

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Alumni Notes

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Dear Alumni:

With deep gratitude and continuing admiration, I share with you the fall 2016 edition of *Alumni Notes*. This twice-a-year publication of the School of Nursing & Health Studies contains personal and professional news of our alumni community. I thank our graduates who submitted their information.

Most of you have been receiving this publication since it began a couple of years ago. Others—members of the Georgetown Class of 2016—are seeing it for the first time.

On this occasion, let me reiterate: *Welcome to the NHS alumni family!* And what an impressive family it is. I was reminded of that in a particular way this summer during Reunion Weekend. The nursing Class of 1966, who joined us in St. Mary's Hall for the 50th Reunion

pinning ceremony, energized the weekend with laughter and memories. Some classmates even showcased their singing talents for us—sharing a song that helped them study during their undergraduate years. Later that day, we welcomed all of our returning classes for an afternoon of fun and catching up. I am very grateful to all of you who could attend.

Please consider St. Mary's Hall your continued "home" on Georgetown's campus. Homecoming and Reunion are established activities for this type of reconnection, but we hope you will feel free to visit us whenever you are in the area. In the meantime, send us a note for a future publication at <http://nhs.georgetown.edu/alumni-notes> or, if you are not already receiving it, subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter at nhscommunications@georgetown.edu.

I wish you the best this autumn and beyond.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
 Dean

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Members of the nursing Class of 1966 pose together in front of St. Mary's Hall during Reunion 2016. The school hosted a special 50th Reunion pinning ceremony for the class.

CLASS OF 1952

Nancy Moore Hannan (BSN) has five children. She has worked for 24 years in an OB/GYN office and is retiring at age 85. She has published two memoirs and is currently working on a novel, which she hopes to finish this summer. "It is a love story about finding romance and happiness late in life," Nancy writes.

CLASS OF 1965

Colleen Conway-Welch (BSN) was selected as a Living Legends honoree by the American Academy of Nursing. The organization "recognizes a small group of fellows as Living Legends in honor of their extraordinary contributions to the nursing profession, sustained over the course of their careers." Colleen, who holds a PhD, was awarded an honorary doctorate from Georgetown in 1997.

CLASS OF 1966

Joyce J. Fitzpatrick (BSN), who in June celebrated her 50th Georgetown Reunion along with the nursing Class of 1966, was also selected as a Living Legends honoree by the American Academy of Nursing. In addition to her PhD, Joyce received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown in 1990.

CLASS OF 1967

Kleia R. Luckner (BSN) says she is "busy settling into my new home in McLean [and] learning all the new roads and transportation additions since my GUNS days." A nurse-midwife, she has been appointed to Virginia's maternal mortality commission. She is "looking forward to our 50th Reunion next year" and is having fun being a "nearby grandmother" to Cadence (1) in Annapolis, and Caroline (6) and Addison (4) in Arlington—"all future Hoyas," she writes.

CLASS OF 1971

Ellen Stoehr Gallavan (BSN) retired her nursing license after 45 years. She still teaches at Lansing Community College, but takes the summers off. She and her husband Bob (C'71) welcomed grandchild number five, Gordon Harold, into the family in February. Their daughter Stephanie received her RN license in June. She writes, "The tradition continues!"

CLASS OF 1972

Kathleen (Ryan) Delaney (BSN) is a professor of nursing at Rush College of Nursing and director of the Psychiatric



Rebecca C. Garrett-Brown (BSN 1986) poses with Maryanne Lachat, associate professor of professional nursing practice, during Reunion 2016.

Nurse Practitioner Program. She is also the project director of the Rush Graduate Nursing Education Demonstration Project. She is married to Dan Delaney (C'72).

CLASS OF 1975

Jane Botta Archambeault (BSN) works for the Winchester Hospital Breast Care Center and has been there for the last 18 years. She runs support groups for those diagnosed with breast cancer. She also organizes the weekly tumor board conferences. Last year, she writes, "she was lucky enough to have her old classmate [and] roommate **Joanne McDevitt Emswiler (BSN 1975)** help in the delivery of her grandson at Sibley Hospital. Exciting!"

CLASS OF 1983

Mary Ellen Grimm (BSN) worked in the pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit at NYU Medical Center. She has five children, including four Hoyas: Meghan (C'14), Kevin (B'15), Bryan (C'17), and Sean (B'17). Additionally, Owen will be graduating from the University of Chicago in 2017. She has enjoyed remaining connected to Georgetown. She has been an alumni interviewer for more than 25 years.

