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“It is not the mountaintop we conquer, but ourselves.”
– Sir Edmund Hillary

DNP

FIRST COHORT EARNS HIGHEST CLINICAL
NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

**MOUNT CARMEL
GRADUATES REACH
NEW HEIGHTS:
DOCTOR OF
NURSING
PRACTICE**



Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN,
Associate Dean, Graduate Nursing Program



On May 5, 2018, a new milestone was added to the history of Mount Carmel College of Nursing when four members of the first cohort of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program were awarded the highest clinical practice degree in the profession of nursing.

“Achieving the distinction of the DNP represents the pinnacle of clinical nursing practice education,” says Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, associate dean for Graduate Nursing Program at MCCN.

“Professional nurses who choose to advance their careers by adding this credential are dedicated individuals who thrive on challenge and want to push themselves to the height of our profession. They do so because they want to advance nursing through the application of evidence-based best practices and shorten the acknowledged 17-year gap of bringing research to clinical practice delivered at the bedside,” says Dr. Kilanowski. “We – the faculty and staff of Mount Carmel College of Nursing – are so proud of our students and celebrate with them the culmination of their hard work,” she adds.

In *The Future of Nursing*, a groundbreaking report issued by in October 2010 by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, it was recommended that the number of nurses in the U.S. workforce who are prepared at the doctoral level should be doubled. Shortly after this report was published, President and Dean Emeritus Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, approached the Board of Trustees, and meticulous planning toward offering this program began to take shape. The first cohort began their trek toward the summit in September 2015.

“The IOM report recognized that advanced practice nurses who earn the DNP will be instrumental in transforming health care systems into those that are extraordinarily patient-centered, focused on wellness and population health,” Dr. Kilanowski explains. “At the complex system level, care is based on data-driven, scientific evidence to assure quality patient outcomes,” she adds.



Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, associate dean, Graduate Nursing Program, (center) is proud to see the first cohort of graduates from Mount Carmel College of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing Practice program receive their DNP hoods. They are: (left to right) Aaron J. Yoakam, DNP, MSN, RN, CNP; Jeannie Mollohan, DNP, MSN(R), APRN, NNP-BC, NEA-BC; Jessica Kimmitt, DNP, MSN, RN, NP-BC; and Theresa Colbert, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC.

As a clinical practice degree – rather than a PhD, which is a research degree – the DNP prepares nurses as innovative leaders in implementing evidence-based, cost-effective and collaborative health care solutions, while positively impacting outcomes for patient populations at the complex systems level.

MCCN's Online Doctor of Nursing Practice is available either full- or part-time. Full-time students complete 35 semester credit hours in three years over seven consecutive semesters; part-time students complete the same, but in four years over 10 consecutive semesters. Candidates for admission to the program will already hold a graduate nursing degree and licensure and may have an advanced practice certification. Nurse educators are welcome to apply. For details and more information, please visit mccn.edu/academics/doctor-of-nursing-practice

Earlier this spring, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted three-year accreditation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program and to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) post-master's certificate programs. CCNE is the national, autonomous accrediting agency officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to ensure the quality and integrity of nursing education programs.

MEET OUR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE GRADUATES



Theresa Colbert, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Other degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Capital University and Master of Science in Nursing from Otterbein University

Certification: Family Nurse Practitioner

Hometown: Newark, Ohio; currently resides in Westerville, Ohio

Experience: I have worked in a variety of settings throughout my career including medical/surgical, intensive care, cardiac care, and OB, and currently work in Graduate Medical Education providing support for the Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship program at Mount Carmel East.

Why earn DNP: I am a life long learner, have always been working on something and when I heard about the Mount Carmel DNP program decided to look into it.

Why Mount Carmel: I have a lot of respect for Mount Carmel and felt that it was a good fit for me.

Plans: I will continue in the Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship.

Main mentor: Dr. Anantha Padmanabhan (Dr. Paddy) was my clinical mentor throughout this journey and has been a tremendous support in helping me to work through my project, providing clinical expertise. Dr. Nancy Ryan-Wenger was my faculty advisor and Dr. Tracy Riley was faculty for my Scholarly Project Team.

Who is on your team: My family has always been supportive of my educational endeavors. They have pitched in to help out in many ways so that I could focus on the program, especially these past few weeks. I could not have done this without their support.

Advice for DNP candidates: Don't forget to take time for self-care and find healthy ways to deal with the added stress.

Other info: I am a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, I love working in the hospital setting and can't imagine my working anywhere else.

Final Scholarly Project Presentation: "An Interactive Evidence-Based Education Care Pathway to Reduce 30-Day Readmissions for Dehydration in Postoperative Patients with Ileostomies"



Jessica Kimmett, DNP, MSN, RN, NP-BC

Other degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing, both from The University of Toledo

Certification: Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner

Hometown: Delphos, Ohio; currently reside in Galena, Ohio

Experience: I've worked as a staff nurse at The University of Toledo, and at Sound Physicians. Presently I work at Mount Carmel East Hospital as a nurse practitioner, senior partner; Preadmission Testing and hospitalist nurse practitioner.

Why earn DNP: In my practice as a nurse practitioner I saw many gaps in practice that directly impacted patient care. I wanted to pursue the DNP to bridge these gaps to enhance patient outcomes and the quality of care received. I have also noticed a lack of nurse representation in leadership roles, which further directed me.

Why Mount Carmel: I chose Mount Carmel due to the online option of the DNP program, cost and curriculum plan that best fits my learning needs and ability to manage a career while furthering my education.

Plans: I really enjoy my current practice, but would like to become more involved in quality improvement initiatives and evidence-based practice implementation at my current organization.

Main mentor: I found each of my classmates to have mentorship qualities. Their backgrounds in nursing practice have been instrumental in supporting me. Their insights of health care systems and nursing practice were remarkable, and I will never forget the abundance of knowledge that I have gained from them.

Who is on your team: My husband has been very supportive and encouraging throughout this entire process and made sure I never gave up on accomplishing my goals. He helped in many ways, including around the house when I was busy with schoolwork. My parents think I'm crazy, but have always been supportive in continuing my education.

Advice for DNP candidates: Start praying and asking God to lead you in fulfilling the desires of your heart.

Final Scholarly Project Presentation: "Improving Transitions of Care to Enhance Perioperative Communications and Patient Outcomes"



Jeannie Mollohan, DNP, MSN(R),
APRN, NNP-BC, NEA-BC

Other degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southern Illinois University, and Master of Science in Nursing from St. Louis University

Certifications: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Executive Advanced (ANCC) and Certificate Holder in Fundamentals of Magnet

Hometown: Decatur, Ill.; currently reside in St. Louis area

Experience: The majority of my career has been at SSM Health System in nursing leadership, education, and advanced clinical positions.

