



June 2014 e-Newsletter

Pitt Nursing Community Celebrates!

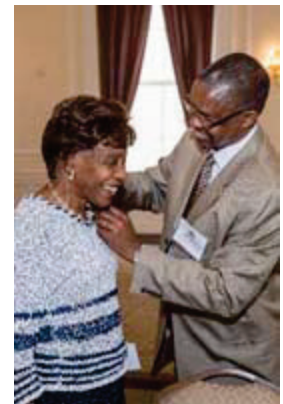


Friday, May 16th was an exciting day...it was the kick-off for to the School's celebration of the 75th anniversary of its founding! Two events provided excitement to alumni from across the country and the events offered the perfect opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the School and its alumni, to recall treasured memories and landmark occasions, and to reconnect with fellow graduates and faculty.

The day started with the "50+" alumni luncheon to recognize those who graduated from the School from 1943 through 1964. We were fortunate to have several alumni from some of the earliest graduating classes in 1945, 1946 and 1947! After lunch, Dean Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob hosted a "re-pinning" ceremony and recognized each graduating class represented. Special tribute was paid to members of the Class of 1961, 15 of whom were in attendance. These alumni are celebrating their 75th birthday in the same year as the School is marking its 75th anniversary!



In the evening, the School hosted a reception for all alumni at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Attendees truly enjoyed sampling hors d'oeuvres, exploring the Center's "Artist of the Year" exhibit, and catching up with friends old and new. Dean Dunbar-Jacob discussed the powerful changes in healthcare, nursing and higher education that impacted the School over 75 years. Additionally, reunion years were recognized for their milestone anniversaries. Smiles and chuckles abounded as the Dean invited guests to remember the highlights of their time at the School, ranging from watching Tony Dorsett win the Heisman to sliding down Lothrop.



The School was so pleased to welcome back a former dean of the School of Nursing, Dr. Marguerite Schaefer During her deanship, the school received funding for the construction of Victoria Building and the nation's first oncology nursing specialist program was introduced. Dr. Schaefer was kind enough to speak at both the luncheon and evening reception: alumni were thrilled to have a chance to reminisce with her.

This isn't the end of the festivities...there will be more events held on October 24, during Homecoming. More details will be coming soon!

School of Nursing Secures Grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust

Dean Dunbar-Jacob is pleased to announce that the School has acquired funding from the Helene Fuld Health Trust. The Trust has committed to a three-year grant of \$650,000 to create the Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in the [Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN program](#). This program enables students or recent graduates from non-nursing degree programs to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree within three consecutive terms.

The Trust is dedicated to supporting and promoting the health, welfare, and education of student nurses with the first priority being financial aid. The Trust establishes endowed scholarships for students at leading nursing schools and other organizations to help the nursing workforce prepare to address the increasingly complex health care environment.

School of Nursing Alumna Named CEO of a National Nursing Association



The School of Nursing congratulates Deborah E. Trautman (MSN '87), PhD, on being appointed Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Dr. Trautman previously held the position of Executive Director of the Center for Health Policy and Healthcare Transformation at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She has also served as the Vice President of Patient Care Services for Howard County General Hospital and as Director of Nursing for Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

This 2007-08 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow contributed to the shape and promotion of the Affordable Care Act legislation; she also worked with the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, then the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, as the national health care debate took place. Dr. Trautman has published extensively on health policy, intimate partner violence, clinical competency, change management, and consolidating ER services.

AACN is a national organization representing 750 institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate nursing education. Best wishes to Dr. Trautman as she takes on this exciting new position.

Pitt Nursing Faculty Wins Prestigious Fulbright Award

Dr. Elizabeth LaRue, PhD, MLS, AHIP, assistant professor, will be travelling to Malawi in September 2014, thanks to her selection for a Fulbright Award. More than 300,000 Fulbright Awards have been bestowed upon individuals who have gone on to win Nobel Prizes, become heads of state and lead some of the world's top universities. The purpose of the program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those in more than 150 participating countries. Dr. LaRue will be creating and teaching introductory nursing informatics courses and seminars as well as developing new tele-conferencing informatics curricula at the University of Malawi Kamuzu College of Nursing. The proposed curriculum will be used to train nursing and midwifery students in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi. Dr. LaRue is the Coordinator for the Nursing Informatics concentration in the MSN program. Kudus to Dr. LaRue!



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