

Alumni *Connections*



Lancaster General
College of Nursing
& Health Sciences



This has been an unprecedented year for the Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences – perhaps one of the single most important periods in our history. Just one year ago, we received approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to award baccalaureate degrees. Today I am happy to report that during this past academic year we enrolled students into the first of our three baccalaureate degrees – the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. As of fall 2010, over 100 registered nurses will be pursuing their BSN with us! And this good news continues as we have enrolled students to begin as the first cohorts in our Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and our Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration programs. Both programs are slated to begin during the 2010-2011 academic year.

However, the news about our College doesn't rest with our baccalaureate programs. On May 21, 2010, over 250 men and women received associate degrees and certificates from our nursing and health sciences programs. In addition, this academic year witnessed the start of yet another new associate degree program in Respiratory Care. I am also proud to announce that we have received approval from the Pennsylvania

Department of Education to begin a new associate degree program in Cardiac Electrophysiology. This program, already accredited by the Joint Review Committee, will be the first of its kind in the nation! Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff, our College continues to be recognized for its commitment to the education of healthcare providers. While some colleges are now contemplating the closure of their healthcare programs in response to the economic times and the expense of running such programs, Lancaster General College remains focused on its mission and will strive to continue to educate healthcare professionals for the future.

Our hallowed halls have been filled with more than just students, however. Many of our alumni have returned to their alma mater to take a trip down memory lane and to see first-hand all that has been happening at the College. I encourage each of you to remain connected to us – stop by and visit. You'll be surprised at what you see. Our alumni are proud examples of all that is accomplished here. The legacy that began over 100 years ago is as solid and vibrant as ever.

I thank you for your continued support and promise that as we continue to grow we will forever remain rooted in our history.

Sincerely,

Mary Grace Simcox, EdD, RN
President

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Dancing for Dreams

*Featured College President, Dr. Mary Grace Simcox
Highlighting Signature Fundraising Event*

Community leaders were paired with professional ballroom dancers for an entertaining evening of dinner and dancing when Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences presented *Dancing for Dreams* on Saturday, April 17.

The black-tie optional event began with a 5:30 p.m. reception, followed by a gourmet dinner and ended with social dancing from 10:00 p.m. to midnight with featured music by the Bob Troxell Big, Big Jazz Band. Among this year's star couples were LG College President Mary Grace Simcox, Ph.D., and Oscar Restrepo from *Moonlight Ballroom*.

"I never thought I would find myself on stage doing ballroom dancing," said Dr. Simcox. "It's been such fun. Since the evening is for a worthwhile cause to continue our mission of educating future healthcare professionals, I won't mind laughing at myself."

Other star couples that performed were: ABC27 News Anchor Valerie Pritchett with Tony Kempf, Camelot Dance Studio; Betty Beeman, RN, LG Health Wellness Center with Kenneth Wilson of *Ballroom on the Square*; Timothy Lapp, co-owner and CEO of Lapp Electric with Rebecca Gentry, *Moonlight Ballroom*; Rusty Long, DMD, Executive Director, Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic with Barbara Snyder, *Ballroom on the Square*; and Marshall W. Snively, Vice-President, James Street Improvement District, with Jennifer Olsen, *Pulse Dance Studio*.



Dr. Mary Grace Simcox with dance professional Oscar Restrepo

Dr. Simcox said the event is a win-win for everyone; bringing the community and everyone at the college together to help raise money to help fulfill the students' dreams. "The community dancers have been great, enthusiastic, and committed to making this event spectacular," she added. "And the professional dancers bring their expertise and love of dance to the audience."

Over the past few months each of the "stars" and their professional partners designed and rehearsed personalized ballroom dance routines to showcase as part of the evening's dance performance.

Dancing for Dreams supports the LG College of Nursing & Health Sciences programs and scholarships.



Students perform for our guests



Guests enjoy jazz music and fine dining before the show

Enrollment Updates



Interest in the college is at an all time high. College Open House programs continue to be very popular and, in addition to Pennsylvania, this year's visitors have traveled from Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia to learn more about our College. An additional 660 visitors have visited our College by scheduling individual appointments in our Office of Admission. Applications for admission to the College have increased 77 percent since 2005, and the number continues to grow.

