



Summer 2020

alumni*news*

St. Joseph's College of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center

The Class of 2020 Weekday option graduates' commencement on May 10th was canceled. This photo was taken as they left the hospital after completing their clinical requirements. The graduates were surprised with a banner and a socially distanced crowd of proud well wishers. This was the last time the Class of 2020 was able to be together as a class.



St. Joseph's College of Nursing Graduation Class of 2020.

◀ St. Joseph's College of Nursing First Graduation Class 1900.

Cecilia (Fitzmaurice) Mulvey '55

I regret to report the death of my S. J. roommate and life long friend, Mary Foederer Doster. A caring and giving woman. A true reflection of The Franciscan Spirit.

Janet (Carey) Viscosi '60

Retired from Hospice & Palliative Care, Chaplain's Assistant at St. Luke's Hospital in New Hartford, NY.

Lynn (Gulley) Jolly '67

Still working per diem at University of Kentucky Pediatric Clinic for Faculty & Staff.

Nancy (Mooney) Skelly '60

Moved to Raleigh, NC last fall. Chris McGowan-I will be in Ogdensburg for Summer. Carrie Lewandowski, Robert Dodge-where do you live?

Joan (Steinkirchner) Carpenter '70

I retired from Strong Memorial Hospital in 2005 after 35 years of hospital nursing. Most years were ED, PACU and OR. Retired to school nursing in an all-male catholic school. Now retired since 2012 enjoying my 2 grandbabies and my 3 kids. I love retirement but miss being a nurse! Thank you for a wonderful education. I'm grateful for all of my St. Joe's friends!

Jacquelyn Gonza '71

Underwent total knee replacement surgery this year with amazing post op care from my sister- the St. Joe's Nurse! Looking forward to walks on the Erie Canal Pathway this Summer with my new body part! Retirement is going well but miss the patient contact.

Suzanne (Bush) Fitzgerald '66

Happily retired. Worked in Peds, Hospital IV Team, Doctors Office. Received B.A. in music and taught for 20 years. Enjoying our 6 grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Taber) Loran '68

Retired May 1st, 2018 and moved here to The Villages, FL where I am living and loving life. Volunteer at Lazarus Free Clinic and tutor 1st graders in Math. My life is blessed.

Margaret (Gould) Mannellino '13

Working at Strong as Family Nurse Practitioner; Graduating as FNP from St. John Fisher College May 2019.

Donna (Reed) Hussar '75

I'm still working fulltime in Highland Hospital's ICU and loving it. I just taught a conference to my unit on multigenerational differences and teamwork in the work place. My youngest son (age 21) and my oldest daughter-in-law (age 35) are in the same nursing class at Roberts Wesleyan as Juniors.

Cathleen (Mathews) Donegan '67

I am retired as Coordinator of Cardiac Rehab at St. Joe's, but am working there per diem. I enjoy being with my children and grandchildren.

Linda (Purcell) Rinella '74

My daughter Catherine was married in the spring to Damien Burch.

Carol (Sherin) Orto '68

Enjoying retirement in Warrington, PA.

Scott Fitzgerald '88

I'll be retiring in the fall and purchasing a sailboat and cruising the Gulf of Mexico and Florida Keys.

Rebecca (Briggs) Hudson '69

I'm loving retirement and keeping busy! Still can't believe our Class of 1969 celebrates 50th Anniversary this year and look forward to our reunion.

Meg (Gonza) Gross '83

Two kids out of college, working out on their own. Looking toward retirement-almost 30 years with husband, Brian.

Joanne (Richards) Byrnes '66

Retired in 2008 after a career in Med Surg, Nursing Education and Hospice. Enjoying golf, travel, camp and two grandsons - Ian 3 and Aiden, 2 months- who live in Manlius with son and daughter-in law Brian and Lindsey.

Cheryl (Jock) Harrington '86

Greetings from Maine! It is amazing to still be doing nursing and still loving it, even after 33 years! Even though I did not plan to attend the Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Brunch due to distance, I cherish my 3 year diploma foundational nursing roots at St. Joseph's. I just completed my MSN (on line) at Grand Canyon University with emphasis in Nursing education. I currently work in a busy PACU at Eastern Maine Medical Center now Northern Light Health. I am just starting nurse education duties and enjoy the challenges work requires. I pray you are all well and give my greatest regards to Class of 1986! With warm regards.

