



Summer 2022

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

CELEBRATION OF 50TH GRADUATION ANNIVERSARY: CLASSES OF 1970, 1971, 1972

St Joseph's College of Nursing 50th Graduation Anniversary Reunions for Alumni in classes of 1970 (52 years), 1971 (51 years), and 1972 (50 years) were held together on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at The DoubleTree Hotel on Carrier Circle. Because of the COVID pandemic, there had been no reunion event in 2020 or 2021.

The event was held outdoors to minimize any chance of COVID spread. All the classmates enjoyed the reunion, with much laughter and constant conversations. The attendees had an opportunity to look at College of Nursing memorabilia and have a wonderful lunch together. Dr. Mary Ann Wafer, Associate for Alumni and Development, Connie Semel, Alumni Association President, and Dr. Lenore Boris, Dean of the College, each gave a brief update.



Class of 1970

L to R: Donna (Werpachowski) Berthoff; Marlene (Kelsey) Maloney; Shereen (Nosser) Parcell-Kay



Class of 1971

L to R: Rosemary (Murphy) Barry; Frances (Costa) Zirilli; Mary Ellen (Dwyer) Berg; Jodi (Nosser) Colby; Jayne Prendergast; Janice (Lighthouse) Richman; Kathy (Dujenski) McEnery; Jacquelyn Gonza



Class of 1972

L to R front row: Kathy Puerner; Mary Ellen (Lane) Crolick; Jeanne (Ryan) Botz; Jeanne (Fischette) Kirby; Linda Benfanti

L to R back row: Susan Querreveld; Robin (Struzzi) Maurer; Mary (Headd) Ryan; Jessica Pentlen; Wanda (Riggall) May; Jane (Fischette) Parina; Donna (Duhaime) Geiger; Jay (Giarrusso) Kohlbrenner

Margaret (Becker) Egan '61

Married 58 years, 6 children, 20 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren. Praying for all members of the class of 1961 for good health and peace.

Paula (Ryan) Fetcho '61

Been living in San Diego with husband for 28 years - retired now.

Suzanne Fitzgerald '66

Happily retired from 11 yrs in nursing and 20 yrs teaching music.

Elizabeth (Taber) Loren '68

Pre Covid was volunteering as 2nd grade math & reading tutor. Was working at a Free Clinic and Honor Flight Med Team, cannot wait to return to this.

Joan (Steinkirchner) Carpenter '70

Enjoying retirement with grandbabies - plus have three more on the way. Wonderful memories of SJCON and always appreciated my excellent preparation for my nursing career.

Jacqueline Gonza '71

I had the cataract surgery I was scared to have, and pleased to say it was easy and painless. Covid making it hard to visit family, hoping for a brighter future.

Jeanne (Ryan) Botz '72

2018 Awarded the Daisy Nurses Leader award and in 2019 awarded the US House of Representatives Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

Nanci (Austin) Eves '72

First time grandmother in October - such joy and love.

Donna (Duhaime) Geiger '72

Husband & I bought an RV - going to hit all 50 states.

Janis Kohlbrenner '72

Retired for the 2nd time.

Donna (Reed) Husser '75

Still working at age 67 yrs, at Highland Hospital in Rochester. Love it and the people I work with. Expecting grandchild #6!

Teresa Mortise '75

Retired in 2020 after working at SJ for 47 yrs, great journey.

Ann (Miller) Bode '77

Currently working as Women's Health NP. Completed DNP program in 2017 and certification program in Integrative Med in 2019.

Margaret (Goss) Limmer '78

Celebrated 42 yrs at Glens Falls Hospital on Jan 8th. Work as an RN CM in the Emergency Care Center - thrilled to be a Grandma to twin boys who live in Oregon.

Joan (Matrazzo) Brady '79

DNP in Nursing Administration from George Mason Univ. Chair, Board of Directors for International Collaboration of PeriAnesthesia Nurses Inc.

Catherine (Finelli) Hayden '79

Recently retired from SJH after 34 yrs. Have enjoyed working giving out the vaccines in Onondaga County.

Judith (Jones) Masters '79

Retiring after 19 yrs teaching pre school; and continues to sub as a school nurse in the Amherst, NY district.

Lisa (Lambiase) Stolakis '79

Reports there is a tentative plan to celebrate the 45 year anniversary of graduation of the class of '79 in Spring, 2024, in the Tampa/Sarasota area of Florida. Classmates should stay tuned for details; Lisa can be reached at llambiase@aol.com

Meg (Gonza) Gross '83

Happily recently retired after 37+ years but going to help vaccinate. Would still love to hear from classmates, looking forward to 40th anniversary with my class in 2 years.

Leslie Williams '83

Retired in December 2021 and continues to make a difference serving others within her community and beyond. Leslie and her husband Bob currently own a respite service for children. This program gives parents respite and their children an opportunity to be nurtured in activities unique for each child. Leslie and Bob collect and distribute children's clothing as well.

