



November 2013 e-Newsletter

More than 70 honored at the 15th Annual Cameos of Caring® Gala!



On November 2nd, nearly 1,300 people gathered at the David Lawrence Convention Center for the 15th Annual Cameos of Caring® Awards Gala. The program recognizes nursing professionals and educators throughout Western Pennsylvania: since its founding, 753 nurses and educators have been recipients of the coveted award. In addition, the program has raised more than \$1 million dollars for a scholarship fund to support the educational advancement of registered nurses. The evening was a fun-filled tribute to the

individual honorees, the facilities which have supported the Cameos of Caring® program for all 15 years, and the scholarship recipients. A silent auction and post-event reception sponsored by UPMC added to the festivities.

Cameos of Caring® honorees practice in a wide range of facilities but wherever they work, these nursing professionals contribute significantly to the quality of patient care, the management of complex healthcare environments, and the science of nursing. For more information about the Cameos of Caring® Program and Gala, please visit this [Web site](#). A complete list of the 2013 honorees is available [here](#).

Congratulations to the following Pitt alumni who were nominated as 2013 Cameos of Caring honorees:

Also, the School was pleased to have a faculty member recognized with the Nurse Educator Award: Dr. Margaret S. Hannan (PhD '07, MSN '01), Assistant Professor.

Mary Lou Bost (PhD '94), Donald H. Bucher (MSN '07), Amber Bugajski (BSN '10), Lori Clark (BSN '94), Leah Vota Cunningham (MNEd '76), Therese M. Dawson (MSN '92), Stefanie DiSilvio (MSN '09, BSN '03), John W. Jones III (MSN '01), Susan E. Moore (MSN '07), and Judith Ann Tinelli (MSN '09)

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Alumna received prestigious Veterans Affairs honor|

Susan E. George, RN, (BSN '74), MPH, NEA-BC, received the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Award for Excellence in Nursing and for the Advancement of Nursing Programs in August 2013. George, who holds the position of Associate Director of Patient Care Services at the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center, was honored during a ceremony at the Veterans Affairs (VA) headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Established in 1984, the VA Secretary's Awards in Nursing Excellence Program recognizes nurses who have demonstrated excellence in delivering patient-driven care to VA patients. Each year, the program honors one VA medical center director, nurse executive, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse and a Nursing Assistant

George was selected for the award based on her years of leadership and innovation within the Veterans Affairs healthcare system. Since 1974, she has held progressively more responsible positions in VA units in Gainesville, Tampa, Richmond, and then the Martinsburg VA Medical Center in West Virginia. At Martinsburg, George created the first nursing service in the Veterans Health Administration and led efforts to have the facility designated as a "Pathway to Excellence" by the American Nurses Credentialing Center – the first facility to win such an honor in West Virginia! On the national level, George helped to develop a computerized surgical documentation tool, which was implemented across the entire VA system; she continues to serve as a resource for facilities regarding the utilization of the documentation package.

This is not the first award bestowed upon George: in 2011, she was recognized with the Nursing Excellence Award for Leadership by the West Virginia Center of Nursing and with the Military Order of the Purple Heart for her contributions

Alumna inducted into NAHC Hall of Fame

Cathy Frasca, RN (BSNEd '60) has been inducted into the National Association for Homecare & Hospice (NAHC) Hall of Fame. NAHC has extended this honor to a select few including Clara Barton, Mother Teresa, and Walter Cronkite. Frasca was selected for this prestigious honor in recognition of her tireless advocacy of home health care in the Pittsburgh region, and for helping to set global standards for home health care programs. In particular, Frasca is known for her creation of the South Hills Health System Home Health Agency in the 1960s: this agency has grown to include 10 hospitals across five counties and has served as a model for similar programs worldwide.

This agency was the first multi-hospital based agency to provide a multidisciplinary team of registered and licensed practical nurses, home health aides, physical therapists, social workers, and speech language pathologists. Frasca's work on the national stage included testifying to Congress about the need to have respiratory and occupational therapy considered as Medicare primary services, and thus eligible for reimbursement. She chaired the National Appropriateness Review Taskforce which introduced official guidelines for home care, and with grant support from the Health Care Financing Administration, Frasca designed a comprehensive training manual for Medicare and Medicaid Home Health Agency surveyors. She has been the recipient of numerous awards including being named a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators, the NAHC's Administrator of the Year, and the Woman of the Year in Health and Human Services by Pittsburgh's YWCA.

1965 Alumna honored as AAN Living Legend; three alums inducted as Fellows!

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) recognized Margaret Shandor Miles (MN '65) as a Living Legend, an honor paid to outstanding nurse leaders for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and health care sustained over the course of their careers. Margaret Miles, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a pioneer in pediatric nursing, having launched the Society of Pediatric Nurses and established early research

programs on the suffering of bereaved parents of critically ill children and mothers of children with HIV. Contemporary educators and clinicians continue to use her research to improve family-centered care..

The AAN paid tribute to Miles and the other 2013 Living Legends at a ceremony held in Washington DC on October 19th as part of the 40th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Academy

At that conference, several School of Nursing alumnae were inducted as Fellows, a prestigious honor in the field of nursing. The Pitt graduates selected for the 2013 Class of Fellows include: Susan Bakewell-Sachs (BSN '79), Beverly Kosmach-Park (MSN '90 & DNP '10) and Rita Secola, (MSN '88). Fellows are selected based on evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care.

School of Nursing Recognizes Outstanding Alumni

The School of Nursing congratulates Lucie Young Kelly (BSN '47, MLIT '57, PhD '65) FAAN on being named a 2013 Legacy Laureate of the University of Pittsburgh. Lucie Young Kelly earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Letters degrees from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing in 1947 and 1957, respectively, and received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the School of Education in 1965. In addition, she holds six honorary doctorates from prominent universities across the country. Legacy Laureate award recipients are graduates of the University of Pittsburgh who have had extraordinary impacts in their fields; the award is one of the most prestigious offered by the University. Dr. Kelly was honored as a Legacy Laureate during Homecoming celebrations held on September 26-27, 2013.

Also during Homecoming 2013, the School of Nursing bestowed honors on several other alumni and friends of the institution. At Convocation on September 27th, the Dean named the recipients of the Honorary Alumni Award, the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. The 2013 recipients are:

Honorary Alumni Award – Mike Clark, WTAE Channel Four News Anchor

Outstanding Young Alumni – Dr. Kelly Wiltse Nicely, BSN, (MSN '05), CRNA, PhD, Assistant Professor of Nurse Anesthesia at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

Distinguished Alumni Award – Dr. Andrea Schmid Mazzocoli, MSN, MBA, (PhD '08), FAAN, the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for the Bon Secours Health System.