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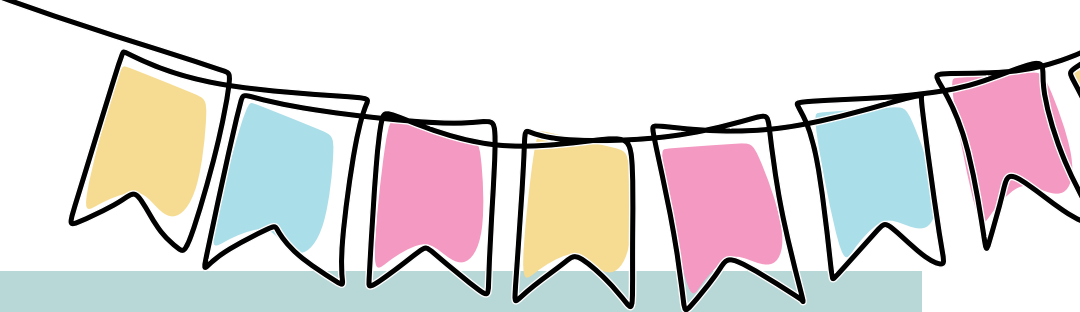
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Mount Carmel College  
of Nursing celebrates  
120th anniversary



MOUNT CARMEL  
College of Nursing



# MOUNTCARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING CELEBRATES 120TH ANNIVERSARY

**FOR TWELVE  
DECADES, MCCN HAS  
BEEN PROVIDING  
AN EXCEPTIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
EXPERIENCE FOR  
NURSES.**

Generations of Mount Carmel nurses have worked in and around every possible area of nursing, across the country and even the globe.

Thousands of graduates of the School or College have shared their compassionate, healing presence with countless patients and families at every milestone in life, from birth to death.





The College has produced extraordinary caregivers, educators, health care, and community leaders, all the while advancing the nursing profession and creating educational opportunities for diploma, bachelor’s degree, and graduate-level students.

Countless classes have been held, labs have been conducted, clinicals completed, and thousands of alumni have positively impacted hundreds of thousands of lives. Through wars, emergencies, pandemics, and more, the College has persevered and continued to fulfill its mission, originally defined by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who founded Mount Carmel.

*In the spirit of the Catholic tradition, we welcome a diverse population of students from all faiths, to prepare them academically and professionally as competent and compassionate nurse leaders, who are lifelong learners, and who possess the moral courage to continuously promote the health of individuals and communities.*



**“Mount Carmel was the first nursing school in the US to accept African American students. This leadership stems from Mount Carmel’s core values of respect and dignity for all, a legacy of the Founders— Sisters of the Holy Cross.”**

*Deanna Stewart, President,  
Mount Carmel Foundation*

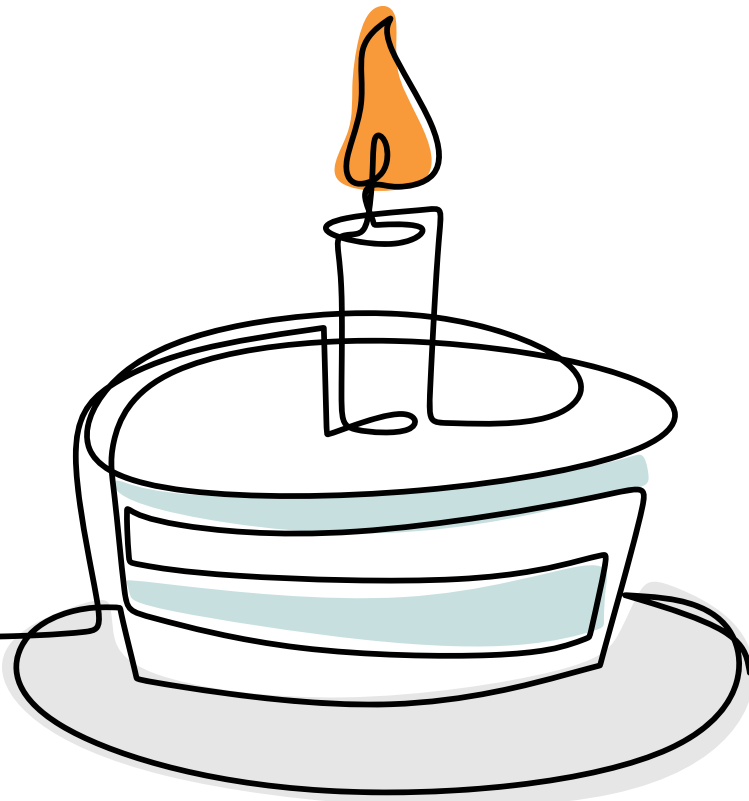
# HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING MOUNT CARMEL'S EARLY YEARS:

- The first silent film, *The Great Train Robbery*, debuts in 1903.
- Orville and Wilbur Wright are first to fly a controlled, powered, and sustained heavier-than-air airplane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.
- The first underground portion of the New York City subway opens on October 27, 1904.
- At 5:12 a.m. on April 18, 1906, the “Great San Francisco Earthquake” strikes.
- Artist Pablo Picasso introduces Cubism in 1907.
- Henry Ford begins production of the Model T in 1908.
- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is founded on February 12, 1909.
- The U.S. Mint introduces the “Lincoln Head” penny in 1909.





In a seminar room, nurses smile as one of them shows a patient how to give herself insulin. For practice purposes, they use an orange.