CLASS OF 1987

Rosemary Zorc Hersey (BSN) left her job as a hospice RN to attend graduate school full time. She is now studying acupuncture and oriental medicine at the Maryland University of Integrative Health and working part time as a consultant for a home health agency as director of client services. Rosemary is expected to graduate from her master's program in August 2017.



Members of the nursing Classes of 1994 and 1995 gathered to celebrate Virginia Blackman (1995), who earned her PhD at the University of California at San Francisco. Left to right are Blackman, Laurie Gronowski (1994), Susan Otremba (1994), Donna Mann (1995), and friend Sheila Murphy.

CLASS OF 1989

Sheila M. (Russell) Roit (BSN, MPP 1991) says she "is enjoying early retirement in Florida. We traveled to Europe this past fall, spending time in Edinburgh, London, and Paris. This year we head to Canada. Life is good here in the Tampa Bay area."

CLASS OF 1994

Laurie (Regan) Gronowski (BSN) was excited to host fellow alumnae at her home in Cleveland, Ohio. They gathered to relax and to celebrate **Virginia Blackman (BSN 1995)** for earning her PhD from the University of California at San Francisco. Laurie works for the Cleveland Clinic in an ambulatory surgery center as a surgical nurse. She has accepted a position on the Board of Directors of the local Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). Laurie writes, "Hoya Saxa!!"

CLASS OF 1995

Anne Marie Kelly (BSN) earned her medical degree at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She is currently practicing internal medicine at Cape Cod Healthcare.

Kathryn (Kate) McGinnis (BSN) is a recent graduate from the Master of Clinical Social Work Program at Florida State University. Kate was selected to present at the National Association of Social Workers national conference on "The Success of VA's Implementation of Housing First." She has worked as a trauma/ER nurse and with the U.S.

Air Force. She says she “is ecstatic to use her background in nursing and social work to help her fellow veterans.”

CLASS OF 1997

Lois Wessel (MS-Nursing)

completed the Duke-Johnson & Johnson Nurse Leadership Program Fellowship in May 2016. Her project, entitled “Shifting Gears: Engaging Clinicians in Addressing the Built Environment in Prince George’s County, MD,” resulted in a presentation of a national CDC webinar, meeting Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, the U.S. Surgeon General, and “improved coordination between park and planning facilities and safety net clinics for prescribing time outdoors” in both Prince George’s and Montgomery counties in Maryland. Lois serves on Georgetown’s FNP faculty.



Lois Wessel

CLASS OF 2000

Michelle Katz (MS-Integrated Health Systems) has added the role of executive director to her resume, leading the YMCA’s preventative health programs in the Los Angeles area. She continues to contribute to many media outlets including her *Nurse Katz* blog in the *Huffington Post*.

CLASS OF 2005

Michael Manning (BSN, MALS 2006) received his master of arts in liberal studies at Georgetown in 2006. He was recently named clinical manager of the emergency department at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, where he has worked for 12 years, according to the hospital’s publication *Georgetown Star*.

CLASS OF 2007

David Fajgenbaum (BS-Human Science) was featured by *Science* magazine in a story entitled, “A Young Doctor Fights to Cure His Own Rare, Deadly Disease.” Now a physician and faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, David is helping lead efforts to cure Castleman disease, a rare, life-threatening illness that first afflicted him several years ago. David’s work was also covered by 6abc Action News in Philadelphia in a story by broadcast journalist Ali Gorman (BSN 1997).

Science: <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/07/young-doctor-fights-cure-his-own-rare-deadly-disease>

6abc Action News: <http://6abc.com/health/new-bill-could-help-patients-with-rare-diseases-find-effective-treatments/1422454/>

Britton Stuart (BS-International Health) works in management consulting for Booz Allen Hamilton. After seven years of working in health IT in D.C. and New York, Britton transitioned to the commercial energy side of the firm and focuses on cybersecurity program management. He currently lives in San Francisco with his wife Alexandria, whom he married in April 2016.

Molly Williams (BS-Human Science) completed her master of science in global health policy at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She works for Oxfam, an international development nonprofit aiming to end poverty and injustice. She is based in Boston as senior advisor for business development and partnerships. Her tenure follows five years of service in Papua New Guinea, Senegal, and South Sudan supporting emergency relief, rehabilitation, and long-term development programming.

CLASS OF 2008

Matthew Crommett (BS-International Health) manages science and nature investments and grants at LH Holdings, Inc. and the Lyda Hill Foundation in Dallas. Previously, Matt served as deputy director of policy and programs at the George W. Bush Institute. He earned a master of health science degree in international health with a concentration in social and behavioral interventions at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Matthew Crommett

CLASS OF 2009

Susan Richards White (MS-Nursing) is practicing as an acute care nurse practitioner in pulmonology and critical care at Inova Alexandria Hospital. She is part-time faculty with Georgetown’s Adult Gerontology ACNP Program. This year, she presented at the national conference of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties about the program’s use of simulation for competency assessment.

