

Alumni Notes

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Dear Alumni:

Welcome to the spring 2017 edition of *Alumni Notes*. It is always a considerable privilege to share with you highlights of the accomplishments of our alumni community. In this issue, you will be able to catch up, so to speak, with graduates representing the classes of 1960 to 2016.

Although 56 years exist between these classes, a common thread unites them and all those in between—a Catholic, Jesuit education at this exceptional university that inspires a commitment of service to others in a truly global community. Our school's contribution to this work is manifest in our academic programs and in the paths our graduates take after Georgetown.

It is no surprise to me that our alumni are or have been leaders in diverse domains—from the federal government and the military, to health systems and academe. Example organizations help illustrate the point: the National Institute of Nursing Research, the National League for Nursing, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Mary's Center, the U.S. Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, and the American Geophysical Union—to name a few.

Each of you is a cause to celebrate. You bring our mission, vision, and values to life each day. Because of you, these words become alive through impressive and meaningful activity. I hope you will visit us soon. In the meantime, remember that Reunion Weekend (reunion.georgetown.edu) is June 2–4. Among many activities on campus, NHS will host a 50th Reunion pinning ceremony for the nursing Class of 1967 and will welcome all returning classes for an open house. Also, keep up to date with our latest news by visiting nhs.georgetown.edu/news.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Dean

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Three proud Georgetown nursing graduates posed for a photo at the May 2016 Commencement of the University of Rochester School of Nursing, where they serve in administrative leadership roles and together “fondly recall their Georgetown days.” Left to right are **Lydia (Russo) Rotondo (BSN 1981)**, who holds a DNP, **Elaine (Hughes) Andolina (BSN 1973)**, who holds a master’s degree, and **Maria Marconi (MS-Nursing 1985)**, who holds an EdD.

CLASS OF 1960

Barbara Blades (BSN) writes, “St. Mary’s Hall became ‘home’ in 1956 and so many good memories remain as the years have gone by.” In 1971, Barbara received her master’s degree in nursing administration and held executive-level positions. She retired, after 43 years, in 2003. In 1983, she married Calvin Paul Blades, and they live in Lewes, Delaware. She adds, “My nursing is in focus once again as Cal and I have been meeting the challenges of Cal’s Parkinson’s disease. Life is good.”

Carol A. Holland (BSN) earned an MSN from Rutgers University in 1978. After moving to Wyoming, she worked as a community health nurse consultant for the Wyoming State Health Department. Carol served in the Air Force Reserve for 30 years as a flight nurse in the Air National Guard and as an admissions liaison officer for the USAF Academy. She chairs the Wyoming Alumni Admissions Program and serves on Georgetown’s Alumni Admissions Program Advisory Board.

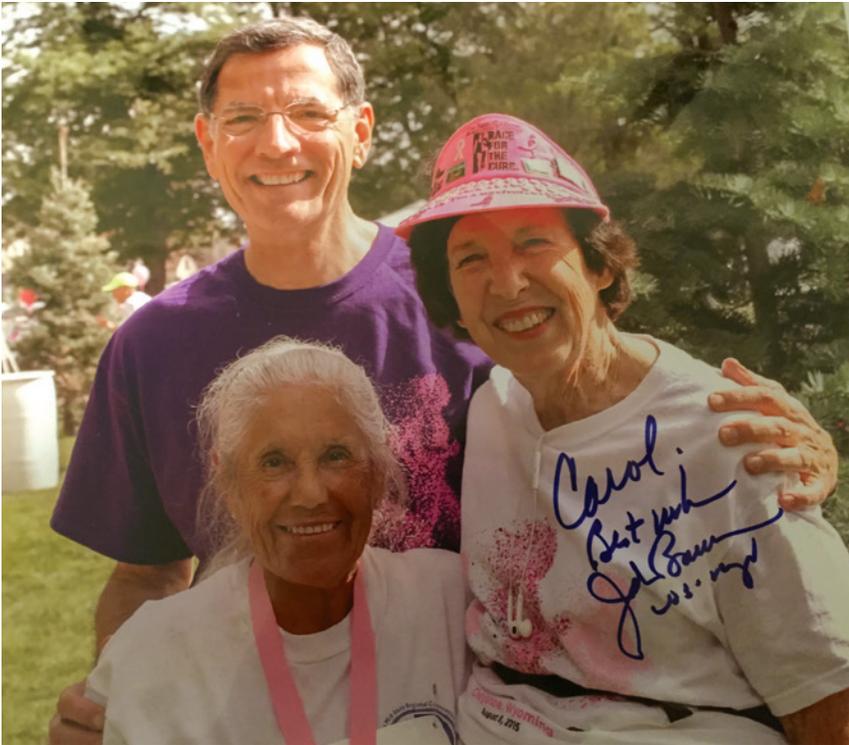
Anna Jane (AJ) Clark Snoddy (BSN) retired after 40 years working in long-term care. She has six children, 10 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She is living in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

CLASS OF 1966

Joyce Fitzpatrick (BSN, Honorary Doctorate 1990), who is an American Academy of Nursing Living Legend, was recognized by the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Foundation. The organization’s research award is now named the ISPN Foundation Joyce Fitzpatrick Psychiatric Nursing Research Award.

CLASS OF 1967

Ellen Canepa Brzytwa (BSN) and her husband John (L’68) are the parents of four young adults and the grandparents to a darling grandchild who lives in Washington, D.C. After



At the 2015 Wyoming Race for the Cure, **Carol A. Holland (BSN 1960)**, pictured standing at right, posed for a photograph with Georgetown double alumnus **Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming) (C'74, M'78)** and her friend Guadalupe Frias.

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Georgetown, Ellen received her MSN at UCSF and MPH at UCLA. She is now a consultant at her eponymous firm working on various health care projects. She founded and led the NHS advisory board and “is looking forward to attending her 50th reunion in June and seeing so many friends.”

Eileen Hoffman (BSN) married her Georgetown sweetheart Peter Hoffman (C'65) and spent 28 years moving around the world as an Army wife. They raised five children and moved 14 times. She also earned a master’s in nursing. After Peter retired from the Army in 1995, they lived in Dallas where she completed an MBA. In 2011, she retired from her position as chief nursing officer and moved to South Carolina. She is “spending retirement traveling, crafting, and enjoying nine grandchildren.”



Eileen Hoffman

CLASS OF 1970

Joan Marie Sullivan (BSN)

earned an MD in 1987 at the University of Tennessee and completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Cincinnati. Joan practiced in Ithaca, New York, between 1991-2011. She also served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the N.Y. Army National Guard. She was on active duty in Iraq with the 42nd Infantry Brigade and in Afghanistan with the 27th Combat Brigade. Joan retired from military service in 2014 and now lives in a large retirement community in central Florida.



Joan Sullivan

CLASS OF 1972

Jean Nelson Farley (BSN, DNP 2017), an assistant professor of professional nursing practice at the School of Nursing & Health Studies, completed Georgetown’s Doctor of Nursing Practice Program in December 2016. She is a member of the program’s inaugural group of graduates who will process at Georgetown’s Commencement this May.

CLASS OF 1982

Cynthia Gelinas Rothman (BSN), after Georgetown, practiced as a nurse in Connecticut and New York. She graduated from law school in 1987 and has practiced in New York City, Miami, and Orlando, primarily in the areas of defense medical malpractice litigation and health care risk management. Cynthia and her husband Roy A. Rothman have two sons, Jack and Brendan. She writes that she “enjoys interviewing prospective Hoyas through the Alumni Admissions Program.”

CLASS OF 1986

Rebecca Garrett Brown (BSN) took on the presidency of the California Certified Nurse-Midwives Association on October 1, 2016. CNMA is the state affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. There are approximately 1,200 certified nurse-midwives in California. She writes, “I am enjoying my new role and continue to work at UCSD Medical Center at our brand new in-hospital birthing center in La Jolla.”

Jean “Jeannie” Bernadette Comlish (BSN) is a captain in the U.S. Navy. Following a successful tour of duty as commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Jeannie returned to the D.C. area as director of the Military Health System Governance Office. She writes, “In this role, I am working closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Defense Health Agency in the complete overhaul of the Department of Defense Healthcare System. I am excited to be back in my hometown.”

CLASS OF 1987

Patricia Connery DuCharme (BSN, Parent 2019) lived overseas for 17 years working as a nurse practitioner for the U.S. State Department’s Regional Medical Offices in Singapore and Hong Kong. Patricia is currently working as a program manager of nursing for RAD-AID International, which supports radiology services and global health education for nurses in low-resource settings. Patricia lives in Summit, New Jersey with her husband and is a Hoya parent with a son in the McDonough School of Business and a daughter who is a sophomore in high school.

CLASS OF 1993

Randolph E. “Randy” Gross (MS-Nursing) successfully defended his dissertation and completed his PhD in nursing science at the CUNY Graduate Center in February 2017. His dissertation was a quantitative one entitled “Warmth & Competence Traits: Perceptions of Female & Male Nurse Stereotypes.” The survey he developed is now in copyright.



Randolph E. Gross

CLASS OF 1994

Amanda Liddle (BSN), a Georgetown faculty member, is the new chair of the District of Columbia Board of Nursing. In March, Liddle was sworn in as a board commissioner by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser. A fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, she is interim chair of the Department of Advanced Nursing Practice at the School of Nursing & Health Studies. Liddle, who earned her diploma in nursing in 1979 at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in London, holds the doctor of public health degree.

CLASS OF 1998

Holly Solie (MS-Nursing) is a board certified family nurse practitioner and gerontological nurse practitioner. She was named Vermont Nurse Practitioner of the Year for 2016 by the Vermont Health Care Association.