Why earn DNP? Always a life-long learner, I felt I was missing necessary skills and determined the DNP degree was the answer.

Why Mount Carmel: I discovered MCCN by accident and am grateful for the "best accident" that ever happened to me!

Plans: To continue in my current position, providing operational support to the system CNO. Long-term goals include a position in education/academics.

Main Mentor: There have been many, including faculty, the system/regional chief nursing officers, the system chief nursing informatics officer, the St. Louis regional nurse scientist and members of my work team.

Who is on your team: After promising family and friends this would absolutely be my last degree, they supported me in every way possible, providing dedicated time for studying, understanding, and reminders to have some fun along the way.

Advice for DNP candidates: Just do it! Take it from someone who thought she would never be able to balance work, school, and life. This program and support from faculty gives students the ability to succeed.

Other info: My mom, who was raised in Japan and came to the United States after marrying my dad, is my personal motivator. Education was very important to her, as in Japan not everyone had the opportunity to pursue education, and it should not be taken for granted. I think she would be proud I didn't take this opportunity for granted.

Final Scholarly Presentation: "Implementing Empathy Enhancement Training to Improve the Patient Experience"

Jeannie Mollohan's abstract, "Starting your new nurse managers off right," was presented as a podium presentation at the American Organization of Nurse Executives in April in Indianapolis.



Aaron J. Yoakam, DNP, MSN, RN, CNP

Other degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner), both from The University of Toledo

Certifications: CNP, CCRN, EMT-B

Hometown: Bluffton, Ohio; currently reside in Lambertville, Mich.

Experience: I spent the early portion of my career at The University of Toledo Medical Center, in the float pool and Surgical ICU. I've been with ProMedica Cardiothoracic Surgery as a nurse practitioner for six years.

Why earn DNP: I am passionate about the profession and want to play a role in how nursing impacts our healthcare system. The DNP opens so many doors to leadership.

Why Mount Carmel: I wanted to pursue my doctoral education through an institution with roots in Christian faith. I take my faith very seriously and I was excited to be in an environment that promotes faith rather than stymies it.

Plans: Spend time with my family, my beautiful wife, daughter, and our son, due in July.

Main mentor: Dr. Joshua Gossett is a true leader in the nursing profession, which is heavily dominated by women. It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Gossett in course work and on my final project.

Who is on your team: My family could not have been more supportive; my wife is such a rock for my daughter and me, and she has made late-night studying survivable. My daughter was never a fan of my studying, but will be celebrating now that we are done.

Advice for DNP candidates: Find your passion in nursing and then run hard after it. If you know how you want to make an impact, I encourage you to pursue the DNP and achieve your goals.

Other info: I am very proud how nurses are changing patient outcomes everyday. I love my family and wouldn't be where I am today without them. Right behind my family, I love to fish.

Final Scholarly Presentation: "Preoperative Diabetes Education for Diabetics Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting"

A Message from the Mount



Dear Friends,

I know you join me in congratulating all of our students who have now taken their places among the more than 6,500 members of the Mount Carmel alumni! Inside you'll see many of their happy faces at our 112th Commencement Ceremony, where 213 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 50 Master of Science and four Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees were conferred. The Blessing and Hooding Ceremony for our Graduate program was especially moving this year because this is the first time that MCCN conferred the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

I was delighted to be asked to serve as Commencement Speaker this year, and I asked graduates to consider the strengths they bring to nursing and to health care. Those earning the bachelor's degree are knowledge workers, now equipped to make each patient experience the best possible, and dedicated to advocating, influencing and providing competent, compassionate care. Those earning a master's degree are knowledge managers, equipped to serve as coaches, role models and mentors as they apply their

learning to continuously improve processes and outcomes for patients. And, those earning the doctorate are knowledge leaders, prepared to serve as movers and shakers within their organizations, demonstrating how evidence-based decision making and practice is the anchor for achieving and exceeding goals, outstanding patient outcomes, staff engagement and building a culture of safety for everyone.

Inside – in addition to reading about many of our accomplished alumni – you'll also learn more about our Journey to Transformation, which not only includes enhancements to our campus, but also our having completed development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan that focuses on Defining Vision and Strategic Direction that will guide us into our bright future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie T. Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP
Interim President, Mount Carmel College of Nursing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9, 2018

Convocation and New Student Welcome

August 13, 2018

First day of Fall Semester
MCCN Columbus and Lancaster campuses

August 27, 2018

First day of Fall Semester,
Ohio University-Lancaster

August 27, 2018

Annual Mount Carmel Foundation
Golf Invitational benefiting MCCN

September 10, 2018

Scholarship Dinner

September 26, 2018

Excellence in Nursing Award Celebration

October 27, 2018

Annual Alumni Homecoming

January 14, 2019

Spring Semester Begins

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Transformational Mount Carmel College of Nursing



Milestones



“REMEMBER TO
CELEBRATE MILESTONES
AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE ROAD AHEAD.”

– NELSON MANDELA
JULY 18, 1918 – DECEMBER 5, 2013
SOUTH AFRICAN ANTI-APARTHEID LEADER,
VISIONARY AND PHILANTHROPIST

Mount Carmel College of Nursing has many noteworthy, transformational milestones to celebrate in 2018:

- Our most recent milestone – signaling significant growth for the road ahead – is graduation of the first cohort to earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree (*see cover story*).
- Our most noteworthy milestone is the 115th anniversary of the beginning of our legacy of excellence in nursing education – the founding of the Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1903.
- Our most poignant milestone is the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the final class to earn their Diploma in Nursing at the Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1993 – fully 90 years after the Sisters of the Holy Cross first identified the need for a training school for nurses.



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Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC,
Senior Vice President, Community Services,
Mount Carmel Health System

“More than 130 years after the Sisters of the Holy Cross came to Columbus in 1886 to set up the first hospital – which has transformed into today’s multi-facility, multi-service Mount Carmel Health System – their mission remains strong,” says Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, who has served on the College Board of Trustees since the School transitioned to the College of Nursing in 1990.

“From the beginning, it was apparent to the Sisters that more nurses would be needed, and the School was established on September 15, 1903, based on the same Core Values that continue to this day: Academic Excellence, Respect, Compassion and Social Responsibility,” she notes. The first graduating class of 13 students included eight Sisters.



President and Dean Emeritus, Ann Schiele, PhD, RN

Dr. Ann Schiele recalls that the decision to transition the School of Nursing to a college was bittersweet on many levels – “bitter” because some faculty who had taught at the school for many years – and who were qualified to teach at the college level – chose to retire when the final class completed their studies; and “sweet,” because the anticipation of delivering the same high-quality level of education, but at a more academically rigorous level and with an updated mission, was very high.