**“The spirit of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, whose first graduating class included eight Sisters, has always been a spirit of humble service. In a world ever more bombarded with words and noise, the college still produces nurses who possess a quiet dignity, and who provide a calming, healing presence.”**

*Mike Curtin, Mount Carmel Foundation Board Member*

# MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING MILESTONES



**“As a board member, I truly believe in Mount Carmel College of Nursing’s ability to positively impact our local community. By remaining focused on understanding the needs of our community, MCCN can continue to be on the forefront of providing quality care to all patients that nurses come in contact with.”**

*Devray Kirkland, MCCN Board Member*

## 1903 to 1989

The Sisters of the Holy Cross, from Notre Dame, Indiana, founded Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1903. Three years later, the first graduating class of 13 students earned a Diploma in Nursing. The sisters’ vision inspired them to continually enhance nursing education, earning the distinction in 1941 of being one of the few nursing schools in the country to receive accreditation.

## 1990 to 2002

The transition was made in 1990 to become a baccalaureate, Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree-granting institution of higher learning. Through the visionary leadership of the late President and Dean Emeritus Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, who was the longest-serving president of a private college in Ohio, the College continued to grow, enhancing technology, quality of faculty and numbers of students.

## 2003 to 2013

In 2003, 100 years after our founding, the highly successful Graduate Program was initiated, offering a Master of Science in multiple tracks. During this decade, the Second Degree Accelerated Program and Online RN-BSN Completion Program were initiated, and a satellite campus at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster was established.

## 2014 to PRESENT

Our commitment to innovation and advancement continues. In 2015, our Graduate Program expanded with the addition of the online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, the highest-level clinical practice degree for the nursing profession.

# A Message from the Mount

Greetings,

What an exceptional time to be in nursing education! I had the privilege of attending the most recent commencement on the day prior to formally joining MCCN as its new president. Watching the excitement of our most recent alumni, their families and friends, colleagues, and community members as the new grads move on to the next level of their professional lives, I couldn't help but be encouraged, inspired, and hopeful.

If you couldn't tell, I'm very happy to be here. Glad to be part of MCCN and MCHS and ready to lead the College into its bright future. This summer, I'm immersing myself in Mount Carmel and learning more every day about how the College and the health system live their values. From the Healthy Living Center to the care sites to Outreach and Street Medicine, I've seen amazing examples of caregivers and other professionals who are role models, partners, and community leaders - all whom have vision and purpose at the forefront of what they do.

This suits me. I consider myself a servant leader who is collaborative and likes to work shoulder-to-shoulder with faculty, staff, and student groups on campus, in care sites and in the community, too. Rolling up my sleeves and getting to work has been both engaging and energizing.

My immediate focus is on developing our strategic plan, which we need to have in place for our accreditation process. Setting a vision and mission, goals, and objectives and then creating the environment, resources, and tactics to realize that vision is my priority. We are in the planning process now, and I will share more details about the plan when it is finalized. I can, however, share a bit about what's being considered, just to give you some idea of future direction.

We will have a strong presence in the community and be looking at opportunities to strengthen and expand learning and advancement opportunities for our students, as well as nurses already in practice. This may include developing a center for continuing education and a nursing leadership diversity institute, offering more international learning opportunities, faculty exchanges, and perhaps, advanced practice nurse exchanges. We want to increase our visibility and continue to invest in innovation and student success initiatives. In other words, we're thinking 'big picture' and making plans to achieve a new level of success.

Again, I am so pleased to be here, working alongside the great professionals in our College and health system. Together, I believe we carry forward the 120-year legacy of MCCN to an exciting future.

Sincerely,



Todd Ambrosia, DNP, MSN, MBA, FNP-BC, FNAP  
President



## COLLEGE CALENDAR 2023

August 15 – 18  
Smart Start Orientation

August 21  
Fall Semester Begins

September 14, 2023  
Scholarship Awards and Donor Recognition  
Dinner

September 30, 2023  
Alumni Association Annual Meeting  
and Homecoming Celebration hosted by  
the Mount Carmel Alumni Association  
at The Grand Event Center,  
820 Goodale Blvd., Columbus, Ohio

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# MCCN HELD ITS 119TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, AT THE OHIO EXPO CENTER.

“What message can you deliver to graduates already in - or ready to be a part of - the most trusted profession in the United States?”

First, nursing is a very demanding, challenging calling. Not just anyone can do this. In fact, fewer have been graduating in recent years from many of Ohio’s nursing schools. So, I will ask you to do something, because what you do and are about to do is so important. I’ve always said teachers are the best recruiters of future teachers. I believe the same about nurses. If you will encourage young people – middle schoolers – high school students – to consider nursing as a career then our challenge of a nursing shortage can be mitigated. We need you, and we need you to be ambassadors for nursing.”

*Randy Gardner, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education*





“Today, we are here to celebrate your graduation and as each of you receive your diploma you inherit a world of wonderful possibilities. But, as a graduate, you inherit considerably more than possibilities – you are heirs to purpose. You have the ability to teach, to mentor, to heal, and to create.

Today you become Mount Carmel College of Nursing alumni, nurses who heal, nurses who are at the bedside, nurses who are scholars, mentors, and policy makers and nurses who are innovators in health care.

Nurses that deliver care in almost every Ohio community and many communities throughout our country...and perhaps globally.

You are part of a legacy and a tradition that extends back 120 years to the very founding of this college by The Sisters of the Holy Cross. As an educator, humanist, and therapist, I often say we have the ability to change the world.

We do this through the education you have been provided and through the care of the patients you will serve.”

