Be A Part of the School’s 75th Anniversary Celebration!
The School of Nursing is 75 years old! Since its founding in 1939, the School has been a leader in the evolution of nursing education, research, and practice. We invite you to join us in celebrating the many accomplishments of the School, its alumni, faculty and students.

On Friday, May 16th, we will gather at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts in Shadyside for a special reception. Come and enjoy this opportunity to reconnect with your classmates, chat with faculty, and learn about the latest achievements of the School. We will pay special tribute those reunion classes with graduation years ending in ‘4’ and ‘9’. You will also appreciate exploring the Center’s “Artist of the Year” exhibit as well as other collections on display. The event, which begins at 6:30 pm, includes hors d’oeuvres, bar, valet parking, and access to all of the Center’s exhibits. Registration is $50 per person.

Be A Part of the Story!
Don’t forget, we’re collecting your memories as part of our 75th anniversary celebrations. Simply submit your recollections about faculty, courses and classmates via this survey!

New Research Grants Awarded to SON Faculty
The School of Nursing has a distinguished record of research. The School is currently ranked fifth in research dollars awarded by the National Institutes of Health and is designated as a Nursing Research Intensive Environment by the National Institute for Nursing Research. Recently awarded grants reflect the breadth of the school’s current research programs.

Willa Doswell, RN, PhD, FAAN, associate professor, successfully sought out a Community Mini-Grant Award from the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Health Equity to support the creation of the “Save-a-Lot Health Ministry -- Choosing Healthy Foods/Kids Cooking School” at the Ethan Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Linda Dudjak, PhD, RN, associate professor, won a grant from the University of Pittsburgh Health Policy Institute for her work, “Attitude and Knowledge of Nurses Regarding Value Based Performance.”

Marilyn Hravnak, PhD, RN, CRNP, BC FCCM, FAAN, professor, along with Robert M. Friedlander, MD, was awarded R01 funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research for the project, “Developing Goal Directed Perfusion Therapy in SAH Neurocardiac Injury.” More information about this project can be found at the NIH-funded projects site.
Mijung Park, PhD, MSN, MPH, RN, assistant professor, received a grant from the Aging Institute of UPMC Senior Services for her project “Feasibility and Acceptability of Adding Family Components to Evidence-Based Collaborative Care Model for Older Adults.” Details about the funded project can be found here.

Further information about the School’s research can be explored at this Web site.

Plan To Attend the Nursing Now Conference
The School of Nursing is pleased to co-sponsor the 2014 Nursing Now Conference, to be held June 16-17 at the University Club on the Pitt campus. Hosted by UPMC, the conference will address the new knowledge and insight nurses will need to successfully navigate today’s complex healthcare environment, focusing on leadership, clinical practice and information technology. Featured speakers include: Dr. Diana Mason, president of the American Academy of Nursing; Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Chief Clinical / Nursing Officer of GetWellNetwork; and Marjorie S. Wiggins, DNP, MBA, RN, FAAN, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer of Maine Health System

Students Participate in Magnet Fair
On March 7, School of Nursing students were part of the story at UPMC Presbyterian’s Magnet Nursing Fair...the fairytale story, that is! The annual event, at which practicing nurses educate each other about a wide range of topics and techniques, was themed around fairytales and Snow White, Alice in Wonderland, and Rapunzel were all in attendance. Students took advantage of this opportunity to visit the dozens of displays of equipment, attend workshop sessions, and to learn how to improve day-to-day practice. Pitt Nursing student, Corrine Borrelli, as well as her preceptor Carol Strunk, can be seen here discussing the different types of Ventricular Assist Devices and demonstrating their uses.

CE Management System Developers Honored for Innovation
The University of Pittsburgh recognized a Pitt Nursing alum and a staff member as “Pitt Innovators” during a special awards ceremony hosted by Chancellor Mark Nordenberg. Anthony Chao (BSN ’12) and presently a master’s student, Ric Fera,(BS ’13) and currently the School’s IT Coordinator, along with another Pitt alum were lauded for their development of a Web-based management system to track and organize CE credits, certifications, clearances, credentials and professional documents for nurses. Pictured here with Chao (second from the right) are the Chancellor, Provost Patricia Beeson, and Arthur Levine, Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences. Congratulations!

Keep Up-To-Date On What’s Happening at the School!
Want to know the latest news about the School’s faculty and students? Simply check www.nursing.pitt.edu for the most current information about our accomplishments. Not sure when Pitt Nursing is hosting an event for alumni? Visit our Events page so you don’t miss any of the fun!