Sharon (Giancaterin) Sikand '72

Went on to be Physician Assistant graduation 2000 at USC; worked 15 years at UCLA, retired 4 months, back to work Universal Pain Management Palmdale. Love my patients.

Eva (Ehrensbeck) Anderson '77

Still working as a FNP and GNP in private practice for Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Foreign Mission Society with sub specialty in Travel/Medicine.

Paula (Ryan) Fetcho '61

Still reside in San Diego California, occasionally return to Syracuse to visit family and friends.

Betsy (Teelon) Palmer '82

After 34 years of working in a hospital as a CVICU nurse and a Heart Transplant Coordinator, I am enjoying my 3rd year as a nurse educator for an infusion pharmacy.

Dolores (Ostrowski) Noonan '55

Loved nursing, loved teaching but really love retirement!

Helen (O'Brien) O'Connor '49

Enjoying retirement. Summers in Maine. Winters in Florida. Memories of St. Joe's - Sister Maureen, how we all loved her. Grateful to the Creator of the world for all His Blessings.

Carolyn (Dimmick) Strong '57

"Aging Is Not For Sissies"

St. Joseph's College of Nursing Governing Board



Sitting (left to right): Dr. Susan Berger, Willie Rogers, Timothy McMahon, Dr. Susan Bastable, Kathleen Bump. Standing (left to right): Kelly Vaccaro, Dr. Marianne Markowitz, Dr. Philip Falcone, Ed Kelley, Jr., Dr. Mary Ann Wafer, Connie Semel, Dr. Gina Myers, Clete Gualtieri. Members not pictured (alphabetical order): Dr. AnneMarie Czyz, Dr. Chad Corcoran, Tony Davis, David Labourdette, and Dr. Joshua Martin

The primary responsibility of board members is to attend quarterly meetings and participate in the development of policy and recommend suggestions. The members of the governing board play an integral role in assuring the college adheres to the vision, mission, and strategic plan. Each board member serves a three year term.



Commitment to Nursing ceremony March 31, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church.

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In memory of Eva and Alvin Hitchcock

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In memory of our beloved Mom, Helen Gonza, a true angel 1921-2018

Susan T. (Loverock) Grundy '69

In memory of Mary Jane Loverock (my mother).

Mary M. (Mertzluft) Guyder '45

In memory of Sr. Maureen

Cheryl A. (Jock) Harrington '86

In Memory of Rosa

Eileen H. (Scheibel) Hatchell '55

In memory of husband Mack Hatchell, son Richard Keenan

Paul H. Hudson '95

In honor of Class of '95

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In memory of Margaret A. and Gregory W. Sawmiller

Patricia A. (O'Brien) Johnson '75

In Memory of O'B O'Brien

Lynn F. (Gulley) Jolly '67

In memory of my Mom, Marguerite Gulley - worked at St. Joseph's Hospital for 25 years as a Nurse. She died June 14, 2017

Jacqueline Mary (Pelin) Keady '59

JoAnne G. (Kochman) Kiggins '64

Patricia A. Kilcullen '76

In honor of Class of '76

Sylvia H. (Horstman) King '58

In memory of Mary Johnson (Cunningham) Class of '58

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In honor of Association Board and Faculty. I thank all of you for the great things you do for nurses of the past, present and nurses of our future!

Shirley E. (Dumas) Kowalczyk '55

Carol A. (Higgins) Krafft '69

In memory of Mary and Ed Higgins

Alice M. (Wolf) LaDouceur '68

In honor of Class of '68

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In memory of John F. Kerwin - father

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In memory of Elizabeth (Hale) Whalen '41 and Mildred (Millie) Malay '46

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In memory and honor of Class of 1951

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In memory of Rick Metzler

Suzanne E. (Barber) Moslow '66

In memory of Marjorie and Robert Barber

Cecilia J. (Fitzmaurice) Mulvey '55

In honor of the Class of '55 and all of the contributions that they have made to Nursing.

