

## FUN, FRIENDSHIP & PHILANTHROPY



### *The Class of '60 Celebrates Its 50th Reunion*

*During Homecoming Weekend, 64 members of the Class of '60 (which graduated a total of 146 nurses) gathered in Ann Arbor for a rousing four-day reunion.*

**T**his year, Homecoming Weekend was even more festive than usual at the School of Nursing, which not only hosted its annual All-Alumni Reunion, but also welcomed back the Class of '60. The event drew 64 alumnae from the Class of '60 as well as 173 all-class alumni and guests. Sharleen Seamans Eisenbeiser chaired the Nursing Class of '60 Reunion Committee and served on the University-wide Reunion Steering Committee.

Beginning on Thursday, October 14, SoN graduates from the Class of 1960 were treated to a full schedule of activities, starting with a gala dinner at the Michigan League Ballroom and the presentation of gold emeritus pins.

On Friday, campus bus tours were followed by an all-class luncheon honoring the Class of '60 and its newly created scholarship fund. Among the individual donors singled out for special recognition were Dr. Denise Jacob (BSN '77, PhD '97); Marilyn Juffermans Magoon (BSN '56, MA '80), representing the Class of 1956 Fund; and Priscilla Kahn Schwartz (BSN '60) (see story, at right).

The remainder of the weekend was filled with campus-wide lectures, dinners, a scholarship fundraising auction, and a tailgate party and football game. On Sunday, the weekend wound down with a farewell brunch—and many fond good-byes.

**I**n her keynote address at the School's All-Alumni Luncheon on October 15, Dean Kathleen Potempa observed that "the Nursing Class of 1960 will be remembered in perpetuity for their generosity."

*Priscilla Kahn Schwartz (BSN '60) is an outstanding example of that giving spirit. In 2005, she established an endowed scholarship fund for out-of-state undergraduate students. At the Class of '60 Reunion, she presented her final pledge payment for an endowed graduate scholarship fund.*

*"Even as far back as the 1950s, U-M was far ahead of its time in nursing education," Priscilla notes. "I appreciated that education then, and I still do."*



*Priscilla Kahn Schwartz (center) with her scholarship recipients*

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

In September, I was delighted and honored by the decision of the Regents to extend my appointment as dean of the School of Nursing for another five-year term. Their decision coincided with my election as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, another honor that left me feeling both humbled and exhilarated.

As the Regents noted in their statement, the past five years have been characterized by “transformational change” within our School.

That transformation began in 2006 with an intensive and inclusive review of the School’s organization, policies, and procedures. Based on our findings—and feedback from students, faculty, and staff—we implemented a series of initiatives that includes:

- New strategies for recruiting and retaining the best students
- Ongoing dialogues with students and faculty
- The Initiative for Excellence in Clinical Scholarship, a new model for the clinical education of undergraduate nursing students
- The recruitment of talented junior faculty and highly accomplished senior faculty
- A strengthening of the clinical track by the integration of teaching, research, clinical nursing, and healthcare practice
- Dynamic partnerships with UMHS and other regional health systems
- Implementation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program

According to the Regents, one of the School’s most significant accomplishments in the past five years was “setting the tone for an environment that values and supports excellence.” That praise reflects on each and every member of our community.

It is a privilege serving as dean of this school. I look forward to building on our momentum and continuing to lead our drive for excellence.

Sincerely,

**Dean Kathleen Potempa,**  
PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor



## Dean’s Advisory Council Explores the Impact of Healthcare Reform



*Joy Baxt, Christine Zambricki, Linda Everett, Dean Potempa, Carol Ann Fausone, Jane Barnsteiner, Judy Waterston*

What are Michigan’s most pressing healthcare needs? What changes will be enacted by the recent Health Care Reform Bill? And what are the ramifications—and opportunities—for nursing practice, research, and education?