Tammy (Omiecinski) '86 & Andrew Aiken '95

Tammy is Service Line Director of Emergency and Trauma at Bassett Health Care. Received MSN in 2019 in leadership. Andy is 15 years at the VA - cardiology PA.

Cheryl (Jock) Briggs '86

Still love nursing after all these years. I appreciate the great nursing foundation I received at SJ CON - completed my masters in Nursing with Education Emphasis in 2019. Working at Manchester VAMC Pain clinic.

Deborah (Prockup) Hall '97

After 23 yrs of a fulfilling and rewarding nursing career on 2-5/D-5 I have retired. I have relocated to NC to be closer to family but will miss my work family.

Yuri Pashchuk '06

As this newsletter goes to press, it was announced that Yuri Pashchuk has been promoted to the position of Chief Nursing Officer for St. Joseph's Health. Congratulations and best wishes for success in the new role!

Kimberly Mowers '15

Working at the Syracuse VA with so many alumni - miss everyone.

Allen, Karen D. '78
Amaral, JoAnn C. '60
Austin, Mary C. (Dwyer) '47
Austin, Sharon M. '69
Barrett, Mary E. '69
Barry, Rosemary (Murphy) '71
Brindak, Kristine M. '82
Bubnack, Julia A. (Dillon) '76
Busco, Susan H. (Hierholzer) '79
Byrnes, Joanne M. (Richards) '66
Campbell, Patricia A. '69
Campo, Mary E. (Miller) '69
Cangelose, LeeAnn M. (Smith) '77
Caron, Heather A. '87
Carpenter, Joan E. (Steinkirchner) '70
Cerio, Gail M. (Bundy) '75
Cerio, Jennifer Anne (Austin) '07
Chapman, Robert T. '93
Chussil, Janice G. (Toczydlowski) '74
Civello, Christine (Hatch) '96
Clancy, Kathryn A. '65
Cohen, Kathleen A. (Wren) '66
Connelly, Joan I. (Wooton) '63
Cronin, Courtney Rae. (Sandle) '01
Csuhta, Sheila A. (Bacola) '63
Culver, Ellen M. '65
DelCostello, Brenda J. (Dickensheets) '82
delFierro, Elizabeth A. (Kaheny) '67
Delpopolo, Leslie A. (Brinkman) '63
Desimone, Shirley A. (Dingledein) '55
diGiovanna, Patricia J. (Moran) '82
Dixon, Terral A. (Droll) '64
 In memory of Mary Anne Hunter, Class of 1964
Drea, Patricia E. '69
Dubaniewicz, Carolyn R. (Iwanski) '62
Dugo, Kathleen M. (Carroll) '69
Dwyer, Carolyn M. (DeCoursey) '67
Engelhardt, Joanne (Puderbaugh) '71
Farrell, Carol I. (Trinchik) '62
Farrell, Katherine L. '70
Fetcho, Paula M. (Ryan) '61
Fitzgerald, Suzanne L. (Bush) '66
Forbes, Julie A. (Hotchkiss) '70

Francher, JoAnn M. (McCarthy) '62
Freeland, Marcia J. (Stephan) '67
Fuhr, Erika B. (Benz) '59
Fyles, Patricia A. (O'Connell) '69
Gaetano, Sandra E. (Novek) '75
Gale, Catherine T. (Andros) '63
Garofalo, Kimberly '20
Gilchriest, Mary Colleen (Moynihan) '84
Gilman, Barbara I. (Schlamowitz) '68
 In memory of Dr. Samuel Schlamowitz
Glover, Patricia K. (Kamienski) '84
Goe, Mary Ann M. (Moyer) '48
 Donation sent by daughter - alumna has passed away
Gonza, Jacquelyn A. '71
Gorton, Ann (Byrne) '71
Gross, Mary E. (Gonza) '83
Grundy, Susan T. (Loverock) '69
 In memory of Mary Jane Loverock
Guilfoyle, Mary M. '76
 In memory of Jane, Don and Eleanor Guilfoyle
Haley, Patricia J. (Jones) '70
Hatchell, Eileen H. (Scheibel) '55
 In memory of husband Mack and son Richard
Hattala, Patricia J. (Meagher) '71
Hayden, Catherine M. (Finelli) '79
Hopkins, Deborah J. '95
 In memory of Andy Luke, Class of 1995
Hubbert, Kristine A. (Searing) '74
Hudson, Nancy E. (Dullea) '64
Hunter, Patricia A. (Tanner) '64
 In memory of Mary Anne Humphrey Hunter, Class of 1964
Johnson, Margaret M. (Sawmiller) '57
Johnson, Mary Anne (Hall) '66
 In memory of Gary Johnson
Johnson, Patricia A. (O'Brien) '75
 In memory of B. O'Brien
Johnston, Patricia A. (Norcross) '94
Jones, Judith A. (Wickins) '74
Keady, Mary Jacqueline (Pelín) '59
Keavney, Maureen A. (McCabe) '80
Kelly, Michelle A. (Carpenter) '70

