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The Inauguration

of Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN
New Beginnings, New Traditions

October 24, 2014, was an auspicious milestone in the history of Mount Carmel College of Nursing, as Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN, was inaugurated as the second president of the College.

The day began with family, friends, faculty, staff and students gathered in the majestic St. Joseph Cathedral, to attend the Inaugural Mass, celebrated by The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus.

The soaring High French Gothic architecture of the Cathedral, built from 1866 to 1872, was a stunningly beautiful setting for the solemn and joyous occasion. Stirring music resounded from the magnificent organ in the balcony, as the Bishop asked God to bless the College, all persons associated with it, and asked for guidance and mercy for Dr. Wynd as she begins her leadership responsibilities.

Later that afternoon – just across the Scioto River at the Center for Science and Industry (COSI) – the Inauguration ceremony began





AN AMAZING CELEBRATION

Dr. Wynd shares this great honor with her husband, Charles Santose, and children, Nathan Wynd and Rachel Santose.

with the Academic Processional. Faculty Marshal Fatma Lamki, MSN, RN, who carried the College's ceremonial Mace – a symbol of the president's authority and of the College's academic independence – led the procession. The faculty – in full regalia – processed into the space, followed by the Delegates (page 5) representing colleges and universities throughout Ohio and beyond.

MCCN students who are members of The Ohio State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), participated in the Presentation of Colors, and staff member Julia Farkas, BA, led the singing of the National Anthem. Student Ambassadors served not only as facilitators, ushers and hosts, but also as reminders of the reason for the occasion – our students, our future.

Vigor, vision and courage

In welcoming all to the gathering, Matt Mazza, chair, MCCN Board of Trustees, said, "Today's ceremony is very personal – for me and other members of the search committee – who took very seriously the task of finding the right individual to lead the College forward." He noted that MCCN's Board members sought someone who would both honor and respect the legacy of the College, but who would also have the vigor and vision, as well as the credentials and the courage, to innovatively position the College for the dynamic, ever-changing and complex demands of the healthcare environment of today – and of tomorrow.

"This ceremony is also very public – it is an outward expression of commitment – from each of us – to the longevity of this unique institution of excellence in nursing education," he said, adding that the Inauguration marks a new beginning, as new traditions create enthusiasm and eagerness among members of the MCCN family and the community, as the exciting future about to unfold is fully embraced.



Dr. Wynd is congratulated by (left to right) Charles Sanders Jr., MD, vice president of Medical Education, Mount Carmel Health System; Dina Bush, RN, vice president of Patient Care Services and CNO, Mount Carmel West; and Sean McKibben, MBA, president and chief executive officer, Mount Carmel West.



The MCCN Choir – faculty and staff members – led the singing of the Mount Carmel Alma Mater. Members include: Deloris Bills, Brigit Duggan, Julia Farkas, Hannah O’Handley, Kathy Ross, Angela Snider, Tricia Whitney and Mary Yoder.

He also extended a warm welcome to President and Dean Emeritus Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, saying, “Her presence reminds us of the rich history of the College. The arc of her achievements, spanning from 1990 to earlier this year, provide a solid foundation – and indeed a springboard – from which Dr. Wynd will take the College into a very bright future.”

Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president, System Mission, Mount Carmel Health, who is a member of the MCCN Board of Trustees, asked for the Invocation, which was followed by the MCCN choir singing “Here I Am, Lord.”

Our students, Our source of pride

President and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel West hospital, Sean McKibben, said the presence of MCCN students in the hospitals is a source of pride for Mount Carmel.

“As I observe MCCN students in the halls of our hospitals, each woman and man has a demeanor that communicates not only their caring and compassion, but also their intelligence and dedication to preparing for the profession of nursing,” he said.

On behalf of Trinity Health and of the Mount Carmel Health System, McKibben formally welcomed Dr. Wynd to the Mount Carmel family and welcomed her family – husband, Charles Santose, and children, Nathan Wynd and Rachel Santose, to the ceremony.



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Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president, System Mission, Mount Carmel Health System, and Cheryl Creamer Mace (’75), Chief Mission Leader, Mission Services, enjoy the celebration.



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The Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture and Presentation of the College Medallion immediately followed greetings from dignitaries, representatives and family members (see Greetings and Pledges, page 8).

“This Bible will help guide your decisions as you lead the College forward and will always serve as a personal reminder of this special day,” said Sister Barbara, who began a new tradition by presenting Dr. Wynd with a personal gift from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Before asking Sister Barbara to assist him in bestowing upon Dr. Wynd the MCCN Medallion – the symbol of her authority and accountability – Mazza noted that Dr. Wynd, who will stand on the firm foundation created by her predecessors – is joining a community of accomplished faculty, talented students, engaged alumni and dedicated staff at a pivotal moment in the history of the College.

“The Board of Trustees sought a president and dean who would be a strategic thinker and discerning listener, and who would be instrumental in addressing

both the opportunities and challenges of this moment in history,” he said. “We sought someone who would be an intellectual role model and who would possess a demonstrated record of visionary leadership, a passion for research and academic scholarship, and business acumen, all while expressing compassion for students, faculty, and staff. In short, we sought a smart, forward-thinking, creative, courageous, persuasive, collaborative innovator who also has a sense of humor,” he added.

“Friends, it sounds like an impossible wish list, but here stands proof that it’s not impossible. Dr. Wynd is uniquely qualified and is an exceptional leader who has the vision and dedication to take nursing education to the next level to meet the ever-changing demands and opportunities in health-care and higher education now and well into the future,” he told the audience.

Following the Investiture, Dr. Wynd delivered her Presidential Address (see page 10). The ceremony closed with a warm and emotional singing of the Alma Mater, Benediction from the Bishop and an invitation to greet Dr. Wynd and her family at a dessert reception.

The event



MCCN staff members (left to right): Kathy Espy and Kim Campbell.



MCCN faculty members (left to right): Erin Dougherty, MSN, RN, CPNP; Scott Dolan, MSN, RN; and Jody Gill-Recha, MSN, RN.



MCCN faculty members (left to right): Deidre Smith, MSN, RN; Amy Smith, MSN, RN; Beth Medaugh, MSN, RN; Dale Hilty, PhD; and Missy Mohler, MS, RN.



Faculty member Kimberly Loscko, DVM.



MCCN Student Ambassadors.



Dr. Wynd and Bishop Campbell.

The Delegates

The College welcomed these notable representatives of other colleges and universities across Ohio and beyond, who came as Delegates to witness the milestone in the history of Mount Carmel College of Nursing – the Inauguration of Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN, as the second president and dean:

Ohio University, 1804

Sally A. Marinellie, PhD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Capital University, 1830

Wendy Blakley, PhD, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1842

Amy L. Wrobbel, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA
Alumna

University of Notre Dame, 1842

Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC
Alumna

Otterbein University, 1847

Barbara Schaffner, PhD, RN, CNP
Dean, School of Professional Studies

University of Akron, 1870

Tracy A. Riley, PhD, RN, CNS, CNE
Associate Professor of Nursing

Ursuline College, 1871

Sister Diana Stano, OSU, PhD
President

Goucher College, 1885

Lucinda Blackwelder Findley, MA
Alumna

Central State University, 1887

Charles Shahid
Government Relations Officer

Chamberlain University, 1889

Judith Kimchi-Woods, PhD, RN
President, Columbus Campus

Ohio Dominican University, 1911

Peter Cimboric, PhD
President

Mercy College, 1917

James L. Harter, PhD
President

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, 1969

Robert R. Burke, AB, MS
President and General Counsel

A Message from the Mount



Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN
President and Dean

Dear Friends,

What a whirlwind of activities we have completed – and what a steady wind we have at our backs to carry the College into a bright future!

I am delighted to be your new president and dean, and I am humbled by the deep tradition and abundant ritual expressed in the recognition ceremonies surrounding my formal investiture into this role. I want you to know how very grateful I am for the celebrations, the very warm welcome I've received from everyone, and how blessed I feel to be entrusted to lead the College forward.

There is a strong foundation of excellence in nursing education – as well as engagement with the community – here at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. This level of engagement goes back, of course, to the founding of the School of Nursing by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. And, the groundwork laid by my predecessor, Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, president and dean emeritus, starting in 1990, has positioned the College to excel as the outstanding College of Nursing it is today. By having initiated the Graduate program in 2003 – not coincidentally the year of the Centennial – our

reputation for academic excellence, respect, compassion and social responsibility has been further enhanced.

And now, our sails are filled – preparing us to exceed as an institution of higher learning, as we embark on our plans for the future of the College, which I invite you to read about inside.

I am confident that with a tremendous team of faculty, staff and students, an engaged Board of Trustees and a welcoming community, our future is indeed bright.

Please be assured that, just as you – the alumni – have been an invaluable part of our past, you are also an integral part of our future.

I invite you to continue to be ambassadors for the College – sharing with others the good things we have done, are doing and will do – as together, we engage, excel and exceed!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine A. Wynd".

Sincerely,
Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN
President and Dean

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2015

- May 9 2015
Commencement
- May 11 2015
Summer Session Begins
- Aug 13 2015
Convocation
- Aug 31 2015
Golf Invitational

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

- May 4 and 5 2015
Alumni Association Breakfast for
Students during Final Week
- Oct 24 2015
Annual Alumni Association Homecoming

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Greetings and Pledges



A long-standing tradition of academic presidential investitures is the delivery of Greetings and Pledges from representatives on behalf of various constituencies within and outside the academic institution. Dr. Wynd received the following, which are excerpted here:



“In addition to having the support of the Diocese in your new endeavor – you also have my personal support. I pledge to stand by you to offer any advice you ask or any assistance within my purview. My initial offer comes to you in the words of John Paul II, ‘Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I (Jesus) am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.’ I will pray for you – that God will give you strength and endurance, wisdom and discernment, hard work and much joy.” – **Representative of the Diocese of Columbus: The Most Reverend Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD**

“The congregation of which I have been a part for more than 50 years played a significant role – not only in founding the hospital and in establishing a Mission here that continues to endure for nearly 130 years – but also in the genesis of Mount Carmel College of Nursing. To this day, the Sisters of the Holy Cross support the College in its mission as ‘a collaborative learning community, serving in the spirit of the Catholic tradition, offers excellent science-based education in nursing in a caring, respectful, and socially responsible environment.’ On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, I pledge my personal and spiritual support to uplift and uphold you in your work.” – **Representative of the Sisters of the Holy Cross: Sr. Barbara Hahl, CSC**

“As you face the incredible responsibility of leading MCCN in new directions, I offer you these words of the late Maya Angelou, author and poet: ‘As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul, and body of our patients, their families and ourselves. They may forget your



name, but they will never forget how you made them feel.' I have always been proud to be an alumna of Mount Carmel. In meeting you and learning about your work ... you make me feel even more proud to be associated with Mount Carmel. As a representative of the School of Nursing, I support you in your role."