CLASS OF 2001

Anthony Wayne Winston (MS-Nursing) received his doctor of education degree from Northcentral University. He adds the duties of director of anesthesia practice to his role as lead certified registered nurse anesthetist at a busy ambulatory surgery center in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

CLASS OF 2004

Patrick Durbin (BS-Health Studies, MBA 2010), who serves as senior associate dean for finance and administration in the Office of the Dean at Georgetown College, and his wife Stephanie (Urra) Durbin (C'04) welcomed their new baby Aurelia Seton Durbin this winter.



Aurelia Seton Durbin

USC in 2015 as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and is one of few women pursuing a career in cardiac surgery. She thanks Georgetown for teaching her about *cura personalis*, knowledge she uses while working at the safety-net Los Angeles County hospital. She writes, “In her free time Megan enjoys cycling, running, and, of course, margaritas on the beach.”



Megan Loo

CLASS OF 2007

David Fajgenbaum (BS-Human Science) is a physician and was recently covered by the *New York Times* in a story about his personal battle with and steadfast research on Castleman disease. Read the story: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/04/business/his-doctors-were-stumped-then-he-took-over.html>.

CLASS OF 2008

Emma Hust Hall (BS-International Health, MS-Nursing 2017) lives in Atlanta with her husband Chase and their two-year-old daughter Eve. She works as a nurse in the CVICU at Emory University Hospital, where she has been for the past four years. She is presently pursuing her master’s degree in nursing through Georgetown’s AG-ACNP Program, which she expects to complete in August 2017.



Emma Hust Hall

CLASS OF 2012

Patrick Eronini (BSN) is a product manager with FDB (First Databank, Inc.), which, he writes, is “the leading provider of drug and medical device knowledge.” He leads the product life cycle for FDB MedsTracker MedRec and eRx. Previously, Patrick worked at Theranos in Palo Alto, California, following his work in informatics at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and in the emergency department at Prince George’s Hospital Center. Patrick earned a master’s degree in medical informatics at Northwestern University in June 2015.



Patrick Eronini

Melissa Ogden (BS-International Health) graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in May 2016. She is in her first year of pediatrics residency at UVA Children’s Hospital and hopes to pursue a career in critical care.

Emily Zink (BSN, MS-Nursing 2017), since her Georgetown graduation, has worked as a nurse in labor and delivery at both Baptist Medical Center in Florida and George Washington University Hospital. She is expected to graduate with her master’s degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner this May from Georgetown University, once again.

CLASS OF 2011

Megan Kimberly Loo (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is a resident physician in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Southern California. She graduated from

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CLASS OF 2013

Lauren E. Cournoyer (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is a first-year medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She is a leader in the Surgery Interest Group and a member of the curriculum committee. Lauren also spends time volunteering in the Worcester Free Clinics and conducting research in the surgery department.

Madeleine P. Martin (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) works for PricewaterhouseCoopers as a health industries technology consultant. She joined PwC in 2013 and was promoted this year. Madeleine got engaged in November while on vacation in Rome.



Madeleine Martin

CLASS OF 2014

Stephanie Muci (BS-International Health), during her senior year at Georgetown, traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to complete her practicum abroad at Fiocruz. Her work was recently published in a Brazilian journal, *Comunicação & Informação*, highlighting how low-income communities in Brazil are using technology as an increasing source of health information.

Jennifer Santos (MS-Nursing) is completing her first year with All Women's Healthcare in Flemington, New Jersey. She is honored to continue serving on the American College of Nurse-Midwives government affairs committee, as well as the organization's New Jersey affiliate as recording secretary.

CLASS OF 2015

Katherine (Katie) Shannon (BS-Human Science) is in her last year of the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Wisconsin and enjoying her clinical rotations. Katie—with Georgetown professor Daniel Merenstein—recently published her human science capstone paper, "Evaluating the Lifestyles of Physicians and PAs in Orthopedics," which appeared in the January 2017 edition of the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*.

Marisha Wickremsinhe (BS-International Health)

received her master of science degree in global mental health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and King's College London in 2016. Marisha is currently a research associate at Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics. Her work involves the development of ethics guidance for the responsible and equitable inclusion of pregnant women in clinical research.

CLASS OF 2016

Elizabeth Lamme (MS-Nursing), a graduate of the Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program and a certified nurse-midwife, was sworn in as a commissioner on the District of Columbia Board of Nursing by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser.



District of Columbia Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (c) presided over the swearing in this March of the city's Board of Nursing. Among the new commissioners are Georgetown alumnae **Elizabeth Lamme (MS-Nursing 2016)** and **Amanda Liddle (BSN 1994)**. Lamme (l) is a graduate of the Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program, and Liddle (r) is interim chair of the Department of Advanced Nursing Practice at the School of Nursing & Health Studies. (Photo courtesy of the Mayor's Office)

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April 20-23, 2017
Austin, TX

John Carroll Weekend

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June 2-4, 2017
Washington, DC

Reunion Weekend

<http://reunion.georgetown.edu>

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