Total student enrollment stood at 455 in 2005-06 and today it stands at 927, representing an increase of 104 percent.

In addition to an excellent enrollment growth, Lancaster General College boasts a graduation rate of 80 percent, a retention rate of 90 percent, a pass rate on all licensure/registry exams of 94-100 percent, and a job placement rate of 95-100 percent.

Presently there are close to 5,000 alumni serving far and wide in challenging positions and working to improve the lives of many.

Profile of Enrolled Student

18%	are male
82%	are female
38%	are under age 25
51%	live in Lancaster County
48%	are from surrounding counties
1%	are from out-of-state
9%	are minority students

From the Development Office

As the end of our academic year draws to a close, we reflect on the incredibly eventful year it has been. The alumni newsletter highlights the past year's activities, and optimistically will entice you to return to your school for the Alumni Reunion, September 18, 2010. Classes ending in 0 or 5, this is your particular year to commemorate your reunion. You will take pleasure in college classroom tours and demonstrations, a room overflowing with year-books and photographs to relive your memories, a delicious lunch prepared by a noted local chef, and to hear the state of the college address by our very own president, Dr. Mary Grace Simcox. This event is not to be missed.

As you reflect on your time here, keep in mind that there are ways to give back to the school that gave you your education. We encourage you to consider joining our Legacy Society by remembering the college in your estate plans. Presently there are 15 members that are honored with a gold charm engraved with the Legacy Society logo and members are acknowledged at a special dinner every fall. We are also establishing a plaque that will contain a listing of this elite group.

The most gratifying part of my job is to travel to meet alumni of this institution. I have made two trips to Florida thus far and will make plans to "get on the road again" this fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet you and hear your educational and personal experiences while you were a student. With over 5,000 alumni I may not get to see all of you, but I will work my way around!



Until then, please come and see us and your school. You will be awed by the programs, the personnel, the students, and the opportunities that are housed in this facility. We welcome you anytime!

Warm regards,

Missy Anderson
Sr. Development Officer
Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Update on **Baccalaureate Programs**

In 2009, Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences received approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to award baccalaureate degrees. The RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) and Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration (BSHA) programs are the first three programs to be offered. The first cohorts of the RN to BSN program began in the Fall 2009 semester. The first cohorts for the BSHS and BSHA programs will begin in the Fall 2010 semester.

The RN to BSN program allows registered nurses practicing in healthcare to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The program offers students the opportunity to enhance knowledge of scientific advances, healthcare issues, and nursing research. The curriculum is designed to advance the student's critical thinking skills, communication skills, theoretical knowledge and professional development. The BSN degree prepares the graduate to assume leadership positions in nursing care and management.

The BSHS program is designed to provide graduates of an allied health program of study such as radiology, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, cardiovascular technology, surgical technology, etc. the opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree. A BS in Health Sciences degree prepares the graduate for advanced clinical practice and/or leadership and management roles within the professional discipline. The program offers practicing health care professionals the opportunity to pursue either a clinical management track or an advanced clinical practice track.

Both the RN to BSN and the BSHS programs are designed in such a way to permit the students to graduate in approximately two years. Exact length of time for the program is dependent upon credits earned through previous college courses and completion of general education requirements. The courses offered in the RN to BSN and the BSHS programs are taught in an **accelerated format**, designed to meet the needs of the practicing professional who has work, family, and other commitments. Classes meet once per week on a year-round basis.

The BSHA program is a baccalaureate program that

provides students with the knowledge and skills to lead within a healthcare system. The focus of the program is to offer students an opportunity to enhance their knowledge in leadership, contemporary issues in healthcare and business management. A baccalaureate degree prepares the graduate to assume leadership positions in hospital, ambulatory care, long term care and community health. The program is offered in an **accelerated/blended** manner similar to the accelerated RN to BSN and BSHS programs. In the accelerated/blended program, designed for working adults, students may choose to attend classes two nights a week, and take up to four classes per semester. The program is designed in such a way that students with no previous college credits should be able to graduate in approximately four years, however exact length of time for the program is dependent upon credits earned through previous college courses and completion of general education requirements.