CLASS OF 2010

Caitrin Coffey (BS-Human Science) graduated this year from George Washington University’s School of Medicine and will complete a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Andrea Fischlowitz (BSN, MS-Nursing 2015) graduated from Georgetown’s online master’s program in nursing in August 2015 and is now practicing as a family nurse practitioner at Cook County Health and Hospital System’s Division of Family Planning and Reproductive Health. She and her husband Brandon Weiss had their first child Mika Priscilla in September.

Sarah Jenkins (BS-International Health) has been working for the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) since late 2014, following four years at Accenture in the health analytics practice. In March 2016, Sarah accepted a new position within CHAI, leading the organization’s HIV prevention work in South Africa. She also provides technical assistance to CHAI’s HIV prevention teams in Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Anita Rao (BS-International Health) is a first-year psychiatry resident physician at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University. Her work, stemming from her undergraduate thesis on homeless mentally ill women in India, has received widespread recognition and accolades, including the prestigious Lancet Psychiatry Poster Prize at Oxford University. Anita has served in leadership positions for the national board of the American Psychiatric Association student section and the Chicago Department of Public Health student committee.



Anita Rao

CLASS OF 2011

Courtney Chang (BS-International Health) recently graduated from her MPH-MBA dual degree program at Johns Hopkins University and has started a new job as business designer on IDEO.org’s reproductive health team in San Francisco.

Jessica Lee Fehr (MS-Nursing) passed the midwifery boards in January 2012. Jessica spent several years working in a private practice in upstate New York. In December 2014, she accepted a commission as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. She is presently stationed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, where she works as a midwife and child-birth educator at David Grant USAF Medical Center. In her spare time, she enjoys long-distance running and travel.

Kelsey Schweiberger (BS-Human Science) graduated in May 2016 with her medical degree from Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. She is now completing her residency in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

CLASS OF 2013

Denise Pattison (MS-Nursing) is a family nurse practitioner in internal medicine for the Cincinnati Health Department, where she works with the underserved Hispanic community. Denise started the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at the University of Cincinnati this fall. She received a professional scholarship during the July 2016 National Nurse Practitioner Symposium.

CLASS OF 2014

Mary Amaechi (BS-Human Science) is a missionary who works for a Christian college ministry called Campus Outreach DC that is under the supervision of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. She serves as campus outreach staff and is preparing to attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall for graduate school with a focus on environmental sciences and policy.



Mary Amaechi

Emily S. Berdy (MS-Health Systems Administration) was recently hired by the Advisory Board Company as a senior associate for the organization’s Crimson Continuum of Care product. Additionally, Emily married Robert, “the love of her life,” in July. Georgia Kozonis (MS-Health Systems Administration 2013) introduced the two, she writes.

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Thomas Brooke (BS-International Health) is pursuing a medical degree at Johns Hopkins University. As a recipient of the Navy Health Professions Scholarship, he is now commissioned as an ensign. He is also conducting research with the Hopkins transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) team and furthering his understanding of interventional cardiology.

CLASS OF 2015

Jessica Chapman (MS-Nursing) worked as a registered nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital with high-risk obstetric patients while attending Georgetown's online Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She then started her nurse practitioner career working at a breast cancer clinic. She now works in college health and a MinuteClinic in Massachusetts. She is newly engaged, and a September 2017 wedding is planned.



Jessica Chapman

Emma Rice (BS-International Health) is a case manager at Pathways to Housing DC, a nonprofit focused on recovery for people experiencing homelessness and/or mental illness. She has enjoyed seeing the intersections of public health and social work through this position. Emma's article, "Social Media and Digital Technology Use Among Indigenous Young People in Australia: A Literature Review," from her time in Perth, Australia was recently published in the *International Journal for Equity in Health*.

CLASS OF 2016

Kelly Kimball (BS-Human Science) is currently pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She remains active in the Georgetown community by interviewing undergraduate applicants from the Quad Cities area.



Kelly Kimball



Graduates of the NHS Class of 2016 participated in Georgetown School of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony in August. Pictured are Neha Rajpal (BS-Human Science), Margaret Krackeler (BS-Human Science), Madeleine Uelk (BS-International Health), Saumik Rahman (BS-Health Care Management & Policy), Herminio Navia (BS-Health Care Management & Policy), and Taylor Polk (BS-Human Science). (Photo courtesy of Thomas Sherman)

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