*Interim President Dr. Allan Hoffman*



MCCN graduates get ready for the presentation of degrees



2023 graduates celebrate their accomplishment



Dr. Jami Nininger presents a degree



Dr. Allan Hoffman addresses the graduates



**119<sup>TH</sup>**  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
**MOUNT CARMEL**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**



**SUPPLEMENTAL  
INSTRUCTION  
PROGRAM  
ENHANCES  
ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS**





Investing in student success is earning an exceptional return for traditional undergraduate, SDAP, and APP students at MCCN. The Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program, which provides peer mentoring, coaching and course content review and reinforcement to improve academic success, is adding value to the education provided to the next generation of nurses at MCCN.

Student Success Coordinator Nancy Hann, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR, joined the College in 2020 and was challenged at the time to develop a program that identified peer leaders to remediate content to other students. After conducting some research, Hann identified two core courses – Anatomy & Physiology and Biochemistry – to focus on for the pilot SI program she was developing.



Nancy Hann, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR

The pilot was supported by philanthropy, specifically a grant from Alliance Data, now Bread Financial, contributed to the Our Legacy of Learning Campaign that concluded last fall. The company was primarily interested in supporting faculty innovation.

Now in its third semester, SI has grown to include course content from its initial two, to eight courses at MCCN. Freshmen, sophomores, and first-semester juniors are all able to participate in SI, as are SDAP and APP students. To date, more than 2,000 connections with peer student tutors have been made. The program has grown from six SI leaders to 13 in the most recent semester. It has increased student retention by 12%.

Financial support for the program has grown too. After observing the program, Bread Financial doubled the financial support provided for SI. “I saw first-hand how our investment in MCCN students was used to enrich their learning experience,” says Vanessa Yahner, senior manager, Sustainability & Community Relations. “The enthusiasm of the students and their peer mentors is infectious. We are excited

to be a part of helping the next generation of nurses succeed in their academic pursuits and know that we are helping make a positive impact on healthcare in our community for years to come.”

“Our peer tutors, advisors, and mentors are learning and growing alongside those with whom they are helping,” says Hann. “Every summer, we bring them in for a three-day training session. We have weekly check-ins and provide at least one growth opportunity each month

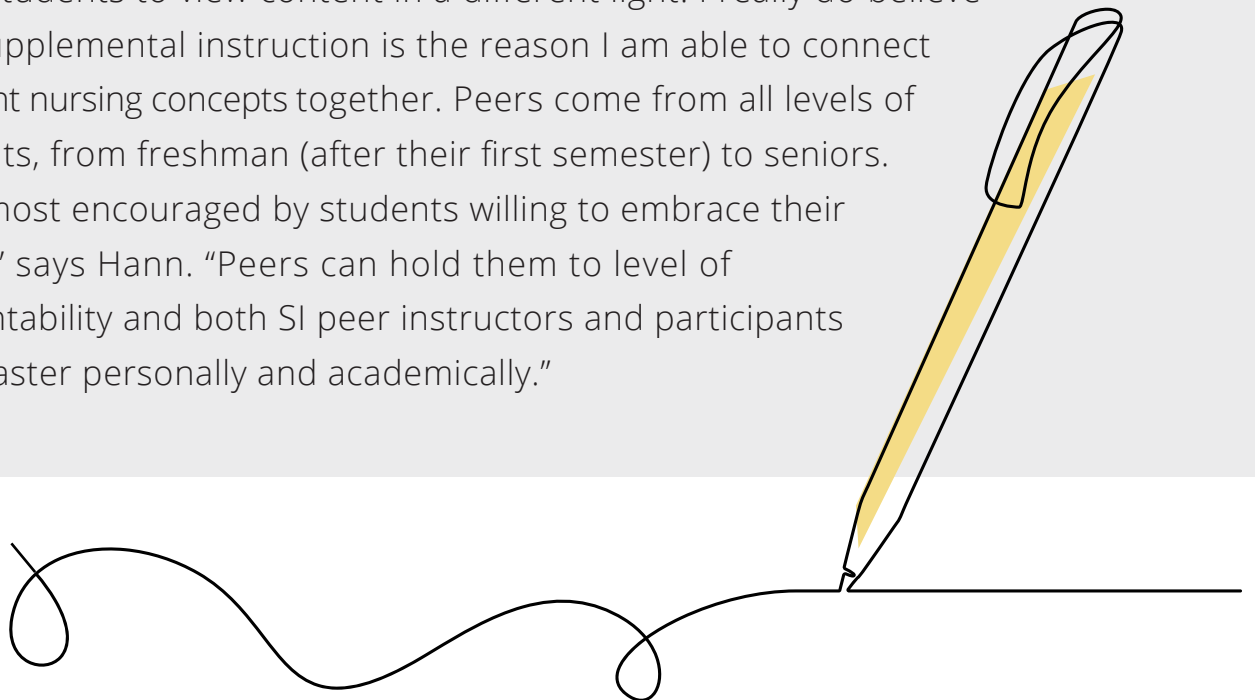


Vanessa Yahner, Bread Financial

throughout the academic year. For instance, we recently conducted a rural communities health care seminar. “Nancy and the student peers were very kind and always willing to answer questions, the SSCI program made it easier to connect with my peers to form study groups which in turn benefited my learning experience and created a fun and seamless transition to college,” says Daniel Gray, MCCN student.

The SI program is helping student thrive at MCCN, and represents a continuing commitment to investing in the academic and professional success of each student at the College. “Beyond the enhancement of academic success, the SI program helps us create a more inclusive environment, a community of learners, and an effective support system for our students,” says Hann.