Kiggins, JoAnne G. (Kochman) '64
 In memory of 1964 class members deceased
Kilcullen, Patricia A. '76
Knittel, Kathleen Ann (Cahill) '02
 In memory of Frances (Meyer) Cahill, Class of 1951
Kohlbrener, Janis C. (Giarrusso) '72
Krafft, Carol A. (Higgins) '69
Kratz, Kim S. (Delaney) '79
LaDouceur, Alice M. (Wolf) '68
Lamanna, Susan J. '69
 In memory of Nancy Lang Miller, Class of 1969
Landers-Pignatti, Robin Diane (Landers) '11
Limmer, Margaret M. (Goss) '78
 In memory of Judy Evers, Class of 1966
Llewellyn, Ann M. '69
Maier, Dolores M. (Bruckner) '67
Malandruccolo, Yolanda A. (Serchia) '56
Malay, Mary C. (Whalen) '75
Malloy, Carol A. (Hughes) '66
Markowitz, Sarah Elizabeth '10
Marley, Diana J. '80
 In memory of Daniel and Patrick Marley (brothers)
Masters, Judith L. (Jones) '79
Mattison, Patricia Kelley (Burns) '96
Maurer, Robin H. (Struzzi) '72
McCarthy, Mary W. (Walier) '53
McCartney, Therese A. (deStefano) '66
 In honor of Class of 1966
McDonald, Susan N. (Parker) '83
McInerney, Ruth (McClelland) '66
 In memory of Laurie O'Leary, Class of 1966
Melville, Arlene F. (Len) '69
Metzler, Linda M. (Schaaf) '78
 In memory of Douglas and Robert Barber
Morgan, Lisa (Paris) '84
Moslow, Suzanne E. (Barber) '66
Mowers, Kimberly A. (Hayes) '16
Munger, John Luman '06
Murphy, Lois J. (Arnold) '56
 In memory of Chris & Gregorina Sauro
Nardelli, Nancy A. (Niemi) '71