Lois J. (Arnold) Murphy '56

In memory of Thomas Hutt

Nancy A. (Niemi) Nardelli '71

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In honor of the Class of '95

Margaret (Peggy) M. O'Hara '92

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In memory of deceased members of Class of '68

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In memory of Dru (Gebo) Cowan Class of '61

Beth E. (Dominic) Porter '90

Marsha A. (Branish) Pross '64

In honor of Class of '64

Linda K. (Pastella) Quinn '65

Ann P. (Pachak) Roach '50

Susan M. (Collins) Roberts '64

In honor of the Class of '64

Grace J. (Mabonni) Roznowski '42

In honor of Class of '42

Mary H. (Headd) Ryan '72

In honor of Dr. Loretta Quigley due to St. Joseph's College of Nursing Alumni Association Service Award

Mary H. (Headd) Ryan '72

In honor of Marianne Markowitz due to Sister Patricia Ann Lifetime Service Award

Mary H. (Headd) Ryan '72

In memory of Chester Chappuis, Jr.

Susan (Larkin) Ryan '65

In memory of Dennis F. Ryan

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Lorraine A. Sataneck '55

In memory of Richard A. Sataneck -My beloved Husband

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In memory of deceased members of Class of '82

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In memory of Pellenz-Shepardson Family

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In honor of "Jack" Strong

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Thank you to all who work so hard to keep the Alumni Association going

Beverly A. (Dorschel) Broad '63

In memory of Laurie Dorschel

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In memory of my husband Armand C. Desimone

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In honor of Class of '51

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Sheila A. Driscoll '63

In memory of Kitty O'Reilly Longo Class of '62

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Carol I. (Trinchik) Farrell '62

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Suzanne L. (Bush) Fitzgerald '66

In memory of Leon and Myrtle Bush, RN, MSN

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In memory of Mary Anne O'Neil Zuber- Class of '70

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In memory of Helen and Stephen Gonza

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In honor of the Class of '67

Ann (Byrne) Gorton '71

In memory of Dorothy Riley Byrne '45, Barbara Hillery Bowden '71, Mary Beth Spath Zagata '71, Jean Welsh Augustus '71

Benita (Baxter) Grant '69

Brenda F. (Fleury) Gridley '62

Susan T. (Loverock) Grundy '69

In memory of Mary Jane Loverock (Mother)

Maureen G. (Bowes) Gualtieri '55

In memory of Rita Hanover Berdan

Mary M. Guilfoyle '76

In memory of Donald, Jane and Eleanor Guilfoyle

Cheryl A. (Jock) Harrington '86

Eileen H. (Scheibel) Hatchell '55

In memory of husband Mack, son Richard

Shelly Lynn Hollenbeck '03

Nancy E. (Dullea) Hudson '64

In memory of Regina (Stack) Smith Class of '64

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In memory of deceased classmates of '64

Kathleen A. (Bloomer) Kinsey '69

Bernadette M. (Kolodziej) Korosec '65

In loving memory of my sister, Barbara (Kolodziej) Bambara '63

Shirley E. (Dumas) Kowalczyk '55

Susan J. Lamanna '69

In memory of Jeanne S. Lamanna (Mother).

Susan A. (Henderson) Lee '64

In memory of my late husband Carl James Lee.

Elizabeth A. (Taber) Loran '68

In memory of my parents Mary & Dan Taber

Jacqueline M. (Sutton) Lyboldt '70

In memory of Florence Druce Lyboldt, Class of '39

Donna J. Lynch '61

Sarah Elizabeth Markowitz '10

In honor of Dr. Loretta Quigley

Diana J. Marley '80

In memory of Carolyn Marley

Fatemeh Marvasti '89

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In memory of Marjorie and Robert Barber

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In memory of Mary Foederer Doster Class of '55

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In memory of Deceased Members of Class of '68

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In honor of Faculty of College of Nursing

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In memory of John Pesklak

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In memory of Dick Sataneck

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In honor of the Class of '64

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Adele L. Reed '69

Charlene E. (Odell) Rohrer '65

Grace J. (Mabonni) Roznowski '42

Mary H. (Headd) Ryan '72

In honor of Anne (Burke) Headd Class of '48

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In memory of Dennis Ryan and Doris Larkin

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In memory of Nancy Scandariato

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In honor of Jack Strong

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In memory of Jerome Wawrzaszek, my Dad

Carole R. (Lewis) Taylor '74

Elizabeth H. (Hazard) Troiani '59

In memory of Deceased Members of the Class of '59

Ann E. (Egan) VanDoren '53

Received from Lyman VanDoren in memory of Ann Egan VanDoren who passed away September, 2018.