“The SI program has helped me break down larger content into smaller, more comprehensible topics that stick to long term memory more easily,” says Alex Strait, MCCN student. It’s a program that creates fun, interactive learning activities that allow students to view content in a different light. I really do believe that supplemental instruction is the reason I am able to connect different nursing concepts together. Peers come from all levels of students, from freshman (after their first semester) to seniors. “I am most encouraged by students willing to embrace their peers,” says Hann. “Peers can hold them to level of accountability and both SI peer instructors and participants grow faster personally and academically.”





# COLLEGE QUICK READ

## **New Leadership Academy offers 36 CEUs**

MCCN is offering an exciting new opportunity for professional development to nurses, therapists, healthcare leaders, and educators in the specialty practices of Acute Care, Home Care, and Nurse Educator Leader.

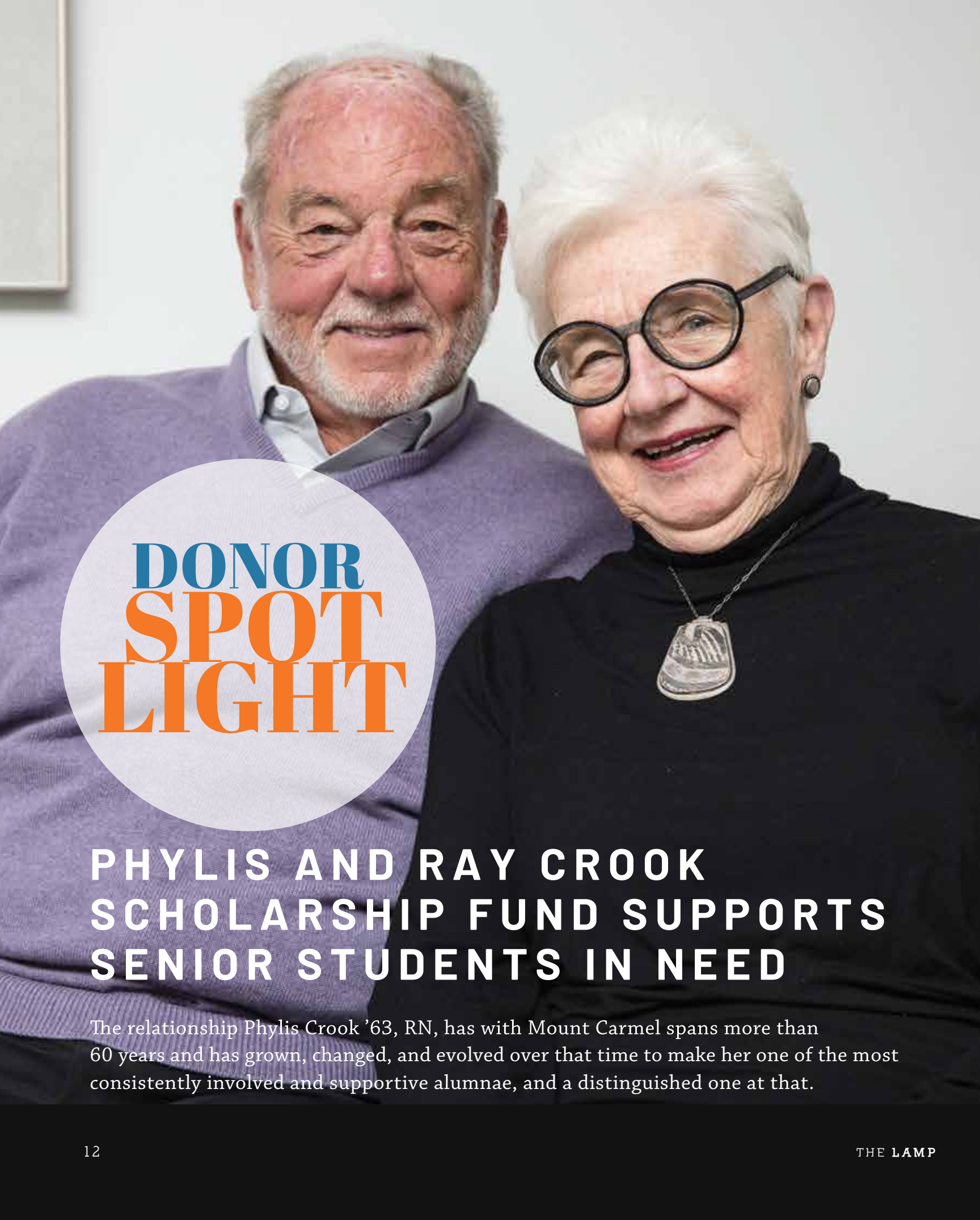
Leadership Academy participants are prepared to develop expertise in leadership and management knowledge, skills, and behaviors relevant to day-to-day experience. Courses are developed and designed for an online, asynchronous learning experience while focusing on current professional practice standards. Participants who complete the Leadership Academy courses will receive 36 continuing education credits, a certificate of completion, and a digital signature badge. The program tracks begin in January and July, with enrollment beginning three weeks prior to the start date.

The program has been offered to Trinity Health at Home and Mount Carmel Health System colleagues already, and now it is being marketed to nurses and other health care professionals. The cost for the program is \$2,000 per person. For more information, contact Dr. Lou Ann Hartley, [lhartley@mccn.edu](mailto:lhartley@mccn.edu).

## **SNAM Update**

The Student Nurses Association of Mount Carmel - Columbus (SNAM) had a successful year full of amazing learning opportunities. The organization hosted monthly guest speakers and hosted two successful blood drives. Some of our amazing guest speakers have included Cory Paul from The Red Cross, Allen Hocker from Avita Health System, and Dr. Christine Ringhiser from MCCN. A successful online apparel fundraiser was held, with the help of Main Street Treasures and Chloe Troyer, VP. The organization hopes to continue bringing bigger and better learning experiences and opportunities for the students at MCCN.





