

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 - 11
Homecoming Weekend

October 15
Georgetown University
Medical Center Reception
Pasadena, California

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Hong Kong

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BSN alumnae Joan Dougherty, Jackie Gardiner, and Janice Noack, all from the Class of 1955, visited St. Mary's Hall during Reunion Weekend for an event celebrating all reunion classes of the School of Nursing & Health Studies.

Look inside for more news updates from your School of Nursing & Health Studies classmates!

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Alumni Notes

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Dear Alumni:

On behalf of Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, I send many thanks to the alumni who took time to share updates for this edition of *Alumni Notes*. I was so inspired to read about your personal milestones and impressive professional accomplishments.

This is a very exciting time here in St. Mary's Hall. Since our last publication, I had the enjoyable opportunity to see many graduates during Reunion Weekend. It is difficult to express in words how meaningful it was to be together with the nursing Class of 1965 for the 50th reunion pinning ceremony, as well as all of our returning classes during an open house in St. Mary's. The stories I heard that weekend, combined with the updates in this publication, reinforce for me the way

our alumni live our mission—*advancing the health and well-being of individuals and communities*—each and every day. Fundamentally, we are about the formation of women and men to live generously in service to others. You are inspiring examples of that commitment—one that endures and finds renewal each year on the Hilltop, such as our activities in August to welcome a very talented undergraduate Class of 2019 and many new graduate students.

Additionally, our school has spent a considerable amount of time to produce a strategic plan that will guide our activities over the next five years. I hope you will take some time to review the summary at <http://nhs.georgetown.edu/about/strategicplan>. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or thoughts about how you might like to be involved. And remember to stay in touch with notes for an upcoming publication at <http://nhs.georgetown.edu/alumni-notes> or to subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter at nhscommunications@georgetown.edu.

Thank you for your continuing commitment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Interim Dean

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— Patricia Cloonan



Members of the nursing Class of 1965 revisited St. Mary's Hall during their 50th Reunion Weekend. Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN, interim dean of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, hosted a reception in their honor where they were given a special pin marking the milestone event.

CLASS OF 1960

Alice Dunn Buttarazzi (BSN) and her husband Patrick Buttarazzi (M'59, R'61) have been married for 55 years and have 14 children, all married, and 54 grandchildren. They live in Auburn, N.Y., and are both retired. She writes, "I was greatly saddened with the recent passing away of my first roommate **Janice Claire Lenti (BSN 1960)**. She was brilliant and very talented. I look back at my years at GUSN with great fondness."

Elaine Shekosky Zaia (BSN) retired from nursing in 2004, having worked in the fields of public health, psychiatric, and geriatric nursing. In 2004 she moved from Rochester, N.Y., her home of 41 years, to Old Lyme, Conn. She has four sons and five granddaughters. Elaine enjoys playing the violin in local orchestras and string ensembles. Her husband Joseph P. Zaia (M'62) was a graduate of Georgetown's School of Medicine and became a rheumatologist. He passed away in 1984.

CLASS OF 1962

Angela Barron McBride (BSN, H'93), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, was inducted as an honorary fellow of the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education on Oct. 2, 2015.

CLASS OF 1971

Ellen Stoehr Gallavan (BSN) served for four years in the United States Navy following graduation. She married Bob Gallavan (C'71) in 1972. After moving all over the country and working in critical care, home health, and burns, she has spent the last 17 years working in the emergency department at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. Additionally, she has been a college instructor for the past 19 years. She and Bob have four children and four grandchildren with another on the way.

CLASS OF 1972

Kathleen (Ryan) Delaney (BSN) was named Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse of the Year as part of the annual awards of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. She will be recognized this fall at the association's annual conference. Kathleen, who is a professor at Rush University College of Nursing, served as past president of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses.

CLASS OF 1975

Mary Ellen Edge (BSN) has worked in the mental health field for 40 years, first as a psychiatric nurse and then as a licensed clinical social worker. Her degrees have allowed her to work in a range of specialties, including child mental health and trauma and emergency medicine. Her first love has always been direct service to patients and families. She says, "M.E.' especially liked the college experience living in Georgetown ... location, location, location!!"

Madeline Ruether Kennedy (BSN) and her husband Brian Kennedy (D'82) have raised four wonderful children. She earned an MSN in nursing administration in 1982 and spent her entire career in mental health nursing. In May 2012, she was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Although this ended her nursing career, she has embraced advocacy and spreading awareness while battling the disease. In 2015, Madeline was awarded an honorary doctorate of public service by the Sage Colleges for her advocacy work.



