

Bethel College School of Nursing

Alumni Newsletter

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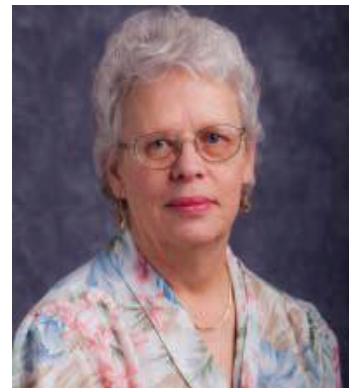
Letter from the Dean

Dear Nursing Alumni and Friends of Bethel College, Last year Dr. Davidhizar shared her experience with surgery and chemotherapy. As many of you know, she finished her mission on Earth on September 11, 2008. We have completed our first year without her physical leadership. We are appreciative of her work in establishing excellent programs in the School of Nursing. Daily we are reminded of her work and dedication. Last fall the faculty voted to name the "The Nursing Faculty/Alumni Scholarship" to "The Ruth E. Davidhizar Nursing Scholarship." We are working to endow this scholarship. This year we awarded 4 scholarships from this fund. This spring after our pinning ceremony, the College dedicated the nursing wing as "The Davidhizar Wing for Nursing Education" to honor the continued influence of Dr. Davidhizar in the education of our nursing students.

Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend on October 9th and 10th! All nursing alumni who participate in the 5K run/walk on Saturday and identify themselves as nursing alumni will receive a *free Bethel College School of*

The administrative structure remains pretty much as it was last year during her illness. Karon Schwartz is the interim Dean of Nursing. Deb Gillum remains the Associate Dean and JoLynn Reimer continues her coordination of the Grace Campus programs. The college is in the process of looking for a new permanent Dean for the School of Nursing.

This past year, two of our faithful faculty retired. Jane Eshleman, who coordinated our BSN completion program, retired and moved to Florida. Louise Solak RN, with her MSN in Community Health Nursing was hired to take Jane's place. Louise served us as an adjunct at Lakeland. This spring Celine Boisvert retired to the north woods of Wisconsin (actually, she took a new job up there). Lisa Bursch RN, MSN, CPNP, will assume Celine's position. Lisa has specialized in working with at-



risk populations in community health. She worked extensively with the Spanish speaking populations in California. Lisa will begin her doctoral studies this fall at Rush University in Chicago.

We covet your prayers as we move forward. Our NLNAC accreditation for the BSN program will take place in the fall of 2010. The faculty are busy working on various criteria that need to be addressed for the self-study and site visit.

Alumni Weekend 2009!

Nursing sun visor! Please join us and help us represent the School of Nursing's commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle. Immediately following the run/walk at 10am the School of Nursing will host a

reception in the Davidhizar Wing for Nursing Education in the Middleton Hall of Science. Sun visors may be purchased at that time for a small donation. We look forward to seeing you then!

Pinning Ceremony 2009



Bethel College BSN
Nursing Pin

Bethel College nursing faculty pinned 100 nurses on Saturday, May 2 in a beautiful ceremony located in the Everest-Rohrer Auditorium. The keynote speaker was Betty Rowley, RN, BS, the grandmother of one our BSN graduates who spoke about *The Incredible Journey*. Ms. Rowley has been a nurse for over 50 years and still practices nursing in her starched white

uniform and her cap. A beautiful song, *While I'm Waiting*, was performed by the family of one of our ADN graduates. Amy Bolakowski presented the class gift of a donation to the Ruth E. Davidhizar Nursing Scholarship to Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Cramer. Carrie Kauffman, ADN graduate, read the poem "*You Are a Nurse*" to her classmates. Dr. Schwartz discussed the symbol-

ism of the Bethel College nursing pin and nursing cap before each graduate was pinned by the nursing faculty. Nursing pins this year were pinned on blue ribbons that were then placed around the neck of each graduate, creating a meaningful ceremony that flowed smoothly. Many graduates wore their nursing pins outside their gowns during the graduation ceremony.

BSN Class of 2009

Kristen Beutler
Amy Bolakowski
Christa Bradley*+
Kimberly Conway*
Michelle Davis*+
Lindsay DeMoss
Laura Dieterlen*+

Allison Doyle
Aubree Draper
Travis Gerig
Staci Hitch
Melissa Jarusewic
Jade Jones*+
Laura Keech*+

Ashley Kilgore*+
Angeline Kropf
Travis Lilley*
Stephanie Morris
Samantha Parmley

Katherine Riordan
Kate Shultz
Rachel Swartzendruber
Anita Thiessen
Amber Troyer*+
Jillian Williams