Lancaster General Health employees who are pursuing a BS degree at Lancaster General College are eligible for up to 90% tuition reimbursement for those undergraduate courses, up to 26 credits per calendar year. LG employees must meet the requirements for eligibility as outlined in the Tuition Reimbursement policy. Beginning with the Fall, 2010 semester, employees who qualify to receive tuition reimbursement through LG Health will be required to pay only 10% of the bill by the due date each semester. Students are required to pay the remainder of the bill immediately upon receipt of tuition reimbursement from LGH.

As an added incentive, applications for the Fall, 2010 cohorts of either the BSHS or BSHA programs that are received between April 1st and August 1st, 2010 will have both the application fee and the enrollment fees waived. This is a savings of \$460 and is applicable for the Fall 2010 applicants only.

The Chair of the RN to BSN program is Dr. Jean Hershey. She can be reached at jlhershe@lancastergeneralcollege.edu or via her direct line at 717-544-7591. The Chair of the BSHS and BSHA programs is Dr. Karen Dielmann who can be reached at kdielmann2@lancastergeneralcollege.edu or at 717-544-1278.

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

As many of you know, the Lancaster General College Alumni Association has undergone tremendous change in the last two years. Our dedicated board members have been diligently working on a variety of items:

- Develop a charter with inclusive language for all graduates of the College.
- Build meaningful relationships with College faculty and administration.
- Engage students with the Alumni Association.
- Reinstitute awarding scholarships to Alumni members and students of the College.
- Develop an all College reunion weekend.
- Develop and maintain meaningful ceremonies.

Some of our goals have been more difficult to achieve than others; but, with the dedicated effort of our board, we will accomplish our agenda. I am happy to report on the status of many goals.

The Charter is completed. The charter replaces the Alumni Association's by-laws and will serve as the framework for the Alumni Association. We have been careful to make pathways for all alumni to be welcomed. In addition, our newly formed advisory board will aid the Alumni Association with matters directly related with the College; therefore, the Alumni Association will be more informed and connected with current students. We expect to present the full Charter at our fall dinner meeting on October 5, 2010. The event will be held at Brethren Village at 6:00 p.m. Please visit lancastergeneralcollege.edu for further information.

The College Alumni Association has begun to collect dues after a two year hiatus. During the restructuring period, the Alumni Association carefully examined the necessity to collect dues. The board determined dues were essential so that we can continue to provide information to Alumni members, award scholarship opportunities, and supply financial support for the Alumni Association. As always, the board will attempt to keep costs as low as possible. We have moved towards providing information via the college web site as one method of reducing costs. We will continue to provide one publication per year so that fellow alumni members unable to access electronic media may stay connected to our organization. We hope to award scholarships in our next fiscal year. Thank you to all members who are currently up to date with dues. Without your support, there would not be an Alumni Association.

The culminations of two events have been the highlight of my presidency. Both the all College reunion and the dedication ceremony for the 2010 spring graduating class have left a lasting impression on me. Last fall, the Alumni

Association hosted an all College reunion. Many alumni members chose this event as a reason to have an individual class reunion. We had a fun filled day of tours, story sharing, and delightful fellowship. Due to the tremendous success of this event, we will host another all College reunion on September 18, 2010. If your class is approaching a momentous anniversary, please consider making plans around our event. Many more exciting details will be forthcoming and available on our web site. Whether you graduated 1 month ago or 70 years ago, I hope to see you there.

In addition, the Alumni Association provided a delightful ceremony during our annual spring meeting for the graduating class. During the event, senior students who were able to attend were given a pin box from the Alumni Association along their College pin. Each student held a candle as all attendees including newly inducted life members recited the health care pledge which was derived from the Florence Nightingale pledge. The moving ceremony was meaningful to all. I would like to thank Mary Grace Simcox, President of the College, for her support of this ongoing tradition.

It has been a joy and a learning experience to serve as your president. I would like to extend a special note of thanks to Kristen Loehr, Krista White, Missy Anderson, Barb Conforti, Roxanne Wilson, and Donna Williamson who have dedicated countless hours towards seeing the Alumni Association through a monumental transition. In addition, thank you to all alumni members for your continued support. If you have not been actively involved in the Alumni Association, please consider doing so this year.

