

# Alumni Connections

Nurses Alumni Association

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## From the President's Desk

### Dear Colleagues,

Autumn weather...it always makes me feel invigorated again after the long, hot days of summer—does it make you feel like that too? And there is a lot to feel invigorated about considering the many things the Nurses Alumni Association has been involved with during these past six months.



A check for \$10,000, which was pledged earlier this year for the College's Clinical Simulation Lab, was presented to College President Mary Grace Simcox and the College from the Association. Everyone is very excited about the learning opportunities and experiences that will await both present and future students!

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*Roxanne Wilson (right) presents College President Mary Grace Simcox, EdD, with a check for \$10,000 for the Clinical Simulation Lab. The check was presented on behalf of the nurses Alumni Association.*



Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences



## *Nurses Alumni Association Officers*

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'87

### **Recording Secretary**

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### **Nominating Committee**

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# *Congratulations to our May/June 2006 Nursing Graduates*

Alexis S. Abeln  
Nikki M. Althouse  
Amy S. Arms  
Pamela R. Baer  
Carmen M. Beard  
Kathy L. Becker  
Tara N. Bomberger  
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Elisabeth N. Frank  
Katrina J. Getz  
Cathleen A. Girven  
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Heather A. Markley  
Jenna L. Martin  
Jennifer A. Martin  
Katie E. Martin  
Susan K. McFalls  
A. Elizabeth Mentzer  
Rhonda L. Mertz  
Melissa A. Meshey  
Emily J. Miller  
Suzanne J. Miller  
Alana M. Moran  
Christine Murray

Heidi A. Neff  
Angela M. Negri  
Sarah E. O'Dean  
Kara L. W. O'Hara  
Daniel L. Ort  
Susan R. Osborne  
Charity L. Peltzer  
Sylvia L. Rios  
Kevin A. Rupp  
Mandy M. Sadosky  
Emily J. Smith  
Elizabeth A. Snyder  
Jessica L. Springer  
Katrina L. Staherski  
Shanna L. Usner  
Jodi L. Watts  
Kathryn L. Wilson



*College President Mary Grace Simcox (left) and Hospital President Thomas Beeman (right) both participated in the evening's ceremonies.*

## Awards & Scholarships

Carmen Beard – *Adult Health Nursing Award*  
Allison Carbo – *Community Health Nursing Award*  
Jennifer Martin – *Alice G. Enck Trauma/Neuro Award*  
Emily Miller – *Gerontological and Oncology Awards*  
Laura Graver – *Lancaster General Nurses Alumni Association Award*  
A. Elizabeth Mentzer – *LG Nurses Alumni Association Continuing Education Scholarship*  
Katrina Staherski – *Leadership Award*

Alexis Abeln – *Beatrice Lilley Memorial Award*  
Angela Negri – *Judith A. Hibel Pediatric Award*  
Katrina Getz – *Alice G. Enck Valedictorian, Highest Achievement and Maternal/Child Health Nursing Awards*  
Sherry Glenn – *Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Award*  
Amy Arms – *Class of 1997 Award*  
Jessica Eyler – *Florence Nightingale Award*



*Nursing graduate Katrina Getz received the Alice G. Enck Valedictorian Award for Highest Academic Achievement and the Maternal/Child Health Nursing Award.*

*Award winners from all of the College programs of study, including Nursing, gathered together to celebrate their achievements.*

# Alumni Updates

To submit an announcement or advise us of a name or address change, contact Roxanne Wilson at (717) 544-4939 or [rlwilson@LancasterGeneral.org](mailto:rlwilson@LancasterGeneral.org)

## Marriages

1995

Jennifer Gorin married  
Andrew Howell 12/31/05

1998

Cynthia Reber married  
Francois Wright 6/10/06

## Deaths

1931

Sara Brillhart  
(notified 4/2006)

1939

Gladys Langford  
8/4/06

1940

Ruth Hernley Rohrer  
6/8/06  
Memorial contribution given  
by her classmates

1940

Bernice Watts  
(notified 4/2006)  
Memorial contribution given  
by her classmates

1948

Carolyn Bryson  
4/2/06

1951

Nancy Muench Curry  
4/12/06

1993

Christine Hershey Gough  
5/13/04

### Correction:

Doris Dean Hitch died  
8/26/05. In the last newsletter,  
her graduation date was  
incorrectly listed as 1925 when  
it should have been 1936.