Janice N. Viau '88

Janet M. (Carey) Viscosi '60

In memory of Sr. Mary (Daley) Sheila '42, Sr. Mary David

deceased alumni

DECEMBER 2018 – MARCH 2020

Class of '42

Florence (Flossie) (Endres) Golden

Class of '42

Jeanette (Patzke) Sellin

Died in February 2018

Class of '44

Sister Laurine McDonald

Class of '46

Teresa (O'Brien) Delmonico

Class of '48

Mary (Baron) Carroll

Class of '49

M. Jeannette (Derousie) Marquart

Class of '51

Mary (Clark) Tiffany

Class of '51

Regina (Keating) Bubnack

Class of '53

Ann Margaret (Egan) VanDoren

Died in September 2018

Class of '54

Jacqueline (Kaminski) Argersinger

Class of '55

Mary (Foederer) Doster

Died in June 2018

Class of '55

Barbara (Pat) (Briggs) Hall

Class of '56

Lucille (Bucci) Dougherty

Class of '56

Norma (Kuhlmann) Clark

Died in October 2018

Class of '59

Helen (Kennedy) Bruzdziński

Class of '61

Antoinette (Toni) Belmont

Class of '64

Anita (Long) Kallfelz

Class of '64

Teresa (Terry) (Brophy) Gaebler

Class of '65

Cheryl (Favasuli) O'Brien

Class of '66

Ann (Tracy) Abess

Class of '66

Ellen (Barrett) Contini

Died in July 2018

Class of '68

Catherine (Healy) Malorzo

Class of '69

Beatrice (Betty) (Brannan) Finocchiaro

Died in October 2018

Class of '69

Ellen (Schaub) Meyer

Class of '70

Mary Anne (O'Neil) Zuber

Class of '81

Lynne (Garbreana) Henrie

Class of '87

Susan (Stebbins) Meloni

Died October 2017

Class of '91

Deborah Cohen-Berg

Class of '95

E. Zoë (Zotto) Keeler



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF NURSING commencement ceremonies

celebrating our graduates

St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduated 151 students in 2019; 76 graduates from the evening/weekend option and 75 from the weekday option. The Associate Degree in Applied Science (A.A.S.) with a major in nursing was conferred on graduates in both options. Some graduates in the Accelerated Dual Degree Partnership in Nursing (A-DDPN) option also earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Le Moyne College. The Evening/Weekend Class of December 2018 commencement ceremony was held January 6, 2019 at the Landmark Theatre. Brandon Roth, a local news reporter, delivered the commencement address for this class. The commencement ceremony for the Weekday Class of May 2019 was held May 12, 2019 at SRC Arena & Event Center. Yuri Pashchuk, MS, RN, CCRN, EMT, '06 Director, Medical Surgical Clinical Services, St. Joseph's Health delivered the commencement address for this graduating class. The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) is a nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses in the US and Canada. St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduates for December 2018 and May 2019 achieved a 94% first-time pass rate, well above state and national means. Over 70% of the graduates from the Class of December 2018 and May 2019 have accepted positions at St. Joseph's Health Hospital.

A message to the May Class of 2020 from
Vice President/Dean Marianne Markowitz, Ed.D., RN, CNE

Congratulations to the Class of 2020

On behalf of the hospital staff, governing board, college administrators, faculty and staff, we honor you as you finish your initial nursing education program.

Who would have ever imagined that when the World Health Organization designated 2020 to be the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honor of Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday that our world would be in a major health care crisis. Florence was a pioneer who led the way for nursing, and believed that the profession of nursing was not intended to be stagnant. How insightful were her words as you reflect on your senior experiences since the COVID-19 pandemic changed our lives?