Nardi, Kathy C. (Coughlin) '68

Neill, Amanda L. (Fuller) '95

O'Hara, Margaret (Peggy) M. '92

O'Leary, Patricia L. (McCabe) '76

In memory of Teddy Schalk

Orr, Karen E. '64

In honor of Class of 1964

Orzell, Jeanne S. (Gombola) '61

In memory of Dru Gebo, Class of 1961

Osteen, Gail M. (Linehan) '65

In memory of Florence Walsh Lincoln

Parisi, Christopher '89

Parker, Kelly Jeanne (Smith) '01

Passero, Theresa M. (Kalinowski) '56

In honor of the Class of 1956

Patterson, Scott A. '79

Platania, Maryann E. (LaVelle) '65

In memory of Harry and Elizabeth Lavelle

Pollock, Elizabeth A. (Lynn) '68

Popielarczyk, Joanne '69

Powell, Kathleen A. (Tighe) '65

Powers, Joan E. (Corbett) '52

Premo, Brenda J. (Doud) '73

In memory of Bob, Lorraine & Jackie Doud

Prendergast, Jayne M. '71

Pross, Marsha A. (Branish) '64

In memory of Class members of 1964 - who died in 2020

Reilly, Karen E. (Casamento) '70

In memory of deceased members of the Class of 1970

Rizek, Jamla '10

Roberts, Susan M. (Collins) '64

Robertson, Janice E. (Sykes) '70

Roesser, Katherine M. '92

Roth, Rosemary A. '68

Rowand, Mary E. (Ford) '70

In memory of brother Thomas Ford who died in 2015

Ryan, Mary (Headd) '72

In honor of Deb Hopkins, class of '95

Ryan, Susan (Larkin) '65

Salerno, Sister Marie '62

In honor of the Class of 1962

Schalk, Mary E. (McCabe) '75

Schrank, Christine (Bopp) '89

Semel, Constance A. (Spadafore) '74

Servick, Judith A. (Balinskas) '68

In memory of Kathleen Maltby, Class of 1968, and Joseph Servick

Sheldon, Carol A. (Pinkosky) '76

Shepardson, Jacqueline M. (Pellenz) '64

Skelly, Nancy A. (Mooney) '60

Smith, Shannon M. (Alt) '90

Sojka, Frances A. (Kotowicz) '47

Stebbins, Mark Willard '12

Stedman, Maegen Marie '20

Strong, Carolyn M. (Dimmick) '57

In honor of Class of 1957

Taylor, Carole R. (Lewis) '74

Temmen, Claire M. (Frechette) '74

In honor of Class of 1974

Thomas, Mary J. '63

Tobia, Mallory Arlene (Burr) '19

Toher, Lorraine G. '67

In honor of Class of 1967

Troiani, Elizabeth H. (Hazard) '59

Truitt, Linda A. (Welch) '60

Viscosi, Janet M. (Carey) '60

In honor of Nancy (Mooney) Skelly, Class of 1960

Vogtle, Anne M. (Hutt) '81

In memory of Florence Golden, Class of 1942

Wafer, Mary Ann (Mahalick) '83

In honor of Connie Semel, Class of 1974

Wajda, Karen M. (Broderick) '78

In memory of Vera Broderick

Wall, Mary A. (Pisarek) '75

Whelan, Joanne H. (Kozlowski) '62

Whitney, Alexandria '19

Willson, Jacqueline M. (Leiden) '92

Zingarelli, Katherine (Sauro) '76



In Memory of Our Deceased Alumni

JUNE 1, 2021 – JUNE 15, 2022

Class of '48

Mary Ann (Moyer) Goe [February 28, 2018]

Class of '51

Jacquelyn (Mulvaney) Griffin [February 13, 2021]

Class of '51

Joanne (Horn) Skeval [October 23, 2021]

Class of '51

Marna (O'Connor) Thomas [September 17, 2021]

Class of '52

Janet (Walsh) Connor [July 20, 2021]

Class of '53

Geraldine (Wason) Straub [July 28, 2021]

Class of '53

Helen Lester [September 28, 2021]

Class of '53

Mary Ann (Morton) Ettelson [October 7, 2021]

Class of '54

Mary (Sweeney) McNichol [August 26, 2021]

Class of '54

Maureen (McNeill) Conley [July 30, 2020]

Class of '57

Ann (Baxter) Streiff [February 12, 2022]

Class of '60

Joan (Wojick) Leary [January 16, 2022]

Class of '62

Mary (McGann) Hosford [September 29, 2016]

Class of '67

Judith (Hamer) Penney [April 4, 2022]

Class of '67

Mary Rose Kott [February 22, 2022]

Class of '69

Nancy (Lang) Miller [August 26, 2021]

Class of '70

Carol (Kilcoyne) Parker [September 28, 2021]

Class of '70

Carol (Parsons) Merritt [August 13, 2021]

Class of '76

Sister Constance Mary Gibbons OSF [January 16, 2022]

Class of '89

Therese (Minnoe) Royal [September 20, 2021]

Class of '93

Edith (Stevens) Caster [May 31, 2020]

Class of '12

Ashley (Vaeth) Whaley [September 22, 2021]



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF NURSING commencement ceremonies

celebrating our graduates

Commencement 2021

St. Joseph's College of Nursing is very proud to have graduated 175 students in 2021: 86 from the weekday option and 89 from the evening/weekend option. An 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 of Science degree from Le Moyne College.

The Class of May 2021 Weekday commencement ceremony was held in a socially distanced manner on May 15, 2021, at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic crisis and associated guidelines for safety put in place for large gatherings in December 2021, five socially distanced commencement ceremonies were held at St. Joseph's Health Hospital on December 12, 2021.

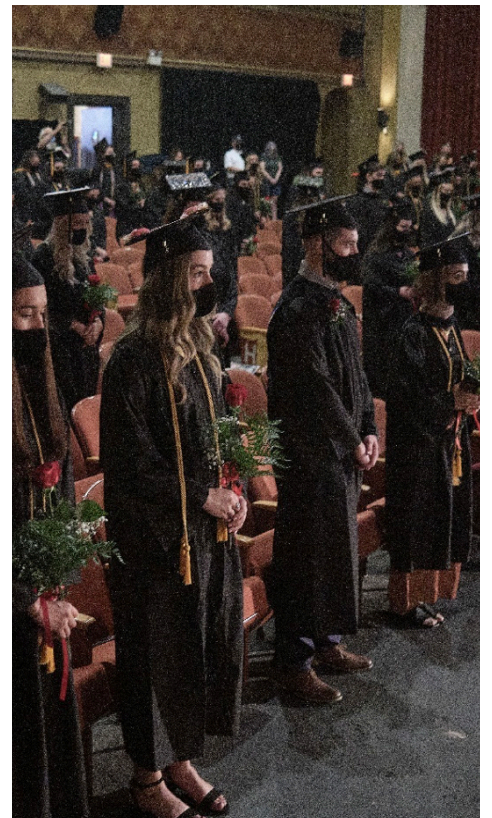
St. Joseph's College of Nursing congratulates all our students on their graduation and commend their commitment to nursing that was consistently demonstrated throughout their nursing education program. We wish our graduates the very best as they enter the profession of nursing.



Class of May 2021 Commencement;
Susan Berger, Ed.D., ANP-BC, Interim Dean



MAY | CLASS OF 2021
commencement





DECEMBER | CLASS OF 2021 commencement



Class of December 2021 Commencement;
Lenore Boris PhD, JD, RN, Dean

commitment to nursing 2021

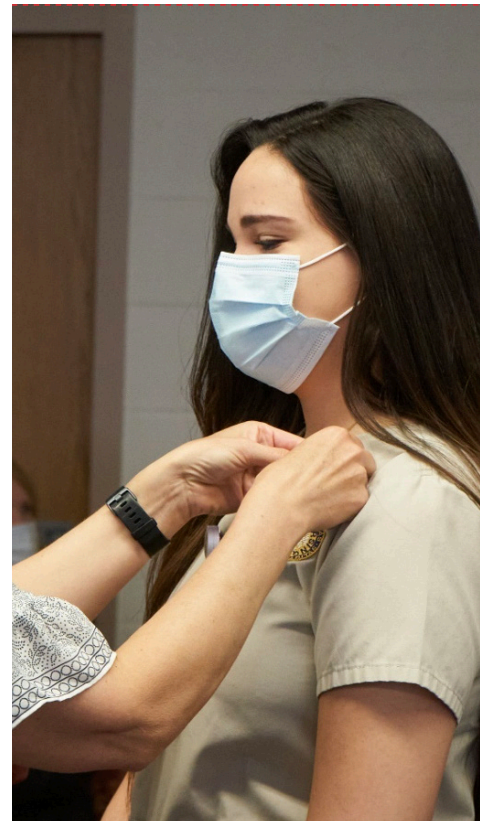
St. Joseph's College of Nursing held socially distanced Commitment to Nursing ceremonies in 2021. Two ceremonies were held on April 3, 2021, at St. Joseph's Health Hospital for the Evening Weekend option.

For the Weekday option, two ceremonies were also held at St. Joseph's Health Hospital, one on April 28, 2021, and the second on April 29, 2021. During these ceremonies, students received their pins and recited the Florence Nightingale pledge.



April 3, 2021

commitment to nursing 2021



April 28 & 29, 2021

scholarships and awards

St. Joseph's College of Nursing presents scholarships and awards in recognition of students at the Commitment to Nursing ceremony and Commencement. In 2021, over \$40,600.00 was presented to award recipients. These Commitment to Nursing and Commencement scholarships and awards are made possible from generous alumni and donors of the college. If you are interested in information on establishing a scholarship, please contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Class of 1983, Associate for Alumni and Development at (315) 448-3540 or via email at maryann.wafer@sjhcon.edu

Meet the New Deans



Dr. Lenore Boris

Dr. Lenore Boris became the Dean of St. Joseph's College of Nursing in the fall of 2021, replacing Dr. Susan Berger (Interim Dean). Dr. Boris has years of clinical and managerial experience in higher education, most recently serving as the Associate Dean at the Binghamton regional campus of the

Upstate Medical University College of Medicine for over fifteen years. Dr. Boris retired as a Colonel in the United States Air Force (including time in the Air Force Reserve) after 28 years of service. She also served as a flight nurse during Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dr. Boris' education includes an undergraduate degree in education and Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from California State University/ Hayward, a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Syracuse University, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and a law degree (J.D.) from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Boris' clinical experience includes medical-surgical, labor and delivery, and post-partum nursing in acute care hospitals. She also was involved in establishing a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) education program in the Albany area. Dr. Boris mentioned she had "one foot in retirement" when the opportunity to interview for her current position arose. Dr. Boris says she thinks the job is a good fit, based on her wealth of related experience.

She enjoys walking and hiking, home projects, and visiting family and friends when she has the opportunity. She resides in Ithaca with her son Aaron and her elderly cat.



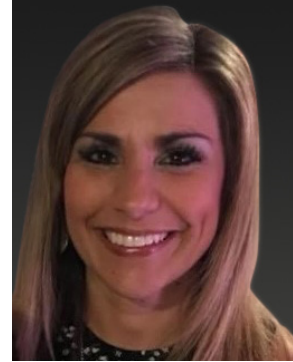
Dr. Kara E. Evans

Dr. Kara E. Evans became an Associate Dean at St Joseph's College of Nursing in the spring of 2022. Dr. Evans is a graduate of St Joseph's College of Nursing (2002). She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Keuka College (2005), a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree

from Le Moyne College (2009), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Education (Ph.D.) degree from Capella University (2018). Kara's nursing experience includes working as a staff nurse in the surgical intensive care unit (SICU), a staff educator, and a manager on unit 2-8 at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center. In addition, Dr. Evans held a faculty position at St Joseph's College of Nursing (from 2009-2011).

For the last 12 years Kara held the position of Professor of Practice in the Department of Nursing at Le Moyne College, with involvement in college-wide institutional effectiveness efforts. Dr. Evans is a life-long central New Yorker, having graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse (CNS) high school. She is actively involved in

community service with veteran's groups in the Syracuse area and We Rise Above the Streets outreach. She enjoys weekend travels, skiing, and camping in the Alexandria Bay area. Kara resides in Fayetteville with her husband Steve, as well as stepson Trey and daughters Ella and Addison.



Dr. Nancy Poole

Dr. Nancy Poole became an Associate Dean at St Joseph's College of Nursing in the spring of 2022. Dr. Poole has extensive experience as a nurse and educator. Nancy graduated from BOCES (1999) and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at St.

Joseph's Hospital Health Center (SJHHC) on the cardiac telemetry unit 2-4 while attending St. Joseph's College of Nursing (SJCON) in the Evening Weekend program. She graduated from SJCON (2003) and worked at SJHHC for many years as a Registered Nurse (RN) on unit 2-4. Nancy obtained her Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Keuka College (2006), a Master of Science Nursing (MSN) from the University of Phoenix (2010), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Education (Ph.D.) from Capella University (2018). Dr. Poole was a clinical instructor in the BOCES LPN program (2007), a staff educator at SJHHC (2007-2008), a faculty member at Crouse College of Nursing (2008-2010), and a nursing professor at SJCON (2010-2022). Over the years, Nancy has had an active role at SJCON by working on committees and mentoring faculty and students. Nancy was also a course leader in the weekday program (2016-2022). Nancy has lived in Central New York for her whole life and currently lives in North Syracuse with her husband and two children. Her interests include baking, reading, running, and hiking with her family. Nancy expressed her love for SJCON, especially the students. She said, "St. Joseph's is like home. I am proud to be an alumna of St. Joseph's College of Nursing."

A Lasting Legacy to St. Joseph's College of Nursing

We extend our gratitude to our Alumni who have included St. Joseph's College of Nursing in their will. Please contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Class of 1983, Associate for Alumni and Development at 315-448-3540 if you have made a planned gift to St. Joseph's College of Nursing or if you would like more information. Examples of planned gifts include Individual Retirement Account (IRA) beneficiary designations or a bequest in your will.

Diversity Scholarship

The Diversity Scholarship was established in 2021 by St. Joseph's College of Nursing's Alumni Association to support the need for continued education of Registered Professional Nurses from diverse backgrounds. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for continued education in nursing (and other specialties as applicable) for a graduate of St. Joseph's College of Nursing from a diverse background; diverse backgrounds include but are not limited to areas of race, ethnicity, gender, culture, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, and religion. A graduate of St. Joseph's College of Nursing from a diverse background who is pursuing an advanced degree such as a baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, or doctoral degree in nursing or other specialty is eligible to apply. Additional eligibility requirements and criteria are specified on the Diversity Scholarship Application which is posted on the St. Joseph's College of Nursing's website. The Diversity Scholarship is established from funds received from the late Hugh B. Hoeffler, M.D. who had established the Katherine Roach Hoeffler, Class of 1933 Memorial Award in memory of his wife. One Diversity Scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis. Completed applications and essays are to be submitted between October 1st and October 15th each year and must be sent via US mail (with a postmark no later than October 15th) to St. Joseph's College of Nursing's Alumni Association, 206 Prospect Ave, Syracuse, New York 13203.

If you would like to request a copy of the Diversity Scholarship Application, please contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Class of 1983, Associate for Alumni and Development at 315-448-3540 or via email at maryann.wafer@sjhcon.edu

Diversity Scholarship 2021

At the Annual Meeting and Breakfast held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse, on Sunday, June 5, 2022, Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Class of 1983, Chairperson of the Diversity Scholarship Committee for the Alumni Association, announced that John Munger, Class of 2006 was selected as the 2021 Diversity Scholarship recipient. John was previously notified of receiving this scholarship on January 26, 2022. John is pursuing a Health Professions Education Doctorate (Ed.D.) at D'Youville College located in Buffalo, New York. This advanced degree prepares healthcare professionals for administration, teaching, and research in higher education. The Alumni Association congratulates John Munger on receiving this scholarship and wishes him the very best with pursuit of this doctoral degree.

Winners of the Alumni Annual Raffle

WINNERS OF THE ALUMNI ANNUAL RAFFLE WERE DRAWN DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST HELD ON JUNE 5, 2022. THE WINNERS AND THEIR PRIZES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- **Apple watch, series 7 - Sarah Munger**
- **Dinner for 2, Francesca's Cucina - Sarah Chan**
- **Hand in Health Massage - MaryAnn Wafer**
- **\$100 Mackenzie - Childs gift certificate - Julie Byrne**
- **\$100 VISA gift card - Deb Toddes**

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all those who supported the raffle. Thank you to all the prize donors.

As many of you requested the Alumni Association now accepts credit card payments for dues and donations.

Please use this link:
<https://chip-in.us/alumgiving>

Pay Online / Pay by Mail:
<https://www.sjhcon.edu/donate/>



Have an idea, a comment, a question, like to share a photo, or want to stay in touch? You can now reach out to the Alumni Association via email.

Email: CONAlumni@sjhsyr.org

You will receive a response if one is needed within a week at the most. We look forward to hearing from you!



Sister Geraldine DeLuca, Class of '64, and former Director of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, (1981-1991), greets attendees at the Annual Alumni Meeting and Breakfast

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

The outdoor patio of The DoubleTree Hotel was the site of the 2022 Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Breakfast. The outdoor venue provided the attendees the extra protection from the transmission of COVID 19. Chairperson Patti O'Brien Johnson '75 and the committee, including co-chairperson Gina Famolaro Cusworth '83, greeted everyone. The attendees reminisced with classmates and friends. Everyone enjoyed an excellent buffet breakfast, followed by the business meeting. There has been no in-person event for two years due to COVID. So, the Alumni Association Award recipients for all three years were honored.

The following awardees were recognized:

2020 Alumni Awards

Sheila (Potter) Austin '76, Excellence in Community Nursing
John Munger '06, Excellence in Clinical Nursing
Jennifer (Austin) Cerio '07, Service Excellence to the College of Nursing

2021 Alumni Awards

Dr. Debra (Ryan) Johnson '74, Excellence in Clinical Nursing
Dr. Marianne Markowitz, former Vice President/Dean, St. Joseph's College of Nursing, Service Excellence to the College of Nursing

2022 Alumni Awards

Dr. Janis (Jay) (Giarrusso) Kohlbrenner '72, Excellence in Clinical Nursing
Dr. AnneMarie (Walker) Czyz '99, Service Excellence to the College of Nursing

Congratulations to the deserving awardees!



First-Time Pass Rate & Employment at St. Joseph's Health Hospital

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 2020 and May 2021 achieved an 87% overall year to date first-time pass rate, well above state and national means. Over 65% of the graduates from the Class of December 2020 and the Class of May 2021 had accepted positions at St. Joseph's Health Hospital.

Fundraising Events for St. Joseph's College of Nursing and the Alumni Association

St. Joseph's College of Nursing and the Alumni Association extends gratitude to all our Alumni and non-Alumni supporters of the 2021 Phone-a-thon and Giving Tuesday fundraising events. Please know how much we appreciate your generosity in supporting the college and our future nurses.

The **2022 Phone-a-thon** will be held September 1, 2022. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for the 2022 Phone-a-thon, please contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer at 315-448-3540. Our **Annual Giving Day for 2022** will be held on the Global Day of Giving, Tuesday Nov 29, 2022. More details will follow on both fundraising efforts.

Endowed Fund for the Alumni Association

An endowed fund has been established in early 2022 for the Alumni Association through St. Joseph's Health Foundation. This new Alumni Association endowed fund will support the college in the future by providing financial assistance and making grants to St. Joseph's College of Nursing for its purposes by but not limited to supporting capital projects, operations, and nursing student and graduate scholarships. This fund was created with donations from the College of Nursing Nov 30, 2021 Global Day of Giving.



The St. Joseph's College of Nursing Meccariello Center for Experiential Learning was designed to allow nursing students to practice assessments and skills within a realistic hospital environment. Our state-of-the-art facility features simulation rooms furnished with medical equipment and high-fidelity simulation mannequins. The Experiential Learning Leaders Dorothy Kowalczyk MA, RN (Weekday Program) and Emily Porter MS, RN, CMSRN (Evening-Weekend Program) were interviewed regarding updates in the laboratory. They explained the program teaches nursing assessments and skills in addition to interactive labs, case studies, and immersive simulations throughout the curriculum. "We are trying to focus on critical thinking, clinical judgment, not just the skills," Dorothy Kowalczyk explained. Simulation impacts students' clinical practice and preparation for entry into the nursing profession. "High-fidelity simulations help students to have more confidence in their skills. It helps them develop more independence in the charge nurse role and develop their delegation skills," said Emily Porter. They described recent initiatives, including creating a mock pyxis (computerized electronic medication cabinet) and clean utility room to expose students to equipment used in the hospital. The college also recently purchased two female simulation mannequins of diverse ethnic background. These updates in the Meccariello Center for Experiential Learning are evidence of creating an innovative and inclusive learning environment at St. Joseph's College of Nursing. Over the years, a number of generous alumni have graciously contributed financially to helping the college procure state-of-the-art equipment, including various ethnically-diverse simulation apparatus. Alumni who wish to tour the Meccariello Center for Experiential Learning may arrange to do so by calling the College at 315-448-5040 and asking to arrange it with Experiential Learning Leader, Dorothy Kowalczyk.



Flower Sale

On May 5-6th, 2022, the SJCON Alumni Board held a successful fundraising Spring Plant Sale in the lobby of St. Joseph's Hospital. Pictured is Jennifer Cerio MS, RN, CNE ('07, Alumni Board Member) and John Munger MS, RN, CNE ('06, Alumni Board Member).