**DONOR  
SPOT  
LIGHT**

**PHYLIS AND RAY CROOK  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORTS  
SENIOR STUDENTS IN NEED**

The relationship Phylis Crook '63, RN, has with Mount Carmel spans more than 60 years and has grown, changed, and evolved over that time to make her one of the most consistently involved and supportive alumnae, and a distinguished one at that.

When she was designated a Distinguished Alumna in 2009, she accepted the honor by saying, “I first met Mount Carmel when I was 17 years old and I have known this organization longer than I’ve known my husband and our children.”

As a student at the Mount Carmel School of Nursing, she began her classes with a cohort of 90 individuals, 60 of whom graduated from the program three years later, 60 years ago this year. It’s possible, though, that she was simply destined to attend Mount Carmel. Mother M. Angela, CSC, one of the three Sisters of the Holy Cross who came from South Bend to found Mount Carmel in Columbus, is a distant cousin.

Beyond perhaps destiny, Crook has remained closely tied to Mount Carmel throughout her life, filling volunteer, professional, leadership, and philanthropic roles, first at the behest of her friend and mentor, Dr. Ann Schiele, and continuing to this day.

Phylis worked at Mount Carmel West, spending the majority of her career working on an orthopedic floor, after a brief tenure in a physician’s office setting. “I missed the bedside, so the hospital was where I practiced,” she said.

Divorced and raising a family, Phylis married her husband, Ray, in 1972, then retired from nursing. Being a stay-at-home mother and wife did not preclude her from taking on responsibilities to continue supporting her alma mater. She served as the coordinator of alumni relations for 18 years, again, at the behest of Dr. Schiele, building the position from very part-time to a full-time role for her successor. “At first, I was paid for eight hours a week, but ended up spending a great deal more time working on alumni relations,” she said. “I coordinated what we used to call the alumni banquet, now homecoming, for years. I helped commission the alumni-funded sculpture celebrating 100 years of nursing education, reunited pen pals who corresponded many, many years ago and everything in between,” she said.

The mission of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association is to ‘foster and strengthen lifelong relationships among alumni and students and to support and promote the future of nursing.’ Phylis and her classmates from the Class of 1963 still meet each month at a local Central Ohio restaurant to

visit and stay in touch. “Friends show us who we are and who we can be, where we have been and where we are going. My lifelong relationships from here are many, but start with my classmates,” said Phylis. “Sister Kathryn Callahan, known to many as Sister Blanche, called us – with tongue firmly in cheek – ‘rare and beautiful flowers.’ And what a bouquet we are!”

“I seldom refer to myself as a nurse. I am a Mount Carmel nurse. There is a difference,” said Phylis. “Here you are an individual, with a name, not just a student ID number. And the world needs more Mount Carmel nurses.”

Phylis and Ray established the Ray and Phylis Crook Scholarship in Memory of Sister M. Blanche, CSC, as part of the recent Our Legacy of Learning Campaign that concluded last year. “Establishing a scholarship had been on my mind for many years. Ann Schiele encouraged us. She kept telling me that Ray and I were such consistent donors that we should put a name on a fund that we could support. The Our Legacy of Learning Campaign gave us the perfect opportunity to do just that,” she said.

The Crook’s fund provides two annual scholarships to MCCN seniors who demonstrate financial need. The first scholarships were granted in 2022. In addition to the named fund, Phylis has been a driving force behind the Class of 1963 scholarships, too. She’s had the opportunity to meet many of the students who have received those scholarships over the years. “The students are so grateful for the support and we feel that it is a privilege to help support them,” Phylis said. “Whether you consider paying it back or paying it forward, it is for the good of future generations of alumni. It honestly feels so good to contribute to MCCN and its students.”





# GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT THE MARY LINARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This month, for the twentieth consecutive year, 100 or more golfers gathered to play a scramble golf outing to benefit the Mary Linard Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

The endowment provides at least one \$1,500 - \$2,500 scholarship to a MCCN student each year.

Mary Louise Linard was a 1946 graduate of the Mount Carmel School of Nursing, now MCCN, and worked for 42 years at Mount Carmel West (MCW). Each of her eight children was born there and several of those children, including her son Jim, worked there with her.

Jim Linard, Mary's fifth-born of her eight children, has organized and produced the outing each year to honor the memory and wishes of his mother to support MCCN.

"My mother held the whole of Mount Carmel and the Sisters of the Holy Cross in such high regard. They were so important to her and played such an important role in her life," said Jim.

"And she had a real sense of duty and dedication to Mount Carmel, so we were not surprised to learn that she wanted us to support nursing students, as well as other faith-based education, when she was gone."

Mom was just a caring person," says Jim. "That's just who she was." Jim noted that Mary may have been influenced to become a nurse by world events, given that she graduated from high school during World War II, when professional nursing took giant leaps forward in prominence and value to society.

Many of the Linard family's experiences – especially during Jim's childhood – centered around family, Mount Carmel and the Catholic church. "Mom loved midnight mass in the chapel at Mount Carmel West.





She'd have us – her four youngest rugrats – in tow to attend that special service each year," he said. "I got to work with her here, in the emergency department, during my time at Mount Carmel West and was able to see her caring attributes firsthand."