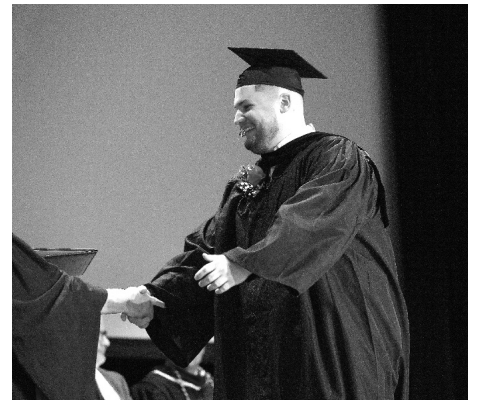
The contributions you have made during your last semester will forever impact your practice as a Registered Nurse. Thank you for your commitment, dedication, and resiliency. For over 122 years, St. Joseph's College of Nursing has dedicated itself to educating nurses who are compassionate, and exceptionally prepared to enter the nursing profession. National Nurses Week takes on a new meaning this year as we honor and pay tribute to all of our nurses; and now you are in that category.

The college community is very proud of you. The College filmed a short video to capture their gratitude and congratulations from the faculty and staff. The video was sent to the class with this message.



DECEMBER | CLASS OF 2018 commencement

Location: Landmark Theatre | Commencement Speaker: Brandon Roth, Local News Reporter

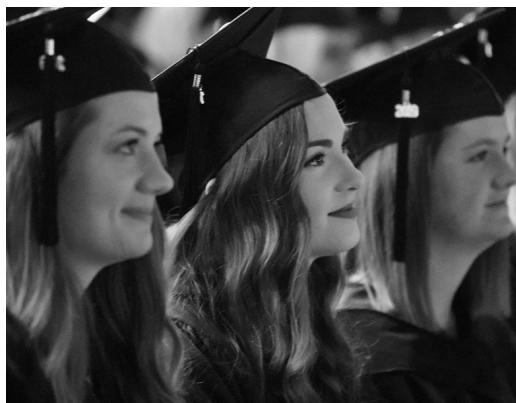


Students First



MAY | CLASS OF 2019 commencement

Location: SRC Arena & Event Center | Commencement Speaker: Yuri Pashchuk, MS, RN, CCRN, EMT, '06 Director, Medical Surgical Clinical Services, St. Joseph's Health Hospital.



2019 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association



Lisa Paris Morgan '84

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Doubletree by Hilton Syracuse. The attendees represented classes from 1951-2007. President Lisa Paris Morgan '84 reported on the annual state of the Alumni Association, along with Carole Lewis Taylor '74 the annual Activity Report. Dean/Vice President Dr.

Marianne Markowitz reported on the

College of Nursing and Associate for Alumni and Development Dr. Mary Ann Mahalick Wafer '83, presented the Development Report. Further business conducted was a bylaw change giving the board the ability to amend the bylaws as deemed necessary. Bylaws are available for review upon request.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Alumni Awards.



L to R Susan Lamanna '69 co-chair of awards committee, Jacqueline Gonza '71 nominator, Meg Gonza Gross '83 award recipient, Jennifer Austin '07 awards committee chair

2019 Alumni Award Recipients:

Meg Gonza Gross '83

Excellence in Nursing- Clinical Setting

Ellen Schaub Meyer '69

For Excellence in Nursing – Community Setting

Recipients are selected by the alumni awards committee from nominations sent in by alumni and community members.

Elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors:

First term:

Daniel Bocchino '17

Officers:

Connie Spadafore Semel '74

President

Mary Headd Ryan '72

Vice President

Susan Lamanna '69

Secretary

Reelected for a Second Term for 2018-2020:

Carole Lewis Taylor '74

Treasurer

The Alumni Association expressed gratitude to Lisa Paris Morgan '84, outgoing President, and Carole Pinkosky Sheldon '76, outgoing Secretary, for their outstanding service.

