



Georgetown Celebrates **National Nurses Week 2017**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
School of Nursing & Health Studies

Happy National Nurses Week 2017 *from Georgetown's Hilltop!*

To celebrate, we asked our nursing alumni to complete one of the following statements:

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to...”

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have...”

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been...”

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is...”

Answers span the decades—from 1953 to the present.

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“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the semester I spent at Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin, Ireland.”

Catherine Joy Goodhue (Manz)
BSN 1985

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is Dr. Allan Angerio and how brilliant he was; he would get up and speak for hours about anatomy and physiology.”

Margaret Aglio Chapman
BSN 1992

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been Dr. Maryanne Lachat’s amazing maternal health classes, as well as Dr. Allan Angerio’s pathophysiology and pharmacology tests.”

Christina Aglio O’Connor
BSN 1991

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the excellence of the faculty and the confidence they instilled in me that I could be just like them.”

Elaine Hughes Andolina
BSN 1973

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the wonderful, dedicated staff of nursing professors; I also remember the exciting clinical experiences throughout various D.C.-area hospitals that I was fortunate enough to learn from.”

Anne Marie Baughn
BSN 1985, MS-Nursing 1993

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to lay the foundation I needed to advance my career as a neonatal nurse practitioner.”

Bette Johnson
BSN 1985

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is that every faculty member emphasized the importance of being a lifelong learner, using critical thinking and being open to the possibility that the solution may come from ‘looking outside the box,’ and always caring for the whole individual: body, mind, and spirit.”

Patricia Bruinooge Conaton
BSN 1968

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the reminder of the impact that we can make on the world through our work as health care providers and that we have the privilege of caring for others when they need us the most.”

Torrie Edwards
MS-Nursing 2014

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to respect and appreciate diversity, not only in health care, but in all aspects of life.”

Jayne (Sullivan) Thomas
BSN 1981

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to retire from full-time nursing in a federal hospital after 27-plus years and be the primary nurse for five years for my mother till her transition into eternity.”

Priscilla Jean Lee Rogers
BSN 1969

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have learned the value of empathetic care to patients and families.”

Milagros Silva
BSN 2004

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to be very proud as I reflect on 64 years of a rewarding and fruitful career.”

HelenMarie Dolton
BSN 1953

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to expand beyond service delivery into health systems and policy realms across the world.”

Kate Dieringer
BSN 2005

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have practiced nursing in the Navy, started my own health care IT consulting company, and have become a trusted advisor at a large database and analytics company—looking forward to the next half of my life as a Hoya for life nurse.”

Kristin Lee McInerney
BSN 1984

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education are the lifelong friendships that I still hold dear—40-plus years later.”

Robyn O’Neill Begley
BSN 1977

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the preparation to pursue a graduate degree in the nursing field.”

Nancy Docktor
BSN 1979

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is learning about a world through classes I never thought would be meaningful later in life—boy was I wrong!”

Jeanne Cunius-Young
BSN 1978

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the Jesuits [teaching] me to think logically and question practices that I did not understand or agree with.”

Carol Holland
BSN 1960

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the fantastic education you provided me!”

Kathleen Dooley Stokes
BSN 1964

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been instilling in me the importance of helping the underserved.”

Ann Cairns Turner
BSN 1983

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been that one day the labor and delivery ward was quiet and I was introduced to nurse anesthesia.”

Sir Arnold Gonzalez
BSN 1998

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is how the Class of 1957 were all friends and helped each other with class notes, particularly in zoology, as well as anatomy and physiology.”

Eleanor Hook Grabeel
BSN 1957

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the amount of pride I feel for being a Georgetown graduate; the education I received at Georgetown has allowed me to be a leader and direct change based on nursing-led protocols.”

Lauren Pappas
BSN 2009

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been Dorothea Orem’s theory of self-care.”

Alma Hornung Edgerly
BSN 1983

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to become nurse manager of the Center for Reproductive Medicine and Infertility at the Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital.”

Paula Cozzarelli Greeley
BSN 1985

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the ability to continuously use the leadership skills I learned to influence patient care and nursing education with confidence and with a strong moral and social justice grounding.”

Maria A. Marconi
MS-Nursing 1985

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to work with architects and engineers across the country to establish ‘Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities’ for architects, engineers, and practitioners participating in new design or building projects.”

Kathleen Michelle Regan Donovan
BSN 1965

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to flourish as a proficient nurse by instilling in me compassion, advocacy, and integrity.”

Katharine Thiemer
BSN 2013, MS-Nursing 2018

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been having ‘Rusty’ for community health nursing; she gave me a love to serve in the community.”

Shirley Heim
BSN 1967

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the Jesuit influence of ‘being of service to others.’”

Francine Pingitore
BSN 1986

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is building lifelong relationships with the people who are changing the world for the better, as we speak.”

Beth Barry
BSN 2008

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been faculty who were student-centered and selected excellent clinical rotations so I was well prepared for Yale’s School of Nursing and a 45-year career as a nursing hospital administrator making significant health care changes in the state.”

Kleia R. Luckner
BSN 1967

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have continued to strive for the best patient care, including the family.”

Laurie Gronowski
BSN 1994

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is document, document, document everything you do!”

Rosemary Zorc Hersey
BSN 1987

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have served as the sole certified registered nurse anesthetist aboard an aircraft carrier, as well as provided anesthesia to our wounded warriors and beneficiary families in military hospitals stateside.”

Thomas O. Matella Jr.
BSN 2004

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to incorporate Jesuit values into my professional practice while promoting nursing education in lower resource communities around the world.”

Patricia DuCharme
BSN 1987

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to excel in providing culturally and socioeconomically sensitive, evidence-based primary care for underserved Native Hawaiian communities in O‘ahu, Hawai‘i.”

Jackson Huang
MS-Nursing 2015

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been Dorothea Orem’s self-care theory of nursing and its application that uniquely focuses on the individual by identifying self-care behaviors and deficits; this consistently helped me plan and execute nursing intervention in a hospital setting.”

Lynne Carry
BSN 1977

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education are cherished memories of challenging academics, enduring friendships, studying hard—but mostly—maturing into a young woman who received a nursing degree from a university that was a trailblazer in baccalaureate education.”

Anna Jane (A.J.) Clark Snoddy
BSN 1960

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the importance of theory in decision-making and practice along with enhancing one’s interpersonal skills with patients and others.”

Peg Howard
BSN 1985

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have appreciated the need, now more than ever, to embody the values of the university; particularly ‘respect,’ ‘social justice,’ and ‘value of the common good.’”

Lauren Reisberg
MS-Nursing 2016

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is the integration of liberal arts and Jesuit ‘core’ courses into our science-based and clinical coursework.”

Jean N. Farley
BSN 1972, DNP 2017

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have sought to focus on social determinants of health in pursuit of care of the ‘whole person.’”

Kate Dieringer
BSN 2005

“As a Georgetown-educated nurse, I have practiced nursing (emergency nursing primarily) for over 50 years and continue using my career and education to serve the homeless community by providing health screening and access to care in Annapolis, Maryland.”

Kathleen Michelle Regan Donovan
BSN 1965

“Being a Georgetown-educated nurse has allowed me to have many career options; I was able to practice nursing, get a business degree, and then work with hospitals in a different capacity—I would not trade my Georgetown BSN for anything!”

Sarah Lesesne Tripodi
BSN 1981

“The most influential element of my Georgetown nursing education has been the positive mentorship from the nursing faculty along with lasting friendships among classmates, which I’ve valued throughout my nursing career in critical care, clinical research, and federal service.”

Caroline Valenzuela Stewart
BSN 1987

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is I went in to learn to go forth and serve, but made some lifelong friends and received an educational experience superior to all others.”

Catrina Richardson
MS-Nursing 2015

“What I remember most about my Georgetown nursing education is my time with my classmates as we met the many challenges we faced in becoming proud Georgetown-educated nurses!”

Barbara Armstrong-Blades
BSN 1960