In Service,

Leigh-Anne (Young) Drumm
Class of 1987



(Left to Right) Alumni Board Members Krista White '86, Secretary; Leigh-Anne Drumm '87, President; and Kristen Loehr '03, President-Elect.

Alumni Updates

Alumni Connections is published by the Alumni Office of Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

To submit an announcement contact Roxanne Wilson at (717) 544-4939 or rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu

Marriages

2005 Vanessa Presnell May 10, 2008

Births

2006 Laura Pew Macauley and husband Kris welcomed son Aidan Stewart December 28, 2008

1997 Holly Austin Cummings and Robert Cummings Jr. 1998 welcomed daughter Bethany Victoria April 23, 2009

2004 Lee Ann Johnson and husband Andy welcomed daughter Maci May 16, 2009

Deaths

1938 Violet Smith Jones Sharkey October 2008

1939 Yvonne Wiker Rohrbaugh November 29, 2009

1943 Betty Shearer January 15, 2009

1943 Dorothy Whitmore Deichman March 16, 2009

1944 Frances Grubb Sheppard December 26, 2009

1945 Evelyn Getz Gainer May 24, 2010

1947 Nancy Becker July 11, 2009

1947 Jean Hess Weidler 2008

1947 Marion Withers Fry November 11, 2008

1948 Dorothy Bean Groh November 28, 2009

1949 Suzann Shelly April 14, 2009

1949 Dorothy Uhrich Erb December 5, 2009

1950 Isabelle Bumbaugh May 9, 2009

1950 Barbara Rudisill Lease February 27, 2009

1951 Ruth E. Kennel February 9, 2009

1956 Dorothy Dick Groff March 27, 2009

1957 Donna Gilbert Dunaway November 25, 2008

1958 Kay Acosta Kneezle November 2009

1973 Sharon Anthony Hartzell January 17, 2010

1993 Theresa DeLuca Baron October 12, 2009

Condolences

1938 Thelma Hershey Kauffman death of husband Chester September 19, 2008

1948 Ruth Hess Miller death of husband Eli July 7, 2008

1949 Nancy Herr Horn death of husband Richard November 26, 2009

1950 Janice Weaver Lehman death of husband Curtis February 22, 2009

1954 Joan Cameron death of son Thomas Jr. May 6, 2010

1956 Mary Bruckart Lilly death of husband Bill August 16, 2009

College Faculty Alumni Recognition

1986 Krista Weir White successfully defended her research proposal and became a PhD Candidate – PhD (C) April 2010



Krista Weir White '86, receives the Flory Doctoral Nursing Scholarship from Dr. Simcox.

Dues

Thank you to all who have paid your 2010 Dues. To date we have received \$6,255 from 415 alumni. We appreciate your continued support! If you haven't sent your \$15.00 dues payment, it's not too late! You may pay by mail: Lancaster General College Alumni Association, 410 N. Lime Street, Lancaster PA 17602. Also, we are now offering an on-line payment through our college website: www.lancastergeneralcollege.edu. Click on Alumni and Friends tab. If you haven't received your Dues Notice, please contact Roxanne Wilson at 717-544-4939 or rlwilson@lancastergeneralcollege.edu

Congratulations to our New Life Members

(Members who have paid dues for 35 years)

1945 Mabert Carter Mellinger

1946 Betty Lou Dussinger Mull

1946 Esther Engle Steinbrecher

1947 Betty Kilhefner Gockley

1953 Joyce Wade Hodge

1955 Paula Good Kurtz

1956 June Albright Steller

1956 Rebecca R. Herr

1957 Virginia Wittick Zimmerman



Alumni President Leigh-Anne Drumm honoring new Life Member, Beverly Palm Maharg.

