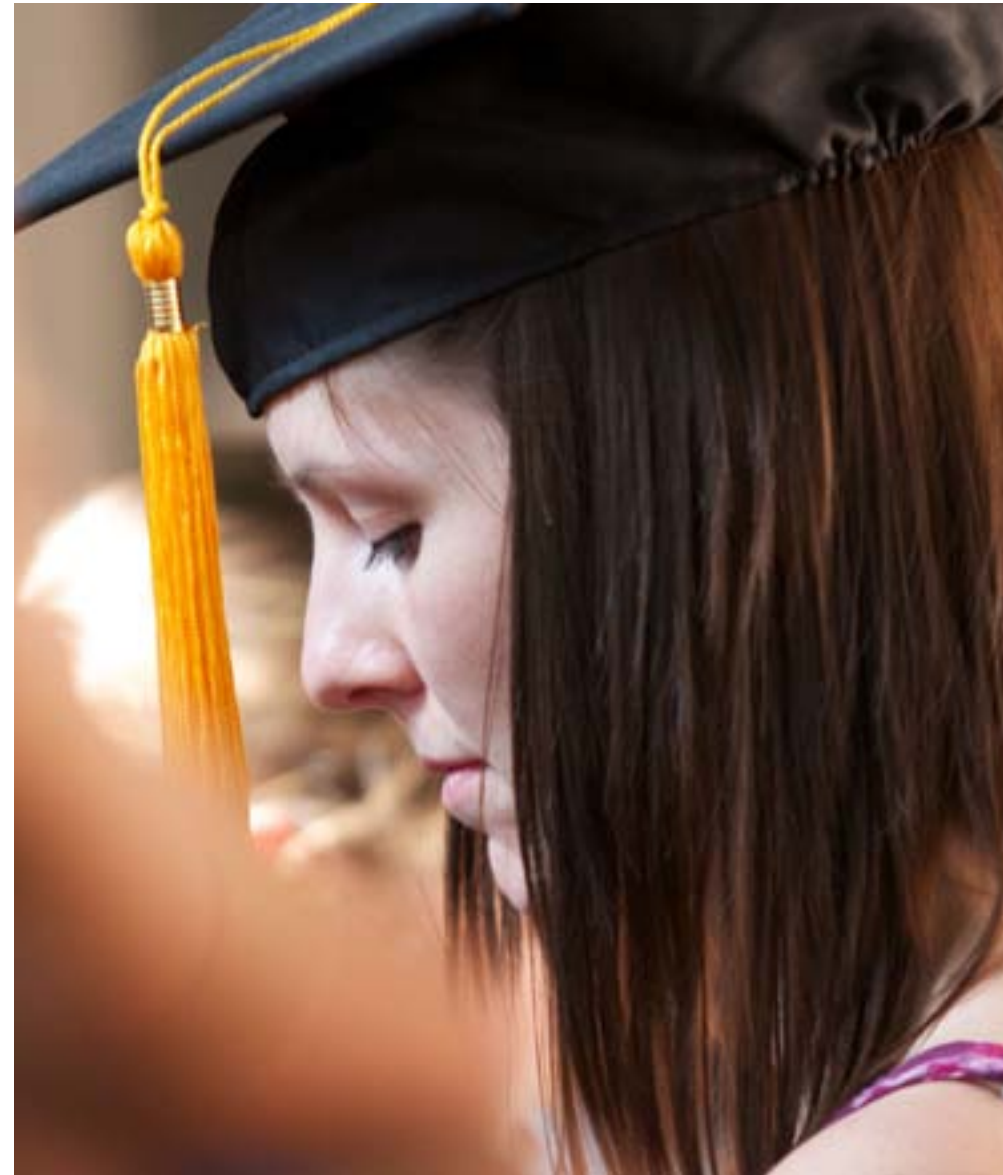
The Esther G. McCarty Scholarships, given in memory of Esther G. McCarty and awarded by the College of Nursing Alumni

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 Gillian Boucher and Caleb Payne, respectively.

The remaining graduate awards and scholarships were presented to the graduates at a brunch earlier in the 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.

“You are the future of nursing. You will remove barriers to practice, adopt leadership roles, design new models of care and create a workforce where 80 percent of nurses are baccalaureate prepared,” added Dr. Cooney Miner. “So while rough winds may shake you and the future challenge you, remember to be proud of who you are and what you do. Remember nursing is privileged work and what you know and do will make a difference in people's lives.”

Sr. Rose Ann Renna concluded the commencement with a blessing of the graduates, sending them on their way to begin their nursing careers.



## Send Us Your News

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annual Student Pasta Dinner Made Possible by Alumni

The Alumni Association sponsored a pasta dinner on Sunday, April 1, 2012 for approximately 60 students at the end of their busy weekend of classes, clinical and studying. The majority of the student attendees were from the weekend option program.