Madeline Ruether Kennedy and her husband Brian T. Kennedy (D'82)

Linda K. Tuyn (BSN) just retired after teaching 31 years at Binghamton University and continues her clinical practice as an FNP-C. She earned her master's degree at New York University in 1981 as a CNS in child-adolescent mental health, and she worked as a family therapist before becoming an FNP in 1997. She has found nursing "to be 'a path with a heart' and family life with husband Don Kain (C'74), and children Annalee and Jackson full of surprises!"

CLASS OF 1976

Ellyn Enright Matthews (BSN) has been selected for induction as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

CLASS OF 1977

Linda O'Neill (BSN) and Timothy O'Neill (L'77) made a generous \$100,000 commitment to Georgetown to advance new activities within the innovative simulation center in St. Mary's Hall, which they supported through a naming gift over a decade ago. Additionally, Linda is a past chair of the school's board, and Timothy is a member of the university's Board of Directors.

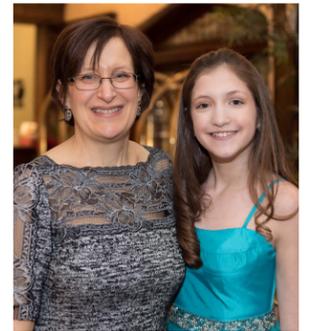
CLASS OF 1978

Janet Grace Beers Attard (BSN) writes, "Life is about embracing a 'tunnel vision approach' (<http://www.tunnel-visionapproach.com>) can-do attitude to explore all things possible.... Through the eyes of an entrepreneur, and the love of learning cultured at Georgetown, humility and fate have woven a path, an amazing life journey that has taught me to honor and cherish each opportunity, to empower others passionately, to adore my children and Ukrainian orphans I sponsor."

Sally Kosmider (BSN) retired from labor and delivery in Arlington, Va., in 2001 and spends the winter in Texas and the summer in Michigan. Her daughter is a registered nurse and works in the operating room. She says, "I have become a quilter which keeps me busy and challenged. I'm in good health and enjoying life."

CLASS OF 1980

Marcia Rubenstein Gardner (BSN) was appointed associate dean for undergraduate programs and assessment in the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University, where she has been an associate professor for the past four years. She and husband Jim Gardner (F'79) have three kids: Michael, 26, Jonathan, 22, and Abby, 13. The family celebrated Abby's bat mitzvah in January 2015.



Marcia Rubenstein Gardner and her daughter Abby

Lynn Gori Mayer (BSN) graduated with a master's degree in nursing in 2002. She has been working in interventional cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N.Y. She is a member of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses Special Task Force Committee to reduce congestive heart failure readmissions. She is involved in social justice and advocacy at her parish in Glen Rock, N.J., and teaches ESL to immigrants in Paterson, N.J.

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CLASS OF 1981

Sarah Lesesne Tripodi (BSN), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, is part of the team working on the 35th Georgetown Reunion coming up next year. She is really hoping to see everyone come back to the Hilltop for a festive celebration of friendships and remembering their great college days.

CLASS OF 1986

Francine “Frannie” Pingitore (BSN) recently earned her PhD in nursing from the University of Rhode Island. She is a board certified child and adolescent psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and has practiced at Hasbro Children’s Hospital for the past 17 years. Before returning to Rhode Island, she lived in San Francisco for 10 years and received her MSN from the University of San Francisco. She is married to Brad Hutchison and is the proud mother of Brad Jr.



Francine Pingitore

CLASS OF 1989

Ana Maria Begley (BSN) is currently working at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital as an oncogene triage nurse. She and her husband Tom Begley (C’84, L’90) celebrated their 25th anniversary on September 8, 2015. They met at Georgetown.

Sheila M. (Russell) Roit (BSN, MPP’91) “retired” early in 2013. She and her husband Allan moved to Lithia, Fla. She says, “We love it here and are enjoying our new lives. I have become a nature photographer, taking photos of the local wildlife.”

CLASS OF 1993

Randolph E. Gross (MS-Nursing) is in clinical practice as a nurse practitioner for the Gynecologic Medical Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He teaches nursing at both CUNY Hunter College and New York University. Additionally, after completing his coursework for his PhD in nursing at the CUNY Graduate Center, he is working on his dissertation entitled “Perceptions of Nurse Stereotypes in Non-Nursing Undergraduate Baccalaureate Students.” He expects to graduate in May 2016.