- 1962 Ruth Ann Arehart Frey
- 1962 Doris Garner Lownsbey
- 1963 Lorraine M. Hess
- 1966 Cheryl Kegel McCowan
- 1971 Lorraine Reitz Allen
- 1971 Judith Weaver Quireyns
- 1972 Marlene Yoder Burkholder
- 1973 Gail Long Goss
- 1973 Beverly Palm Maharg
- 1973 Sonia Stauffer Flinchbaugh

Class of 2010 Recognition Ceremony

We honored our 2010 Graduating Class at our Annual Spring Meeting held at the College on May 12th. It was a very special evening where the graduates were presented their College pin in a glass keepsake box and recited a health care pledge during a candle lit ceremony. Light refreshments were served and the new grads had the opportunity to mingle with their colleagues and network with previous graduates. You may view this memorable event on our College website under the Alumni & Friends tab.



Del-Rae Rice '10 receives her graduation pin.



Students gathering for pinning presentation.



Past presidents, Connie Metzler '87 and Cyndy Reber Wright '98.



Students and faculty enjoying recognition ceremony.



Students eagerly awaiting to graduate.

Reunion Day 2009



Roxanne Wilson welcomes alumni to Reunion Day 2009.



Marian Campbell '44 shows yearbook to Leigh-Anne Drumm.



(Left to Right) Class of 1949 alumni Bonnie Glatfelter, Eleanor Lokey, Marian Snavely, and Mildred Tarburton.



"Smile for the Camera!"



Dean of Nursing Cheryl Grab '77, 2nd from left, gathers with alumni friends.

Reunion Day 2009 Continued



Roxanne Wilson and Missy Anderson with Alumni Reunion cake.



Jean Hershey '79 reviewing RN-BSN Program with Mary Beth Helsel '90.



Surgical Technology Instructor Connie Corrigan, discusses techniques.



Simulation Director Joe Corvino with returning alumni.



(Left to Right) Donna Williamson, V.P. and Mary Grace Simcox, President, greet alumni.



Alumni learning about Respiratory Care from Instructor David Zobeck.

Class Photos 2009



Jennie Baker - Class of 1930 celebrating her 100th birthday, September 2009.



Class of 1960 celebrates 50th year reunion, May 19, 2010.



Ruth Henderson - Class of 1947 visits college.



Class of 1984 celebrates 25th reunion, November 21, 2009.



The Class of 1957 held a Mid-Year reunion luncheon on May 8, 2010. 15 classmates attended the luncheon. It was an enjoyable afternoon with lots of shared memories and catching up with what everyone has been doing.

Seated L to R: Barbara Graybill Hess, Mary Carolyn Boyd Kresge, Barbara Arbuckle Ensley, Barbara Ankney Balmer, Betty Kimmel Huntzinger, Sarah Risser.

Standing: Judith Kopp Nonnenmocher, Marie Keener Riehl, Charlotte Shenk Myers, Janet Fuss Ihle,, Joan Reist Gibbel, Nora Sweigart Good, Shirley Reed Muellen, Rosemary Lerbscher Heisey, Doris Kreider Horst.

Commencement 2010



College Faculty.

Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences held its graduation ceremony for 250 students on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, John Barley Multipurpose Center, 750 East King Street, Lancaster, PA.

The graduation speaker was: Dr. Lawrence I. Bonchek, Vice-Chair of Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences' Board of Trustees and Editor in Chief of The Journal of Lancaster General Hospital and founder and retired director of the cardiothoracic surgery program at Lancaster General Health. The student speaker was Yolanda Moul, nursing student.



Graduation award winners.



Excited graduate.



President Simcox addresses graduates.



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Reunion Day 2010
Saturday, September 18, 2010
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9:30 - 11:30	Tours
11:30 - Noon	Class Photos
Noon - 1:00	Luncheon
1:00 - 1:30	State of College Address
1:30 - 2:00	Pillars of Excellence

Invitations to follow

Fall Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
at Brethren Village, Lititz, PA

6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Meeting

*Please contact Roxanne Wilson
to make your dinner reservation.*

Please Remember



Roxanne Wilson

- To advise us if your name, address or phone number has changed.
- To submit any announcement you would like to have published.
- You may reach our Alumni Coordinator, Roxanne Wilson, by phone (717) 544-4939; by mail, 410 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602; or email, rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu
- Gifts to College – Missy Anderson, Senior Development Officer, (717) 544-5236, email, ma002@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu.