

## SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI LETTER

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<p><b>Dean of Nursing</b> Ruth Davidhizar, RN, DNS, PMHCNS, BC, FAAN <b>Associate Dean of Nursing</b> Deb Gillum, RN, MSN ANP, FNP</p> <p><b>Graduate Nursing Program Director</b> Karon Schwartz, RN, PhD <b>Coordinator for Bethel Programs at Grace College</b> JoLynn Reimer, RN, BSN, MA, MSN <b>Office Manager</b> Cathilda McElhaney <b>Nursing Administrative Assistant</b> Tracy Zielke <b>Nursing Faculty (Full Time)</b> Rick Becker, RN, MA Celine Boisvert, RN, MSN Connie Cramer, RNC, MSN Sally Erdel, RN, MS Jane Eshleman, RN, MA, MS Darlene Geoghan, RN, MSN April Hart, RN, MSN, FNP Kathy Hoffer, RN, MS Teresa Jodway, RN, PNP Ruth Shearer, RN, MS, MSN Ethel Stringham, RN, BSN, MSN Isabelle White, RN, MSN</p> <p><b>(Part-Time)</b> Doris Bartlett, RN, MSN David Benak, BA, MA, EdD Melody Campbell, RN, BSN, MSN Marilyn Comstock, RN, MSN, PNP Denise Gardner, RN, MSN, OCN Beth Gladfelter, RN, MSN, FNP Heather Johnson, RN, BSN, MSN Barbara Kemper, RNC, MSN Tina Kendall, RNC, BSN, MSNc Bonnie Lee, RN, MSN, FNP Lisa LeMasters, RN, NP Giny Lonser, RN, MS, PhDc Lynda Newton, RN, BSN, MSN Teresa Null, RN, BSN, MSN Dale Robbins, RN, BSN, MSN Karen Rose, RN, BSN, MSN Louise Solak, RN, MSN JoAnn Widerquist, RN, MA, DMin Roxanne Wolfram, RN, MSN, FNP Sandra Wysocki, RN, MSNc Jennifer Layman-Young, RN, MSN</p> <p><b>Nursing Student Admissions Counselors:</b> Sharon Duerkson Robin Centilli, BGS <a href="mailto:nursing@bethelcollege.edu">nursing@bethelcollege.edu</a></p>	<p><b>Dear Nursing Alumni and Friends of Bethel College,</b></p> <p>This has been a challenging year for me personally as I have experienced major surgery and chemotherapy. It has been a growing time for me and I have gained a new appreciation for the support of the faculty, friends, and the students as many of you have helped me through this stressful time. Through this time, the School of Nursing has had many exciting times which I would like to share with you.</p> <p>The administrative structure has been reorganized so that an Administrative team works with me to carry out the administrative functions of the School. I am grateful to Deb Gillum who has taken the position of Associate Dean; Dr. Karon Schwartz, Graduate Nursing Program Director; and JoLynn Reimer, Coordinator for the Bethel Nursing Programs at Grace College, who now serve as the “Administrative Team” or the “A Team” as referred to by the faculty.</p> <p>Under the leadership of Dr. Karon Schwartz, the MSN program has gained NLNAC accreditation. This fall we will start the Nurse Administrator track, in addition to the Nurse Educator track, which has been underway for 3 years. The MSN class of 2008 included: Sylvia Coffing, Teresa Null, Sandra Plank, Dale Robbins, and Lisa Secrist. We are tremendously proud of these graduates! We have had our first graduate student in the certificate program, Ann Fitzgerald, who successfully passed the NLN Nurse Educator Certification Exam. We are still spreading the word about these programs and have spaces in the fall classes. If you or one of your colleagues is interested in discussing our campus-based MSN programs, please contact Dr. Karon Schwartz at 574-257-3382 or Jenny Meert (Graduate Nursing Secretary) at 574-257-3360. We have applied to several scholarship programs, so we hope to be able to provide some assistance with tuition. Students may take one class, one night a week and complete the program in 5 years. For some, this is more user-friendly when balancing with work.</p> <p>We celebrated the retirement of Ruth Shearer, who has taught psychiatric-mental health nursing at Bethel College for 18 years (along with a number of other things). She has really helped put Bethel College on the map by publishing over 100 articles, speaking at a number of national conferences, and holding leadership positions in Nu Omicron Sigma Theta Tau, The National Nursing Honor Society, and the North Central Indiana Chapter Indiana State Nurses Association. She plans to stay active in nursing and this year will be the President-Elect of Nu Omicron Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau. Thanks Ruth for your ongoing contribution to nursing!</p> <p>This has been a good year for <b>nursing faculty publications</b>: April Hart, Ruth Davidhizar, Doris Bartlett, Joanne Widerquist, Jennifer Layman-Young, Connie Cramer, Ruth Shearer, Rick Becker, Deb Gillum, Darlene Geoghan, and Karon Schwartz are among this year’s authors of articles or book chapters. Dr. Schwartz also presented a poster titled “Breast Cancer Health Beliefs, Values and Practices of Amish Women” at a Sigma Theta Tau research conference at Ball State University.</p> <p>A major step in providing resources to our nursing has been the adoption of the ATI assessment-driven review to start Fall, 2008. This is a resource to help students master nursing content with the use of online resources, to practice computerized standardized tests over specialty subjects, and to assist faculty in preparing graduates for the NCLEX-RN exam.</p> <p>Another major project has been the settling in of the ADN and RN-BSN program at Grace College. <b>JoLynn Reimer</b> has been doing an excellent job as our Coordinator there and has been assisted by <b>Robyn Centilli</b> in recruiting students. We are taking applications now for the Fall, 2008 program.</p> <p>The <b>Nursing Faculty-Alumni Scholarship</b> program has been a success this year. We were able to offer six \$250 scholarships to nursing students to assist them with expenses. If you are interested in contributing please follow the directions on the back of the newsletter or contact <b>Connie Cramer</b>, the chair of the scholarship committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ruth Davidhizar, Dean of Nursing</i></p>	