## Condolences To

1927

Elsie Harvey Brackbill on the  
death of her husband, Francis  
12/5/05

1944

Mary Aukamp Cunningham  
on the death of her sister,  
Jane Arnold  
1/12/06

1950

Anna M. Landis on the death  
of her husband, I. Marvin  
1/15/06

1957

Hilda Miller Eshleman on the  
death of her husband  
5/7/06

## Reunions

1961 Saturday, Sept. 16,  
1 p.m., Olde Greenfield Inn,  
Lancaster. Contact Norma  
Halstead,  
(717) 393-8328.

*The class of 1940* held their  
annual reunion on May 25  
with lunch at Fieldcrest,  
Brethren Village. Attending:  
Polly Hess Curry, Hershey;  
Lela Reed Hartman, Calvary  
Fellowship Homes; Miriam  
Keneagy, Brethren Village;  
Ruth McGee Landis, Brethren  
Village; Kitty DeSilva Levan,  
Landis Homes; Mildred Eby  
McGuigan, Landis Homes;  
Ruth Hernley Rohrer, Brethren  
Village. Mary Rusen Comly of  
Seaford, Delaware, was unable  
to attend. Also attending were  
Jim Levan and Bud Curry.

College Website

Please check out our website at [LancasterGeneralCollege.org](http://LancasterGeneralCollege.org) or at the [LancasterGeneral.org](http://LancasterGeneral.org) website, click on College, then Alumni.

# Destiny Defined

## *College Earns Middle States Accreditation*

Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences recently received accreditation from Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). MSCHE is a recognized leader in promoting and ensuring quality assurance and improvement in higher education.

Middle States Accreditation provides assurance to the general public that Lancaster General College is committed to quality and integrity. Accreditation also means College students are eligible to participate in the Student Assistance Programs in Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

Established in 1919, MSCHE evaluates degree-granting institutions of higher education based on standards developed by members. It accredits educational institutions within the mid-Atlantic region. MSCHE is a voluntary, non-governmental, peer-based association dedicated to educational excellence and improvement.

Accredited colleges agree to follow the 14 MSCHE standards and actively pursue improvement. The extent to which each educational

institution accepts and fulfills the responsibilities inherent in this process is a measure of its concern for freedom and quality in higher education and of its commitment to strive for and achieve excellence in its endeavors.

To become accredited, Lancaster General College underwent an extensive self-study as well as a comprehensive peer review. During the review, MSCHE evaluators visited the College, examined its overall

performance and interviewed both students and faculty.

Based upon the results of an institutional review by a team of peers assigned by the Commission, accreditation attests to the judgment of the Commission that an institution has met the following criteria:

- that it has a mission appropriate to higher education;

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*Pursuing Middle States Accreditation was a total team effort. Members of the College team celebrate the accomplishment.*

# The Spirit of Philanthropy

*The world's second-wealthiest man, Warren Buffett, will give away the bulk of his \$44 billion fortune in an extraordinary charity deal with Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft.*

*... Mr. Buffett will begin to transfer stock in Hathaway to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the world's largest philanthropic organization. It funds the international fight against diseases such as malaria, Aids and tuberculosis.*

We all have heard the news of the extraordinary generosity of Warren Buffett. While some may think of this as just another one of those things that “others” do, we can all learn from the tremendous generosity of Mr. Buffet. Recent reports show that charitable giving by individuals makes up more than 76% of the \$260 billion dollars given to charities in 2005 and has risen more than 6.4% in the past year. Truly every gift to every organization in our community is a blessing.

So what does this mean to you? Just as Mr. Buffet has supported causes he believes in, we hope that as Lancaster General Alumni you will do the same—by investing in the education of our community's future health-care workers. In October you will receive the Lancaster General College Annual Giving Campaign and some of you may also hear from our students who will be calling in the hope that you will consider a gift to the College. The College annual

appeal funds the educational resources, scholarship support and special projects that directly benefit students. As alumni, you know that Lancaster General College graduates make a difference, from performing lifesaving procedures to offering a smile and a special touch to someone in need. Our graduates have a tremendous responsibility ahead of them as they pursue a future that will challenge them to provide the very best health-care to the Lancaster Community and beyond. Though none of us may be able to match the dollars given by Mr. Buffet, we can strive to capture that same spirit of philanthropy and make a difference in the lives of the students at Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

For more information on giving opportunities at the College, please contact Margie Lamberson, Senior Development Officer, at (717) 544-5236 or [mmlamber@LancasterGeneral.org](mailto:mmlamber@LancasterGeneral.org)

## Hope to See You

**Homecoming Event**  
**Saturday, September 16, 2006**

**Open House** at Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Reunite with faculty, classmates and friends and meet current students. Tour the College and view demonstrations of our new, state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Laboratory—the only one of its kind in the county.

