

Bethel College School of Nursing

Alumni Newsletter

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April Hart, RN, MSN
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Letter from the Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends of Bethel College School of Nursing,

We have come to the end our second year of transition. This past year has been full of exciting events, and the new year promises to bring us more of the same. Two of our faculty were tenured this year, Teresa Jodway and April Hart. We congratulate them for their success and their dedication to the School of Nursing. With our largest class ever (113 students), we celebrated our 25th graduating class from nursing this year. Dr. Joyce Newman-Giger, the first director of the nursing program, came and shared with us for this occasion.

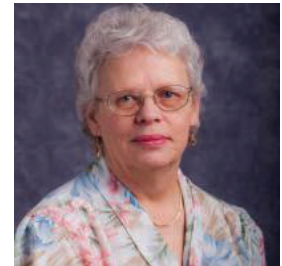
We have restructured our support staff and now have an Administrative Assistant to the faculty, Pat Schroeder, whom you may recognize from the bookstore. This transition occurred before Karen Danz, Dr. Davidhizar's right hand helper, retired. After battling cancer for many years, Karen later went to be with the Lord. In an effort to bring in more nursing students to all programs, we have hired Kathryn Deak, MSN, as our nursing recruiter coordinator. It appears we have significant increases for this coming fall.

Sally Erdel was named Professor of the Year for Bethel College. We all appreciate Sally's hard work and dedication to the Lord, Bethel College, and the School of Nursing. She is very deserving of this honor. Unfortunately, two faculty moved on at the end of this academic year. Mary Downs Last, psych instructor, left us for the cool north of Alaska and Lisa Bursch, community health coordinator, is leaving us for warm and sunny southern California. Rebecca Zellers is stepping into the community health position and will be working on her DNP in the process. We have been searching for a new psych instructor,. While Connie Cramer is picking up some of the load, if you know of someone who is qualified with a Masters (and is willing to work on a doctorate), please send them our way.

What we are looking forward to this fall:

- Deb Gillum promises to complete her doctorate this summer and will be Dr. Gillum come fall. Deb has worked hard on her doctorate and managing the undergraduate programs during this time of transition.
- Dr. Carol Dorough, EdD, RN from Southern Nazarene University has been hired as the new Dean. On July 1st she will begin at Bethel College School of Nursing. We all look forward to her leadership.
- Our BSN self-study and site visit is scheduled for September 28-30th. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare for reaccreditation.

The past two years have been a good experience. I personally appreciate Deb Gillum and JoLynn Reimer for their help on the administrative team. The whole faculty have been wonderful and supportive in these two years. I am blessed and thank God for the opportunity to serve Him here at Bethel. I look forward to stepping back to my Graduate Nursing Program Director position this fall. God has been very good!



Pinning Ceremony 2010



Bethel College BSN
Nursing Pin

The School of Nursing at Bethel College celebrated its 25th pinning on May 1, and its largest graduating class in the school's history. During a ceremony held in the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center, 113 students received their nursing pins. To the tune of the bagpipes, the procession into the auditorium was led by President Steven Cramer, Ph.D, and Karon Schwartz, Ph.D, Interim Dean of Nursing who were then followed by the nursing faculty and all graduating nursing students.

The keynote speaker was Joyce Newman-Giger, Ed.D, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN, professor of Nursing at UCLA and the first program director of nursing at Bethel College. She spoke on "Delivering Culturally Competent Care in the 21st Century" and urged today's nurses to become engaged in the current debate on healthcare. She encouraged the graduates to provide culturally competent care and to be prayerful.

A donation of a \$1,000 was made to the Ruth E. Davidhizar Nursing Scholarship on behalf of the 2010 graduating class.

Dr. Schwartz explained the symbolism of the 3 pointed nursing cap and the class pin. She also spoke to the graduates and stressed that they find and live in peace and be open to the unexpected during their careers. Lisa Bursch led all nurses in the *International Pledge for Nurses*. Graduates received their pins on blue ribbons which were placed around their necks by members of the nursing faculty.

BSN Class of 2010

Dayna Akers
Benjamin Ballinger
Sarah Dalrymple
Ashley DeLay
Whitney Dennison
Rachel Dively
Shelby Faltynski **
Holly Farrer
Joslynn Focht

Karleen Hallock **
Ashley Hamilton **
Katherine Heisey
Alanna Hurst
Meredith Janos **
Crystal Lane **
Elizabeth LeFeber **
Jessica Lovin **
Miranda Martin

Shannon Mata
Melanie Matthews
Amanda Miles
Rebecca Prieb
Sarah Rahn
Heidi Richey **
Jessica Rolando
Sarah Rowe **
Lori Seel **

Jamie Silveus **
Cari Spaulding **
Jessica Spearman
Carrie Spencer
Jennifer Swift
Jacquelyn Szalmasagi

BSN-Completion Class of 2010

Jacqueline Anders *
Laurie Beck **
Michella Berthea-Jones *
Melanie Bogul-Smith **
Lisa Bryant *
Gayle Clark **
Laura Crossman **

Danie'La Edson **
Amy Frazier **
Penelope Hall
Heather Hart *
Tidings Manungo *
Lucy Masarira *
Barbara Miller *