“Everybody understood that we were not ‘closing’ or ‘ending’ anything – moving from the diploma to the baccalaureate was simply a transition that would allow Mount Carmel to educate students to meet the increasing demand for baccalaureate-prepared nurses,” Dr. Schiele asserts.

“At that time a new college had not been started in Ohio in more than 100 years – the Ohio Board of Regents made it clear to the College’s newly established Board of Trustees that the only reason they were granting permission to move forward with the transition was because of the excellence that had been maintained for nine decades and because of the extremely high regard for the professionalism and reputation for clinical excellence of Mount Carmel graduates around Columbus,

throughout the state and across the country. When the charter was granted in July, 140 students had already been accepted into the Class of 1993, and faculty and staff telephoned each individual to advise them of their choice. Just six weeks later, 100 began as the last School of Nursing Class of 1993, and 38 began their studies as the first College of Nursing Class of 1994. Many faculty members taught in both programs – that had very different curricula – but were based on the same educational philosophy of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Class of 1993 Alumna Excels

Among the 100 who chose to earn the final Diploma of Nursing awarded by Mount Carmel is Cora Cathleen “Cathy” Phillips Lapp (’93 and ’10), BSN, RN, COHN-S, who describes herself as a “lifer,” because she’s spent her entire nursing career at Mount Carmel. Today she is nursing supervisor for all Mount Carmel Occupational Health locations.

“At the time, I didn’t even consider the college-level program, because I’d heard so many good things about the three-year program and I was eager to get started,” she recalls. Cathy had previously taken associate’s classes in graphic design before giving birth to a baby with medical problems.



Cora Cathleen “Cathy” Phillips Lapp (’93 and ’10), BSN, RN, COHN-S, with her daughter Katie Lapp (’17), BSN, RN.

“As I watched the nurses who so lovingly cared for my son, I became inspired to move to nursing. That really

convinced me, but I didn't want to put in an extra year for a degree I didn't think I needed," she said. However, about a dozen years into her career, she noticed that many members of her class were going back to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree because the Institute of Medicine – and increasingly employers – were calling for nurses, particularly those working in the hospital setting, to hold the higher credential.

"I wasn't sure I had it in me to begin writing papers and studying again, but because Mount Carmel had started the RN-BSN Completion Program in 1996, I made the commitment and started a year later. My son was getting ready to graduate from high school and my husband was

behind me 100 percent. The RN-BSN program was beginning to migrate to the online format it became by 2011, so I can say I was the 'last of the last' of the School and the 'last of the last' of the hybrid version of the completion program," Cathy says.

"I'm so glad I went ahead, because the degree has opened so many doors for me," she says. "And, it also opened a door for my daughter, Katie, who I'm proud to say, also choose Mount Carmel to become a professional nurse." Katie Lapp ('17), BSN, RN, who was inspired by her mother's perseverance and example, is a staff nurse in Labor & Delivery at Mount Carmel East.

More Milestones

15th Anniversary of the MCCN Graduate Program, which has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of the healthcare community.

"In 2018, we admitted more than 100 future students with the largest cohort enrolling in our Family Nurse Practitioner program," says Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, associate dean, Graduate Nursing Program.

"The largest increase in growth is in the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program: In 2017, we had 22 applications, and in 2018 this almost doubled to 41 applications," she adds.

MCCN's fully accredited Master of Science program – which now has 364 alumni holding the advanced degree – offers core classes online, with clinical classes taught face-to-face, and is available in four tracks:

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Education - all online



10th Anniversary of Mount Carmel College of Nursing – Lancaster, in partnership with Fairfield Medical Center. "Our location allows students to study, serve and work in the community where they live, which is vital for our student population," says Cora Arledge ('17 and '12), MS, BSEd, RN, who is an instructor and MCCN-Lancaster program coordinator.

The leadership at Fairfield Medical Center ensures students have an enriched experience and feel part of the family. Including members of the Class of 2018, 123 alumni are graduates from the Lancaster campus.

10th Anniversary of first cohort graduating from the Second Degree Accelerated Program in February 2008. "This highly competitive, innovative program allows students who have already earned a bachelor's degree in another discipline to earn their BSN in 13 months," says Ann Waterman, PhD, RN, interim academic dean. Since its inception in 2007, 11 cohorts have graduated – from 2008 to 2018 – bringing the total SDAP alumni to 667.

A LEGACY OF LOVE IN MEMORY OF 1925 ALUMNA



Magdalene Chaffin Jeffrey
Class of 1925

“Although the world was very different in my mother’s day, one thing that has not changed is the need for good nurses,” says Jill Jeffrey Kingsley, explaining why she has established the \$50,000 Magdalene Chaffin Jeffrey Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of her mother.

In 1925 – the year Magdalene Chaffin Jeffrey graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing – Calvin Coolidge became the first U.S. President to have his inauguration broadcast by radio, *The New Yorker* magazine began publishing and F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote *The Great Gatsby*.

“Mother always remembered fondly her days at Mount Carmel, especially taking care of the newborns and their mothers. She also told me about 24-hour duty shifts, which thankfully are a thing of the past,” Jill says.

“I wish to honor her memory by providing this endowment to fund two scholarships per year. She was a very generous lady who loved family above all, and I know she would be pleased to help others pursue their nursing education at Mount Carmel,” Jill adds.



When Jill Jeffrey Kingsley (center) gifted a portrait of Sister Mary Columbkil to the College, she was joined by Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, who is senior vice president, Community Services, Mount Carmel Health System and board member, MCCN Board of Trustees, (left) and President and Dean Emeritus, Ann E. Schiele, PhD, RN (right).

Magdalene Chaffin Jeffrey was born November 3, 1895. After graduating from Mount Carmel School of Nursing, she was a hospital-based nurse before turning to homecare nursing. That's how she met Jill's father, Walter Jeffrey, whose first wife had passed away following complications from childbirth. Magdalene was called upon to provide homecare to his second wife, who was seriously ill and died in 1930.

"Following his wife's passing, he and my mother fell in love and married on April 1, 1931," Jill recalls. In those days women retired from their profession upon marriage." Jill's father was born February 16, 1880, to Celia and Joseph Andrew Jeffrey, founder of The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company. A Major in WWI, Walter served in the American Expeditionary Forces under General Pershing, before resuming his duty as vice president in the family business after the war. He passed away November 21, 1953.

Magdalene and Walter's happy marriage resulted in three children: Jill and her two brothers, all born at Mount Carmel. Magdalene passed away July 4, 1984.

Sister Mary Columbkil ('25), CSC, whose portrait was gifted to MCCN in 2008 by Jill and her late brothers, Malcolm Douglas "Jack" Jeffrey and Walter "Chub" Jeffrey Jr., was a classmate of Magdalene and a long-time friend of the Jeffrey family.

Born Ellen Agnes Murray on January 9, 1888, in Ireland, Sister immigrated to the United States at age 20 in 1908 and later entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross, receiving her habit 100 years ago on January 6, 1918, at St. Mary's Convent in Indiana. She came to Mount Carmel in 1921, graduated from the Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1925 and served as supervisor of the Medical Division of the hospital until she passed away June 18, 1955. The Most Reverend Michael J. Ready, the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, presided at her Solemn Requiem Mass; pallbearers were leading citizens of the time, including Ohio Governor Frank Lausche; Columbus Mayor Jack Sensenbrenner; Charles and Robert Lazarus; Harrison M. Sayre; Drs. Robert and Thomas Murnane, and Dr. Michael Anthony, among others.



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

MCCN Journey to

TRANSFORMATION

MCCN's Columbus campus in Franklinton has embarked on a Journey to Transformation that will result in amazing changes benefiting our students, faculty and staff.

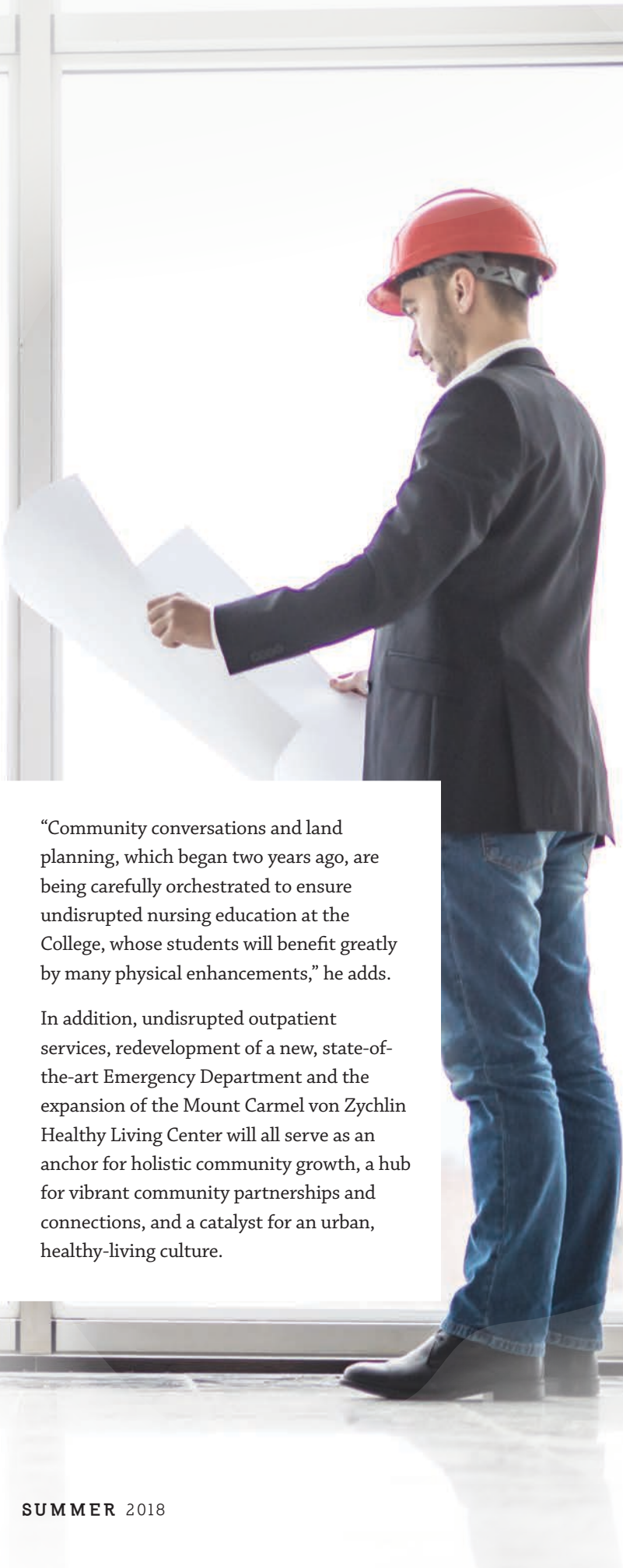
Later this year, there will be a lot of shaking and moving when all inpatient services at Mount Carmel West relocate to the new, seven-story Mount Carmel Grove City hospital, which is nearing completion.

"The move will free up space to expand the College, which has experienced phenomenal growth over the last decade and has outgrown its current space," says Kathy Smith, MCCN's director of Business Affairs. In addition to considerably more green space and upgrades to current infrastructure, more classrooms – equipped with charging stations for student laptops – and new faculty offices will be added.

"I'm very excited about the green space," says Smith. "We already have a beautiful area in front of the College, but with these changes, it will have even more of a 'college campus' atmosphere, and students who want to spend more time in a natural environment will be able to just step outside," she adds.

Franklinton Neighbors

"The commitment of Mount Carmel Health System and Trinity Health to the Franklinton community is demonstrated, not only by a \$46 million investment for campus enhancements, but also considerable time and thought toward the best result," says Sean McKibben, president and chief operating officer, Mount Carmel West and Mount Carmel Grove City.



“Community conversations and land planning, which began two years ago, are being carefully orchestrated to ensure uninterrupted nursing education at the College, whose students will benefit greatly by many physical enhancements,” he adds.

In addition, uninterrupted outpatient services, redevelopment of a new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department and the expansion of the Mount Carmel von Zychlin Healthy Living Center will all serve as an anchor for holistic community growth, a hub for vibrant community partnerships and connections, and a catalyst for an urban, healthy-living culture.



Kathy Smith and Todd Everett work closely together on the Transformation project.

For Our Future

As part of the Journey to Transformation, the College is developing a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure we are prepared to meet the increased student demand our enhanced physical plant will accommodate.

“In addition, we want to be sure we continue to provide the best educational experience for every student,” says Todd Everett, PhD, director, Financial Aid, who is project lead for the MCCN strategic plan.

“Our strategic planning process began last year with a complete environmental assessment and an information-gathering survey among 5,000 alumni, faculty, staff, students, board members and community stakeholders,” Dr. Everett says. “The plan will guide us over the next few years in preparing enrichments to our programs and services that will enhance the outcomes and preparedness of our graduates.”

The College is partnering with AMC Strategies, Strategic Consultants to Academic Medical Centers, to accomplish this important plan for the future. A Steering Committee includes representatives from MCCN faculty and staff, Mount Carmel Health System leadership, and MCCN Board of Trustee members. To learn more, visit our website.

Commencement and Pinning



On May 3, the Blessing and Recognition Ceremony for our Graduate program was held with 54 receiving their hoods prior to Commencement. There was added excitement due to the inaugural cohort of four to earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, (see page 1) marking an important milestone for the College.



Happy smiles mean happy graduates!



Students receive their pins from Mount Carmel College of Nursing alums.



On Saturday, May 5, the 112th graduating class assembled, along with families and friends and faculty and staff, for Commencement. Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, interim president, was the Commencement speaker.



Mahaley Rai Durbin ('18), BSN, RN, (above) joins her great-grandmother, Norma Zimmerman Laughrey ('55) as a member of the Mount Carmel alumni. Mahaley credits her great-grandmother's stories of time at "the Mount" with her own choice of MCCN. In photo on right, Mahaley poses with Norma's 50's era uniform, which is on display in the MCCN Health Sciences Library.



Undergraduate Pinning and Recognition, where BSN graduates receive their MCCN pin, was held May 4. Pinning is an important symbol of transition from student to professional nurse.



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GRADUATES

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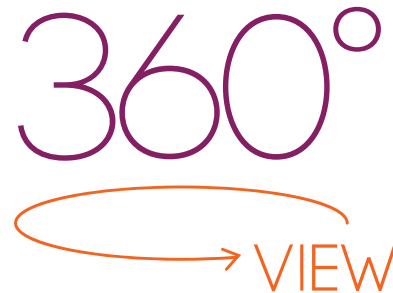
COLLEGE QUICK READ

The national search for a new president for MCCN continues. The Presidential Search Committee continues the rigorous search for the best candidate to fill the leadership role at the College. A new president is expected to be in place during the next academic year to lead the College forward into its continuing bright future.



Sister Marie Virgine ('52), CSC, (nee Elizabeth "Betty" Cantwell), passed away October 6, 2017. Sister served as director of the School of Nursing from 1960 to 1963 and was a member of the Class of 1952. She is fondly remembered by many members of the alumni.

Prospective students - and other visitors to Mount Carmel College of Nursing's website - will soon see the College in a 360° format. Our Office of Admissions is working with YouVisit, a company that uses interactive virtual experiences to create a realistic walkabout on campus that is designed to engage visitors and helps students choose Mount Carmel. *Watch our website this fall!*





**Mount Carmel College of Nursing
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Front row, left to right –

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MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING

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MEET TANYA HAHN

CHAIR,
MCCN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tanya Hahn, CPA, MBA, has served on MCCN's Board of Trustees since 2014 and rose to Chair in 2016. A certified public accountant, she is senior vice president and chief financial officer of National Church Residences, where she is responsible for all the accounting, investment management, financial reporting, information technology, and debt financing for more than 350 senior affordable housing, skilled nursing, independent and assisted living, and supportive housing entities across 26 states and Puerto Rico.

She is from Columbus and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. She also is an alumna of Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

How did you come to be appointed to MCCN's Board/How important is it to have a diverse, involved Board to support you in this role?

"I had the good fortune to serve with Sister Barbara (Hahl, CSC) on the board of the Mohun Health Care Center for the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Sister Barbara introduced me to Ann Schiele, who was president and dean of the College at the time, and of course I said yes when she asked me to serve.

"Because MCCN serves a diverse population of students – who in turn serve a diverse population of patients in healthcare settings upon graduation – it's important that the Board of Trustees bring a broad range of educational and professional experience to the table. The most important thing is diversity of thought and experience – this keeps perspectives fresh and inclusive."

How does the vision and mission of MCCN align with your own personal values?

“I’ve always believed in higher education, so the main reason I agreed to serve is because nursing is a great profession that demands lifelong learning. My personal philosophy is that once I’ve committed to the vision and mission of an institution, I want to make a positive difference before I can say I’ve completed my commitment.”

What do you think are the most pressing challenges the College faces today?

“One of the immediate near-term challenges – which also presents opportunity – is the transformation of the West campus and all the coming changes in infrastructure that will benefit the College. In addition, with the opportunity to grow, we want to do so appropriately by recruiting diverse faculty and staff, as well as a diverse student body, which will ensure inclusive thinking as we continue the tradition of nursing education excellence that Mount Carmel is known for.”

What do you see as the most exciting opportunities for the College today?

“The opportunity to grow is very exciting. Right now we are limited in our undergraduate program because of space issues. With the campus transformation (see page 14), we will have additional high-tech classrooms, and more meeting and office space. This means we can accommodate a growing student body in the traditional face-to-face classrooms, but also in our online programs. Because of our relationship with Trinity Health – with 94 hospitals across the system employing RNs who need to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree – there are opportunities to be cost- and time-effective in allowing them to further their education to better serve patients and communities.

“In addition, our graduate program has room to grow – with the College conferring the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree for the first time this spring, along with – 55 master’s degrees, more professional nurses who want to further their careers through education will be looking to Mount Carmel.”

What do you envision for the year 2025 – when the MCCN will celebrate the 35th anniversary since becoming a College?

“The fact that this institution has existed for more 115 years and continues to grow – both in size and relevance – is a good prediction for continued significance well into the future. Although many private institutions of higher learning across the country are struggling, Mount Carmel is financially sustainable, vibrant and ready for growth.

“In donning my ‘futurist cap,’ I predict we can easily double the size of the traditional undergraduate program. Our Second Degree Accelerated Program is ripe for significant growth. And it goes without saying that there are huge opportunities in expanding our Online RN-BSN Completion program, too.

“Mount Carmel has been a strong asset in the Franklinton area and with the transformation of the West campus, the College will be looking for ways to partner with the Mount Carmel von Zychlin Healthy Living Center, which already is a vibrant part of the community. Right now, the Board is finalizing a strategic plan that will guide us as we capture the infrastructure enhancements and seize the opportunities referenced earlier so Mount Carmel College of Nursing continues to be the No. 1 choice for those who want to enter this rewarding profession.”



TWO GREAT EV FORWARD



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CHAMPAGNE & DIAMONDS GALA BENEFITS COLLEGE OF NURSING

Mount Carmel College of Nursing was celebrated in style at the February 17 Champagne & Diamonds. At this year's gala, \$748,000 was raised to benefit Outreach and aid toward the transformation of the West Campus – including expansion and updates to the chemistry and anatomy laboratories in the College of Nursing. We are very grateful to generous donors who participated in this Mount Carmel Foundation annual event.



Celebrating the College during the 2018 Champagne & Diamonds Gala are (left to right): George Gevas, managing director and senior vice president, Corporate & Institutional Banking, PNC Bank.; Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president, Community Services, Mount Carmel Health System and long-time member, MCCN Board of Trustees; and Alyssa Fry, MCCN senior development officer.



EVENTS TO LOOK TO IN 2018

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SAVE THE DATE TO GOLF

Mark Your calendar...and grab your clubs to get ready for the 2018 Mount Carmel Foundation Golf Invitational. This annual outing that benefits Mount Carmel College of Nursing will be held Monday, August 27, at the beautiful Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City. For sponsorship information, please contact Alyssa Fry, MCCN senior development officer, at 614.234.4760 or afry@mchs.com.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Abigail Yutzy

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“During my six years as a flight medic for the Air Force Reserve, the word ‘service’ took on a whole new definition, and it continues to powerfully influence my life today,” says Abigail Yutzy, who is a junior in the traditional BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program at MCCN’s Lancaster campus at Fairfield Medical Center. “I am honored to have worked alongside those who consistently put others before themselves.”

Why did you want to become a nurse?

“I have seen first-hand friends and family who were blessed with amazing care during times of trial. My gratitude for this level of compassion and dedication from other health care workers is what inspires me to become a nurse. I want to respond to the calling placed on my life to serve and care for others.”



Why did you choose Mount Carmel?

“For the past five years, I’ve worked as a multi-skilled technician in the Emergency Department at Mount Carmel East. I support Mount Carmel’s culture of putting the patient first, and have been intrigued by the nursing program from my first year on the job.”

Are you involved in extracurricular activities?

“Along with another couple at our church, my husband and I co-lead a young adult Bible study. We enjoy this time together, and we all spiritually encourage each other in life. I also love hiking with our dog, Obi, and reading good books, especially those written by C.S. Lewis or J.R.R. Tolkien.”

Are you interested in a particular field of nursing?

“I am drawn to the fast-paced environment of the ED. Recently, I’m interested in learning more about how I can serve police officers and firefighters following critical incidents. I’m not sure how or where I can best serve this special population, but I am keeping my ears open.”

How has your family supported your endeavor?

I have been blessed with a very supportive family and a husband who continues to encourage me daily, inspiring me to never give up as I work toward my dream of becoming a nurse.

COLLEGE OF NURSING ALUMNA LOOKS BACK ON THREE CAREERS ALL AT MOUNT CARMEL

“I have always lived by the philosophy that whatever I need to do, I can do, as long as it’s important enough,” says (Colleen) Brigit Duggan, who was in the very first class to graduate with a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree from the College of Nursing in 1994.

Brigit has accomplished many “can dos” including serving on the faculty of MCCN from 2008 until her retirement in 2017. Brigit earned her first bachelor’s degree – in pharmacy – from The Ohio State University in 1984 and worked as a registered pharmacist at Mount Carmel West.

“It was a good fit, but when I felt God telling me that I needed to have more on-hands patient interaction, I began thinking about nursing as my next career.”



Brigit Duggan '94, '12, RPh, MS, RN, retired assistant professor, MCCN.

Because in the late 1980s a bedside nurse did not need a bachelor’s degree, Brigit applied for an associate’s at a community college, which was full. Her nurse friends recommended a diploma at Mount Carmel, which was also full, but she was told she was the perfect fit for the new college-level program, admitting its inaugural class in the fall of 1990.

“After graduating, I certainly got my wish for more patient interaction,” she says, recalling her first code as a nurse working in Oncology at West. “I had been to many codes as a pharmacist, but this was completely different, because I knew this patient, with whom I had just been talking 10 minutes before. That’s when I knew I had made the right choice in answering the call to nursing.”

Lori Hill, MSN, RN, CNP, assistant professor, has been recognized as a winner of the Nurse's Touch Award, presented by ATI Nursing Education. This prestigious, nationally recognized honor is presented to nurse educators who excel at teaching technical knowledge and skills. Lori impressed the judges with her integration of professional and interpersonal skills into her nursing practice and education of students. Lori, who strives to be an "example" nurse for her students, was honored at the National Nurse Educators Summit in Salt Lake City in April.

Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, has been selected by the Midwest Nursing Research Society's Pediatric Research Interest Group as recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award for her advocacy for children's health through her current and past research, service in national organizations, and mentorship of future nurse investigators.

Jami Nininger, MSN, RN, assistant dean of Distance Education, was featured in Softchalk Talk Blog in a blog post titled, "Innovators in Online Learning."

Faculty members whose posters were accepted for the 2018 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) 42nd Annual Research Conference, held April in Cleveland, Ohio are:

- Dale Hilty, PhD, assistant professor; Beverly Gish, MS, FNP-BC, CNE, assistant professor; Jody Gill-Rocha, MS, RN, assistant professor; Kerry Fankhauser, MSN, RN, UZIT, assistant professor; and Patty Severt, MSN, RN, instructor - "Using Interdisciplinary Teaching to Illustrate the Relationship between Nursing Specialties & Statistics."
- Jill Kilanowski, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN - "Challenges and successes of a multi-state multi-investigator small grant."

Jami Nininger, MSN, RN, Miriam Abbott, MA, and Beth Medaugh, MSN, RN, were selected as podium presenters for "Compliance Contagion: Building Faculty Buy-In with Internal Auditing" at the 2018 Quality Matters Regional Conference East in Towson, Md.

Noreen Mulcahy, MLIS, AHIP, lead Health Sciences Librarian - Technical Services, had her article, "A Review of BrowZine," published in the January 2018 issue of *Doody's Collection Development Monthly* newsletter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

A hand holding a large, ornate gold trophy cup against a blue sky with clouds. The trophy is highly detailed with intricate patterns and a dark wooden base. The hand is wearing a light blue shirt cuff.

the Lamp, our alumni and donor magazine, received gold in the 35th Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards; silver in the Educational Advertising Awards competition; bronze in Collegiate Advertising Awards; and an Award of Excellence in the Public Relations Society of America PRism Awards. Congratulations to the Offices of College Relations, Fund Development and Alumni Relations, and to Cooney Design and Jaron Terry Communications for earning these national and local recognitions.

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Vision

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

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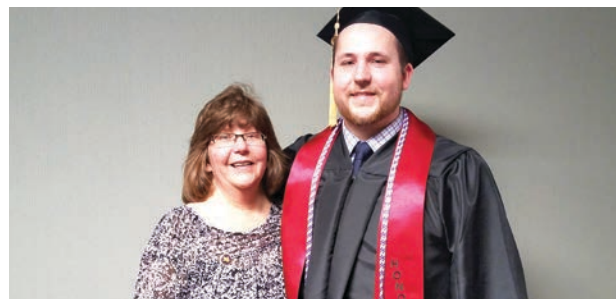
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MCCN and the Mount Carmel Alumni Association are sending more and more information via email. Send your email address to alumnioffice@mccn.edu or visit our website.

Please stay in touch with the Alumni Relations office and notify Debbie Boggs ('75), RN, of any changes in your contact information as soon as you can so you don't miss any news! Also, please let her know your career path since graduation so we can include it in an upcoming issue of *the Lamp*.

Alumni UPd



Karen Kennedy-Carr ('88) and her son Daniel Carr ('18) are pictured after his graduation ceremony Sunday, May 5. Karen and her classmates will be celebrating their 30th anniversary since graduation this year at our Annual Meeting and Homecoming. Daniel was the recipient of the Inspiration Award, which was presented at the Senior Pinning Ceremony Friday, May 4.

**SAVE THE DATES
HOMECOMING 2018:
October 26
& October 27**

The Mount Carmel Alumni Association (MCAA) Annual Meeting and Homecoming will be held on Saturday, October 27. But we need you to mark Friday, October 26, on your calendar, too, because Alumni Relations is planning activities that begin on Friday of Homecoming weekend. You are invited to a reception, and to tour the College and Mount Carmel West hospital (before all inpatient services are moved to the new Mount Carmel Grove City hospital in November). Plans are also underway for Friday tours of Mount Carmel Grove City before it opens.

Come meet up with fellow alumni to share memories, as well as career paths and personal milestones. Please watch the College website www.mccn.edu and the Mount Carmel Alumni Association Facebook page for updates on the weekend plans.

Get Involved!

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We have several opportunities to become more involved - or get involved - by volunteering through the Alumni Relations Office. If you would like to join a committee for any of the activities listed - or just come and help out - please contact Debbie Boggs ('75), RN, director, Alumni Relations, by calling her at 614.234.5681 or emailing her at alumnioffice@mccn.edu

✓ Tailgate -

In July, we will announce our annual tailgate date once we have secured a spot in the OSU RV parking area. This year, we are hoping for a September or early October game to avoid the frigid temperatures we experienced last year. Once determined, the date will be announced on the College website and the MCAA Facebook page. Make plans now to attend and cheer on the Buckeyes with your fellow alumni.

✓ Florida Connections -



This past spring, students participated in MCCN's 10th Habitat for Humanity build in Punta Gorda, Fla. While there, they had the opportunity to meet and visit with Mount Carmel alumna Natalie Lougeman Hanners '68, CRNA, over dinner. Natalie will be at Homecoming this year, as her class celebrates their 50th anniversary!

Alumni Get Together!



✓ Arizona Fun -

Some members of our alumni who live in Arizona recently got together for the Annual Arizona Mount Carmel Alumni Luncheon. They enjoyed sharing memories of their days at "the Mount," as well as their life milestones and career paths since graduation. They are (left to right): Fran Balent Bauman ('76), RN; Gail Kramer Ellis ('76), RN; Ruth Mathews Strickler ('52), RN; Lisa Callaway Friedman ('87), RN; and Penny Chapin Fullenkamp ('68), RN, who will also be celebrating her 50th anniversary this year.



Kim Campbell, PhD, director of Enrollment Management, (left), Sharol Imbody Herr ('74), RN, (center) and Debbie Boggs ('76), RN, (right).

Alumni Engagement Opportunities

Conduct Mock Interviews for Senior Students.

As noted in the last issue of *the Lamp*, the opportunity to help out by conducting mock interviews as part of professor Erin Dougherty's course, Nursing 408 Caring Practices in Transition to the Professional Role, continues.

Special thanks go to Iris Beery Freisner ('66, '07), MSN, RN-BC; Sharon Lieb Inzetta ('77, '07), RN, MS, CBCN, CN-BN ONN-CG; and Dorina Davis Harper ('99, '10), MS, RN, APRN-CNS, ACNS-BC, CCRN, CNRN, for their participation this past spring. We look forward to other alumni joining them in this project when the new academic year begins this fall.

According to professor Dougherty, research shows that when students have the opportunity to write and rehearse answers to common interview questions, they are more likely to land a job. You help enhance our students' preparation for real-world job interviews by helping students identify frequently asked questions and develop appropriate responses, increase their level of confidence, get feedback about their strengths and weaknesses, and learn how to provide lasting impressions.

Professor Dougherty will provide all materials needed, including the interview questions. All mock interviews will be conducted on the Mount Carmel West campus.

Recruitment Team

According to Kim Campbell, PhD, director of Enrollment Management, members of the alumni are a huge asset in assisting with recruiting events across Ohio, and it's fun for alumni to talk with prospective students and share with them personal stories about their own days at "the Mount." Dr. Campbell and her staff provide orientation for volunteers, who are needed from the end of summer to early fall each year. Special thanks to Sharol Imbody Herr ('74), RN, for her assistance with the College and Career Readiness Day at Elgin High School in Marion County last spring. Debbie (right) especially needs alumni living in the Cleveland and Cincinnati areas and hopes you will join us.

Event Planning Committee

Please join us as we plan future events and alumni student projects for 2018 and beyond. We are looking for alumni who would like to assist with new ideas, planning and implementation of events. A member of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association Board will chair the committee. Do you have creative ideas for events? What would you like to do with your fellow alumni? Please join the committee and share your ideas.

To Learn More

For further information about the above opportunities to engage, please call Debbie Boggs, RN, director of Alumni Relations at 614.234.5681 or email at alumnioffice@mccn.edu.

Distinguished Alumnus Nominations

Mount Carmel College of Nursing annually honors a member of the alumni for professional and personal excellence. While nominations may be submitted at any time, for consideration within the current year the nomination deadline for 2018 is August 15. The honoree will be recognized at the Annual Alumni Association Meeting and Homecoming on October 27, 2018.

Graduates from each of our programs have many great accomplishments. Please tell us about the special member of our alumni you know.

Criteria

- Demonstration of exemplary excellence in nursing practice
- Ongoing contributions to the nursing profession
- Acknowledgement by peers as an advocate
- Contributions to the quality of community life
- Demonstration of accountability for personal growth
- Other outstanding attributes/accomplishments

Nominate by submitting a letter of not more than two pages listing the nominee's educational, professional and personal accomplishments, explaining why he or she deserves recognition. Nominees are notified of nomination, as well as the name of the nominator.