CLASS OF 2000

Sharon Corriveau (MS-Nursing) works at Loudoun Pediatric Associates, and she completed her DNP capstone project within her practice setting focused on increasing exclusive breastfeeding rates in her clinic. She successfully implemented a primary care-based breastfeeding support program, which is still in practice. Her work was published in the 2012 edition of the AAP journal *Pediatrics*.



Sharon Corriveau

Michelle Katz (MS-Integrated Health Systems) notes she is “one of the first pioneers of health care advocacy as we know it today.” She recently published her third book on saving money in health care, *Healthcare Made Easy*, and is the health care contributor for several media outlets including *ABC World News Tonight* and *The Doctors Show*. She currently lectures and consults across the country on ways to save money in health care and navigate our health care system.



Michelle Katz

CLASS OF 2001

Rick García (MS-Integrated Health Systems) earned a PhD in nursing science and nursing education from Barry University’s Division of Nursing in Miami Shores. He is a recipient of New York University’s postdoctoral and transition program for academic diversity fellowship. Rick will continue his research on the cultural competence level of nurse faculty and the dissemination of his findings. He will serve a two-year appointment as an assistant professor/faculty fellow at NYU’s College of Nursing.



Rick García

CLASS OF 2002

Keavney Klein (BS-Human Science, L’08) is a health policy attorney with Kaiser Permanente, the nation’s largest not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system. Following her time as an attorney at Alston & Bird LLP in Washington, D.C., Keavney relocated to San Francisco in late 2012 and joined Kaiser Permanente’s government relations department. She advises KP’s Medicare business line and advocates at federal agencies and in Congress on matters of Medicare and Affordable Care Act policy.

Pamela K. Murphy (MS-Nursing) completed her doctorate in nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 2009 and is now the director of operations for women’s health at MUSC Health Medical Center.

CLASS OF 2005

Lisa Goldstein Hacker (MS-Nursing) worked four years in community health, fulfilling her National Health Service Corps obligation in San Diego. After marrying her husband who is in the U.S. Navy, moving around, and starting a family, Lisa found part-time FNP work that has allowed a balance of work and life. Currently, she is a provider at Planned Parenthood and also works per diem at a mental health facility specializing in eating disorders.

CLASS OF 2006

Ashley Darcy-Mahoney (BSN), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, was selected as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Laura Monroe (Bluntzer) (BS-International Health) received the President’s Award for Employee Excellence in Service from President William Henrich at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Laura, who is also pursuing an MBA at UT, won the award for her work to enhance access to and operations of UT Medicine’s ambulatory clinics.



Laura Monroe (Bluntzer)

CLASS OF 2007

Meghan Malone Fitzpatrick (BSN), who earned her master’s degree, resides with her husband Brad in Philadelphia. Meghan is currently employed at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as a nurse manager of a Vascular Surgery

Step-Down Unit. Additionally, she is adjunct faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she teaches in the nursing and health care administration master’s program.

CLASS OF 2009

Carrie Rich (MS-Health Systems Administration), who is CEO and co-founder of the Global Good Fund, was a recipient of the *Washington Business Journal*’s “40 Under 40” awards.

Katelyn Klein (Anderson) (BSN) spent the last year working in Malawi with her husband Bryan Klein (F’09). While there, she served as director of clinical services for a development organization focused on improving and expanding severe acute malnutrition treatment at rural hospitals and health centers. They recently moved back to the D.C. area where Katelyn will be pursuing her MD at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Agnes Annetie’ Usoro (BSN) moved back to Texas upon graduation to work as an ICU nurse in the Houston Medical Center for three years. She then began medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch, where she is currently in her final year. She aspires to be an emergency medicine physician, and with a passion for global health, hopes to practice travel medicine upon completing residency.



Agnes Annetie’ Usoro

CLASS OF 2010

Maura Woods (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) received her master’s degree in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in July 2015. She completed her practicum and internship work at a behavioral and mental health hospital for children, adolescents, and young adults in Chicago. She will be taking the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) this year.

CLASS OF 2011

Kimberly Bodenlos (BS-Human Science) received her MD from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in May 2015. She relocated to New York City to begin a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Armond Esmaili (BS-Human Science, M'15) graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in May 2015, receiving his MD *cum laude* and with induction into the national Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. He moved to San Francisco in June to start his residency in internal medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

Anthony Hopper (MS-Health Systems Administration), along with **Maria Uriyo (MS-Health Systems Administration 2011)**, co-authored a peer-reviewed article on sentiment analysis that recently appeared in the *Journal of Health Organization and Management*. He has also completed his first book *Using Data Management Techniques to Modernize Healthcare* (CRC Press).

Jamie O'Neill (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) moved to Freetown, Sierra Leone in January 2015 to assist in Ebola relief efforts with Partners In Health. Jamie has worked for PIH in Boston and Rwanda, in fundraising and operations roles, since graduating from Georgetown. As of this June, Jamie is serving as a policy advisor in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation of Sierra Leone, and she looks forward to aiding in the country's Ebola recovery process.



The Waldrops with seven other Hoyas at their Houston wedding

Meghan (Schieffer) Waldrop (C'06, BSN 2011) married Philip Waldrop on March 21, 2015 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston. The couple resides in Houston, where Meghan works as an RN in the cardiovascular recovery room at Baylor St. Luke's Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

CLASS OF 2012

Dorothy Anne Hector (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is back in the United States after graduating from the London School of Economics and Political Science with a master's degree in international health policy. She just completed her first year at Harvard Law School.

CLASS OF 2013

Colin Ryan (BS-Human Science) began clinical clerkships in May 2015 as a third-year student at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He recently presented clinical research concerning the OSU Wexner Medical Center's experience treating thoracic outlet syndrome with first rib resection at the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery and the Society for Vascular Surgery's annual meetings.

CLASS OF 2014

Jacqueline Anderson (MS-Nursing) began working, soon after graduation, at one of the sites where she had completed the clinical portion of her education. She works four days a week in that family practice/internal medicine environment. She also works a few days a month, per diem, in the jail in Sonoma County, Calif., as an NP and volunteers monthly at a free walk-in urgent care clinic in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco.

Therese Marie Collins (MS-Nursing) has accepted a full-time position as assistant professor of nursing position at Shenandoah University and has started her PhD at West Virginia. On a personal note, her husband Christopher Collins has won the Republican nomination for the Virginia House of Delegates, 29th District.

Caroline Cotto (BS-Human Science) completed her Fulbright Fellowship grant year in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where she taught English and studied Chinese. She says she is "so grateful to have experienced the rich Taiwanese culture and befriended so many wonderful people." In July, she will continue developing her longtime interest in nutrition as a voluntary assistant for the U.N. World Food Programme in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Madeline Curtis (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is beginning her first year at Georgetown University Law Center. She continues to work at the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she advocates for the health care needs of children.

Alexandra Pietraszkiwicz (BS-Human Science) is a second-year medical student at the University of Connecticut. This past summer, she conducted research at the National Eye Institute through the NIH Summer Internship Program, where she learned about genomic medicine in the context of degenerative eye diseases. She plans on returning to the NIH for a dedicated research year. She is excited to help lead UConn's Women in Surgery and Ophthalmology interest groups this year.



Alexandra Pietraszkiwicz

Jody Stubler (MS-Nursing) earned her master's degree online at Georgetown through the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. This year, she opened HOPE Family Medical Center in Salt Lake City. This clinic provides affordable health care services to those in need.

Sarah Branyon Voges (MS-Nursing) is a family nurse practitioner at the Charleston Institute of Advanced Orthopedics (CIAO) and East Cooper Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. She also volunteers as the director of clinical operations for Walk Nicaragua, an orthopedic surgical mission sponsored by CIAO providing total joint replacement services to citizens of Nicaragua. She is co-author of two clinical research papers submitted for presentation at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons' annual meeting in 2016.

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CLASS OF 2015



Nishita D'Souza

Nishita D'Souza (BS-Human Science) will be pursuing a master of public health degree in the fall at Washington University in St. Louis. During the summer, Nishi conducted an internship through the CDC Undergraduate Public Health Summer Program. As part of this opportunity, she worked with a community-based initiative in South Dakota titled "Live Well Sioux Falls."

Susan M. Gillispie (MS-Nursing) is currently employed at Geneva Health Center & Urgent Care, a small local family practice and urgent care organization. She resides in Hillsboro, Ore., with her husband and four children. Susan graduated with her BSN from University of Portland in 2012 and completed her MS as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Georgetown University.

Elizabeth Kelly (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) began attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall for a joint degree in law with a master's in bioethics.

Noreen Sajwani (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) continues to pursue her interest in health care by beginning a master's program in London this fall. She will complete a two-year certificate in Islamic studies, followed by her third-year master's at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she hopes to study global health development. Her thesis will focus on the intersectionality of medical ethics in Shia Islam.