Erin Russell *
Julie Moore
Michael Rushlow *
Brandi Shepherd
Joshua Stewart **
Courtney Still *
Ollie Tate

Patricia Wallis *
Deanna Warren
Dawn Wilkins *
Desiree Williams **
Angela Wright *

ADN Class of 2010

Etonde Ade
Lindsay Baker
Lisa Barber
Abby Berndt
Nicole Bonek
Nathan Buchinger *
Judith Bukenya
Bobbie Butler
Kelsey Collette
Megan Covyreau
Adriane Crouse
Michelle DeMien

Aubrie Drayer
Stephanie Fardulis
Elizabeth Ferrill
Sandra George *
Teresia Gitau
Patricia Gregory-Rump
Erin Gropp *
Kala Heckman
Kayla Hollar
Jolynne Horst
Amy Keeler
Audrey Kelly

Wendi Miller
Jacqueline Mukarwema
Asa Niedbalski
Jennifer Njihia
Angela Noland
Kylie O'Neal
Lesley Pemberton
Michele Personette *
Brianne Pinkerton *
Ethel Plath
Kerry Pratt
Rachel Preston

Jaclyn Ramps
Tina Roach
Laura Saltzgaber
Souletta Smith
Kristin Swanson
Allison Trundle
Sherri Tuttle
Charmaine Weathers
Afila Wilson
Brittney Woodward
Juanita Wunder
Anna Zuercher

MSN Class of 2010

Hope Bailey *

Norma Joan Lewis *

Paula Neese *

Jennifer Williams **

Nursing Alumni Visit

2/18/10

11 Nursing Alumni from various graduating years visited the NUR228 Roles & Perspectives class to share & discuss what they are doing with their Bethel College Nursing degrees. Many have gone on to complete a BSN & some are in Master's programs. Current students were able to ask questions ranging from taking the NCLEX exam to asking for tips with starting that first nursing job. It was a great time of sharing & nurturing. Due to the very positive response from current students, this is planned to be an annual event.



Providing Medical Relief in Haiti

by Lori Martin (ADN '09)

“God is good all the time and all the time God is good.” Natural disasters and poverty can tempt us to question the goodness of God. In the midst many times of His goodness. How do try suffering from the crippling effects and now a horrible earthquake? Since heart the burden to go and help pro-how. I didn't know if I would be able what organization I should go with. I down there or not. God knew. I left it ary, I had the opportunity to travel



God reminded us that He is to provide for His children. We had mins and malaria medicine in for tles. We found anti-malaria meds God allowed our experiences to test

We can't all go to Haiti and to impact the people there. We all can and the government. The staff of the missions that were there over the time of the earthquake, experienced and saw a lot of extremely heartbreaking situations. Pray that not only their physical needs would be met, but also their emotional and spiritual needs. Pray that God continues to bring people to Himself. If you are able to, there are many organizations that need money to provide aid. And if God calls you to go, obey.

of the suffering I saw, God reminded me you describe a week in a third world coun- of a corrupt government, years of poverty, the day of the earthquake, God laid on my vide medical relief. I didn't know when or to get off of work or not. I didn't know didn't know if my skills would be of use in His hands and He provided. In Febru- with International Faith Mission (IFM). still in the business of performing miracles very few small bottles to pour liquid vita- young children. We never ran out of bot- twice when we thought we had run out. and build our faith, time and time again. serve God there. We can all do something pray for the Haitians, aid organizations,

School of Nursing Awards

Ruth E. Davidhizar Nursing Scholarship.....Sara Bartle, Karissa Rillema

Sally Torrence Award.....Charity Brown

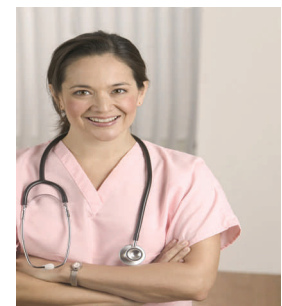
Middleton Advanced Degree Award.....Adriane Crouse, Amy Frazier

Outstanding Student Awards.....Crystal Lane, BSN; Nathan Buchinger, ADN

Inglett Award.....Crystal Lane, Michele Personette

Altruism Awards.....Elizabeth Ferrill, Penelope Hall, Norma Joan Lewis, Cari Spaulding, Desiree Williams, Angela Wright

Spirit of Nursing Award.....Crystal Lane



I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13

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We are looking for alumni who are interested in beginning a Bethel College School of Nursing Alumni Organization! Please contact Deb Gillum (gillumd@bethelcollege.edu) if you are interested.

Facebook

Have you found us on Facebook yet? Bethel College School of Nursing is your page for sharing news, keeping up with events and getting to know each other! Log-on and tell us what you are doing now. We may even get some discussions going on topics of interest. And before you leave the page, use the link to go to our website and learn what a few of our alumni are doing. We have added “**Look at me now**” to the

sidebar menu as a way of letting prospective students know some of the roles nurses take in addition to hospitals. If you would like to share your story, let us know and we'll post it in future updates. Lastly, if you have published in the past couple of years, please share the information with us so we can include it in our “News” on the website and we can add it on our publications display.



**Interested in pursuing your *BSN-Completion* degree or your *MSN in Nursing Education or Nursing Administration*?
There is room in the fall classes for YOU! Email us today at nursing@BethelCollege.edu!**