

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reunion Weekend 2016
June 3-5

Saturday, June 4

Nursing Class of 1966:
50th Reunion Brunch
& Pinning Ceremony
9 a.m.
St. Mary's Hall

NHS All-Alumni
Open House &
Dessert Reception
1:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Hall

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Alumni Notes

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Dear Alumni:

I hope the spring 2016 *Alumni Notes* finds you well. We are delighted to share with you another edition, which contains inspiring personal and professional updates representing school classes from 1966 to 2015—a *half century of accomplishment*.

With the Washington blizzard behind us and the cherry blossoms marking an annual rite of springtime, we are all looking forward to two meaningful activities ahead. First, we have Commencement Weekend in May and plan to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the Class of 2016. Following, in June, we will honor our alumni—from undergraduate classes ending in “1” and “6” and all Magis alumni—during Georgetown’s annual Reunion Weekend. Among the many meaningful activities on campus, the School of

Nursing & Health Studies will host a special 50th anniversary pinning ceremony for the BSN Class of 1966, as well as an open house for all returning school classes. These occasions are yearly reminders of the way in which a Georgetown education forms women and men for others in a field that we all encounter in our lives: health.

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To ensure that we continue providing the very best learning environment for our students, we have launched—as I have written about before—a strategic plan (<http://nhs.georgetown.edu/about/strategicplan>). This past year has involved intentional activity in support of the plan, including, for example, funding two projects related to health equity initiatives through a “Dean’s Challenge” call for submissions, launching an Experiential Learning Fund philanthropic endeavor, and developing a 10th anniversary report and case for future support related to our Discovery Center. You can read more about each at the link above, and I encourage you to become involved in these efforts.

Please stay in touch with notes for an upcoming publication at <http://nhs.georgetown.edu/alumni-notes>, and remember, if you are not already receiving it, to subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter at nhscommunications@georgetown.edu.

I am very grateful for your continued interest and commitment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Interim Dean

CLASS OF 1966

Patricia A. Grady (BSN), who has directed the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health since 1995, was named to *Washingtonian* magazine's 2015 list of Washington's most powerful women.

Pamela FitzGerald Lusignan (BSN) married Denis Lusignan (C'64) after a "cross-country courtship." She worked in pediatrics, burns, ICU, and infectious disease, and she taught orthopedic nursing. She raised four children and taught aerobic dancing. Pamela went on to earn her MSN at age 50 and has continued working as an NP in upstate New York. She writes, "Travel with Denis, including medical missions, competitive master's rowing, and family, has kept life busy."

Joyce J. Fitzpatrick (BSN), who holds her PhD, continues to provide consultation in nursing and health care nationally and globally. She has consulted on nursing education and research in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. In 2006-07, she was a Fulbright Scholar at University College Cork in Cork, Ireland.

CLASS OF 1967

Kleia R. Luckner (BSN) earned her MSN at Yale and then worked in Toledo, Ohio, setting up a regional perinatal center, NICU transport, and midwifery service. Kleia received several national, state, and local awards in recognition of her efforts to improve pregnancy outcomes, using skills learned from her Georgetown obstetrics instructor Virginia Ruth. In mid-career, Kleia earned her JD. She is now retired and lives in McLean, Virginia near her two children Mark (C'96) and Maia (C'01).

CLASS OF 1968

Leslie McGregor-Landerkin (BSN) worked as a health care consultant for global and national firms primarily focused on system redesign, care management, and disease management. Her position prior to retiring in 2014 was principal for Premier Healthcare Solutions. Living in Alexandria, Virginia, Leslie volunteers for the local hospital and Capital Caring Hospice. She and husband Jim are committed to traveling the world over the next several years, as well as spending time with their six children and 14 grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1975

Catherine "Katie" Gorman Skelton (BSN) is a nursing executive with 30 years of hospital operations experience. She is currently vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, California.

In this role, she oversees the clinical operations of the 465-bed acute care hospital. After Georgetown, Katie earned two master's degrees, and she is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business Fellows Program for Nurse Executives.

CLASS OF 1976

Mary-Michael Brown (BSN) is vice president for nursing practice innovation for MedStar Health, a distributed care delivery network in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore region. She serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at the George Washington University School of Nursing.



Mary-Michael Brown

CLASS OF 1977

Maria Gomez (BSN), who founded Mary's Center in Washington, D.C. in 1988, earned a 2015 Women Who Mean Business Award from the *Washington Business Journal*. Also in 2015, Maria received the Montgomery County Public Service Award and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Healthcare Award. Previously, Maria was selected for the U.S. Presidential Citizens Medal, the second highest civilian honor in the country. Mary's Center is a federally qualified health center that provides health care, educational, and social services to more than 36,000 individuals.



Maria Gomez

CLASS OF 1978

Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Hemler (BSN) says she is "enjoying an uncomplicated life" in Grand Forks, North Dakota with her husband Brian. She works Mondays and Wednesdays in obstetrics and gynecology. She is into body pump and yoga. She is a hobby potter and is looking forward to a "spectacular 60th birthday."



Betsy Hemler

CLASS OF 1979

Marianne O'Connell Ditomassi (BSN) is executive director for patient care services operations and Magnet recognition at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She has co-authored three award-winning books published by Sigma Theta Tau International: *Fostering Nurse-Led Care: Professional Practice for the Bedside Leader*, *Fostering Clinical Success: Using Clinical Narratives for Interprofessional Team Partnerships*, and *Fostering a Research-Intensive Organization: An Interdisciplinary Approach for Nurses*. Her writing has been recognized with awards from Sigma and the *American Journal of Nursing*.

CLASS OF 1981

Sarah Lesesne Tripodi (BSN), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, says she "is really looking forward to seeing everyone at our reunion in a few months [and] hoping for a BIG turnout for our 35th."

CLASS OF 1983

Christine "Chris" Anastasia Pollard (BSN) continues to work as an RN with her husband Robert Pollard (M'84) at Ear, Nose, and Throat Physicians and Surgeons in Charleston, West Virginia. They met at Georgetown and have been married for 32 years. She writes that they have fond memories of St. Mary's rooftop and Glover Park. The two hope to move to back to the D.C. area and have enjoyed remaining connected to Georgetown. Two of their three children are Hoyas.

CLASS OF 1985

Cathleen Caiola-Beerkens (BSN) writes that she is an "integrative healer and pioneer in expanding global exposure for the new field of science: nutritional gycobiology. She initiates educational programs throughout the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, and the U.S. East Coast. She has helped thousands regain health and learn about prevention." After graduation, she worked as a clinical nurse at Georgetown in both its surgical and labor and delivery units. She lives now in the Netherlands and has three children.

CLASS OF 1986

Rebecca C. Garrett-Brown (BSN) is starting her 25th year as a CNM. She works at UCSD Medical Center and says she "was lucky enough to catch the first baby of 2016 in our beautiful birth center." She is president-elect of the California Nurse-Midwives Association, which is the state affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She is married to Arthur S. Brown, an estate planning attorney in San Diego, and they have a 15-year-old son. They look forward to attending Georgetown's John Carroll Weekend in Rome.



Rebecca Garrett-Brown

CLASS OF 1987

Theresa Stelling Hall (BSN) is a family practice physician in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is now devoting her career to the training of the next generation of health care providers as she teaches physician assistant students at Wingate University, nurse practitioner students at Chamberlain College of Nursing, and undergraduate nursing students at Carolinas College of Health Science.

Mayumi Willgerodt (BSN)

was recently named director of graduate studies for the University of Washington Bothell, where she is a professor in the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Her work is focused on interprofessional education and collaborative practice and school nursing. She still practices as a school nurse. Mayumi is a member of the 2013 cohort of Macy Faculty Scholars. "However, it is her two boys, ages 15 and 11, who ... keep her the busiest," she writes.



Mayumi Willgerodt

CLASS OF 1989

Julie Tomaino Duff (BSN) is a DNP student at Loyola University Chicago. She continues to teach in the BSN and MSN Programs at Resurrection University College of Nursing in Chicago.

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CLASS OF 1991

Janet Kelly Sause (BSN) says she is a “triple threat NP” with her family, geriatric, and acute care certification. For the last 15 years, she has been with Johns Hopkins orthopaedic department, managing care for inpatients and providing training and guidance for the resident program. Janet also still dabbles in the arts and takes classes at Baltimore Clayworks, where she makes hand-coiled vases and sculptures.

CLASS OF 1997

Cristina LaMarca (BSN) made partner in 2015 at the law firm Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP in New York City.

CLASS OF 2000

Michelle Katz (MS-Integrated Health Systems) writes that she “spearheaded the ‘health care advocate’ movement with several experiences and books” including the latest, *Healthcare Made Easy*, and she became the first “health care consumer advocate” in the media on shows like *ABC World News* and *The Doctors Show*.

CLASS OF 2002

Elizabeth Katz Brock (BSN, MS-Nursing 2004) and her husband Graham Brock (C’02) welcomed twins Emerson and William in June. Elizabeth continues to work as an acute care nurse practitioner in surgical critical care at Med-Star Washington Hospital Center, where she has practiced for almost 12 years.

Ellen S. Leider (MS-Nursing) earned her post-master’s degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 2015. She works in pain management at Johns Hopkins and is involved in initiatives aimed at multi-modal pain management strategies relating to enhanced recovery after surgery. In 2005, Ellen was one of the first five critical care nurse practitioners employed at UCSF and was instrumental in starting a critical care nurse practitioner program at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, California.



Ellen Leider

CLASS OF 2004

Carrie Bowman Dalley (MS-Nursing) is an instructor of nursing at the School of Nursing & Health Studies, where she is a faculty member in the Nurse Anesthesia Program. This November, she earned an award for Faculty Achievement in Education at Georgetown University Medical Center’s annual convocation. She is working on her PhD in pharmacology at Georgetown.



Carrie Bowman Dalley with Georgetown President John J. DeGioia

Melicia Escobar (BSN) has been in clinical practice as a CNM since 2007, catching several babies and mentoring future midwives. This fall, she returned to Georgetown as the clinical faculty director in the Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Program, where she says “she is focused on the making of more excellent midwives.”

CLASS OF 2005

Christine Bell (BS-International Health) is the proud mom of Javi and Julia. She, her husband Cesar, and her children live in Atlanta, Georgia. She is currently in year two of her pediatric residency at Emory University, enjoying continuity clinic with Spanish-speaking patients. She became fluent in Spanish during her senior-year abroad experience in Chiapas, Mexico. Christine plans to remain in Atlanta after residency and work as a nursery hospitalist and in a clinic that primarily serves the immigrant community.

CLASS OF 2006

Michelle Stephens (BSN) and her husband Trae Stephens (F’05) have two children: two-year-old son Thaddeus and Solomon, who was born in September 2015. Michelle is currently working as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Berkeley Pediatrics and as a nurse researcher at UCSF. She will begin her PhD in nursing at UCSF in fall 2016.



Solomon and Thaddeus Stephens

CLASS OF 2007

Jesse Lee Patterson III (BS-International Health, BSN 2011) received a master’s degree in health and medical policy with a concentration in global medical policy from George

Mason University. Jesse applied to the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program and was named a finalist in the class of 2014. He was appointed as a PMF to the U.S. Agency for International Development where he works as a program specialist for Sudan in the Office of Sudan and South Sudan Programs.

Jordan Ross (BSN, MS-Nursing 2012) earned his master’s degree from Georgetown’s Nurse Anesthesia Program in 2012. He currently practices as a CRNA in the central Connecticut area.

CLASS OF 2009

Stephan Davis (MS-Health Systems Administration) is executive director of professional practice at the University of Miami Hospital, which, in December, was named a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation. Stephan led the institution’s effort to achieve the honor.



Stephan Davis

CLASS OF 2012

Carolina Fonts Hertell (BSN, MS-Nursing 2012, C’05) works as a family nurse practitioner at St. John Bosco Clinic, a free primary care clinic that serves the uninsured and underprivileged in Miami, Florida. In 2009, Carolina married Hans Hertell (C’05, L’09), a fellow Georgetown graduate. They have three children: Julianne (5), Anna Pilar (3), and Hans Josef, who celebrates his first birthday in October 2016.

Lauren Moyles (BSN, MS-Nursing 2017) was commissioned into the United States Navy and was stationed in Portsmouth, Virginia; Okinawa, Japan; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She worked in numerous departments. She and her husband, whom she met in Japan, were married in May 2014. This past year they had their first child, Madeline Elizabeth. Lauren resigned from the Navy and is now in Georgetown’s AG-ACNP Program. She and her husband are expecting their second child.

Whitney Sher (BSN) worked in the emergency department at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center for five years. She is now back in Brooklyn, New York after working with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders in Haiti last year, where she trained doctors, nurses, and nurse techs in the emergency department and managed the Cholera Treatment Center in an impoverished area of Port-au-Prince.

CLASS OF 2010

Nancy Marie Gruber (MS-Nursing) is a nursing instructor, chair of education and staff development, and co-chair of the new hearts committee for the Heart and Lung Transplant ICU & Cardiac Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She teaches several classes including advanced EKG, IABP, lung transplant, mock codes, competencies, hemodynamics, and lumbar drains. She also serves on the unit’s preceptor workgroup and coordinating council.

CLASS OF 2011

Caitlyn Penny (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is currently a Forte Fellow completing her MBA/MPH dual degree at UCLA. She spent last summer working at Eli Lilly on the oncology global marketing team, specifically consulting on the thoracic brand. Before her master’s programs, Caitlyn worked for the provider network, managing portfolios of strategy and operations research. Following completion of her programs, Caitlyn seeks to begin a position guiding organizations to implement and direct health policy.



Caitlyn Penny

Michael Rupp (BSN) received his MSN with a concentration in health systems administration from Seton Hall University in December 2015. After leaving his position as a staff nurse in the Trauma/Neurosurgical ICU at Meridian Health, Michael accepted the position of assistant vice president of operations at Hovnanian Senior Housing Services.

CLASS OF 2011

Phoebe Bacon (BS-International Health) is in her third year at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and is planning to pursue a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She has been interested in women’s health since her semester abroad in Ghana as a senior in the International Health Program.

Caroline Round (BSN) graduated in May 2015 from New York University’s College of Nursing with her master’s degree as a family nurse practitioner. She now works full-time in primary care treating adults and children at Community Healthcare Network, an organization in New York City dedicated to meeting the health care needs of underserved and at-risk populations.

CLASS OF 2012

Sonovia Wint (BS-International Health) worked at Booz Allen Hamilton as a health analyst, providing solutions to clients to improve health processes. She also volunteered at Compass Pro Bono, providing strategic guidance to non-profits in the greater Washington, D.C. area. Sonovia is currently on sabbatical to further explore her interest in social impact. She now works with Maya Traditions, a social enterprise based in Guatemala dedicated to empowering and improving the livelihood of Maya women, as an operations and strategy consultant.

CLASS OF 2014

Binta Ceesay (BS-International Health) is currently in Tanzania as a recipient of the 2015-16 David L. Boren Fellowship. Under the African Flagship Languages Initiative, she is studying intensive Swahili in Arusha and Dar es Salaam. She is also working on implementing a health education program at a local community center.

Lori Grant (MS-Nursing),

a CNM and WHNP, started working in her hometown after graduation, providing care in a full-scope clinic offering women's health and primary care. Her clinic site qualified her to obtain NHSC loan forgiveness. She volunteers at a free mammogram clinic one day a month. Lori co-founded an allied health committee for nurse practitioners and physician assistants and has recently joined the medical staff credentials committee as the first nurse practitioner.



Lori Grant

CLASS OF 2015

Jessica Gaudiosi (BS-Human Science) is currently working as a health care consultant with KPMG in Atlanta, Georgia. She also serves as one of the philanthropic events coordinators for the company. To remain active in the Georgetown community, Jessica interviews undergraduate applicants from the Atlanta area.



Jessica Gaudiosi

Elizabeth Kelly (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is pursuing a joint law and master of bioethics degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Laurie Kuralt (MS-Nursing)

began a new role as an adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital in Vermont. Laurie is a lifelong Brattleboro resident and was born at BMH, where she has worked for 29 years. She has been an RN for 25 years. Laurie will work with BMH's team of hospitalists, providing advanced nursing care and case management, as well as developing patient care plans and coordinating transfer and discharge plans.



Laurie Kuralt

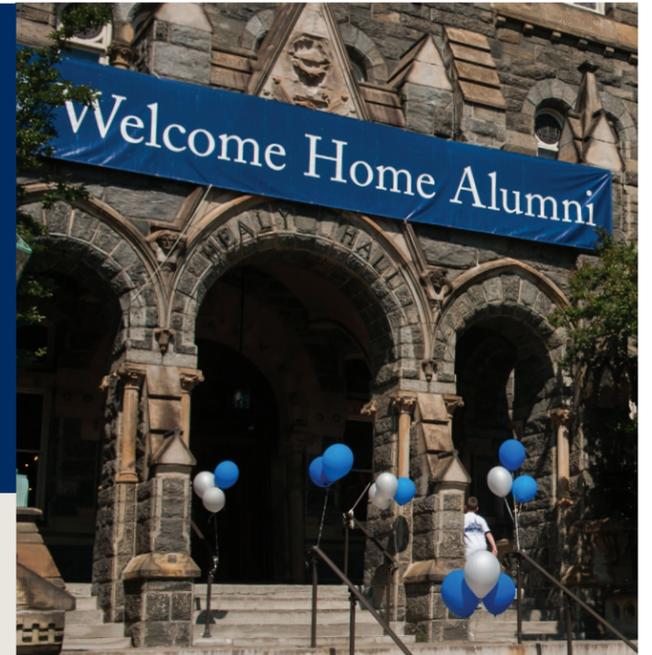
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