Susan Lamanna, member of Class of 1969, shares the festivities enjoyed by the class in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their graduation

The Class of 1969 had a fabulous reunion last June. Attendees stayed at the Doubletree Hotel, where Sunday's Alumni Brunch was held. We started our festivities on Thursday night, when many local alumni went to the hotel to greet those arriving from out of town. We had a grand time in the hotel welcoming our classmates, sharing old and new stories, and eating and drinking until late in the evening. No one had changed a bit!! On Friday morning, those who wanted to filled a bus for a winery tour.

We had lunch together outside at one of the wineries and continued our stories and sharing. Later that evening, many of us gathered again, this time in Liverpool at the Retreat for dinner. We had our own room filled with laughter and fun. On Saturday, we all headed to St. Joseph's Hospital for a tour and a wonderful luncheon presented to us by the College of Nursing and the Alumni Association. It was amazing, and more classmates were able to join us for this event. We were presented with goodie bags that contained, among other things, a book containing the 100 year history of the College of Nursing and a double frame that would hold pictures of our class graduation and the picture that was taken of all of us that afternoon. It was such a nice idea and a treasure for everyone to have. That evening, we all met up in Skaneateles for the dinner cruise on the lake — featuring Dinosaur Bar-B-Que! The weather cooperated and we just had a blast! And finally, on Sunday,

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we had our Alumni Annual Brunch with the other alumni from years past, and our class was celebrated for 50 years of nursing service! The highlight of that day was the presentation of one of the Alumni Awards, Excellence in Nursing in the Community, to one of our class members, Ellen Schaub Meyer. Ellen lives in Seattle, Washington and was home with her husband and four sons on hospice care. Two of her sisters (see above photo), Betsy Rosenthal and Katie Benghouser, were able to accept the award for Ellen and we were able to live stream it to her. We also all had a chance later to speak with Ellen individually by Skype to congratulate her and say goodbye. There were many tears but so much joy that she was able to be with us and we could share in her happiness. It was a memorable weekend for all of us and one we will hold close forever.

Editor's note: Sadly, shortly after the Brunch Ellen passed away.

The Commitment to Nursing Awards Presentation Brunch and Ceremony was held on March 31, 2019. The Florence Nightingale pledge was recited by students at the Commitment to Nursing ceremony (held at Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville) to demonstrate their commitment and dedication to nursing. Students received a pin to symbolize the inspiration of St. Francis or Florence Nightingale to practice nursing with compassion.

The Commitment to Nursing ceremony began with a welcome from Marianne Markowitz, Ed.D., RN, CNE, Vice President /Dean. In her opening remarks, Dr. Markowitz emphasized that "we are a Center of Excellence!" She recognized the ongoing efforts of the outstanding faculty, staff, and governing board members of the college and the generosity of the donors. Dr. Markowitz conveyed how proud she was of the students' accomplishments and reinforced that they are to care for each person's needs so that they attain and maintain an optimal level of health.



As a gesture of appreciation to the staff for their support of the College of Nursing students especially during this unprecedented time the faculty delivered donuts and candy to the Hospital units. This was made possible by the generosity of the Alumni Association, a donation from a member of the class of '67, and the College of Nursing faculty and staff.

Back Row: Kelly (Mahardy) Ward, Class of 2007, Anthony (Tones) Bryant, Cathy Jaworski, Kelly (Smith) Parker, Class of 2001, Nancy (Zarella) Poole, Class of 2003
Front row: Robbin Guiles, Class of 2002, Jennifer Austin, Class of 2007, Patricia (Tricia) (Vescio) Spoto, Class of 2008



St. Joseph's College of Nursing's innovative educational program has been redesignated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education™ by the NLN for the years 2019-2023.

This re-designation signifies the sustainability of the College of Nursing's design of environments that promote enhancement of learning and development of students. Centers of Excellence were recognized at the NLN's Honors Convocation on September 28, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center located in National Harbor, Maryland. Currently, there are only 64 schools and institutions nationally that have achieved this prestigious designation.

College of Nursing Alumni Fundraisers

Due to the loss of revenue from canceled Hospital-based fundraisers like our Annual Spring Flower sale and sale of raffle tickets and additionally the loss of a vendor for our uniform sale, we have looked to different and creative ways to fund our scholarships and ways to support the College. We believe the innovative spirit going forward in these challenging times will carry us to greater achievements. With your support, we can make this happen.