# Congratulations to our new 2006 Life Members

*(Members who have paid dues for 35 years)*

Anna Mary Rohrer Huss '34  
Gloria Seiverling Grube '47  
Betty Jane Kauffman Walker '48  
Barbara Husson Oeschger '48  
Marilyn Zwalley Porter '52  
Marian Patton Hough '53  
Beverly Autland Wimer '54  
Margaret Sherr Hart '54

Deanna Faddis Miller '58  
Alice Bohr Fidler '59  
Naomi Bechtold '60  
Audrey Kissinger Kauffman '62  
Margaret Roth Huber '63  
Kathleen Campbell Wilson '65  
Sharon Hoffmeier Garber '67  
Cheryl Herr Knepper '67

Linda Parmer Sperry '68  
Esther Nussbaum Walthour '69  
Charlotte Bailey Boyer '69  
Ruth Ritter Overdorf '70  
Constance Simmons '71  
Cindy Mattern '71

## Quilt Raffle

A queen-sized quilt in the “Double Wedding Ring” style has been generously donated by Emma Witmer of Witmer Quilts in New Holland.

The quilt is hand-signed with a cream background. The rings are in various colors, including navy and maroon. It's truly beautiful!

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are included in this newsletter.

Please send the ticket stub(s) and remittance to the Lancaster General Nurses Alumni Association, 410 N. Lime St., Lancaster, PA 17602 by November 30. We will send the quilt to any location within the United States.

Thank you for your support.



# Thank You

## *To Our Cakeless Cake Sale Contributors*

Joanne McLaughlin Bailes '53	Nancy Rakes Groff '67	Geraldine Poff Price '50
Jennie Baker '30	Jane Harvey '52	Pamela Reth '88
Twila Amey Baker '59	Barbara Hawkey '71	Betty Sowers Rice '54
Ruth Kauffman Barnhart '56	Anna Gilbert Herr '44	Mary Jane Risk '37
Vivian E. Bauder '56	Sandra L. Hess '62	Margaret A. Rohrer '62
Nancy Becker '47	Doris Nies Hocking '49	Rachel Brubaker Royer '53
Debra Bigler '89	Joyce Wade Hodge '53	Gladys McGinnis Rutt '48
Patricia Gible Boyer '54	Vivian Irwin Hohman '68	Denise Sensenig '76
Audrey Sensenig Boyles '58	Patricia A. Homan '55	Francis Grubb Sheppard '44
Lavinia Brackbill '53	Rosemarie Inners '70	Audrey Steffy Slater '55
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Carol Shaibley Diehl '65	Mildred Eby McGuigan '40	Sherry Watson '76
Joanne Drybred Duke '61	Mabert Carter Mellinger '45	Dorothy Pfautz Wenger '44
Ashley Edwards '98	Glenda LaMotte Miller '73	Krista White '86
Helen A. Eshbach '50	Brenda Baker Milligan '94	Beverly Wimer '54
Bernice Kreutz Gerhart '46	Shirley A. Muellen '57	Shirley Mentzer Wolbach '56
Joan Gibbel '57	Margaret Reinhardt Myers '48	Christine Young '51
Connie Gingerich '2003	Betty Andrews Peckman '48	Virginia Wittick Zimmerman '57
Bonnie Glatfelter '49	M. Judith Sherr Peffley '65	
Betty Jane Gochnauer '51	Marilyn Zwally Porter '52	

### *Soccer Team Anyone?*

Dues-paying members of the Alumni Association are eligible to play on the Lancaster General College Women's Soccer team, which began in spring 2006. The team plays both fall and spring seasons. For more information, see the Women's Soccer web page at [www.lancastergeneral.org/content/womens\\_soccer.asp](http://www.lancastergeneral.org/content/womens_soccer.asp).

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## *From the* President's Desk

At our May 2 meeting, the new nursing graduates were presented with the traditional Nightingale lamps and recited, for the first time, the Nightingale pledge along with those alumni that were present. We also honored 24 new life members, two of whom were in attendance. Congratulations to Sharon Garber, Naomi Bechtold and all the other life members. College President Mary Grace Simcox, EdD gave the alumni and graduates an update on the College—the Middle States Accreditation is complete and the College has been approved! Program growth is slated to grow by approximately 138% over the next three years—now THAT is invigorating! Our speaker for the evening, Dr. Scott Deron, presented a motivating talk on how “forward-looking attitude” can positively affect both the outcomes of patient as well as their health provider. All in all, a wonderfully inspiring night.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these two upcoming events—the College reunion on Saturday, September 16 (including tours during the day of the new Lab and a Barnstormers baseball game at night), and the annual Fall dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 3. At the time of this writing, our speaker is scheduled to be Jeanette Rice, who will talk about her mission trip to Nigeria. You won't want to miss these events!