Nominations may be submitted online or mailed to:

Mount Carmel College of Nursing
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YOUR GIFT OF EDUCATION HELPS OUR
STUDENTS ANSWER THEIR LIFE'S CALLING
TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

We hope each of you responded to the Alum-a-Thon mailing this spring. If not, it's not too late — you can show your devotion to your alma mater, affection for your classmates and dedication to the career of nursing by giving the Gift of Education so that future generations can follow in your footsteps to become professional nurses. We are asking every Mount Carmel alumni to donate at least \$25, which will be pooled with donations from other members of your class. If you'd like for your scholarship to be awarded in academic year 2018—2019, the deadline is August 1, but it's never too late because total giving per class will be announced at the Mount Carmel Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Homecoming on October 27, 2018. **Please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website www.mccn.edu/giving**



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School of Nursing Alumna is the Heart of Her Family



Angela Davis LaFollette ('85), BS, RN, CCP, (right) with her husband, Don LaFollette, MBA, BSN, vice president and chief nursing officer at Mount Carmel St. Ann's, and their daughter, Taylor LaFollette, ('17), BSN, RN.

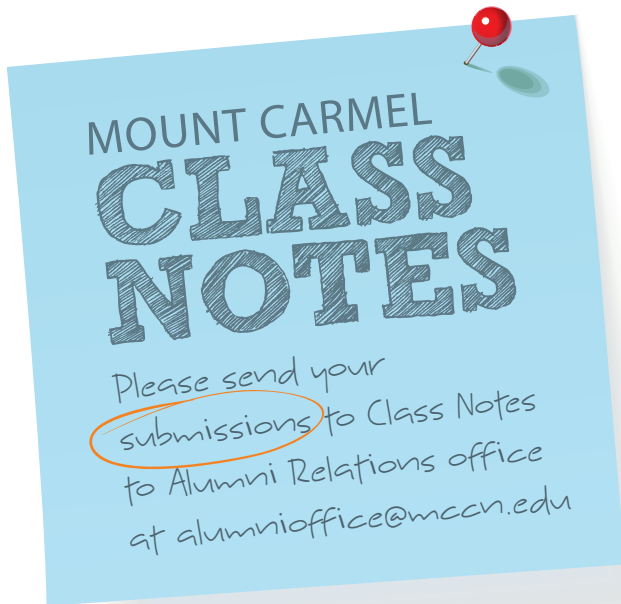
Mount Carmel School of Nursing alumna, Angela Davis LaFollette, graduated in the Class of 1985, starting both her career and her family at Mount Carmel. “My husband Don and I met at Mount Carmel West two years after I graduated. I was a staff nurse on an open-heart step-down unit, and one evening I was called to another unit where Don – who graduated from Capital University – was working as a staff nurse,” Angela recalls. “We became friends while working together on a critical care unit, started dating five years after our initial meeting and were married in 1993.”

Don wasn't the first nurse in Angela's life – from age 14 she had worked alongside her mother, Annie Davis, an LPN who was an independent contractor at an extended care facility.

“Mom inspired me to go into nursing, and she was so proud that I chose Mount Carmel because she said that's where the best nurses came from. However, I'll never forget the day I first saw a beating heart stopped for surgery and then restarted – I knew then that's the direction I must go,” says Angela. She left Mount Carmel after 12 years to earn a bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University and become a certified cardiac perfusionist, a dream she's fulfilled for 20 years at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital.

“One of my happiest moments was when our youngest, Taylor – who was born at Mount Carmel West – told us she wanted to enroll in MCCN's Second Degree Accelerated Program to also enter nursing,” Angela recalls. Taylor explains that after earning a bachelor's degree in biology from OSU, she worked as a patient support assistant at OhioHealth during a gap year.

“When I saw first-hand the personal interaction nurses have with patients, and how they are first to note potentially life-threatening changes, I knew that nursing would allow me to apply the scientific concepts I'd learned to care for patients during their time of greatest need,” says Taylor, whose goal is to become a cardiac nurse practitioner – blending her father and grandmother's careers in nursing with her mother's love for the human heart.



Janet Keane Schriener ('62) lives in Minneapolis, Minn. She writes, "The decision to become a nurse and a Mount Carmel nurse, was the best decision of my life. I retired three years ago after a great career. I met my husband of 55 years on a blind date while at Mount Carmel. After starting out as a staff nurse in Labor and Delivery, NICU and Women's Health, I went back to school and got a BS and two Masters degrees. I taught pediatric nursing and worked toward facilitating a diploma program to become a BSN program. Then I sidestepped into a hospital administration role in Women's Health. I worked in a variety of leadership roles across the country in that field until retirement. My last seven years of active nursing were with the Joint Commission, accrediting hospitals in a part-time position while transitioning into a retirement role. Thank you, Mount Carmel, for the foundation of nursing and caring that you instilled."

Kathy Quinn Matto ('67) lives in Galena, Ohio. She is married and has two sons and four grandchildren. She has worked as a staff nurse and in a pediatrician's office. In retirement, she has enjoyed volunteering at church, babysitting her grandchildren, going to book club and traveling. She and her husband are members of the "Highpointers Club," an organization that visits the highest area of all 50 states and holds a convention annually each summer.

Toni High Ferroni ('67) lives in Livingston, N.J. She writes, "I'm retired and enjoying it. I have settled in to a routine of babysitting my grandchildren who live close by. I love having them around and getting to watch them grow up. It was so amazing to see the classmates in our graduating class of 1967 last fall. Reconnecting with them was really fun."

Mary Dorsey Joyce ('73) is married and lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. She retired from her private pediatric nurse practitioner practice as well as from the University of Utah College of Nursing, where she was a pediatric clinical instructor. She enjoys traveling, skiing, scuba diving and visiting her daughter in Austin, Texas.

Ellen Reiser-Smithline ('85) lives in Somers, Conn., and graduated with a BSN in 2015. She writes, "After having over 30 years of nursing, I decided to have a mid-life crisis. I left my emergency nurse educator position and, instead of getting a little red convertible, am now attending the University of Massachusetts College of Nursing's PhD program. I received my MS in 2017 and hope to defend my dissertation in the summer of 2019. I am a perfect example of 'you are truly never too old to go back to school.' A shout out to the Class of 1985!"

Robin Cobbs Min ('08) is a recent transplant to Minnesota. She received her MSN from Chamberlain University in 2017. She is "a proud FNP-BC working in corrections in Minnesota."

Julia Zinn ('17) is a staff nurse at The Ohio State University Brain and Spine Hospital Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

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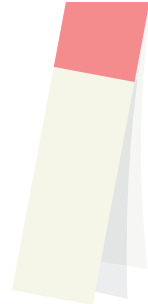
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There are additional gift strategies that may be of interest to you. Discover the many ways you may benefit from planned giving by calling Tim Strawn, senior development officer, Mount Carmel Foundation, at 614.546.4337 or look online at www.legacymcf.org.



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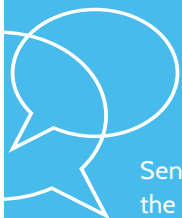
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