Mary Louise Linard worked for 42 years at Mount Carmel West

Jim worked at MCW for 11 years, leaving for a new position elsewhere, in 1988, the same year Mary Linard retired from nursing. Three of Mary's daughters – Amy, Mary Beth, and Patti – all worked at MCW, too. Patti spent 30 years with Mount Carmel before retiring from the system. Mary's daughter Judy, also a nurse, worked in southern Ohio.

In 2002, when Mary Linard passed away, Jim and his siblings found ways to honor her wish to continue to support Mount Carmel, as well as the Catholic schools they attended in central Ohio. The inaugural golf outing was held in 2003 at the New Albany Links course, has moved to other venues throughout central Ohio, and celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

"Many MCCN alumni and friends have played in the outing over the years," says Jim. "Both Ann Schiele and Doug Stein were instrumental in starting this tradition and continued to support it. Ann brought a celebrity foursome with her one year. It included Ellen Tressel, Kathy Sullivan, and Lynn Asensio, lending a little 'star power' to the event. Suzanne Martin '66 JD, RN, and Iris Freisner '07, '66, MSN, RN, are special alumni who knew Mom and have helped us keep her memory alive through the annual golf outing, he adds."



L to R: Jim Linard, Dr. Don Hura, Amy Hura, Tiffany Elrod, Ryan Linard, Frank Linard, and Jacob Linard

An all-volunteer team, including Jim's younger brother Frank and sister Amy, keep costs low and allow all of the proceeds to benefit the worthy causes players are there to support. "Many players come back year after year and those who participate have shared that they look forward to it and enjoy the opportunity to join us every year," says Jim. "We do our best to keep costs down and provide a great experience, with a nice course, prizes, dinner, and lots of fun. We're grateful for the 20 years that we've had and are looking forward to continuing to hosting this outing and supporting MCCN students with more scholarships to help them achieve their dreams. This is the best and most rewarding way to celebrate and honor my mother's legacy here."



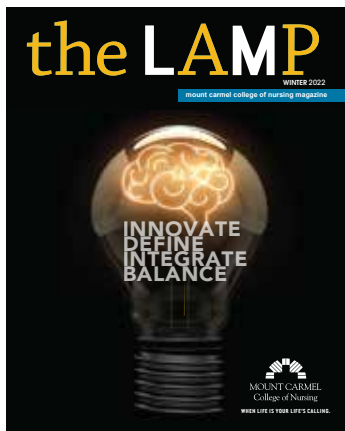
L to R: Cortney, Jim, Kristie, Ryan, Rachel, and Frank Linard



# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WE ARE SO PROUD  
OF ALL THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
OF OUR FACULTY  
AND STAFF AT  
MOUNT CARMEL  
COLLEGE OF  
NURSING





## The LAMP Earns Multiple Awards

The 2022 LAMP was recently recognized with a Gold award in the 40th Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards. The entry, submitted by LAMP designer Sheila Cooney, Cooney Design, was recognized by the organization for its creativity, quality, message effectiveness, consumer appeal, graphic design and overall impact. The LAMP also earned a Gold designation in the 2022 Collegiate Advertising Awards.



## Medaugh Receives Quality Matters Certification

Professor Beth Medaugh recently received Quality Matters certification for course design quality. MGMT 410: Business Issues in Healthcare Today earned the Quality (QM) Certification Mark following a rigorous review process. The QM Certification Mark is the internationally recognized symbol of online and blended course design quality and represents Professor Medaugh's ongoing commitment to creating learning environments that provide learners with a clear pathway to success.



## Faculty and Staff Annual Award Winners

The following award recipients were recognized at the End of Academic Year Awards and Town Hall event on Friday, April 28.

### ***Congratulations to our 2023 award winners!***

#### **Academic Excellence**

*Dr. Barb Welch, Assistant Professor/  
Simulation Education Coordinator*

#### **Respect Award**

*Michelle Hanson, Associate  
Professor*

#### **Compassion Award**

*Stevo Roksandic, Regional Director  
of Library Services*

#### **Social Responsibility Award**

*David Byers, Safety & Security Officer*

#### **Diversity Award**

*Lauren Russo, Assistant Professor*

#### **Kathy Espy Humanitarian Award**

*Miriam Abbott, Associate Professor,  
Academic Department Leader*

#### **Staff Excellence Award**

*Melissa Contino, Executive Assistant*

#### **Dr. Ann Schiele Distinguished Faculty Award**

*Lexa King, Adjunct Faculty*



2023 MCAA  
**Annual Meeting** &  
Homecoming  
Event

This event will be held at The Grand Event Center in Grandview, a short distance from the College.

The Courtyard by Marriott, Columbus/OSU is adjacent to The Grand, with free parking on the property and offers a special room rate for Homecoming attendees.

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Evening Schedule

5 p.m. – Cash bar and silent auction opens

5:30 p.m. – Class photos

6 p.m. – Dinner and program

9 p.m. – Event concludes

Evening will include a silent auction, quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will be used to support scholarships.

The link to book your room and receive the special rate may be found on the College website, [www.mccn.edu](http://www.mccn.edu), under alumni/events. Rooms must be booked by September 8 to receive the special rate.



# Reservations and Raffle

**Check Appropriate:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Saturday dinner (MCAA member)	\$50.00	_____	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Raffle tickets (6 chances)	\$15.00	_____	_____
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**Dues and Donations**

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**Reservations must be received by Friday, Friday, August 18, 2023.**

Please make your check payable to Mount Carmel Alumni Association

Mail your check and this form to:

Mount Carmel College of Nursing  
 Alumni Affairs Office, Attn: Pat Steele Skunda, MCAA president  
 127 South Davis Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43222

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\*If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8 this is your honor year!