Onsite Hospital fundraisers were held before the restrictions within the Hospital were put in place. The sales included a Poinsettia Plant sale, In the Bag sale, and Usborne Books and More sale. We have scheduled to hold these successful fundraisers again before year end. Thank you to all who supported these sales! Don't forget the ongoing fundraiser, our **College of Nursing Alumni Logo Clothing Sale. Shop online at www.kicksclothing.com/shop or call Paul of Kick's Clothing 315-420-4773** for personal service.

Coming in the Fall — a new onsite hospital sale is scheduled! D&D Jewelry will hold a 2-day jewelry sale to benefit the Alumni Association on October 1 and October 2.

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bar available for purchase to benefit the Alumni Association

\$1 Classic Chocolate Bar
(available by the bar or box)

\$2 Deluxe Chocolate Bar
(available by the bar or box)

Many of our supporters have paid for the candy and ask that we give the candy as a treat during this difficult time to hospitals and nursing home workers and other essential workers. If you are interested in supporting this sale either by purchasing the bars or donating bars, please contact **Susan Lamanna at 315.247.7879 or lamannas@sunyocc.edu** for more information on how you can "sweeten" your day or someone else's.

Annual Raffle

A fun way to support the Alumni Association!

Prizes:

- Apple AirPods with Charging Case
- Ring Wi-Fi Video Wired and Wireless Smart Doorbell Camera
- \$100 VISA Gift Card

Tickets:

6 for \$5.00 or 20 for \$15.00 available online

<https://chip-in.us/alumgiving> or from a board member or send your check to the College of Nursing address attention the Alumni Association. Checks made payable to: Alumni Association SJCON

Let us Stay in Touch

Many of our Alumni Association members have asked for Alumni Association Communications to be received online and also have the option to pay dues and donate online. We are pleased to now offer members the choice of receiving communications from the Alumni Association when possible by email and text and to use online credit card payments. To make sure we are reaching all our alumni we need every alum to **keep their contact information updated**. For a recent emailing to alumni, our success rate was only 1800 with a 25% or 600 alumni email failure rate. It is just as important for those that prefer that we communicate via the United States Postal Service to keep their contact information updated. When sending in your updated contact information make a note if you prefer electronic communications only!

To make a donation or pay dues online enter the following in your web browser:

<https://chip-in.us/alumgiving> this will take you to our giving page. If you have auto-fill capability, please do not use it when filling in the web page. Enter the information manually. This is a safe and secure way to make a donation in honor and/or in memory of someone, pay your dues, buy raffle tickets. When we are closer to the date, you will be able to make your reservation payment for the Annual Meeting and Brunch.

Letter to Alumni

Dear Alumni,

I hope you all are doing well during this unprecedented and uncertain time. Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers each and every day. I want to take this opportunity to update you on what has been happening at the College for the past few months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. First and foremost, all decisions made at St. Joseph's College of Nursing are guided by our strong history as well as our mission, vision, and values. Although there have been feelings of disappointment expressed due to the inconvenience of multiple cancellations, please know that we continue to support our students, faculty, and staff to provide the excellent education and patient care that St. Joseph's College of Nursing is recognized for.

There is a possibility the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to evolve for months to come. As a result, there have been significant and unprecedented disruptions to our normal institutional operations. Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty that is experienced each day, sometimes minute by minute, critical decisions have been made in order to ensure academic progression of all of our students. As we adjust to the new normalcy of virtual operations, we continue to strive to provide the same level of education that St. Joseph's College of Nursing is known for. I am pleased to share with you that our transition to using digital and virtual tools to facilitate the curriculum has been successful. It is our priority as a leader in nursing education to adapt to the ever-changing learning environment for our students.

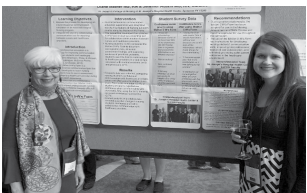
During this crisis, I have observed so much courage and strength from our faculty, staff, and students. I am humbled by the tremendous sacrifices that have been made during this unparalleled crisis, and I remain very grateful to be a part of St. Joseph's College of Nursing.