– **Representative of the Alumni of Mount Carmel School of Nursing: Sheila Klein, RN, Class of 1977**

"Like Mrs. Klein, I – along with my fellow alumni of the College of Nursing – am encouraged about the future direction of our alma mater. It's heartening to know that someone of your caliber, experience, dedication to scholarship and research, and obvious passion for advancing the profession of nursing, will lead the College to the next level. In her *Notes on Nursing*, published in 1859, when the professional practice of nursing was in its infancy, Florence Nightingale says: 'Let whoever is in charge keep this simple question in her head (not, how can I always do this right thing myself, but) how can I provide for this right thing to be always done?' I trust you will agree that the hallmark of a good leader is to provide for the right thing to always be done. I offer myself – and know that my peers will also step forward – to help you in any way in doing the right thing." – **Representative of the Alumni of Mount Carmel College of Nursing: George Tazi, MS, RN, Class of 2007 and 2014**



"We students know that you have our best interests at heart and if any doubt that, all he or she needs to do is remember what you said in addressing the freshman class at Convocation: 'The roles and responsibilities for students are great and demanding, but also clear and simple – work hard, study hard and engage in as many activities as possible, both academic and social. Have fun and achieve excellence for future success.' As you embark on leading

Mount Carmel College of Nursing into a bright future, I can think of no better advice than to remind you of your own favorite motto: Keep Calm and Carry On! In meeting you and talking with you, many students have remarked about how calm you are – you've got that down! So, with all best wishes: Carry on!" – **Representative of the Students: Whitney Eal, Student Government Association President**

"Dr. Wynd, in the four months you've been at Mount Carmel, I have been amazed as your vision for undergraduate nursing education is manifested in new traditions. For example, it was so rewarding to process with you in the College's first Convocation Procession. And, in my role as advisor for our ROTC program, I cannot tell you what an impact your own 29 years of military service is making upon our students in uniform. I know it will inspire many students to consider military nursing." – **Representative of Academic Leadership: Barbara Barta, PhD, RN, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program**

"I was delighted to know that you came to us already well-acquainted with online learning, fully understanding the value it provides for students, particularly those who are engaged in busy nursing careers. When the American Nurses Association released a position paper in 1965 stating that 'the minimum preparation for beginning professional nursing practice should be the baccalaureate degree education in nursing,' I doubt the idea of providing that preparation electronically came to mind. And yet, here we are about to help nurses across the nation realize their dream of earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. I, along with other faculty members who teach online, look forward to partnering with you and hearing your input and ideas to further the reach of the College through online, distance education." – **Representative of Academic Leadership: Tara Spalla, PhD, RN, Associate Dean, Distance Education Program**

"Dr. Wynd, you come to us with a wealth of expertise. Each faculty, staff and student body member will prosper and grow under your leadership. In a short period of time you've been with us, you have embraced and integrated our Mission in your leadership. You have been caring and respectful to each and every one of us, as we have gone forward in creating a greater College of Nursing. In Psalm 78, we read 'He shepherded them with a pure heart; with skilled hands he guided them.' Dr. Wynd, you have integrity of heart and grace, and your skilled leadership will guide us in the future." – **Representative, Academic Leadership: Angela Philips, EdD, RN, Associate Dean, Graduate Program**

"Faculty members at all levels are very intrigued and excited about the future of MCCN. And, we look forward with great anticipation to helping you realize the introduction of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, which will allow high-performing nurses to reach the educational pinnacle of nursing practice, and enable nurse educators to teach at the highest level of academia. We stand behind you as you embark on this leadership endeavor." – **Representative of the Faculty: Theresa Skybo, PhD, RN, Associate Professor**



"When you first came to the College, many wondered what you'd be like. For me, that question was answered the day I found a five-foot-tall stuffed giraffe in the Gift Shop that I just had to have. In getting it back to my office I wondered if I should take care to make sure you didn't see this ridiculous creature making its way through the halls – but, as I had to pass by your open office door – I decided to stick his head around the corner to waggle a 'hello.' Your response – warm laughter and a cheerful greeting – set my mind at ease. Yes, Dr. Wynd will fit into the Mount Carmel family just fine. And so, on behalf of the professional and administrative staff members, I offer this advice: Keep smiling and don't be



afraid to be like our friend the giraffe – willing to stick your neck way out – not just to welcome everyone, but to ask and encourage others to participate in the bright future into which you will lead the College.” – **Representative of the Staff: Kathy Espy, BA, Director of Diversity and Community Initiatives**

“Every day we are struck by your poise, by your accomplishments, and by both your strength and compassion as a leader. From the beginning, you’ve instilled in us the values of education, of perseverance in the face of obstacles, and of a deep respect for the past. You’ve also taught us to ‘go for it,’ to do what feels right, and to find what truly makes us happy. You’ve championed us to live lives of fulfillment and supported our decisions and the independent paths we’ve chosen for ourselves. Today we celebrate your chosen path and all that you’ve done to reach this place in your life.”

– **Representatives of the President’s Family, Rachel Santose, MA, MLS, and Nathan Wynd**

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Columbus, and I want to thank the College and its students, faculty and staff members for the hand of friendship and support that Mount Carmel has long extended to the men, women and children of this community. Mount Carmel and Franklinton go back a long way together. During the Great Flood of 1913, the hospital and the nursing school were literally a beacon on a hill, providing shelter and sustenance, as well as medical attention, to the hundreds of people who lost everything they had. On behalf of the citizens of Columbus, Ohio, I offer you a Proclamation of our support for the College and for your work here.” – **Representative of the City of Columbus: The Honorable Mayor Michael B. Coleman, JD**

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The Presidential Address of Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN Second President and Dean Mount Carmel College of Nursing



Engage. Excel. Exceed.

The highlight of the inauguration was Dr. Wynd's address, which is excerpted here.

"To engage, to excel, to exceed – these are activities essential to success," began Dr. Wynd in her Inaugural Address. She noted that Mount Carmel graduate nurses are a cut above because they engage: they commit to be involved, to be dedicated and to be invested.

"Mount Carmel School of Nursing – and now College of Nursing – enjoys a very long legacy of engagement that takes us back into the history of the Franklinton community," she noted as she recounted milestones – from the founding by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, through the early decades – of Mount Carmel.

Dr. Wynd talked about what it means to excel: to shine, to outshine, to outclass and to stand out. "As nursing education expanded toward higher education, Dr. Ann Schiele performed an exemplary feat – moving the school from its very proud history of providing diploma nursing education to collegiate education," she said, recognizing Dr. Schiele in the audience.

In closing, Dr. Wynd said, "To exceed in higher education, our vision for the future requires

ongoing commitment to the community of Franklinton and a dedication to preparing nurses for the health of all citizens."

She referenced the doctoral program that will soon begin at the College and asserted, "We will go beyond to focus on building a serious research reputation with increased visibility of scholars nationally and internationally – with an emphasis on academic scholarship that will enhance the education and practice of nursing toward higher quality, safer and more cost-effective patient care."

She emphasized that she is confident the College will exceed expectations because of the tremendous team of faculty, staff and students, as well as Board of Trustees and strong alumni group who are all engaged and who will excel and exceed in providing a rich future for the College.

"To exceed means to surpass, to overtake and go beyond: this is the future of the College!"

MEET DR. WYND

CHRISTINE A. WYND, PHD, RN,
PRESIDENT, MOUNT CARMEL
COLLEGE OF NURSING



Q: What does leadership mean to you?

A: Leadership means having a vision for the future, setting the direction for advancement of MCCN and empowering others to move in the identified direction. Leadership involves showing the way through change. Because change can be frightening for some, leadership often requires broad shoulders and courage to help others want to get on board and move past the status quo. That's when true transformation in an organization can occur.

Q: What are your feelings about collaboration?

A: It's so important to work with every stakeholder who cares about MCCN – who cares about its history and about its future. We need to engage everyone on the front lines – faculty, staff and students – as well as alumni, our Board of Trustees, Mount Carmel Health System and the community in supporting a strategic planning initiative to identify strengths and opportunities to set goals to continue to excel in the future. Then we work together to create a pathway toward our goals – and a mechanism for course correction – that will enable us to exceed all expectations.

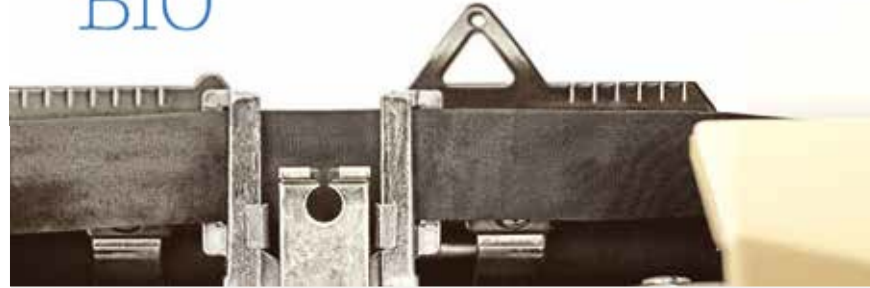
Q: What do you see as the future for alumni involvement?

A: Our alumni are our greatest treasure! In reading through the Class Notes section of past issues of *the Lamp*, I sense a deep level of devotion to one another, as well as determination to stay connected – particularly among alumni of the School of Nursing. I'm sure that our alumni who graduated since 1993 – from the College of Nursing – desire to stay connected, too, but I don't see their involvement in the Alumni Association. I'd like to help get them connected to the Association and to one another. In 1976, my college, St. John College, was closed because the Diocese of Cleveland could no longer afford to support it. Fortunately, Ursuline College took the nursing program under its wing. I hope that my experience as an alumna who bridged “two alma maters” can lead to unification of the Mount Carmel School and College alumni. I was blessed to serve on the St. John/Ursuline Alumni Board and encouraged others to also get involved – this is what I'd like to do here at Mount Carmel.

Q: Where do you see the future of the nursing profession?

A: I see a future where nurses will practice at continually increasing levels of greater responsibility and authority. Consider that it was 50 years ago – in 1965 – when the American Nurses Association declared that the minimum preparation for entering the profession should be the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The Association called for this change because – although Diploma-level preparation was well suited to the current practice and structure – increasing levels of technology and advancements in healthcare science and medicine

DR. WYND'S BIO



required more education. Fast forward to today: advanced education will enable nurses to lead interdisciplinary teams that include other professionals whose entry-level preparation is also at the graduate level. We will always need nurses who provide excellent bedside care; this is nursing's most important work. However, nurses at the bedside – who hold the BSN degree – will be recognized for their leadership, better supported through education, will have a greater “voice” in decision-making, and will have access to career advancement. Doctoral-prepared nurses will move even further, influencing clinical and organizational variables, including policy that drives nurse-sensitive indicators, analytics, infrastructure and informatics.

Q: What “just for fun” facts can you share about yourself?

A: I'm a history buff and love to travel! My all-time favorite movie is the 1992 “The Last of the Mohicans,” because that period of American history during the French and Indian War (Seven Years War) simply fascinates me. And, my favorite book is *Katherine* by Anya Seton, the story of the woman who established a long line of Plantagenet and Tudor monarchs that carries through to the Windsor family today. I think you could say I enjoy “everything England.” The quote I tend to live by is “Keep Calm and Carry On.” In spring 2010, my family visited England, Wales and Ireland, where I saw the quote on a sign in a Welsh museum. I learned that it was developed during WWII to help the populace deal with the German bombings, and as a new dean of Nursing at the time, felt it could help me keep going. I recently returned from my second trip to Ireland; this time to present research at Trinity College in Dublin, a wonderful experience. I'm looking forward to traveling with my family to France this summer – we will visit the WWII sites of D-Day in Normandy, Paris, and the chateaux of the Loire Valley, and observe celebrations marking the 600-year anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt by Henry V of England.

Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN, assumed her duties as the second president and dean of Mount Carmel College of Nursing on July 1, 2014. Prior to serving as the new president and dean, Dr. Wynd was dean and Strawbridge professor, Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, a Catholic liberal arts college, which was founded by the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland in 1871. She served in that role from 2007, presiding over the School that offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing.

Dr. Wynd's experience in nursing education and leadership is extensive and includes directing the Doctor of Philosophy in nursing program at the University of Akron, and teaching at both The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Wynd retired from the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps at the rank of colonel in 2001. Her military experience includes serving as chief nurse for two separate Combat Support Hospitals and as the Reserve representative to the office of the assistant chief, Army Nurse Corps.

In November 2014, she presented her recent academic study, with her co-researcher, to the 15th Healthcare Interdisciplinary Research Conference at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Wynd recently completed the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She earned her Doctoral degree in Nursing Executive Administration from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Science degree in nursing from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from St. John College. She is married to Charles Santose and has two grown children, Nathan Wynd, who resides in Columbus, Ohio, and Rachel Santose, MA, MLS, who lives in Saint Lawrence County, New York.

A New Tradition: Convocation Processional

The sound of bagpipes heralded a new tradition for Mount Carmel College of Nursing Convocation.



President and Dean Christine Wynd, PhD, RN, led the colorful Convocation 2014 procession along Broad Street to Holy Family Church.

Members of the class of 2018 – and faculty members in full regalia – created a buzz as they followed Dr. Wynd to the milestone ceremony that concluded day one of the two-day SmartStart Orientation.



STUDENTS CONVERGED

in a colorful Convocation 2014 group, marking the 111th year of excellence in nursing education at Mount Carmel.

COLLEGE QUICK READ

› **Become a Faith Community Nurse**

Are you looking to integrate spirituality into your nursing practice or thinking about entering the American Nurses Association-recognized specialty, Faith Community Nursing/Parish Nursing? If so, you may be interested in attending the class “Foundation of Faith Community Nursing.” This nationally endorsed curriculum provides 34 contact hours and is offered to alumni of Mount Carmel at the discounted rate of \$300. To register for the class, which will meet at MCCN on May 1, 2, 15 and 16, 2015, contact Kate Whitman, manager of Mount Carmel Church Partnerships, at (614) 546.4064 or kwhitman@mchs.com for additional information. You may visit www.mountcarmel-health.com/church-partnerships to view a brochure.

› **MCCN is offering alumni of the** Mount Carmel School of Nursing a 25 percent tuition discount on the Online RN-BSN Completion Program coursework at MCCN. This discount is offered to School of Nursing graduates who are not receiving another tuition discount from MCCN or Mount Carmel Health System. This offer, which is in support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 80/20 initiative — that states by the year 2020, at least 80 percent of all RNs should be BSN prepared — is effective through winter term 2017, at which time the offer will be reconsidered.

› **Ohio State Supreme Court Justice William O’Neill, JD, RN**, joined MCCN on September 9 for an exciting Lunch and Learn to celebrate Constitution Day. Students, faculty and staff joined the Men of Mount Carmel College of Nursing and the Multicultural Education Committee for this special conversation to commemorate the formation and September 17, 1787, signing of the U.S. Constitution.

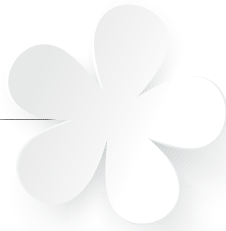
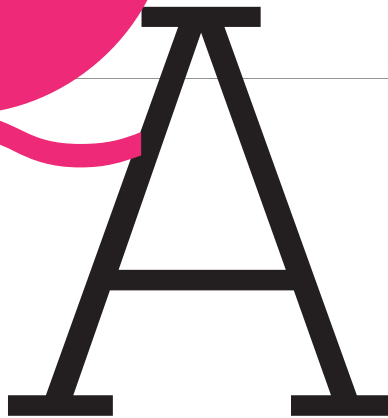
› **Trinity Health is the new name for our parent organization**, CHE Trinity Health announced in November. All Regional Health Ministries within the Trinity Health network, including Mount Carmel College of Nursing, will retain their existing names. We will also keep our Mount Carmel logo and MCCN Mission: “Mount Carmel College of Nursing, a collaborative learning community, serving in the spirit of the Catholic tradition offers excellent science-based education in nursing and allied health in a caring, respectful and socially responsible environment.” This is an exciting time for MCCN to be a part of this outstanding national system that – with 86 hospitals, 128 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs in 21 states – is among the largest Catholic health systems in the United States. Trinity Health was formed by the May 2013 consolidation of Catholic Health East and Trinity Health. Please visit trinity-health.org for more information.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

KATIE CLINE

Student Katie Cline believes in “Flower Power!”



To say that Mount Carmel College of Nursing student Katelyn “Katie” Cline is a busy young woman with a bubbly personality is an understatement of major proportions.

When Katie is not studying or caring for patients as a part-time patient care assistant at Mount Carmel West, she can be found working part-time in Charlie’s Java Jolt, the Mount Carmel West coffee shop, handing out cheery greetings and colorful badge accessories, along with the hot coffee. Katie is a junior in the traditional BSN program, and is vice president of the Student Government Association as well as one of the Student Ambassadors who helped make Dr. Wynd’s Inauguration activities run smoothly.

The Orient, Ohio, native says she’s wanted to be a nurse since she was a little girl.

“I didn’t choose nursing, it chose me – it’s my calling,” she says. “My father, who was a deputy sheriff for Franklin County, had a quadruple bypass operation when I was just 2 years old. He’s also a Type 1 diabetic and I remember always making sure he was taking care of his diabetes,” Katie adds.

She also remembers patching up her dolls and stuffed animals, assisted by her mother, who is a seamstress. Perhaps that’s where her avocation as a crafter comes from.

“I’ve always liked to take things and combine them in new ways, and I’m kind of into fashion – accessorizing my outfits to look as nice as I can,” Katie says in explaining how these two interests came together in her creation of cute, colorful and sought-after decorations for identification badges.

Katie’s multi-hued fabric flower creations are seen on employee and student-identification badges throughout the hospital and college.

“I started out making them for myself, because I knew once I was on the (hospital) floor, I would wear my blue uniform every day and I wanted something that would be a little different,” she says.

Once other students and employees saw Katie’s creations, they wanted one, too, so she got busy. Now, the enterprise is turning into another way for the entrepreneurial, outgoing and fashion-loving future nurse to pay for her education.





We welcome Debbie Dunn Boggs ('75) as our new director, Alumni Relations. Debbie, who has served as vice president, MCAA, started in a part-time position as coordinator in October 2014, before being named director in December.

Q: Because you are a graduate of the School of Nursing, coming to MCCN must be like “coming home” for you – tell us about that.

A: I have always enjoyed coming back to Mount Carmel through the years for various activities and events, and seeing the growth and changes as we moved from Mount Carmel School of Nursing to Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Having the opportunity to serve on the Mount Carmel Alumni Association (MCAA) board was a wonderful experience and an opportunity to give back and become more involved. This is where my career path began. Accepting the position as director of Alumni Relations is an honor and privilege and is indeed like coming home.

Q: What are you most excited about in your new position?

A: Working with our students, alumni, faculty and staff! There are so many opportunities to work together to assist the students and grow our alumni association. The opportunity to work hand-in-hand with Susie Loik Parsons ('76), BSN, RN, MCAA board

president; Phylis Motz Crook ('63), alumni volunteer; and Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN, along with the other members of our alumni board to build on the program that Phylis and Michele have developed, is an honor.

Q: What other experience will you bring to the position?

A: Mount Carmel gave me a wonderful educational foundation upon which I have been able to build a varied and very rewarding career. My direct patient care nursing experiences have included emergency department, surgery, office and hospice positions, both on staff and in management roles. More recently, I have had the opportunity to work in healthcare marketing, community education, special event planning, fundraising, communications and program development.

I feel there are many elements from these experiences – as well as relationships I have built through the years – that will be beneficial as we work together to further develop the Alumni Relations program.

To contact Debbie, see page 7.



The National Defense Act

The National Defense Act, signed by President Wilson in 1915, brought military officer training under a single, federally controlled entity: The Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Today, Army ROTC has a total of 273 programs with an enrollment of more than 35,000 at colleges and universities throughout the nation. More than 40 percent of current active duty Army General Officers were commissioned through the ROTC.

MCCN: A MILITARY



There is a long history of military nursing at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. From the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who answered President Lincoln's call to care for soldiers aboard the Civil War-era hospital ship, U.S.S. Red Rover, to 21st century students who participate in either the US Army or US Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) programs, numerous Mount Carmel nurses have answered their country's call to serve.

"The ROTC affiliation at Mount Carmel has really enhanced the College and been a tremendous boon for students who participate," says Barbara Barta, PhD, RN, associate dean, Undergraduate Program, who has been the advisor for MCCN's ROTC program since 2005. Dr. Barta, who taught at the School of Nursing from 1975–1977 and returned to teaching at the College in 1993 after her children were grown, recalls that the College has long had an agreement in place with the Air Force ROTC, which is the smaller of the two programs.



Current MCCN ROTC Students

Pictured below: Current MCCN students active in Army ROTC include (left to right) Nicholas Dreyer, Sean Coolidge, Jillian Ballister and Devon Furey. Not available for photo: Sarah Demetry and Samantha Taylor. Haley Caudill (Air Force ROTC) was also unavailable for photo.



“Our Army ROTC program was started in 2005 when Brad Marsh ('11), BSN, RN, who was then a captain and the Army Scholarship and Recruiting officer at The Ohio State University, visited our campus to inquire about starting an affiliate ROTC program here,” she recalls. “Brad was so impressed with MCCN that, while on active duty, he enrolled in the Second Degree Accelerated Program and earned his BSN in 2011, realizing his dream to become a military nurse.

“Students in both ROTC programs work very hard, going to the OSU campus for leadership courses and early morning physical training, in addition to their coursework and clinicals here,” she says. “They really have to develop time management skills to stay organized and are remarkably respectful, conscientious and engaged in all aspects of their education.”

Army ROTC offers a four-week competitive Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) in which accepted rising seniors are assigned to a military hospital where they function alongside a military nurse preceptor, gaining 140 hours direct patient care experience.

“MCCN has a high rate of student acceptance into this rigorous, coveted program, and complete the program with very high evaluations and remarkable recognition,” says Dr. Barta.

“As a nurse educator, I am most proud that Mount Carmel is sending nurses of exemplary quality around the world to care for this country’s warriors and their families,” she adds.



During the World War II era, the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, instituted by the Bolton Act of 1943, drew the hearts and minds of many Mount Carmel students, with nearly 100 percent participation before the Corps was disbanded in 1947. Alumni volunteer, **Phylis Motz Crook ('63), RN**, recently talked to a few members of the class of February 1947, who had served in the Corps. "Although they did not see action because they graduated after the war had ended, they were prepared to serve," Phylis says. **Nancy Mitchell Meder (Feb. '47), Virginia Kuntz Everett (Feb. '47) and Helen Ey O'Connor (Feb. '47)** were among the nearly 125,000 nursing students across the nation inspired to enroll. "The all-volunteer Corps reimbursed tuition expenses and provided uniforms and a stipend of \$15 a month," Phylis notes. The Bolton Act is said to have had a profound effect on nursing education in the United States, because its emphasis on an academic approach,

Pictured above:
Helen Ey O'Connor (Feb. '47), RN, proudly wore the uniform of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. She is pictured in September 1944 with her brother, an active duty U.S. Marine.

rather than apprentice-style training, led to increased course offerings and faculty numbers in nursing schools. In addition, it further elevated the reputation of professional nursing, leading to increased career opportunities, especially for women.

Dorothy Beavers Pecora ('41), is among the many Mount Carmel School of Nursing alumni who did serve overseas during wartime. One of the first women to be awarded the Bronze Star, for "heroic or meritorious achievement or service," Dorothy accompanied General George Patton's Third Army march across France and into Germany, where she cared for soldiers wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. While there, she helped liberate concentration camp survivors in Germany and Austria. In 1997, she witnessed the dedication of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, DC, (where 27 Sisters of the Holy Cross were recognized for military service dating to the Civil War). That day, Dorothy was one of two former army nurses who were honored as the first women to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. And, in 2010 Dorothy was among 125 honorees at the Holocaust Day of Remembrance Ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Building.





The Vietnam Era ended May 7, 1975. Just a dozen years after the close of what is recognized as one of the most volatile and controversial eras in our country's history, a Mount Carmel School of Nursing alumna stepped into a national leadership role.

Mary Reis Stout ('65) was elected the second president of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), the national veterans' service organization for the nearly 9 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam Era. Mary had joined the Army during her last year at the School, met her future husband shortly after beginning active duty and – when she learned he was deployed to Vietnam – volunteered to also go and served in the Second Surgical Hospital in An Khe and later in Chu Lai.

“Although there is nothing that could prepare someone for active duty nursing in Vietnam; what I learned at Mount Carmel prepared me for the rest of my life,” recalls Mary. “The decision-making skills and leadership capabilities have always served me well.”

Mary recalls the first time she testified before Congress – about Veterans' Readjustment Appointments to hire vets for federal employment. She noted in her testimony that the 270,000 women veterans of the Vietnam Era should be considered for such employment, saying, “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.”

Mary, now retired, counts the passage of legislation to give compensation to veterans with illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure and the establishment of the Court of Veterans Appeals as the greatest accomplishments of her four years as VVA President.

Mary Reis Stout ('65) visited her then-fiancé, Carl Stout (to whom she has been married nearly 47 years) in Duc Pho, Vietnam, in 1967. He was the fire direction officer, 25th Division, known as “Lightening on Thunder Mountain.” They are standing on Landing Zone Montezuma.

Our Military Alumni: Class of 2013



Second Lieutenant Elizabeth (Betsy) Cassidy ('13), BSN, RN, U.S. Air Force, who is a Med-Surg nurse at Mike O'Callaghan Federal Medical Center at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, says that MCCN afforded her

more hands-on student experience at large hospitals than most of her peers. "One of the ROTC activities I most enjoyed was being part of the flag detail during OSU football games. Carrying the American flag was an amazing opportunity," she recalls. Betsy aspires to become a flight nurse, which she says will make her highly deployable.



Second Lieutenant Alexandria Fistek ('13), BSN, RN, U.S. Army, who is staff nurse and team lead, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, says the clinical experiences

provided by MCCN allowed her to start as a new nurse "leagues above" her peers. She adds that her favorite part of ROTC was a trip to Germany. "My most memorable military nursing experience so far has been working with soldiers wounded overseas. Hearing how I am helping them through this tough time in their lives, and how much they appreciate my being their nurse is very rewarding," she says.



Second Lieutenant Matthew G. Patrlja ('13), BSN, RN, U.S. Army, who is stationed at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center as a med-surg staff nurse, says he really enjoyed instructing and mentoring

underclassmen as they made their transition into the military and the College. "Because of MCCN, I was able to jump right into my job and know how to prioritize and take care of my patients," he says. "I recently had a patient who was unable to communicate and wasn't awake for most of his stay. While I cared for him, I talked to him, telling him what I was doing, so he would know someone was there for him. Prior to his transfer, he started coming around and when I went into his room to say goodbye, he told me he remembered my voice and was comforted by knowing he wasn't alone. That's my No. 1 most memorable moment," Matthew adds.





**Second Lieutenant
Nicole Ternasky ('13),
BSN, RN, U.S. Army,** a surgical
floor staff nurse at William Beaumont
Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss in
El Paso, Texas, recalls being put in

charge of a platoon of 30–35 freshmen cadets during senior year: “It felt amazing to know that I was able to help shape young minds of future leaders and motivate them to continue toward their commission.” She says her preparation at MCCN – with in-depth focus on care plans and being in small clinical groups – helped ease her transition into her career. Her most memorable military nursing experience was working at San Antonio Military Medical Center with wounded warriors. “Being able to be a part of their care was extremely rewarding. My next goal is to get on a deployment and be able to help out soldiers on the front lines,” Nicole says.



**Second Lieutenant
Jessica Y. Thomas ('13),
BSN, RN, U.S. Air Force,** who is
stationed at Wright Patterson Air
Force Base Medical Center in Dayton,
Ohio, had served 10 years as a staff

sergeant, preparing aircraft for flight, before entering MCCN. Six years into her enlisted service, she began to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. That’s when she began talking with Dr. Barta, whom she credits for helping her meet all scholarship requirements and enter into the ROTC program. Today, Jessica is a labor and delivery nurse and says the rigorous OB course at MCCN helped her feel comfortable in her current role of helping to bring new life into the world. She says she is grateful to MCCN for allowing her to develop critical thinking ability, as well as hands-on skills.



The 29 years of military experience our new president and dean, Christine Wynd, PhD, RN, brings to MCCN enriches the College’s tradition of service to our country. Dr. Wynd began her military career in the U.S. Navy, shortly after earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from then St. John College, now part of Ursuline College.

“It was at my first active duty post – as an ensign caring for patients in the Navy Regional Medical Center in San Diego – that I realized I had a dual calling as both a nurse and as a teacher of other nurses,” Dr. Wynd recalls.

She returned to her native Ohio to equip herself for teaching by enrolling in the Master of Science in nursing program at The Ohio State University. With no Navy billets (positions) available there, she thought that might spell the end of her military career. However, a year into her studies, she saw an ad in the university newspaper recruiting nurses for the Medical Brigade of the Ohio National Guard. During her visit to Beightler Armory, she was quickly signed up at a rank equivalent to her Navy service and, within months attained lieutenant JG before transferring to the Army National Guard as captain.

“After eight years in the Guard, I wanted increasing responsibility and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps, where I first served as chief nurse for the 1,000-bed U.S. Army Hospital in Cleveland and later the 256th Combat Support Hospital,” she notes. Having earned her PhD in Nursing Executive Administration from Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Wynd taught nursing courses fulltime at the University of Akron and collaborated as principal investigator or co-investigator in a variety of smoking cessation and other health promotion research projects – all while training military nurses for mass casualty and combat situations.

“In response to the 1990 beginning of the Gulf War, several nurses from my command were mobilized to active duty and deployed to Iraq,” she recalls. “I’m very proud of their sacrifices and service and proud of how well-prepared they were for the immeasurably important work they were called upon to do,” she adds.

After retiring from the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps at the rank of colonel in 2001, Dr. Wynd became director of the PhD in nursing program at the University of Akron, before returning to her alma mater in 2007 as dean and Strawbridge professor, Breen School of Nursing, Ursuline College.



Michael Mastriana ('12), BSN, RN, who today is a staff nurse at Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Administration (VA) Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, Ohio, had arranged for Mount Carmel College of Nursing to be presented with the flag – flown during combat operations over Baghdad in September 2009 – in gratitude for the support he received from the College while deployed in Iraq.

Pictured above: “This U.S. flag is presented to the Faculty and Staff of MCCN ... in appreciation of your dedicated support for soldiers fighting in the global war on terrorism” reads the inscription on the display case holding the American flag in the MCCN lounge.

In 2004, when Michael was an ROTC chemical engineering student at OSU, he enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard before deciding to transfer to MCCN when he realized he was meant to be a nurse. Upon completion of his sophomore year, he requested a leave of absence to focus on his transition from helicopter mechanic to aircrew member.

“In January 2009, I was deployed to Iraq. It was so great the way MCCN faculty and staff members maintained contact with me and arranged for my smooth return to the College when my deployment ended in December,” Michael says.

While enrolled and after graduation, he worked at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, but realized he “wanted to take care of his own,” which led him to his present position, caring for veterans. “The VA took really good care of me when I received a non-combat injury – physical therapy and surgeries on my leg over a five-year period – so I know what these veterans are going through. I’ll always be grateful to Mount Carmel for sticking by me, which allows me to serve in this way,” he adds.



Dream Realized

Sophomore Pinning 2015

On Sunday, January 11, sophomore nursing students participated in a rite of passage, the Sophomore Pinning Ceremony. President Christine A. Wynd, PhD, RN, who officiated at her first Pinning Ceremony, shared these thoughts:

“Congratulations sophomores of the class of 2017 on having reached this significant milestone – this transition point – on the journey to realizing your dream of becoming a nurse! Today is a day of new beginnings – a day of firsts – your first day to wear the pin that signifies you are now ready to reverently and respectfully place hands on your first patient. It is with great pleasure that I send you forth to continue to learn, continue to partner with your fellow students and your faculty members, and to continue to grow – professionally and personally – through these days of New Beginnings! Congratulations!”



A RECORD NUMBER
244 undergraduate and graduate students

were graduated by MCCN during Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 10. This was the final commencement for Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, who transitioned to emeritus status in July. In honor of the occasion, MCCN welcomed Richard J. Gilfillan, MD, president and CEO of Mount Carmel Health System's parent organization, Trinity Health, as Commencement speaker. The Pinning and Recognition Ceremony for Graduates was held the evening before.

OUR HISTORY

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Founding of the School of Nursing

September 1903 - Our commitment to nursing education began with the Sisters of the Holy Cross opening the doors of the Mount Carmel School of Nursing. Our active Alumni Association dates to 1913, when President Bertha Liston, one of five laywomen in the first graduating class of 1906 - which included eight Sisters - formed the group that endures today. In 1926, 140 alumnae attended the Nurses' Homecoming Banquet, forerunner of today's Alumni Homecoming. Enrollment continued to grow steadily, creating the need for Mount Carmel Hall, a 120-room residence and classroom facility that stood for 81 years.

The School of Nursing Years

By mid-century - The school grew in reputation, as well as enrollment. It was to receive National League of Nursing Accreditation and that year the Mount Carmel School of Nursing accommodated additional faculty. From 1950 to 1960, enrollment of 200 students. African-American women, the first male and for the first time, a married student. Mount Carmel Hall, with modern classrooms and dorm facilities, was covered in 1959 to house the

1913
 Mount Carmel Hospital cares for victims of the "great flood" in Columbus, Ohio, earning the nickname, "the Ark."
 Mount Carmel Alumni Association is formed with Bertha Liston (Class of 1906) as first president.

1917
 Ground is broken for Mount Carmel Hall, a classroom and residence facility.
 School enrollment at 75 students.

1920
 School enrollment at 45 students.

1921
 Mount Carmel is one of the first nursing schools nationally to earn accreditation.
 Mount Carmel Hall opens with ten dorm rooms for students coming from out of town, three self-contained classrooms.

1926
 Mount Carmel receives National League of Nursing Accreditation.

1930
 School enrollment at 100.

1940
 School enrollment at 150.

1950
 Mount Carmel Hall is covered to house the school's growing enrollment.





MURAL UNVEILED

The next time you're on campus, be sure to stop by and see the beautiful new History Mural in the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library.

The commemorative project, which came about through the collaboration of the Development office, the Mount Carmel Alumni Association, the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library, and Mount Carmel College of Nursing, depicts a timeline from 1886 to 2014. Judi Hollern Brown ('74, '13) and Pat Steele Skunda ('72, '10, '14) co-chaired the Alumni Association Archive Committee.

"The History Mural is an important tribute to the architects of our past, and trailblazers and role models for our future. It also commemorates the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the many graduates of both the School and the College, our visionary leaders and numerous accomplishments and important milestones over the years."

– Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN

The MCCN family said farewell to three faculty members who retired at the end of the 2013–2014 academic year



Retiring faculty members (left to right): Doug Maier, MS, RD, LD; Bonnie Moses, MS, RN; and Kip Sexton, MS, RN.

Doug Maier, MS, RD, LD; Bonnie Moses, MS, RN; and Kip Sexton, MS, RN, will all be fondly missed. Maier was part-time faculty from 2004 to 2014, working with students to integrate nutrition knowledge in their evidence-based practice when caring for patients. Moses taught full-time in the School of Nursing from 1978 to 1992, in the Mount Carmel Health System from 1992 to 2006, and taught on a part-time basis from 2007 to 2014. Sexton's long-time association with MCCN began at the School and College of Nursing in August 1964; she taught full time until 2002, mainly anatomy and physiology. In 2002, she began working as the Online RN-BSN advisor and later as the Graduate Program advisor, and ultimately, online. She retired as an assistant professor and was awarded faculty emeritus status in May.

Awards Accom



Who's Who in Black Columbus honorees include (left to right): Gus Parker, MD; Kelli Scott; Kim Campbell, MEd; Charles Sanders, MD; Kathy Espy, BA; Tanika Cherry-Montgomery, PhD, RN; Steve Miller; Shirley Cooley, PhD, RN; and Anjelica Butler.

Who's Who in Black Columbus, recognized five MCCN faculty and staff members in the 2014 edition. Noted for their outstanding achievements were, Kim Campbell, MEd; Tanika Cherry-Montgomery, PhD, RN; Shirley Cooley, PhD, RN; Kathy Espy, BA; and Fatma Lamki, MSN, RN. Other Mount Carmel Health colleagues and partners also honored are: Dr. Gus Parker, Kelli Scott, Dr. Charles Sanders, Steve Miller and Jacquelyn Hilton; our Trinity Health colleague, Angelica Butler, was also in attendance.

Tanika Cherry-Montgomery ('03), PhD, RN-BC, who has been assistant professor for six years and is coordinator of MCCN's Second Degree Accelerated Program, earned her PhD in Education (nursing specialization) from Capella University in July 2014 after successfully defending her dissertation, "Factors that hinder under-represented minority ADN students initially from pursuing baccalaureate nursing education." Congratulations, Dr. Cherry-Montgomery!

s and mplishments

Twelve MCCN faculty and staff were honored at the 10th Annual Excellence in Nursing Awards, held September 18 at Villa Milano. Along with awardees from other areas throughout Mount Carmel Health System, the honorees' collaboration and commitment to nursing has earned them the respect and recognition of their peers. Congratulations to: Fatma Lamki, MSN, RN; Tanika Cherry-Montgomery, PhD, RN-BC; Shirley Cooley, PhD, RN; Kathy Espy, BA; Kathy Fernandez, PhD, RN; Bonnie Moses, MS, RN; Leigh Anne Meyer, MS, RN; Angie Phillips, EdD, RN, CNE; Tara Spalla, PhD, RN; Darrell Spurlock Jr., PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Margaret Stinner, MS, RN; and Ann Waterman, PhD, RN.

Christine Wynd, PhD, RN, president and dean, MCCN, presented research at the 15th Healthcare Interdisciplinary Research Conference at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in November. Dr. Wynd and co-researcher, Dr. Mary Beth Zeni of Ursuline College, discussed their collaborative study, "Every Picture Tells a Story: Critiquing a Professional Nursing Relationship in Barrett's Paintings of Florence Nightingale at Scutari." Watch for details in the next issue of *the Lamp*.

Angie Phillips, EdD, RN, will be providing a paper/podium presentation at the 2015 Master's Education Conference, AACN, next month: "How a private college used existing resources to address The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing criteria in the direct care role of Nurse Educator," American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2015 Master's Education Conference, St. Petersburg, Florida (podium presentation).





Save the Date!

In 2015, the Golf Invitational will celebrate its 21st anniversary. Mark your calendar for August 31, 2015. For more information about this event and participating in 2015, please contact Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN, at 614-234-3837 or jburkey@mchs.com or visit www.mountcarmelfoundation.org to view the Mount Carmel Foundation website.

Annual Golf Invitational Helps Students Realize Dreams

The Mount Carmel Foundation celebrated another successful Golf Invitational benefitting Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN). More than \$106,000 was raised for much-needed student scholarships and teaching aids at the College. The 20th annual golf outing was held at the Lakes Golf and Country Club in Westerville, Ohio, on Monday, September 15, 2014.

The funds raised from this event will help many students realize their dreams of becoming professional registered nurses. More than 90 percent of MCCN students receive financial aid each year.

“This is a great venue for our business and community leaders to come together and enjoy a great day of golf and make a substantial difference in the lives of our nursing students at Mount Carmel,” says Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN. “We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for investing in nursing education and the future of healthcare in our community,” she adds.

The 2014 presenting sponsors were ABM Healthcare Support Services and PNC Bank. A total of 41 corporate sponsors participated. This event changes lives by supporting tomorrow’s nurses, who in turn will help enhance the lives of so many in central Ohio and beyond.



Presenting Sponsors, Mike Gonsiorowski (left) with PNC Bank, and Dan Bowen with ABM Healthcare Support Services, join Dr. Wynd at the Golf Invitational.



Matt Mazza, (center) MCCN Board Chair, teamed up with Mike Stonecipher (left) and Jeff Davis from Fund Evaluation Group and enjoyed the sunny day.



The team from Mid-City Electric always plays at the top of their game.

Donors Invest in the Future of Nursing Education.

On September 11, 2014, donors and scholarship recipients had the opportunity to come together at the annual Mount Carmel College of Nursing Scholarship Awards and Donor Recognition Dinner held at the College.

Student recipients of scholarships were on hand to meet this year's donors, who have taken a vested interest in the future of healthcare by donating scholarships in their names or in honor or memory of others. Scholarships help Mount Carmel recruit, educate and graduate the best and brightest nursing students.

"Our donors enjoy meeting their scholarship recipients and getting acquainted with our nursing students," says Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN. Over \$305,000 was awarded in student scholarships, with approximately 100 students and more than 50 donors in attendance. Seven of the scholarships awarded were funded by alumni from the classes of 1957, 1963, 1964 and 1975.

"I am so happy to see so many of our classes engaging in the future of our students this year and helping them obtain their education," says Phylis Motz Crook ('63), Alumni Relations volunteer. "I hope to see it continue in years to come," Phylis adds.

"The College takes great pride in recruiting, educating and graduating the best and brightest students," says President and Dean Christine Wynd, PhD, RN. "One way we ensure strong graduates is to provide support – academic and financial – for our students," added Dr. Wynd who became the College's second dean and president in July 2014.

"Mount Carmel College of Nursing celebrated its 111th anniversary this year. That's a legacy that started with a tiny band of Holy Cross Sisters who had the vision to start a nursing school," says Jan Burkey. "Now, it's a solid foundation of nursing education that lives on." Burkey attributed this success to the donors, students, alumni, faculty and staff, who are a "vital part of continuing this rich legacy."

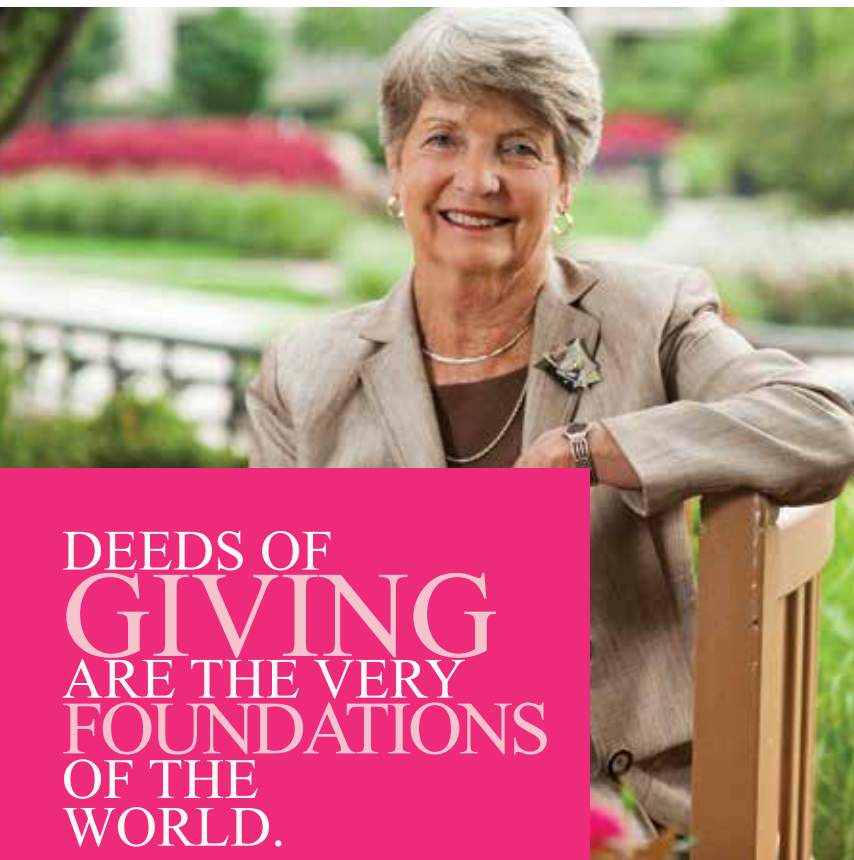
Donor Generosity = Student Success

Through the generosity of others, our talented students have access to both an education that broadens their horizons and a community that supports them through their journey.

Our students are eager to go out into the world to improve the healthcare and the lives of all those they touch and care for locally and around the globe. That energy is one of the hallmarks of Mount Carmel.

All of us at MCCN will continue to achieve academic excellence as we help our students discover and realize their full potential. Thank you for investing in the future of MCCN, our students, and our community.





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More Than \$1.2 Million Raised for The Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund

Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, president and dean emeritus, MCCN, was honored at the 15th annual Champagne and Diamonds gala before she retired in July after 53 years of service to Mount Carmel.

The gala, hosted by the Mount Carmel Foundation, was held on May 10, 2014, at the Columbus Hilton at Easton, and this year was dedicated as a salute to her legacy.

Thanks to the generosity of more than 530 physicians, corporate partners, community leaders, College alumni, faculty and staff, and Mount Carmel employees, alumni and friends, total contributions to the Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund – established in Dr. Schiele’s honor – exceeded \$1.2 million.

“It is my honor to be a member of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing Board of Trustees, and I am pleased to currently serve as treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee of the Board,” says David Bianconi.

“During my tenure, I have become well acquainted with the College, Dr. Schiele, the faculty and staff. I am also proud to say that my own son is a graduate of MCCN. When discussions began about

the best way to pay tribute to Dr. Schiele, I advocated for a named endowment fund, encouraging my fellow Board members to stretch their original goal and scope of what The Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund could provide,” he explains.

“I am humbled to have been a part of this process and feel that the areas funded by The Schiele Endowment exemplify the incredible tenure of leadership of this remarkable individual whom I – along with many, many others – am proud to call friend,” Bianconi adds.

The Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund, established by the Mount Carmel College of Nursing Board of Trustees, will support four areas: Student Scholarships, Collaborative Initiatives, Academics and Research, and Community Partnerships.

If you would like to honor Dr. Schiele’s legacy by donating to The Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund, please contact Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN, 614-234-3837 or at jburkey@mchs.com. Donors may also visit <https://donate.mccn.edu/donatenow> to make a contribution online.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

As the longest-sitting president of any college or university in Ohio, Dr. Schiele developed one of the largest nursing education programs in the state of Ohio and served as an inspiration and a mentor to countless students and nursing professionals.

Among Dr. Schiele’s crowning achievements is the transition of Mount Carmel School of Nursing into Mount Carmel College of Nursing, transforming the program into a fully accredited, degree-granting institution. From an initial class of 32 when the College was first chartered in 1990, to an average of nearly 1,200 students annually, MCCN is now one of the largest undergraduate nursing programs in Ohio.

High Praise for High Tea



Members of the class of 1959 celebrate their 55-year reunion.

“High Tea” was the theme for the 2014 Alumni Association Homecoming, held on a crisp fall day in October.

Alumni and friends gathered around linen-covered tables, featuring lovely centerpieces and candles, to enjoy finger sandwiches, salads and desserts.

The weather really cooperated, with the sun highlighting a sea of multicolored and beribboned hats. It may not have been haute couture, as some of the belles chapeaux were hand crafted, but it was a lot of fun admiring one another’s charming and becoming headgear! Those who donned a bonnet were rewarded by having their names entered into a drawing for door prizes. Winners, by decade, are:

- 1940s – Joan Boyer Crissinger ('49)
- 1950s – Peggy Yoder Henman ('58)
- 1960s – Pat Bernhard ('63)
- 1970s – Grace Engle Brehm ('74) and Valerie Houser Hoffman ('79)
- 1980s—2010s – Jeff Doner ('07), who looked quite dapper in a suit and tie, with an “I LIKE IKE” button.



- Best Hat was awarded to: Shirley Richmer Balding ('54). Shirley's vintage hat, purchased at a consignment shop in Louisville, Ky., by her daughter, was made by a famous designer of the 1930s and 1940s, who was milliner to Queen Elizabeth, mother of the current monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

This year's 50-Year Honor Class - the Class of 1964 - was represented by 28 classmates. Other honor classes (those ending in a "4" or a "9") were represented, as well:

1949 = 9	1979 = 10
1954 = 7	1984 = 2
1959 = 15	1989 = 2
1964 = 28	1994 = 1
1969 = 4	1999 = 1
1974 = 22	2009 = 2



Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff ('42) attended with her niece, Shawn Ritter. Dorothy had hand-stitched and donated a beautiful queen-sized quilt for the Alumni Association to raffle. This was the eighth year Dorothy has generously shared her talents in this way. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets benefit the MCAA Scholarship and Loan Fund; \$1000 was raised this year. We thank you, Dorothy! Julia Ellenberger Brofford ('59), the winner of this year's quilt, told Dorothy she was honored to receive her beautiful quilt.

Cash raffle winners are: Mary Lou Ogle Rauch ('63, '00) won \$50; Marie Granger Zimmer ('47) won \$100 and Julie Thiel Strauss ('64) won \$150.



Homecoming attendees met Dr. Wynd through a delightful video message in which she expressed her support for alumni and for MCAA. In keeping with the High Tea theme, she donned a hat and gloves for the video, which was very well received by those in attendance. Dr. Wynd had planned to be in person, but when the date was changed, she was compelled to honor a prior commitment. For the past 15 years, Dr. Wynd has participated in the Army 10-Mile Race in Washington, DC. The race has many military and civilian sponsors and the proceeds go toward sustaining military families while their heads-of-household are mobilized to defend and keep us all safe.



Class of 1964 - 50-year Honor Class

2014 Annual Homecoming and High Tea Luncheon

MCAA Student Scholarship recipients attended Homecoming to thank alumni in attendance for their support and financial assistance. Those who were awarded \$2,000 each – paid directly to the College for tuition – are:

- Rachel Maddox, who is in the Second Degree Accelerated Program, received the Clara Bahre Geer Scholarship
- Lindsey Rohal, who is in the Traditional BSN program (main campus), received the Mary Grady Scholarship
- Brittany Trost, who is in the Second Degree Accelerated Program, received the Irma French Scholarship



Scholarship recipients, (left to right) are: Lindsey Rohal, Brittany Trost and Rachel Maddox.

Shirley Richmer Balding ('54)



GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dear Friends,

It was so nice to see so many of you (nearly 150!) at the 2014 Annual Alumni Homecoming and Luncheon! I enjoyed seeing all of your colorful (and creative) hats, as well as reconnecting with friends.

As I mentioned in the Spring issue, we have been working toward developing a Generational Alumni Board Leadership model, and I am delighted to say that the Mount Carmel Alumni Association (MCAA) board now includes at least one member from each decade, 1960 to the present. The board now also represents all programs: Diploma, traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Second Degree Accelerated Program and Graduate Program.

When she stepped down in October, we thanked Michele Uhl Born ('75) for her efforts during the past year as part-time coordinator of Alumni Relations to increase awareness of MCAA within the College, Mount Carmel Health System and the community. We welcomed Debbie Dunn Boggs ('75) into the role, which had been expanded to full-time director, Alumni Relations (see article page 17).

And, on the digital front, the board has updated the MCAA website (www.mccn.edu/alumni) and established an Association Facebook page, (facebook.com/mcalumniassoc) that is a destination for you to learn about updates on current happenings at the College and your alumni association, including dates of upcoming events.

I'm also pleased to report that the Alumni Write-a-Thon in 2014 was a great success. Alumni members wrote congratulatory notes, including brief remembrances of their time at "the Mount," to prospective students who have been accepted. The Office of Recruitment and Admissions reported in 2014 the traditional BSN program received more – and earlier – commitments from students to attend than in past years.

Finally, thank you to all graduates who have newly joined the Mount Carmel Alumni Association. Remember, all graduates are alumni, but only those who have paid dues are members of the Association; so you are invited to please support your organization by becoming a member today by visiting www.mccn.edu, printing the form and mailing.

I look forward to hearing from you, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susie Loik Parsons".

Susie Loik Parsons ('76), BSN, RN
President
Mount Carmel Alumni Association

A yellow sticky note with handwritten text in blue ink that reads: "The Alumni Association is a great way to stay in touch." The note is slightly tilted and has a drop shadow effect.

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stay in touch.

**MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD 2014-15**

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Alumni Volunteer: Phylis Motz Crook ('63)



At their October 7 meeting, members of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association Board discussed last-minute preparations for the Annual Alumni Association Homecoming, which received "high praise" for its "High Tea" theme. Those present include (left to right) front row: Jill Trego Rill ('77), vice president; Debbie Dunn Boggs ('75), director of Alumni Relations; Jan Burkey, director of Development, MCCN; and Phylis Motz Crook ('63), alumni volunteer; back row: Deidra Filarski Weatherby ('08, '13); Brenda Wheeler ('78); Susie Loik Parsons ('76), president; Karen Holt Powell ('82), Sandy Gehres Parker ('97), and Melissa Stacy-Cull ('05, '12).



One mother and daughter alumni duo attended Annual Homecoming this year: Judi Hollern Brown ('74, '13) received her diploma in 1974, returned to earn her BSN in 2013, and is currently working toward a master's degree. Her mother, Alice Zuber Hollern ('49), celebrated the 65th anniversary of her graduation, while Judi celebrated her 40th anniversary. Mother and daughter both live in the Columbus area – Judi in Dublin; Alice in Columbus.

ALUMNI PROFILE

CATHERINE "KAY" DROKE
MARTIN ('51), BS, RN

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"Nursing is a wonderful profession; if you serve it, it will serve you – for your entire life!" – Kay Droke Martin ('51)

Q: How did you choose nursing as your career?

A: My mother was a great saver; I recently came across a paper I wrote in 8th grade that she had saved all those years. I wrote it in 1942 or 1943 about how much I admired two family members who were scrub nurses at Grant. I always liked taking care of people and knew very early on that I wanted to be a nurse, too.

Q: How did you choose Mount Carmel School of Nursing?

A: After I graduated in 1947 from North High School in Columbus, I first went to OSU but was not happy there. A salesman for hospital supplies told me Mount Carmel was the highest-rated nursing school in Ohio, so I transferred. The friend who transferred with me became my roommate in the annex.

Q: What was your first job and what were you doing at the time of your retirement?

A: During my working years, nurses often worked at one hospital until they reached the top of the pay scale and then went somewhere else – it was the only way to get ahead. There was no retirement program, so I stayed about five years at each place. When I retired from Madison County Hospital in 1991, it was after about 40 years altogether, with all but one as a scrub nurse. My first job was at Mount Carmel West hospital. Also among my early jobs was St. Ann's, when it was on Bryden Road. It was originally an orphanage for unwed mothers – I was



Kay Droke Martin ('51), BS, RN, recently visited campus and donated the issue of *Today's OR Nurse* that includes her article. She presented the magazine to Stevo Roksandic, MBA, MLIS, director of the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library, so that it is now part of the Mount Carmel Nursing Education archives.

working there when the first male patient was admitted – that created quite a stir! (Editor's note: St. Ann's is now Mount Carmel St. Ann's hospital, located on Cleveland Avenue in Westerville, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio.)

Q: What would you say has been your greatest accomplishment?

A: Well, I'd have to say getting to be 85 years old! And, raising three sons by myself, earning a bachelor's degree in business and having an article published in a peer-reviewed publication.

My degree is from St. Mary's of the Woods, in Terra Haute, Ind. I went there from 1977–1979 because they had the Women's External Degree program, which actually was the forerunner of online classes. We had to attend every six months to receive our assignments and were

responsible for mailing them in every week. I worked at home at my own pace on an electric typewriter I purchased to do my homework.

In October 1985, my article, "Photodynamic Laser Therapy," by Catherine Martin, was published in *Today's OR Nurse*. At the time, photodynamic laser therapy was brand new. I was at Grant Hospital at the time when the director of Surgery instituted the laser program there. She was asked to go to Germany and Holland to speak and wanted me to come along because I had written the article so that other nurses could become familiar with the concept.

Q: What was your biggest challenge?

A: Well, I counted it as an accomplishment, but I'd have to say raising three kids as a single parent was also my biggest challenge! Especially when one considers it was while also working full time Monday through Friday as a surgical nurse, on Saturdays at Planned Parenthood and cleaning my father's business office on Sundays. My children were born in the 1950's and I stayed married for more than two decades until 1971. I stayed longer than I should have – for the sake of the children. I'd like to say that's a bunch of baloney – we all deserve to be happy and your kids will be happier in a happy home. I had one heck of a time getting insurance – home, car and healthcare insurance – in those days everything was in the husband's name, but I finally found an agent who would write it on me.

My youngest died last year, and I have six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren – my oldest grandchild just graduated from Arizona State and my youngest grand is 9 months old.

Q: How did your education at Mount Carmel School of Nursing impact your career?

A: Completely – they taught us to get along with others and have compassion. At the School of Nursing we learned primary care – how to admit the patient, take vitals, feed them, bathe them, the whole kit and caboodle. When I was at orientation at St. Ann's, the nun said we do primary care – I was so proud to be doing total patient care. Mount Carmel prepared me!

Q: What is your fondest memory of your days at Mount Carmel?

A: All of them, really – I remember we worked full night shift and evenings as students. We didn't drive back then – we didn't even have cars! We took a cab every day and came and went as a group, wearing our navy blue capes. If anyone has not seen our capes on display in the library, they need to stop in. The entire display is beautiful! (Visit www.mccn.edu to see "A Visual Tribute" in *the Lamp*, Summer 2014.)

I also remember the three months we got to scrub with Dr. Stedem – we called him "Steady Eddy" because he shook until he made the incision. I almost pushed him out of the way because I wanted to see inside that belly. I have a letter from him that I keep on the wall beside my diploma.

Q: What advice would you offer young people going into nursing today?

A: Just have fun and enjoy yourself. If you don't like something, you'll be miserable. Just enjoy it and take advantage of learning everything you can! Nursing is a wonderful profession; if you serve it, it will serve you – for your entire life!

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Alumni Association UPdates

STAY **IN TOUCH!**

Alumni Vision

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

Mission

The mission of the MCAA is to promote future nursing education and foster relationships with current and future alumni.

Alumni Library Accounts

Visit www.mccn.edu/library to register for your account providing 24/7 access to news and information.

Send Us Your Email Address

MCCN and the Mount Carmel Alumni Association are sending more and more information via email. Send your email address to dboggs@mccn.edu



Phylis Motz Crook (center) says she's delighted Debbie Dunn Boggs (right) is on board and is looking forward to working with Debbie and Susie Loik Parsons (left). "We're a team, supporting one another for the good of the students, the College and our alumni," Phylis adds.

Thank you, Michele, and Welcome, Debbie!

We thank **Michele Uhl Born ('75)** for the year she spent as part-time coordinator of Alumni Relations. Michele has stepped down from the role after having been part of the "Dynamic Duo" – along with **Phylis Motz Crook ('63)**, Alumni Relations volunteer – that developed a vision for the future of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association (MCAA).

Together, with **Susie Loik Parsons ('76)** they started the Generational Alumni Board Leadership Model and made headway toward greater engagement of graduating students and recently graduated alumni to ensure the next generation of involvement and membership in MCAA.

Upon Michelle's departure in October, one of her classmates, **Debbie Dunn Boggs ('75)**, stepped in as coordinator on an interim basis. In December, the Mount Carmel Health System approved expansion of the role to a full-time, director-level position. Debbie, who was among several candidates who applied, was selected.

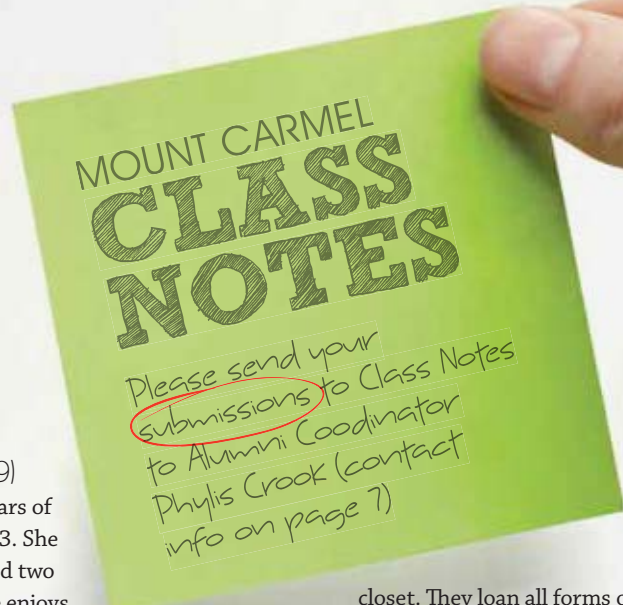
We bid a fond farewell to Michele as we welcome Debbie!

Mark your Calendar

Meetings of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association Board, are held at 5:00 p.m. in the Wilson Room at MCCN on the first Tuesday of the month: March 3, April 7 and May 5.

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We love hearing your news!



Joyce Boyer Crissinger ('49) lives in Ashland, Ohio. After 61 years of marriage, she was widowed in 2003. She has two children, one deceased, and two granddaughters. In retirement she enjoys reading and knitting. She writes, "Who can forget knitting argyle socks as students or the picnics we had at the Mount Carmel farm?"

Eileen Joy Smith Talifon ('49) lives in San Benito, Texas. She worked as a nurse from 1950 to 1993, with the exception of the 10 years she stayed home to raise her family of five. Her varied fields include the OR, a physician's office, public health, OB, a nursing home, and industrial and occupational health.

Mary Kohls Yetzer ('49) lives in Shelby, Ohio. She writes, "My husband and I are head of a family of 57! We have nine children, their husbands and wives; 20 grandchildren and their husbands and wives; and 13 great-grandchildren." She worked until she was 70 years old, mostly in OB. Her last eight years as a nurse were as a substitute school nurse at Pioneer Vocational School. She was also a licensed realtor.

Catherine "Kay" Droke Martin ('51) lives in Westerville, Ohio. She has three sons, one deceased, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Kay retired from OR nursing in 1991 and has since been an active Mount Carmel Alumni Association volunteer, cataloging photos and literature for the school and college archives, and serving and sewing at the finals breakfasts twice a year. She enjoys reading, doing counted cross-stitch, crocheting and knitting, as well as playing games on her computer and Kindle.

Shirley Richmer Balding ('54) lives in Leesburg, Virginia. She writes that her "most noted accomplishment was when I and another nurse friend secured a 99-year lease on an abandoned school that became The Hospice of Northern Virginia. It is now called Capital Caring Inpatient Unit." She was a unit director there for 15 years.

Janice Hayes Bright ('54) lives in Marysville, Ohio. She was widowed in 2011. She has two children and one grandson. She retired in 1991 from "a long career in OR nursing."

Dolores "Dodie" Hutton Shields ('54) lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois. She is married and has five children and numerous grandchildren. She volunteers for the homeless during the winter months, and her local nurses club maintains a lending

closet. They loan all forms of medical equipment, from walkers to wheelchairs. Sometimes the total items loaned per month is 300. She serves on church committees. She enjoys travel by train, car and plane. She writes, "I reluctantly let my license lapse last year, as I never had the need to use it. It was very bittersweet. I retired 16 years ago, have never looked back."

Rachel Sheets Zook ('54) lives in a senior residence in Delaware, Ohio. She is a widow with one son, deceased. She worked for an otolaryngologist and at the Columbus Cancer Clinic before retiring to raise her son. At one time, she and her husband lived on a small farm in Licking County and bred and raised AKC Brittany Sporting dogs. For 30 years they competed in AKC events in field trials and obedience events with their dogs.

Norma Jean Zimmerman Laughrey ('55) lives in Brinkhaven, Ohio. She and her husband celebrated 59 years of marriage in 2014. They have two daughters, six grandchildren and (soon to be) 11 great-grandchildren. She retired in 1993 after working 25 years at Joel Pomerene Hospital in Millersport, Ohio, where she now volunteers. She enjoys traveling to Canada, Myrtle Beach and Florida.

Virginia "Ginny" Lynch Bache ('59) lives near Akron, Ohio. She has four children and eight grandchildren who are "all the best and brightest, of course." Her education encompassed time at Troy State in Alabama; San Jose State in California; and Arizona State in Tempe, Arizona, where she graduated with a BSN. She attended Brooke AFB School of Aerospace Medical Flight Nurse Training and did graduate work at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She studied nursing home administration at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Since 1991, she has been director of Clinical Services for a 500-bed, faith-based community in Hudson, Ohio. She has published two books under the pen name V.K. Lynch. Her current avocation is being an active member of the Ohio Dragon Dream Team. All members are breast cancer survivors. They paddle and race dragon boats on Portage Lakes to raise funds to support other breast cancer persons, newly diagnosed or in need of physical, emotional or financial support. The Class of 1963 remembers her fondly as one of their Introductory Nursing instructors. She was, at the most, five years older than they were. She certainly seemed older to those 17- and 18-year-olds. She was wiser, for sure.

Sue Begien Lewandowski ('59) lives in Dearborn, Michigan. She has been married for 54 years and has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is retired and enjoys golfing, reading and playing cards.

Ann Wilkinson Sexton ('59) lives in South Bend, Indiana. She is married and has six children, 19 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, with two more on the way. She worked in the ER at Mount Carmel West and on a med-surg unit at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend. In retirement, her days include tennis, gardening, reading and helping with the “grands and the greats.”

Pat Kellenberger Mattox ('63) is married and has three children and three grandchildren. She lives in San Francisco, California. She retired in 1992, and she and her husband own a five-acre avocado ranch in Fallbrook, California, near San Diego. They divide their time between their home in San Francisco and the ranch.

Suzanne Hutter Armstrong ('64) is a lifelong resident of Martins Ferry, Ohio, is married and has two daughters. She is retired from being a CRNA at Wheeling Hospital.

Ann Litzinger Boeke ('64) lives in Venice, Florida, is married and has two children and four grandchildren. She has advanced degrees in psychology and health services administration. Her early nursing career included time in L&D, NICU and Nursing Quality Assurance. She established comprehensive, hospital affiliated women's health centers in New York, where she was director of Corporate Planning and Development for Bellevue Women's Hospital. In Philadelphia, she was director of Ambulatory Women's Services for Mercy Health System. The women's health center model she developed was named one of the top 10 women's health centers in America by *Self* magazine. She served for six years as a board member of the National Association of Women's Health and served her last seven years before retiring in 2006 as director of Marketing and Communications for Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa, a Trinity Health affiliate.

Elizabeth Cochran Earhart ('64) lives in Troy, Ohio, is married and has three sons and 10 grandchildren. Before retiring, she worked part time for 20 years in her local community hospital. Her experience includes med-surg, OB, mental health and the OR. She writes, “I am forever thankful for the education I received from the Mount in the 1960s! The knowledge, the experience and the heartfelt, lifelong friendships are truly irreplaceable!”

Rosemary Feka ('64) lives in Hilliard, Ohio. She retired in 2008 after 25 years with the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps, where she was a nurse educator, as well as a nurse case manager supervisor. In retirement, she serves on the R.C.I.A. team in her parish, where she is a Eucharistic minister and lector and participates in the parish's ministry to the homeless through Faith Mission. She is a member of the Ladies Order of Hibernian's and is an ESL tutor for

the Dominican Learning Center. She visited the Grand Canyon last year and has a trip planned to Italy this fall. She writes, “I was truly blessed to have attended Mount Carmel and I know that whatever I was able to accomplish in my nursing career was a direct result of the education and guidance I received at the Mount.”

Margaret “Maggie” Finan Haggerty ('64) lives in Washington, D.C., and has been married for 47 years. She retired from nursing in 2011, but maintains a part-time practice as a nationally certified massage therapist. She finds it especially rewarding and meaningful to work with clients who are undergoing chemotherapy. She volunteers at a senior residence facility by offering Reiki sessions. She volunteers at the White House Correspondence Office helping to answer children's letters. Her hobbies include “watercolor painting, arranging flowers from my garden, hiking, reading and spoiling my nine grandchildren.”

Patricia Montenaro Leslie ('64) lives in Newark, Ohio, and has been married for 50 years. She has three children and three grandchildren. She is retired from the Licking County Health Department, swims daily, and enjoys golf and travel.

Janet McAndrews King ('64) lives in Lancaster, Ohio. She is married and has four daughters. She is an attendance officer at her grandchildren's school. After graduation, she worked four years on Saint Catherine's (psychiatry unit) at Mount Carmel West. She writes, “I love coming back to the Mount to reconnect with my classmates and reminisce about old times. I have learned many life lessons over the years, but the most important is how grateful I am to my parents who sacrificed to send me to Mount Carmel.”

Mary Ann Miller Rericha ('64) recently moved to Carrollton, Kentucky, after living 40 years in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. She has four children and 12 grandchildren. She retired in 2011 after serving 13 years as director of Quality and Risk Management for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, Texas. She served as a Malcolm Baldrige Examiner for 2007 and 2008. Since 2012, she has worked as a part-time consultant for Food and Drug Administration Clinical Studies for Instrumentation for Blood and Transfusion Services References Laboratories.

Cheryl “Lin” Sigler Seuberling ('64) lives in Milford, Ohio, and is a widow. She is retired and volunteers at a nursing-rehab facility. Lin has four grandchildren.

Mary Sue Baum Slater ('64) lives in Zanesville, Ohio. She is a widow and has five children and three grandchildren. She retired from Genesis Health Care System in 2011 after 28 years of service. She is “grateful for my Mount Carmel experience and how it prepared me professionally and personally for my journey through life.”

Jean Marchi Van Cooney ('64) lives in Delaware, Ohio, and has been retired since 1999. Her hobbies include crocheting, walking, and volunteering at the local hospital and senior center.

Kathleen Weaver Voltz ('64) retired to Pinehurst, North Carolina, in 2007. She is a widow and has two children and two granddaughters. Right after graduation, she and classmate Maggie Finan Haggerty moved to Silver Spring, Maryland, to work at Holy Cross Hospital. In 1996, the two of them spent six months in Guatemala doing missionary nursing with the Maryknoll Sisters. Her 43 years at Holy Cross were spent in various venues, including med-surg, medical, mother/baby and ambulatory surgery.

Carol Grimm White ('64) lives in Lower Salem, Ohio. She is married and they "live on a 43-acre farm with three horses, one dog, two ducks and eight cats." The blended family of her and her husband's includes eight children and 17 grandchildren. Her career has included med-surg, pediatrics, OB, nursery, ER, a health department, OR, PICU and a cardiac rehab/stress lab. She retired from the latter in 2006. She was a Certified Parish Nurse for six years and then a crisis worker in a mental health facility. She serves on the board of Autism Center of Southeast Ohio, and enjoys traveling with her husband in their 40-foot RV.

Diane Dye Helferich ('69) lives in Clayton, Ohio. She has been married for 44 years and has five grandchildren. She retired in 2010 after 20 years with the Ohio Board of Nursing. She enjoys travel, golf and wine tasting.

Theresa Yeradi Heitzenrater ('72) lives in Galloway, Ohio. She was widowed in 2010 and has seven children, one deceased. She has 24 grandchildren, with more on the way. She worked in special care nurseries and OB. She retired in 2013. She writes, "A little piece of my heart will always be with Mount Carmel."

Grace Engle Brehm ('74) lives in Fayette, Ohio. She and her husband farm and have a herd of 60 beef cows. She has three sons and six grandchildren. Her first job after graduation was on Saint Michael's (7 South) at Mount Carmel West. Next, was 23 years at a small rural hospital in northwest Ohio, where she began as a staff nurse and eventually became the director of Nursing. After that hospital closed, she took a position at a six-bed, free-standing surgery center. She was the director of the facility when a major renovation project took place and was responsible for overseeing and working with contractors every day, in addition to her usual work. She retired from there in 2013.

Pamela Noll ('74) lives in Columbus, Ohio, and has two grandchildren. She is currently working at Mount Carmel with the Help Me Grow program, part of the Outreach Department. She has been with the Mount Carmel Health System for all but eight years of her nursing career.

Jill Hahn Storer ('74) lives in Carroll, Ohio. She married one of her patients 39 years ago and has two children and three grandchildren. She retired from Mount Carmel after 32 years of mother/infant nursing. She loves making crafts and sells Origami Owl Custom Jewelry and Thirty-One Gifts.

Karen Bays Vukin ('74) lives in Kettering, Ohio. She is married and has three stepchildren and one grandchild. She has worked for 36 years as a nurse anesthetist for Kettering Anesthesia Associates. She and her husband are considering becoming "gentleman farmers."

Catherine "Postie" Post Wolters ('74) lives in Celina, Ohio, on a grain and livestock farm. She writes, "Yes, this gal worked full time, milked cows, fed hogs, ran the house and raised two beautiful children!" She has one granddaughter and is now working her 41st year as a nurse. She was in the ICU and then the OR at a local hospital and has worked the last 30 years in occupational health. She worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Saint Mary's, Ohio, and even got to ride the blimp. Currently, she works at Crown Equipment Corporation in New Bremen, Ohio, a manufacturer of lift trucks. She is certified in audiometric, spirometry, breath alcohol and urine drug screen, and Department of Transportation rules. She says it is quite rewarding, and there is never a dull moment in the clinic.

Jean Post Yarletts ('74) lives in Worthington, Ohio, is married and has six grandchildren. She is a geriatric care coordinator for OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital in the Senior Health Clinic. Her personal interests are walking, hiking, biking, decorating, traveling in all 50 states to fulfill her bucket list, spending time with family and photographing her grandchildren. She has a favorite saying (of Ronald Reagan's) "Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and leave the rest to God."

Valarie Houser Hoffman ('79) lives in Stoutsville, Ohio, is married and has three children and two grandchildren. She retired two years ago after 33 and a half years at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Ohio, where she worked primarily in outpatient surgery. She is a board member of the American Red Cross of Fairfield and Hocking Counties. She enjoys quilting and "every moment of farm life and retirement."

Kim Miller Hostetler ('79) lives in Stoutsville, Ohio. She is married, has three daughters (two of whom are nurses) and two grandchildren. She has a certification in orthopedics and worked in an orthopedic surgeon's office for 21 years before retiring from the Cleveland Clinic Wooster Family Health and Surgery Center in Wooster, Ohio.

Deborah Balthaser Poling ('79) lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She earned her BSN, MSN, and PhD after graduating from Mount Carmel. Today she is director of Graduate Nursing at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Carol Nelson Terry ('79) lives in Ocoee, Florida, is married and has one son. She has worked at Central Florida Surgical Center, an outpatient facility that specializes in gastroenterology, since 1996. She is the center director for that facility, as well as the Citrus Ambulatory Center.

Kim Cox Frick ('81) lives in Newark, Ohio. She is married and has three sons. In 2013, she graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is now project coordinator in Nursing Administration at a local hospital.

Mary Beathard Weisman ('84) lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She works as an infusion nurse in the rheumatology department of Cleveland Clinic Independence Family Health Center in Independence, Ohio.

Annette Stegner Ebert ('87) lives in Gahanna, Ohio. She remarried in 1991, and their blended family includes three children and two grandchildren. She has been working for Mount Carmel Health System since graduation. After 17 years at Mount Carmel West, she has been at Mount Carmel East since 2004 in Case Management. She writes, "My goal is to retire from MCHS!"

Mariann Mayhew Harding ('87) lives in Newcomerstown, Ohio. She is married and has three children. She is an associate professor at Kent State University at Tuscarawas in New Philadelphia, Ohio, where she teaches in the ADN and RN-BSN programs. She has been working with student success initiatives, as well as distress in women undergoing diagnostic testing. These research interests have led to several publications in the past few years, and she is co-author of "Critical Thinking Cases in Nursing," as well as an editor for Lewis' Medical-Surgical Nursing.

Lucy Lange Marchal ('87) lives in Saint Henry, Ohio, on a "mini farm." She is married and has four sons. She is an orthopedic office nurse.

Rebecca Herrel Perian ('87) lives in Livonia, Michigan, is married and has three children.

Vickie Fisher Yowell ('87) lives in Grove City, Ohio, is married and has one daughter. She is currently an online RN-BSN student at MCCN. She enjoys spending time in the pool, being with her family, cooking, reading and "absolutely loves the beach!"

Linda Dimon ('89) retired and moved to Florida in 2005. After nearly 10 years there, she'd "had enough of the heat and missed the four seasons." She now lives in Powell, Tennessee. Her varied nursing career includes Mount Carmel West, as well as travel nursing, which took her to New Orleans; Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; and Nashville, where she worked in a heart transplant unit, telemetry med-surg unit and kidney transplant unit. After a short time at Doctor's North Emergency Department, she applied at the State of Ohio Department of Corrections. She says it was just like our instructors told us in school, that a Mount Carmel grad would most likely be chosen over other applicants. The director of nurses who hired her, Judy Biedenbarn ('84), was also a Mount Carmel nurse! Linda worked 11 years there before her 2005 retirement. She has four children, one deceased, and seven grandchildren, one deceased. She is an avid duplicate bridge player and travels extensively on bridge cruises and to tournaments.

She enjoys gardening, knitting, reading and visiting her family whenever she can. She is planning an Alaskan cruise and a train trip across the Canadian Rockies. She also hopes to travel to the Orient.

Sandy Clark Wisecup ('89) lives in Circleville, Ohio. She has been married 51 years and has two children and three grandchildren. She is retired from Berger Hospital department of Surgery and now works as a clinical instructor in an adult education practical nursing program. She writes, "I had many great teaching role models at Mount Carmel. This may come as a surprise to my former instructors that this is what I was meant to do. I love it. Thank you."

Tracy Hatfield-Dzugan ('92, '08, '13) lives in Cape Coral, Florida. She is married and has two children. She works as a mental health nurse practitioner in Fort Myers, Florida.

Jill Treinish Wiles ('96) lives in Millersport, Ohio. She has completed her school nurse certification and is a school nurse for Millersport Schools. She cares for more than 600 students, from kindergartners through high school seniors.

Michelle Gamby Corbett ('97) recently moved to Castle Rock, Colorado. She is married and has four children. She works in NICU and reports, "What a difference the high altitude makes for these babies compared to Ohio."

Heather Maier Wilkinson ('97) lives in Blue Ash, Ohio, is married and has three children. She is employed by TeamHealth and works in the Emergency Department as a family nurse practitioner (FNP) at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Ohio. She completed her FNP at Indiana Wesleyan University and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Frontier Nursing University, in Hyden, Kentucky.

Kathy Minnery Hauck ('00) lives in Columbus, Ohio. She worked in an outpatient clinical oncology setting for 12 years before recently being employed by Cardinal Health, where she is a clinical consultant in the commercial technology division. She is involved with Vital Path automated dispensing system for community oncology practices, as a consultant to the developers, as well as educator for the users of the system. She will be learning other software systems for practice administrators and billers.

Erin Durham Kruger ('06) lives in Santa Clara, Utah, where she is working part time as a home health hospice nurse. She completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) at the University of Utah last year.

Jessy Johnson ('09) lives in Cleveland, Ohio, where she is a full-time student at Case Western Reserve University pursuing her master's degree in Nurse Anesthesia. She will graduate in December 2015.

Lathia Nair ('09) lives in Dublin, Ohio. She is a staff nurse at The James at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Tracy Pennington DeVille ('09) lives in Redwood City, California. She is an associate professor at the College of San Mateo in California, an Associate Degree program with two cohorts of 50 students each in their first or second year, where she teaches intermediate and advanced med-surg theory and clinicals. She performs simulations for all classes in pediatrics, OB and med-surg and conducts skills labs in fundamentals and med-surg. She also teaches Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) for the American Heart Association and NCLEX-RN classes for Kaplan Test Prep.

Donnay Davis ('12) is engaged to be married and is a surgical nurse at The Eye Center, in Columbus, Ohio.

Marlee McAndrew ('12) lives in Duarte, California, where she is in formation with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles to become a nun and work in the Sisters' skilled nursing facility as a wound care nurse. She writes, "I look back at my time in college and have to laugh at how our Lord planned my life. I graduated from a school where I received both vocations: as a nurse and as a religious sister. I feel strongly called to both and am amazed at the gift the Lord has given me to live each vocation fully. I am forever grateful to Mount Carmel for the education I received that has brought me to where I am today."

Amanda Iacovetta ('13) lives in El Segundo, California, where she is working at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, California, in a cardiac step-down unit. She enjoys going to the beach, doing yoga, running and "hanging out with my boyfriend."

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.

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

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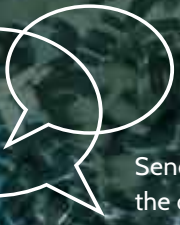
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