Please include a biographical update on your life and career on another sheet of paper and send it with this reservation form. Let us know if we may publish your update in one of the upcoming issues of the LAMP.

(You need not be present to win)

**Alumni Homecoming  
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# GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Alumni UP

## Alumni Vision

The vision of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association is to support Mount Carmel College of Nursing through philanthropic, networking, and mentoring initiatives.

## Follow us on Facebook

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## Send Us Your Email Address

MCCN and the Mount Carmel Alumni Association are sending information via email. Send your email address to [alumni affairs@mccn.edu](mailto:alumni affairs@mccn.edu) or visit our website to stay connected.



## Has your name changed since graduation?

If so, please don't forget to notify us so we can amend your educational record and your contact information. Please contact Maggie Miller-Rea, coordinator, Records & Registration, at 614.234.3959 or by email at [registrar@mccn.edu](mailto:registrar@mccn.edu).

## Alumni Association Dues Payment Instructions

We have two ways to pay your 2023 membership dues: You may mail us a check in the enclosed envelope or, if you prefer the convenience of a credit card, simply use your mobile phone camera to scan the appropriate Square (QR code) below and follow instructions there.

Annual Membership plus fee  
\$41.50 total



Lifetime Membership plus fee  
\$257.75 total



# Get Involved!

# dates

Please stay in touch with the Alumni Affairs office about any changes in your contact information as soon as you can so you don't miss any news! Also, please let us know your career path since graduation so we can include it in an upcoming issue of *the LAMP* or our online newsletter AlumNews.

**Note Our NEW  
Email address!  
alumniaffairs@mccn.edu**

## Your College Email Address

Please note: All College email addresses will now be deactivated six months after a student graduates.

## Meet your MCAA Board members!

**President:** Pat Skunda '72, '10, '14, MS, RN

**Vice President:** Open

**Secretary:** Jami Nininger '87, DNP, RN

**Treasurer:** Suzanne Martin '66, JD, RN

**Members-at-Large:**

Frieda Gill '91, '97, '09, MS, RN

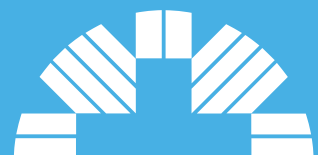
Jody Gill Rocha '08, '10, MS, RN

Celeste Schmelzer '79, MSN RN

Ginny Shaffer '93, '09, '20, MS, LSN, RN, IBCLC

Angela Snider '10, '14, MS, RN, APRN-BC

**Ex-Officio:** Deanna Stewart, president,  
Mount Carmel Foundation





# NOMINATIONS ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR DISTINGUISHED MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI AND RISING STAR AWARDS



We invite you to nominate a member of the Mount Carmel Alumni for one of these two awards that will be presented at the 2023 Mount Carmel Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Homecoming: Distinguished Alumni Award and Rising Star Award.

Please nominate those special alumni by visiting <https://www.mccn.edu/alumni> and clicking in the column on the left "Distinguished Mount Carmel Alumnus Awards."

*All nominees and their nominators will be notified of the outcome.*

## CRITERIA FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The following criteria should be used as a guide for describing a nominee's qualifications for the award. The contributions may include, but are not limited to, exceptional achievement and significant contribution in the following areas:

- **Professional Achievement** - Nominee has demonstrated professional recognition, professional accomplishments, and/or significant contributions to the nursing profession; nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of nursing. The nominee reflects honor to the College of Nursing in pursuing their professional activities.
- **Sphere of Influence** - (local, state, national, or international) - Contributions made by the nominee have had a broad influence beyond the scope of that person's place of employment.

- **Community Service** - (local, state, national, or international) - The nominee has made significant humanitarian contributions to the community, greatly impacted the community through their actions, and/or is involved in a variety of service initiatives.

Selection is also based on alumni who have shown continued interest in and support for the College, and who exemplify the Core Values of Mount Carmel College of Nursing: academic excellence, respect, compassion, social responsibility, and diversity. In summary, the nominee possesses such integrity and stature that the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the College of Nursing can take pride in, and are inspired by their recognition.



## CRITERIA FOR RISING STAR ALUMNI AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing alumni who has graduated with an undergraduate degree within the last 10 years. The following criteria should be used as a guide for describing a nominee's qualifications for the award. The contributions may include, but are not limited to, exceptional achievement and significant contribution in the following areas:

- **Professional Achievement** - Nominee has demonstrated professional recognition, professional accomplishments, and/or significant contributions to the nursing profession; nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of nursing. The nominee reflects honor to the College of Nursing in pursuing their professional activities.
- **Sphere of Influence** - (local, state, national, or international) - Contributions made by the nominee have had a broad influence beyond the scope of that person's place of employment.
- **Community Service** - (local, state, national, or international) - The nominee has made significant humanitarian contributions to the community, greatly impacted the community through their actions, and/or is involved in a variety of service initiatives. Selection is also based on alumni who have shown continued interest in and support for the College, and who exemplify the Core Values of Mount Carmel College of Nursing: academic excellence, respect, compassion, social responsibility, and diversity.

# MOUNT CARMEL CLASS NOTES

**Charlene Hahn Reynolds ('62)** is a widow and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. She has two daughters and nine grandchildren. Her husband's work enabled them to spend 13 years abroad in Germany, Turkey, Morocco, and Brazil. She retired in 2007 after working as a med-surg staff nurse in Ohio, Colorado, and North Carolina. She enjoys gardening, golf and her now "mostly grown" grandchildren.