Those were the topics under discussion on October 7, when the Dean’s Advisory Council convened for its annual meeting. Guest speakers included Marianne Udow-Phillips, director of the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation (CHRT), and U-M faculty member Suzanne Begeny, director of government affairs at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

## REMEMBERING TERRI *The Terri L. Murtland Memorial Lecture and Endowed Scholarship*

For more than 20 years, until her untimely death in 2008, Terri Murtland (BSN ’75) was a role model for Nurse Midwifery students and faculty. Even today, CNMs often find themselves asking: “What would Terri do?”



*Murtland Scholar  
Tanya Vaughn*

On October 7, the School honored its much-missed teacher, clinician and researcher by hosting the second annual Terri L. Murtland Lecture. Dr. Mary K. Barger of the University of California-San Francisco delivered a keynote address on the subject of Vaginal Birth After Caesarean (VBAC) delivery.

Also at the event, which marked the 20th year since the enrollment of the School’s first Nurse Midwifery students, Tanya Vaughn (BSN ’06) was awarded the 2010 Terri L. Murtland Endowed Scholarship.

## FACULTY PROFILE

### REG A. WILLIAMS (Dr. Reg)

In many ways, the academic career of Reg Williams has been shaped by his 38 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve. “Because I signed on during college, my first mission was to complete my degree in nursing,” he says. Later, while on active duty, he often found himself working with psychiatric patients—“and finding it very rewarding.” To his surprise, he also enjoyed teaching hospital corpsmen the basics of nursing.

For his doctoral dissertation at the University of Washington in Seattle, Williams focused on stress among nursing students. Since joining U-M in 1980, his research on that topic has expanded to include depression.

Most recently, he and longtime SoN colleague Dr. Bonnie Hagerty published an article in *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care* detailing their study of wounded combat veterans and the military nurses who care for them. As Williams notes, “We discovered that nurses were geared very much toward their patients’ physical needs but were less prepared for the emotional toll of war.”

Based on that research, Williams and Hagerty created Stress Gym, a web-based program designed to help combat-wounded patients understand and manage “stress in a military setting.” The study, still in the data collection phase, may show promise for both combat-wounded patients and the nurses who care for them.

<http://www.nursing.umich.edu/faculty-staff/reg-arthur-williams>



## ALUMNI NEWS

**Peter Buerhaus (MS '81)**, has been appointed by the U.S. Government Accountability Office to serve as chair of the National Health Care Workforce Commission. He is currently nursing professor and director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



**Sharon Smith (MS '84, PhD '09)**, has been named director for professional development and education at the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS). Dr. Smith will be responsible for the Center for Professional

Development and Mentoring as well as educational services for nursing and the professional advancement model of nursing in place at UMHS.

**Julie Sochalski (BSN '75, MS '79, PhD '88)**, an international authority in health policy and the health care workforce, has been appointed director for the Division of Nursing at the Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr), a unit of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In her new post, Dr. Sochalski will serve as principal adviser on national policy for nursing research, practice, and education.



# NURSING AT WORK

## SoN Graduates Its First NP in Occupational Health Nursing

Karen Frank (MS '10) chose to become a nurse because she wanted to be in a caring profession. And she chose the University of Michigan for her master's degree because it was one of the few top schools in the country to offer an occupational health nursing concentration for Adult Nurse Practitioner students.

This new program is part of the U-M Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering, an Education and Research Center (ERC) funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

"I saw this program as an opportunity to expand my role as a primary care giver," Karen explains. "People spend so much of their



*Karen Frank and Dr. Marjorie McCullagh*

lives in work settings, subjected to stress, environmental hazards, and ergonomic challenges. As an occupational health nurse, I can be part of the solution, not only treating patients, but teaching them how to prevent recurrent health problems."

After graduating in May, Karen accepted an NP position with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital. "It's a big learning curve," she notes, "but I love the work and couldn't imagine doing anything else." Although, she adds, there's always the possibility of one day returning to U-M for a PhD and "the opportunity to teach future generations of clinicians."