### Nursing Alumni Who Have Completed Graduate Programs

1985	Linda Southwick – MSN, OCNS, post graduate nurse practitioner
1986	Toni Klatt-Ellis – CNS, APN
1986	Scott Miller – Post Graduate Fellow, Institute for Health Policy, Univ. of CA
1986	Rose Marie Johns – Masters in Health Administration
1986	Rosanne Griggs – MS in Trauma Nursing, PhD, Southern Illinois University
1986	Pat (Jackson) Trethewey – FNP, University of Southern Indiana
1987	Patricia Harley – MSN in Perinatal Nursing from Indiana University/Purdue
1987	Carol Crenshaw – CCRN – MBA, Atlanta GA
1987	Roxanne (Hewitt) Griggs – MSN, PhD, Southern Illinois University
1987	Patricia Harley, MSN in Perinatal Nursing, Indiana University/Purdue
1987	Linda Hartman (Aldridge) – attorney in the area of personal injury and medical malpractice
1987	Rose Herrell – CNS, APN, drug and alcohol counselor certification
1987	Brenda Cherry – MS in emergency trauma nursing, UCSF; PhD, George State
1987	Vickie VanNevel – MA in Theology
1988	Barbara Kennedy Johnson – PhD, UAW
1989	April Weeks – NP
1989	Carey Freeland (Shifflettcris) – CNS, MSN, Armstrong Atlantic State University
1989	Kathy Deak –MSN, Bethel College
1990	Dawn Burger – NP/FNP
1990	Dale Moore – Nurse Anesthetist
1990	Patricia Hartley – Perinatal Nursing, Indiana University/Purdue University
1991	Gloria Grott (Lantero) – Nurse Practitioner
1991	Gail Reichert, MSN, Perinatal Nursing, University of Kentucky
1993	John Albright – MBA, Notre Dame
1994	Dan Tanner – MBA, Notre Dame; FNP, Ball State
1995	Heather Spillman – MBA, Notre Dame
1996	Cindy Yates Fritz – FNP, IUSB
1998	Cathy Whitcroft Raab – MSCP, ND, Rush University
1999	Cindy (Burke) Seigel, MSN, FNP, Valparaiso University
1999	Tina Kendall (1999), MSN, Bethel College
1998	Ann Fitzgerald – FNP, IUSB
2000	Lisa Harrison – Masters, Valparaiso University
2000	Kristine McIrvin-FNP, Ball State
2000	Tammy Wilson – Masters in Nursing Ed., Nebraska Wesleyan University
2001	Ethel Stringham – MS for Nurse Educators/Administrators
2001	Melody Campbell-MS for Nurse Educators/Administrators
2000	Chad Hinton-MSN, CRNA
2001	Kim Pflughaupt, FNP
2002	Sandy Martin – FNP, Valparaiso University
2002	Kandie Forest – FNP
2003	Allen Puplis NP, Andrews
2004	Lynn Holcomb, MSN, FNP, St. Francis, Fort Wayne
2005	Micheal Jaskiewicz FNP, Valparaiso University

*Do you know of others with advanced degrees? If so, please let us know!*

### Alumni in Graduate Programs

Ruth Bihlman (1991)	Bethany Stout (1999)	Rick Becker (2004) MSN, Ball State
John Albright (1995)	Tracey McNeil (2000)	Darlene Geoghan (2003) EdD. Walden
Lynn Carbone (1996)	Janet Schroeder (2001) Valpo	Dan Seigfried (2004) CRNA, Pittsburg
Jacqueline Estok (1997)	Bill Fox (2002) MBA, Bethel	Kurt Reiss (2005) DO, Des Moines
Dan Emborsky (1997)	Becky Honzik (2003) CRNA	Paul Kuria (2005/7), FNP, Ball State
Tamara Andrews (1999)	Peg Grcich (2004) MSN, Rush	Wendy Steinkraus (2008) Midwifery/FNP, Frontier
Richard Forest (1999)	Sarah Cramer (2004) MSN, Rush	

*Folks, We know this is not up to date. PLEASE send us current information.*

### **Bethel Pins a Record 110 Nurses on April 28, 2008**

In a colorful ceremony to a packed auditorium, Bethel College pinned 110 graduates. This included 5 graduates from the new MSN program as well as students from all three Bethel nursing campuses. One graduate's grandmother, Charlotte Hertzler Croyle, who has been a RN for 45 years, delivered a speech entitled, "Nursing: Then and Now." BSN graduate, Sarah Hobbs, performed a solo and ADN graduate, Laurie Van Kirk, read a poem. Three nursing graduates also performed with *Undignified Praise* Gospel Choir. The graduates were pinned by the faculty after Dean Ruth Davidhizar explained the meaning of the Bethel College pin and the vision that Bethel graduates would be lamps around the world bringing hope and light to others. Bethel Administrators, President Steven Cramer and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. James Stump, also participated in the ceremony. The graduates pinned include:

#### ***BSN Class of 2008:***

Brittany Croyle, Katrina Deisch+\*, Jarrett Edwards, Rachel Fenske, Samuel Gitau, Jonathon Gordon, Amy Hill, Sarah Hobbs+\*, Rachel Jones, Amanda Little, Allyson Mattner\*, Ann Miller, Mariel Miller+\*, Liza Moore, Sylvia Nomos, Gideon Nyambiya, Melissa Powell\*, Natalie Preville+\*, Jason Ross\*, Rachel Santhouse, Maria Schilling+\*, Kelli Treadway, Anne Visker+\*, Amy Woolman

#### ***BSN Completion Class of 2008:***

Merline Abraham+\*, Barbara Antus\*, Michael Biddle, Lori Blake+\*, Jamison Blakemore, Sara Boylan+\*, Sarah Brzezinski, Kamoka Castaneda+\*, Rebekah Daisy, Rhonda Fillmore+\*, Tammy Gettinger\*, Jennifer Graham+\*, Linda Ingrassia, Lisa Jensen\*, Lori Knisely\*, Dawn McFall\*, Jeremy Namwali\*, Terry Owens\*, Brandi Richard\*, Drue Schaffert\*, Steve Schmeling\*, Tanya Sobaski+\*, Wendy Steinkraus+\*, Jean Sullivan, Francesca Udoh\*, Stephanie Wells\*, Rachel Woods\*

#### ***ADN Class of 2008:***

Carrie Anglemeyer, Crystal Austin, Melissa Beyer, Melanie Borsodi, Donna Bowling, Jennifer Bowyer, Tonya Bulger, Xochitl Cervantes, Caitlyn Crawford, Terri Davidson, Andrea Davis, Sheryl Dimpudus, Michael Dudeck, Laura Easley, Andrea Engebretson, Christy Evans, Samantha Fisher, Amy Gard, Sally Grenert, Hannah Grimshaw\*, Jeff Hire, Shelly Holdread, Amanda Holmes, Jennifer Howie, Jered Hudnall, Michelle Lambright, Stephanie LeClaire, Stephanie Martz, Mary McDowell, Julie Moore, Patricia Muturi, Carrie Nipper\*, Aline Niyonteze, Alutta Phiri, Waneta Rodes\*, Joan Ross, Pamela Schlutt, Carine Sembeba, Michelle Shafer, Brandi Shepherd, Elizabeth Sikora\*, Jennifer Smudey, Kimberlee Sprang, Joshua Stewart, Angela Talley, Heather Tatay, Deborah Tenney, Christy Tolch, Laurie Van Kirk, Katherine Veil, Deanna Warren, Christopher Weidner\*, Vanessa White, Rufina Wroblewski

#### ***MSN Class of 2008:***

Sylvia Coffing\*, Teresa Null+\*, Sandra Plank+\*, Dale Robbins+\*, Lisa Secrist+\*

\* signifies a GPA of 3.5 or above + signifies membership in Sigma Theta Tau

## **School of Nursing Awards**

**Spirit of Nursing Award** .....Christy Tolch

**Nursing Student Affairs Award for Altruism** .....Barbara Antus, Sylvia Coffing,  
Rhonda Fillmore, Hannah Grimshaw, Natalie Preville, Stephanie Wells, Rufina Wroblewski

**Middleton Outstanding Nursing Graduate Award**,.....Hannah Grimshaw

**Middleton Endowment Advanced Education Award**.....Jennifer Graham, Joshua Stewart,  
Wendy Steinkraus

**Inglett Scholarship Award** ..... Sheryl Dimpudus, Maria Schilling

**Nu Omicron Honor Society Inductees** ...Merline Abraham, Sara Boylan, Kamoka Castaneda, Rhonda Fillmore,  
Jennifer Graham, Tanya Sobaski, Wendy Steinkraus, Katrina Deisch, Sarah Hobbs, Mariel Miller, Natalie Preville,  
Maria Schilling, Anna Visker, Teresa Null, Sandra Plank, Dale Robbins, Lisa Secrist.

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### **Nursing Faculty/Alumni Scholarship**

This scholarship program is operating annually and accepting donations from alumni, faculty, and other interested donors. This year we were able to award six \$250 scholarships to Angelika Weidenbenner, John Winn, Dawn Maugel, Patricia Abell, Christy Mowrey, Rebecca Berger, Jennifer Williams, and Kimberly Conway. We invite alumni and present, as well as former faculty, to send tax deductible contributions to the **Nursing Faculty/Alumni Scholarship** at Bethel College in care of the Office of Institutional Advancement. You can send a receipt request with your check to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 1001 W. McKinley, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

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### **Update on the RN-BSN program**

This fall we have retooled the RN-BSN program. Courses are now offered in 7 week blocks with some class sessions offered on-line and some in face-to-face settings. There is no longer any documented clinical time required but rather the courses are based on achieving student learning outcomes. Contact Robin Centilli (807-7686) concerning the program at Lakeland Health Care systems in St. Joe, Michigan, and the programs at Grace College in Winona Lake and Sharon Duerkson (257-3455) concerning the program at Bethel College.

## MSN News Release:

Dr. Steven Cramer, President of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana is pleased to announce that the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program with tracks for nurse educators and nurse administrators and post-masters certificates in these areas has been awarded initial accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The program had previously received candidacy status in January of 2007, becoming the first masters program nationally to be awarded candidacy status by the NLNAC. Initial accreditation is for 5 years and indicates that the MSN program has met the criteria for rigor and professionalism required by this national accrediting body.

Dr. Karon Schwartz, PhD, RN, of Centreville, MI is the director of the nursing graduate program at Bethel College. Dr. Schwartz brings a wealth of expertise and experience to this position, including a teaching career of 15 years in both community colleges and baccalaureate programs. She has been active in curriculum program development and evaluation at each of these levels of education. Dr. Schwartz is active in community service, attending to the needs of the Amish in her community as needed, and teaching classes on health care topics to church and community groups. She has presented her dissertation on beliefs of the Amish related to health care to numerous groups in the community.