**Janet Keane Schriener ('62)** is married, lives in North Oaks, Minnesota, and has three sons. She writes, "After 50 years of nursing in a variety of roles, I am happily retired. Mount Carmel provided the platform for a wonderful career that after a BS and two master's degrees, allowed me to move from nursing practice positions in OB, pediatrics, and NICU, to teaching and then nursing administration. I also worked part time for the Joint Commission for seven years. Life just couldn't have been any better than being a Mount Carmel grad and having wonderful lifelong friends. They have taught me that old friends and laugh lines are life's finest trophies!"

**Sharon Andrews Nawalanic ('69)** is married and lives in Port Lucie, Florida.

**Brenda Long Gordon ('72)** is married and lives in Michigan, spending half of the year in Grand Blanc and the other half in Harbor Springs. Her 50th wedding anniversary is this year and she has three children and six grandchildren. Her career has included med-surg, OR, physician's offices, as well as volunteering for 10 years at a free medical clinic.

**Marcia Billingsley Brushwood ('73)** lives in Annapolis, Maryland, and is married with three children and six grandchildren. She has a BSN from Immaculata College in Malvern, Pennsylvania, as well as a MS in Nursing Informatics and Nursing Administration. She worked as a floor nurse, nursing supervisor, and informatics project manager. She owned a boutique consulting firm that sold in 2015. She retired in 2017. She and her husband are avid travelers. They have been to all seven continents, visited 50 states and 60 of the 63 National Parks. She is a birder and enjoys photographing birds and other wildlife.

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**Mary Elaine Selby Stewart ('78)** is married and lived in Alaska for many years. She has a daughter (deceased) and two stepchildren. She has a BSN and MSN. She and her husband both retired from Riverside Methodist Hospital in 2021. They missed their careers and are now working on a contingency basis. She is a workplace health specialist with Mount Carmel Health System. She enjoys hiking, cycling, kayaking, paddle boarding, and cooking.

**Mary Flohr ('91)** makes her home in Galion, Ohio. She has been a traveling nurse most of her career. A recent assignment was as a neonatal ICU nurse in Syracuse, New York.

**Angie Miceli Hoff ('93)** is married, lives in Spotsylvania, Virginia, has two children and three grandchildren. Her son is a 2023 graduate of MCCN. She has her BSN and MSN from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She did some clinical instruction and teaching at MCCN. In 2009, she received her post-master's FNP from Otterbein University. She then attended the University of Alabama for her DNP and graduated in 2014. She retired in 2020. Prior to that, she was working for an agency doing home health as a nurse advocate/care manager.

**Ginny Nealon Shaffer ('93, '09, '20)** is married, has three children and lives in Columbus, Ohio. She worked at Mount Carmel West, mostly in OB, after her 1993 graduation. She is currently a school nurse for Columbus City Schools.

**Tamara Durham Funari ('96)** is married and lives in Texas City, Texas. She writes, "I am enjoying my daughter, stepchildren and grandchildren." She recently retired after 26 ½ years of active-duty service, and 35 total service years, as an Army Nurse Corps officer. She writes, "The Army supported me through three master's degrees, one as an APRN-CNS. I retired as a colonel and was honored with the Legion of Merit." She is currently Director, Medical Solutions, for Optum Serve.

We love hearing  
your news!



# IN MEMORIAM

*Mount Carmel College of Nursing and its alumni honor the following graduates who have passed away and extend our sympathy to their family and friends.*

- Eleanor Mayer Linn — Class of 1945
- Gloria A. Kessler Brehm — Class of 1948
- Joanne Waddington Borrer — Class 1948
- Ellen Schmeltzer O'Meara — Class of 1948
- Ruth Oen Tway — Class of 1952
- Jeanette Marie Parsons Buck — Class of 1953
- Suzanne Grimes Haney — Class of 1960
- Carol Schuh Conners — Class of 1961
- Edyth "Edie" Kay Hallam — Class of 1963
- Gloria Duzyk Longley — Class of 1963;  
Sister of Pam Duzyk Phillips, 1965
- Carol Antonik Elliott — Class of 1976
- Ann Regas Reitenbach — Class of 1977
- Nancy Hackworth — Class of 1978
- Sr. Judith Wessels — Class of 1983
- Patricia Westminster — Class of 1983
- Tamara Short Shumaker — Class of 2005
- Beau Thorne — Class of 2020

*We also acknowledge the loss and honor the memory of those whose lives have touched the Mount Carmel family.*

- Husband of Jeanine Warren Wall '57
- Husband of Charlene Hahn Reynolds '62
- Husband of Mary Lou Ogle Rauch '63
- Husband of Iris Beery Freisner, '66, '07
- Husband of Elizabeth "Libby" Jahahn Stripling '66
- Dr. Streven Heyman, Husband of Michele Whaley '71
- Husband of Bonnie Boyd Wallace Cook '72
- Mother of Mary Phillips '73
- Mother-in-law and sister-in-law of Judi Hollern Brown '74, '12, '16
- Husband of Carolyn Waldron Crabtree '74
- Husband of Kathy Sarko Todd '74
- Husband of Debra Powers Judy '81
- Mother of Angela Davis LaFollette '85 and grandmother of Taylor La Follette '18
- Father of Theresa Coyne Larkin '87
- James Allen, MD
- Stephen Berger, MD
- William Porterfield, MD

## Tell us what you're up to!

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GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU? NEW BABY? NEW JOB OR PROMOTION?

EARN ANOTHER DEGREE? \_\_\_\_\_

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Mount Carmel College of Nursing  
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Columbus, Ohio 43222  
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