Research Grant Article

St. Joseph's College of Nursing received a grant from Sentinel U to study the impact of virtual reality simulation on nursing students' confidence in clinical judgment and prioritization. The Sentinel U Prioritization of Care Qualitative Research Study was performed in April-May 2022. Faculty investigators (pictured left to right) included Stephen Stewart MS, RN, CNE-cl, Amanda Brigandi MS, RN, CWOCN (alumni, class of '12), Patricia Spoto Ed.D., RN, CMS (alumni, class of '08), Jennifer Cerio MS, RN, CNE (alumni, class of '07), Emily Porter MS, RN, CMSRN (alumni, class of '16), Kelly Ward MS, RN, CCRN (alumni, class of '07), and Aida Gahan-Benson MS, RN, CLC. A group of students participated in virtual simulations while classmates experienced the standard simulations. Using surveys and focus groups, faculty investigators participated in the internal review board application, informed consent, and qualitative data collection. Faculty investigators plan to spend the summer analyzing the research data and writing for publication. The findings of the study will provide insight into the value of using virtual simulations.

Nursing Pin Donation Center Update



The Nursing Pin Donation Center was established in 2019 since it is no longer possible to purchase St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center School of Nursing pins (due to the name change several years ago to St. Joseph's College of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center). The pin donation center provides working graduates who have lost their original

School of Nursing pin and who have requested a replacement pin (when available) with one that has been generously donated by one of our Alumni. Since establishment of the Pin Donation Center, six alumnae have generously donated their nursing pins. Graduates receiving a donated nursing pin are encouraged to donate to St. Joseph's College of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.

If an alumnus or alumna is interested in donating their nursing pin, receive a donated pin, or purchase the current College of Nursing pin, contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Class of 1983, Associate for Alumni and Development at (315) 448-3540 or via email at maryann.wafer@sjhsyr.org

The Saint Marianne Cope Scholarship

The Saint Marianne Cope Scholarship was established in loving memory of Saint Marianne Cope, honored for her kind and courageous work with the leper colony on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. She is close to us as she was the administrator of Saint Joseph's Hospital beginning in 1883. Later, she traveled to Hawaii to assist Father Damien (now Saint Damien) with his devoted service to the leprosy patients in exile on Kalaupapa, Molokai. The epidemic of leprosy was terrifying at the time and Mother Marianne and six sisters who accompanied her spent the remainder of their lives living with, and devoted to, those who contracted it. Mother Marianne was canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church in 2012 and is known as the "Mother of Outcasts." Saint Joseph's College of Nursing is graced by her kindness. The scholarship is funded by Karen (Vogel) Osborne, a 1969 graduate of Saint Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and a relative of Saint Marianne, to remind us of the love behind all of our work.

The Saint Marianne Cope Scholarship was established in October 2021 and is presented on an annual basis to one or two incoming St. Joseph's College of Nursing students.

The recipient of this scholarship will:

1. Be a student who has submitted a scholarship application;
2. Demonstrate academic excellence in high school or previous college;
3. Demonstrate financial need; and
4. Have a need for indirect costs such as childcare, rent, food, etc. in order to focus on their studies.

This scholarship can be awarded to a student from any level who has already been awarded a scholarship but still has financial difficulty with indirect costs. *St. Joseph's College of Nursing is grateful to Karen (Vogel) Osborne for establishing this scholarship in memory of Saint Marianne Cope.*

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We sincerely regret any unintentional omissions or errors that may have occurred with the preparation of this Newsletter.

Many thanks to the following outgoing board members for their dedication and commitment to the Alumni Association.

*Tricia Drum Masterpol '11
Lisa Paris Morgan '84
Patricia Vescio Spoto '08*

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following alumni to serve on the Board:

*Daniel Bocchino, '17, Term Two, 2022-2025
Patricia Drea, '69, Term One, 2022-2025*

Alumni Association Officers

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Kyle Dreverman '20*

Christine Kelly '16*

Mallory Tobia '16*

Patricia Drea '69*

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*Nominated to first term

**Nominated to second term

***Nominated to third term



Maintaining of an Up-to-Date Alumni Database – To maintain an accurate listing of contact information (home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses) for our Alumni, please notify Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer, Associate for Alumni and Development of any changes to your contact information. You can notify Mary Ann Wafer of changes to your contact information via phone at 315-448-3540; via US mail at: St. Joseph's College of Nursing, 206 Prospect Ave, Syracuse, New York 13203, Attention: Mary Ann Wafer; or via email at maryann.wafer@sjhcon.edu

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

&

The Alumni Association
St. Joseph's College of Nursing

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US TENTATIVELY FOR

Lunch • Reminiscing • Tours

In celebration of your
50th Graduation Anniversary

SATURDAY • JUNE 3, 2023

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

THE DE FURIA CONFERENCE ROOM – L 100A

Off of the Hospital Main Lobby
St. Joseph's Health Hospital

Invitations and more information will be sent to the class closer to the date.

Questions: Contact Mary Ann (Mahalick) Wafer at 315-448-3540

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