## CALLING ALL MENTORS

### Volunteers Needed for the Second Career Alumni Mentoring Program (SCAMP)

Do you have considerable real-world nursing experience? Are you knowledgeable and up-to-date about nursing and where to access professional information? Are you an active listener? Do you enjoy playing the role of counselor and motivator? Are you willing to spend 12 to 24 months functioning as the "go-to" person for a nursing student?

If you answered yes to those questions, we need you for our Second Career Alumni Mentoring Program. This new initiative is designed to support and facilitate the entry of second-career students into the nursing profession.

And our mentors benefit, as well. "I find it life-affirming, inspiring, and humbling to interact with the next generation," says C.T. Houghtby (BSN '91), a mentor for the past year. "Somehow I always garner more from the experience than I give."

**To learn more, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at  
[www.sn-oaa@umich.edu](mailto:www.sn-oaa@umich.edu), or call (734) 764-7188.**



# GIVING FORWARD

## Making a Difference Through Scholarships

**M**arilynn Juffermans Magoon (BSN '56, MA '80) had barely started her nursing career when she joined the Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group, a member group of the U-M Alumnae Council. Today, nearly 50 years later, she takes special satisfaction in the many School of Nursing students who have benefited from Waterman scholarships—including two this year.

Marilynn has also been a longtime member of the School of Nursing Alumni Society which, in 2010, awarded 20 scholarships totaling \$55,000. And she was instrumental in creating the Class of '56 Fund, a resource that provides assistance to students who are active participants in SoN activities.

"When my classmates and I were students, each semester's tuition cost us ninety dollars," she says. "That was a lot of money in those days, and there were no scholarships. As a class, we wanted to change that and to help the students who came after us."

Marilynn, who works half a day each month as a volunteer nurse for Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, notes that she was especially pleased to learn that the Graduates of 2010 group has already committed to initiating a class gift for scholarship support. "I've always believed it's our duty to give something back to one's community," she observes. "And I consider the School of Nursing to be our community."

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ A PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ For Jo Eleanor Elliot

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June 17 was a special day for alumna **Jo Eleanor Elliott (BSN '47)**. As one of more than 1,000 nurses in attendance at the opening session of the ANA's biennial House of Delegates, she had an opportunity to hear a keynote address by none other than President Barack Obama. What's more, in his opening remarks, Mr. Obama singled out Elliott for her "strong leadership," noting that it was during her presidency that the ANA became the first healthcare organization to support the establishment of Medicare.

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## KUDOS Faculty and Student Achievements

**Professor Emerita Donna Algase** has accepted a new position as Associate Dean for Research at the University of Toledo in Ohio.



Doctoral student **Roxane Chan** received a National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) for her research study on Mindfulness Meditation Intervention in COPD. Chan's faculty sponsor is Dr. Janet Larson.



**Dr. Patricia Coleman-Burns** received the U-M Distinguished Diversity Leaders Award (DDLA) in recognition of her exceptional commitment and contributions in creating and sustaining a community that values diversity.

**Catherine Green**, a doctoral candidate in nursing administration, was named director of hospice clinical services by the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA). Green will be responsible for oversight of patient care, clinical compliance, palliative care services, and staff education for VNA's hospice program.

**Assistant Professor of Nursing Maria C. Katapodi** has received a \$350,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for developing a communication and decision-support intervention for women with BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation and their at-risk relatives. In addition, Katapodi is the recipient of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Publishing Division's Excellence in Writing Award for Quantitative Nursing Research. The award recognizes her article, "Underestimation of Breast Cancer Risk: Influence on Screening Behavior." Coauthors of the article include Marylin J. Dodd, Kathryn A. Lee and Noreen Facione.



In June, third-year BSN student **Samantha Maskell** received a special award from the director of the Rose Run 5k in Jackson, Michigan, after coming to the aid of a fellow runner who had fallen and suffered a concussion.



**Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing Donna Marvicsin** was awarded \$1.5 million from the Division of Nursing at the Health Resources and Services Administration. As part of the Affordable Care Act, this three-year grant provides important infrastructure support to merge and expand the School of Nursing's two small Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHC), which are currently affiliated with the University of Michigan Health System. The new, larger NMHC will increase

access to primary care services for underserved populations in Washtenaw County.

**Assistant Professor of Nursing Marjorie McCullagh (PhD '99)** has received a NIOSH OHN (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Occupational Health Nursing) program award of \$200,000 to support her work.



**Monica F. Rochman (BSN '05)**, a third-year doctoral student in nursing systems and health policy, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Education and Practice at HRSA. Rochman serves as graduate student instructor for second-career students at the School of Nursing.

Doctoral student **Melissa Saftner (MS '09)** was awarded a National Research Service Award for her research study titled Urban American Indian Adolescent Female Sexual Risk Behavior. Professors Kristy Martyn and Carol Loveland Cherry are serving as her research sponsors.



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has awarded **Assistant Professor AkkeNeel Talsma (MS'91, PhD '95)** \$232,000 in annual funding for her Peri-operative Outcomes Initiative (POI) study. The study aims to evaluate and improve peri-operative processes that contribute to patient outcomes by using National Surgical Quality Improvement Project (NSQIP) data submitted to the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative (MSQC), a connected community of 34 Michigan hospitals.

In May, Haiti's FSIL School of Nursing re-opened, thanks in part to a \$6,000 gift from the **U-M Student Nurses' Association (SNA)**. The school was one of only a few structures in the city of Leogane, Haiti, to survive the January earthquake.

**Beverly Waller (MS '08)**, doctoral student, has been named a Minority Nurse Faculty Scholar. Funded by the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future, this scholarship program seeks to address the faculty shortage and enhance diversity among nurse educators by providing support to graduate students from minority backgrounds.



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## TWO FACULTY RECEIVE NIH GRANTS



**Dr. Sonia Duffy (MS '85)** has been awarded a 4-year, \$3.3. million grant from the NIH for her study titled Dissemination of Tobacco Tactics Versus 1-800-QUITNOW for Hospitalized Smokers. Duffy's research will evaluate the

translation of efficacious, nurse-managed smoking cessation strategies initiated during hospitalization and continued post-discharge.



Congratulations also go to **Dr. Carolyn Sampsele (PhD '85)** for her recent NIH award for Unique Learning for Incontinence Prevention: The TULIP Project. This \$3 million, 5-year study will test a small-group, DVD-based strategy

designed to decrease urinary incontinence (UI) among women, with the long-range goal of developing an intervention suitable for widespread use in standard well-woman care.

## The Class of '60...50th Reunion

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*The Nursing Class of '60 at the Go Blue Tailgate*



*Matilda McCarthy Tranzow, Florence Johnston, Carole Hancher Briggs*



*Janet Hastie Gowans, Judy Johnson Waeschle,  
Patricia Blicke Wells*



*Student Shariel Scott and Dr. Denise Jacob*



*Three generations of Wolverines  
(Marilyn Erickson)*



*Nancy and  
Dr. James Stanley,  
Sue Hodge Wuerflein*



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## SAVE THE DATE: DEAN'S RESEARCH DAY March 30, 2011

Three years ago, SoN faculty member and former dean **Ada Sue Hinshaw** left to become dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU). This March, she'll return to Ann Arbor as the keynote presenter for Research Day.

Dr. Hinshaw is uniquely qualified to speak on the subject of nursing research, having served as the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at NIH. Her own research is focused on quality of care, measurement of patient outcomes, and the creation of positive work environments for nurses.

Her appearance is made possible by the newly established **Suzanne H. Brouse Lectureship**, named in honor of the longtime educator and treasurer of the School's Alumni Society Board of Governors.



*Dr. Suzanne H. Brouse (BSN '58)*