BSN-Completion Class of 2009

Patricia Abell*
Rebecca Berger
Lynn Cook*
Kathryn Effa*+
Jami Grandholm*

Amy Grier*
Rosanne Just*
Akila Karanja
Anna Lackey
Crystal Leiler

Grace Mbochi
Tammie Mejer*
Christine Mowrey*+
Judith Neumann*+
Sylvia Oudhuis*

Barbara Powell*+
Torey Shultz
Kimberly Smith*
Holly Stell*
Bethany Webb

ADN Class of 2009

Alissa Allen
Sherry Alwine
Hilary Barrett
Michelle Baut
Shannon Baxter
Candie Books
Kristina Boucher
Misha Buzzitta
Christina Conwell
Melissa Dawson
Brittany Deardorff*
Erin Dell

Pamela Dunnuck
Vanessa Fernandez-Langland
Allison Flora
Tina Fugate
Teresa Gadia
Rebekah Harlos*
Nichole Harris*
Amanda Hartman
Lori Healy*
Jeffrey Hums
Milkah Kagai
Carrie Kauffman*

Stephanie Kertes
Julie Kos
Jenny Markins
Lori Martin
Dawn Mangel*
Philip McGuire
Erin Pergram
Jessica Porter
Nivia Presteguain
Sharvon Robinson
Jodie Salam

Amanda Shorey
Teri Jean Smith
Heather Stevens
Jennifer Stutzman
Kassandra Timmins
Alicia Tucker*
Victoria Warren
Christine Wiggins
Emily Williams
John Winn
Nichole Zehendner

MSN Class of 2009

Dawn Cormack*+
Mary Morales*

Mark Moyer*
Michelle Sommers*+

Sara Stewart*
Janet Torma*

Rebecca Zellers*

Once in a Life-Time Experience...

Seven nursing students from the Grace campus had an once-in-a-lifetime experience in Camotan, Guatemala during their spring break March 12 – 21, 2009. Senior nursing student, Rebekah Harlos, invited her nursing classmates from both levels of the ADN program, Professor Lisa LeMasters, a nurse practitioner, and her parents, Steve and Dawn Harlos, to join her and other team members from Texas. The team of nursing students included Rebekah Harlos '09, Brittany Deardorff '09, Erin Dell '09, Carrie Kauffman '09, Philip McGuire '09, Adriane Crouse '10, and Rachel Hodges '10. The theme song for the trip was

“God we’re attempting something so big for you that it’s sure to fail without you.” The team traveled an hour most days on treacherous back roads to reach high mountains villages where clinics were conducted. Together, the group cared for patients with malnutrition and parasites and conducted health-teaching sessions to the nearly 1200 people during the four days of clinics.

Other team members ministered to the clinic patients using puppets, animal balloons, and games to present the Good News of God’s love. Sixteen people prayed to receive salvation and four re-dedicated their lives to Christ. Though the team came back tired from the long hours in the clinics and travel, all agree with sophomore Adriane Crouse that they “... loved being able to show... the love of God while using the nursing skills...acquired in school this semester. I am looking forward to my next opportunity to use nursing overseas again.”



“They loved being able to show the love of God...”

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.

School of Nursing Awards

- Ruth E. Davidhizar Nursing Scholarship.....***Karleen Hallock, Cari Spaulding, Sandra George, Jolynne Horst*
- Sally Torrence Award.....***Shelby Morrow*
- Middleton Advanced Degree Award.....***John Winn, Jessica Porter*
- Best Academic Students.....***Laura Dieterlen, BSN; Dawn Maugel, ADN*
- Inglett Award.....***Michelle Davis, Melissa Dawson*
- Altruism Awards.....***Patti Abell, Michelle Baut, Michelle Davis, Lynn Cook, Christine Mowery, Erin Pergram, Rebecca Zellers*
- Spirit of Nursing Award.....***Jillian Williams*



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

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Sisters Are Special

It is true there is a special bond that develops between siblings, especially those who share similar life experiences. That is true for sisters Tina Fugate of Larwill, Indiana, and Jenny Markins of Columbia City, Indiana who received their ADN pins and diplomas on May 2, 2009. Tina was seven years old when her sister Jenny was born. Though the girls shared a room, little did they realize they would eventually share the same interest in nursing or receive a degree at the same School of Nursing. Tina was a LPN who discovered she needed to continue her

education once she stepped into a supervisory nursing role. During Tina’s search for a nursing program that best met her needs, Jenny encouraged to check out Bethel College’s satellite nursing program on Grace College campus. Jenny was a medical receptionist who wanted a more active role in patient care and began the ADN program on Grace College campus. The siblings stated taking classes together was great because they get along and like being together. They were there for each other and willing to help. The challenges the pair faced during their

nursing education included balancing their academic load, family responsibilities, and work commitments. Their advice for siblings considering being in the same nursing program is to “Go for it! Take pride in what you...do as an individual and feel proud that you are being successful right along with your sibling.”



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!