And to close, a heartfelt invitation from myself and the entire Board of Directors—to all the new and older alumni alike—please come and join us for any and all of our upcoming events. We are here for you—we are your organization and want to hear your ideas and thoughts. Feel free to contact me or any other board member through the Alumni office.

Now, do you feel invigorated? Then come and join us – see you there!!!

**Sincerely,**

Cynthia Wright, *Class of 1998*

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## Destiny Defined

- that it is guided by well-defined and appropriate goals, including goals for student learning;
- that it has established conditions and procedures under which its mission and goals can be realized;
- that it assesses both institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes, and uses the results for improvement;
- that it is accomplishing its mission and goals substantially;
- that it is so organized, staffed, and supported that it can be expected to continue to accomplish its mission and goals;
- that it meets the eligibility requirements and standards of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

More about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education can be found on the Web at [www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org). More about the Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences can be found at [www.LancasterGeneralCollege.org](http://www.LancasterGeneralCollege.org).

## Meeting Dates

- Board Meeting:  
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
- Spring Meeting:  
Tuesday, May 1, 2007
- Board Meeting:  
Tuesday, August 7, 2007
- Fall Dinner Meeting:  
Tuesday, November 6, 2007
- Please contact the Alumni Office at (717) 544-4939 if you would like transportation to our meetings or if you require special seating or parking arrangements.

## Please Remember

- To advise us if your name, address or phone number has changed.
- To submit any announcement you would like to have published.
- Life members are members who have paid dues for 35 years. We will notify you once you have achieved this.
- Honorariums and Memorials may be designated anytime you wish to make a donation.
- You may reach our Alumni Coordinator, Roxanne Wilson, by phone (717) 544-4939; mail, 410 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602; or e-mail, [rlwilson@LancasterGeneral.org](mailto:rlwilson@LancasterGeneral.org)

# Fall Dinner Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 6 p.m.

**Where:** Brethren Village, Fieldcrest Room

**Menu:** Fresh Fruit Cup, Fresh Tossed Salad, Roasted Turkey with Filling, Steamed Broccoli with Lemon Zest, Glazed Baby Carrots, Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Frosting

**Cost:** \$15

Please call Roxanne Wilson (717) 544-4939 to make your reservations by September 26.

Make checks payable to Lancaster General Nurses Alumni Association.

**Guest Speaker:** Current nursing faculty Jeanette Rice will speak about her recent mission trip to Nigeria. While she was there, she was able to experience some of the culture of this country and saw firsthand how the pandemic of HIV/AIDS is affecting the people of Nigeria. Everyone on her trip was a doctor or a nurse and was involved in serving at a healthcare facility, including the Faith Alive Clinic. Jeanette was able to spend a day with a trained staff person from the clinic doing home visits and another morning helped assess and counsel people diagnosed with AIDS. Jeanette also was able to serve in the Vom Hospital in a men's ward. She learned how care is given with limited resources. Payment was always required up front and if people couldn't pay, no medications or procedures could be done, even if the doctors requested them. Jeanette will share how her trip was enlightening and challenging.

**Transportation:** Please contact the Alumni Office if you would like a ride to our meetings. Alumni board members live in various parts of the county and are very willing to provide transportation to those members who no longer like to drive alone or at night.

# Use this Page to let Us know...

... about your new job/promotion, change of address, advanced degrees, birth/adoption or death.

*Please complete and mail to:*

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recent News for Class Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## *RN Alumni Mentor Program*

The Alumni Association would like to support the new nursing students entering the College. We are looking for alumni who are willing to provide emotional support and encouragement to students through phone calls, cards, emails or brief visits. We're hoping to connect new students with knowledgeable RNs who can help them with their questions and concerns. Hopefully, when these students graduate, they will be more likely to become active alumni members and support future students. For details or to become a part of this program, please contact Roxanne Wilson at (717) 544-4939 or rlwilson@LancasterGeneral.org

## *"Pillars of Excellence" Slated for September*

Scholarships are very important to our students. The College will celebrate and acknowledge our student scholarship recipients and the contributors who have established designated scholarship funds at the annual "Pillars of Excellence" event. The afternoon reception will take place Sunday, September 17, 2006. If you would like more information concerning the scholarship fund at Lancaster General College, please contact Margie Lamberson in the Development Office at (717) 544-5236 or mmlamber@LancasterGeneral.org.