Mahnaz Fatemeh Alim-Marvasti '89 chaired the event with the assistance of Alumni Association board members, Patti O'Brien Johnson '75, president, Susan Lamanna '69, and Ginger Tuck Giarusso '86. The committee also appreciated the assistance of Weekend College of Nursing faculty members Joan Zallnick and Susan Jachim Converse '90.

Always one to celebrate upcoming holidays, Assistant Dean, Lois Needham attended the dinner with her dancing Peter Cottontail doll that enlivened the party, putting everyone in a festive Easter mood.

Student attendees were entered to win a door prize raffle for a beautiful gift basket full of Gertrude Hawk treats, which was arranged by Susan Lamanna. Student Gayle Fuert drew the winning ticket to announce Jamie Wentworth as the lucky recipient.

Concluding the event, Andrew Gonnella, president, St. Joseph's College of Nursing (SJCON) Chapter of the National Student Nurses Association, thanked Patti Johnson and the board of directors for the dinner

and for providing assistance with the cost for him and student Eric Metz, (incoming SJCON Chapter president) to attend the National Student Nurses Association Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Andrew was one of 566 delegates among 2,780 registered participants. Andrew and his fellow classmates were encouraged to become active members in the Alumni Association after graduation and to one day become leaders of the association.

At the pasta dinner, students were able to relax and enjoy the company of their fellow classmates, faculty and alumni. All had a good time.



Shop St. Joseph's: Interested in buying St. Joseph's College of Nursing apparel and accessories? Visit our website or go directly to <http://fieldhouse.com/sjconstore>. A portion of the proceeds benefits the college of nursing.

## 2012 DAISY Award Recipient – Krista Krause '04



On May 23 at the 2012 Graduation Brunch, Krista Krause was recognized with the DAISY Award for her extraordinary contribution to nursing education. Krista is the first to receive this award at St. Joseph's College of Nursing. A graduate of the Class of 2004, Krista has been teaching at St. Joseph's College of Nursing since 2006. Krista holds an Associate degree from St. Joseph's, a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton, and a Master's degree as a Nurse Practitioner from SUNY Upstate Medical Center.

Krista has a passion for teaching and promotes a strong learning environment by going above and beyond to explain information. Providing additional material to help students prepare for exams, Krista practices questions with them and ensures

that they comprehend the rationale behind the questions. On clinical, Krista takes the additional time needed to discuss a patient's pathophysiology and why certain interventions are necessary.

"The exceptional learning experiences that I've had with Krista will positively impact my nursing career," stated Jamie Wentworth weekend option student Class of December 2012 nominator. "If I ever decide to teach, I hope to be as dedicated and inspiring as she is."

The DAISY Award recognizes the exceptional work of nursing educators and is presented through the auspices of the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. DAISY, which stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune Systems, is the acronym for the foundation that supports immune system research and also the DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nurses and for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty. The Barnes family established the faculty award in recognition of the significant impact that nursing faculty have on students and therefore patients. The award is given to an outstanding nursing educator on an annual basis.

Congratulations also go out to nominees Mary Headd Ryan '72, Julie Falkiewicz, Christine Tancredi '94, Susan Chappuis, and Joan Zallnick.

## Reunion Weekend 2013!

STARTING IN 2013, the Alumni Association and the College of Nursing will host an Alumni Reunion Weekend in June to coincide with the Le Moyne College Alumni Weekend. It is the hope that the Dual Degree Partnership in Nursing graduates, as well as our alumni and spouses who are graduates

of Le Moyne will be able to celebrate both events in the same weekend. St. Joseph's Alumni Weekend will continue to include a 50th anniversary class lunch and tours, while also accommodating other classes who would like to see the hospital campus. The weekend will also continue to include

## Save the Date

### Fundraisers to Benefit the College of Nursing

Sunday, September 23, 2012 **Bread for Schools Run** – Half marathon and 5K USA TF certified courses.



The Bread for Schools run is considered not only one of the most beautiful courses in New York State, but one of the best organized races. The Run was conceived by alumni who played on the Championship Fabius High School basketball team of '56-57. They now volunteer their time, energy and resources in their team's honor and memory so that they can help both their Alma Mater and schools everywhere. A portion of the registration fee will benefit St. Joseph's College of Nursing by designating the College on your registration form. For more information and/or a registration form please contact: Connie Semel – Director of Development for the College of Nursing at 315-448-5304 or [connie.semel@sjhsyr.org](mailto:connie.semel@sjhsyr.org).

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the **Fourth Annual Breakfast with Santa**, Saturday December 1, 2012. To place your name on the mailing list to receive more details and a reservation form call Connie Semel at 315-448-5303 or [connie.semel@sjhsyr.org](mailto:connie.semel@sjhsyr.org)