Thank you for your prayers as we get through this together.

Vice President/Dean Dr. Marianne Markowitz

OADN Conference

In November 2019, faculty members Diane Mather MS, RN & Jennifer Austin MS, RN (class of 2007) represented St. Joseph's College of Nursing at the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Conference, Louisville, KY. They presented a research study performed at the College of Nursing titled "Interprofessional Simulation: Improving Collaborative Communication Skills in Undergraduate Nursing Students." Diane and Jennifer would like to thank the Alumni Board for the Faculty Development award, which provided funding for their trip.



CLASS OF '69

50th Anniversary

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1969 recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of graduation. A total of 34 members of the Class of 1969 attended a luncheon at St. Joseph's Health Hospital on June 1, 2019 to celebrate this anniversary milestone. Tours of the patient tower and the surgical waiting room were provided to attendees.



St. Joseph's College of Nursing Class of 1969 at the 50th Anniversary of Graduation luncheon held on June 1, 2019

Front row, left to right: Geraldine 'Gerri' (Fenocchi) Arrowood, Patricia 'Patty' (Day) Ross, Sandra 'Sandy' (Wood-Thomas) Sourbier, Dawn (Munsell) Hammat, Mary Lou (McCormick) Elsner, Darlene (Sychtysz) deLeon, Elizabeth 'Betty Lou' (Hickey) Cuniff, Mary 'Mary Beth' (Miller) Campo, Kathleen 'Kathy' (Pelkey) Marshfield, Mary 'Mary Alyce' (Aungier) Folts, Mary Ellen (Valin) Barrett; Middle row (Center) left to right: Mary 'Midge' (Arnold) Yager, Sharon (Hallahan) Austin, Sandra 'Sandy' (Bush) Collins, Susan 'Sue' Lamanna, Kathleen 'Kathy' (Carroll) Dugo, Patricia 'Patty' (O'Connell) Fyles, Anne Catanzarite, Ann (Beyer) Llewellyn, Barbara Doran; Back row, left to right: Mary (Sauro) Carocci, Margaret 'Peggy' (Zupan) Golden, Kathleen 'Kathy' (Bloomer) Kinsey, Mary 'Mary Joyce' (Baran) Mazzeo, Patricia 'Pat' Drea, Benita 'Bonnie' (Baxter) Grant, Terry (Quinlivan) Ryan, Rebecca 'Becky' (Briggs) Hudson, Kathleen 'Kathy' (Moher) Damico, Helen (Hubbard) Feder, Jacqueline 'Jackie' (D'Angelo) Lanni, Joanne Popielarczyk, Patricia 'Pat' (Martin) Gibbons, Adele Reed

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ALUMNI REUNION 2020 POSTPONED

Alumni Weekend originally scheduled for June 6 and June 7, 2020 has been postponed and rescheduled. **The Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held Sunday, October 18, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The Class of 1970's 50th Graduation Anniversary Lunch has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Hospital's DeFuria Conference Room.** Please adjust your calendars accordingly. While we are disappointed to have to postpone, our top priority is the health and well-being of all of our alumni, our community and the entire nation. As we continue to monitor COVID-19, in the hope of all coming together we will share more details in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you to all of you that sent in nominations for the Alumni Awards. We had submissions of very deserving candidates in each category. The alumni awards committee is pleased to announce the recipients.

- Excellence in Clinical Nursing:
John Munger Class of 2006
- Excellence in Community Nursing:
Sheila Potter Austin Class of 1976
- Service Excellence to the College of Nursing:
Jennifer Austin Class of 2007

We will recognize the recipients at the rescheduled Annual Meeting, so please make every effort to attend and join us in congratulating them.

At the Annual Meeting we will welcome and induct our 2020 slate of board members serving from 2020-2023.

Slate of Board Members

- **Patricia Vescio Spoto '08**
- **Patricia O'Brien Johnson '75**
- **Kelly Parker '01**
- **Gina Famolaro Cusworth '83**
- **John Munger '06**