Dr. Ruth Davidhizar, Dean of Nursing at Bethel College notes, “Dr. Schwartz is committed to students’ outcomes of critical thinking, effective communication and nursing process, and incorporating Christian principles in the academic and professional demeanor of our students.”

Dr. Jim Stump, Vice President for Academic Services at Bethel College states, “We are happy to add another high quality graduate program to the offerings of Bethel College, and we look forward to the graduates of this program addressing the critical nurse educator and nurse administrator needs in this community. Having the stamp of private accreditation indicates that we have a high quality program and have met the standards of national review.”

The newly accredited program prepares graduates for nurse education in patient care and staff development settings in hospitals and health care agencies. The nurse administrator track prepares graduates for nursing administration positions in health care agencies. Graduates are currently functioning as nursing faculty in local schools of nursing and staff development directors in local health care agencies. For information on the program contact graduate program nursing secretary Jennifer Meert at [meertj@bethelcollege.edu](mailto:meertj@bethelcollege.edu) or 574-257-3360 or Dr. Karon Schwartz at [schwark@bethelcollege.edu](mailto:schwark@bethelcollege.edu) or 574-257-3382. Information on the programs is also available on the Bethel College website at [www.bethelcollege.edu](http://www.bethelcollege.edu).

### Bethel College MSN Degree Formats

Education		Administration	
<b>Fall # 1</b>		<b>Fall # 1</b>	
MNUR 511 Nursing Roles in Health Care Org	3	MNUR 511 Nursing Roles in Health Care Org	3
MNUR 512 Statistics for the Health Sciences	3	MNUR 512 Statistics for the Health Sciences	3
<b>Spring # 1</b>		<b>Spring # 1</b>	
MNUR 513 Advanced Nursing Theory	3	MNUR 513 Advanced Nursing Theory	3
MNUR 514 Nursing Research	3	MNUR 514 Nursing Research	3
<b>Summer # 1</b>		<b>Summer # 1</b>	
MNUR 521 Specialty Practicum	3	MNUR 521 Specialty Practicum	3
<b>Fall # 2</b>		<b>Fall # 2</b>	
MNUR 611 Educational Pedagogy	3	MNUR 615 Health Care Org. and Delivery	3
MNUR 612 Curriculum Development in Nursing Education	3	MNUR 616 Health Care Financing, Budgeting and Human Resources	3

<b>Spring # 2</b>			<b>Spring # 2</b>		
MNUR 613	Information Systems in Nursing	3	MNUR 613	Information Systems in Nursing	3
MNUR 614	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3	MNUR 617	Ethical, Legal and Regulatory issues in the Health care Organization	3
<b>TBA</b>			<b>TBA</b>		
MNUR 699	Nursing Thesis in Specialty Area	3-9	MNUR 699	Nursing Thesis in Specialty Area	3-9
<b>Fall # 3</b>			<b>Fall # 3</b>		
MNUR 621	Teaching Practicum	6	MNUR 622	Administrator Practicum	6
<b>Minimum Hours</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>Minimum Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

Comparison of courses included in the Post Graduate Certificate Programs

<b>Nurse Educators Certificate</b>			<b>Nurse Administrator Certificate</b>		
MNUR 611	Educational Pedagogy	3	MNUR 615	Health Care Org. and Delivery	3
MNUR 612	Curriculum Development in Nursing Education	3	MNUR 616	Health care Financing, Budgeting and Human Resources	3
MNUR 614	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3	MNUR 617	Ethical, Legal and Regulatory issues in the Health care Organization	3
MNUR 623	Teaching Practicum	6	MNUR 624	Administrator Practicum	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

The students who wish to take the certificate programs will be integrated into the classes with students in the major.

***Bethel Grads Serving Others***

**Chad Hinton** (2000) is working as a CRNA in South Carolina. He and his wife recently spent a week on a mission trip where they helped to serve 600 adults and 400 orphans with their medical needs.

**Lt. Joanna Moore** (2004) has served at Balad Airbase Theatre Hospital in Iraq.

**Naomi Olson** (2002) is working in Liberia with nursing education and leadership development. They have recently struggled with a resigned medical coordinator, a broken generator and hunger throughout the region. Prayers are needed for encouragement, medical staff and the ability that the Liberians will see God's sustaining hand at work through her and her ministry.

*Remember to spread the good word about Bethel's nursing programs. Only with support from our alumni and friends can we continue to grow!*

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