Alums in the Spotlight

We love spotlighting our alums for their accomplishments, but many do not receive the recognition they deserve because we just don’t know about them. Thanks to those alums who took the time to submit information about their classmates and friends! Share career highlights by contacting Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations at (800) 793-3964, (402) 354-7256 or Denise.Carlson@methodistcollege.edu.

Nearly Every Methodist DAISY Award Winner Is an Alum!
The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards and celebrates extraordinary skill and compassionate care given by nurses every day. Nurses can be nominated by anyone, including patients, family members, physicians, supervisors or their peers. Many of our fellow alums have been recognized with Daisy Awards from Methodist Hospital or Methodist Women’s Hospital since the program was introduced to the Health System: Jackie Hamaker ’98, Cardiac Unit, November 2010; Jodi Spale ’11, Women’s Hospital L&D, January 2011; Sarah Pankonin ’08, Critical Care Unit, February 2011; Kim Robison ’83, Cardiac Unit, March 2011; Kathy Sawyer ’81, Observation Unit, May 2011; Colleen Pfeifer ’80, Women’s Hospital Mother/Baby, July 2011; Janessa Winroth ’06, Cancer Unit, August 2011; Sharon Smith ’70 and ’02, Ortho-Neuro, September 2011; Darcie Consbruck ’10, Progressive Care, October 2011; Ashley Tiemeyer ’08, Critical Care, December 2011; Debbie Houchin ’11, General Med/Surg, January 2012; Diane Benshoof ’76, Medical/Surgery/Oncology, February 2012.

Recent BSN Alums Are Now NMC Nursing Instructors
Casey Frost ’06 BSN and ’11 MSN, and current MSN students, Nellie Johnson ’09 and Whitney Wilberding ’07, have returned to NMC as full time faculty members. Others, also enrolled in our MSN program, are serving as adjunct instructors: Kelsey Claar ’09, Jessica Fogelstrom ’08, Hilary Caudillo Grundmann ’08, Megan Kaup ’10, and Kemla Pratham ’10. Regina Hancock ’10, from our Accelerated Nursing Program, received her Master’s and is another adjunct faculty member. Katie Doty ’07, also enrolled in our MSN program, serves as an instructor for students completing clinicals at Children’s Hospital and Medical Center.

Ruth (Parker) Aughe ’80 and ’02 BSN has been employed by Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa, since her graduation. Her new position there is Clinical Nursing Educator. She states, “I provide Orientation for nurses to help them slide into their positions.” Through Health Partners of Southwest Iowa, the Hospital purchased a Simman 3G. They share him on a three-month rotation with Cass County Hospital in Atlantic, Iowa, and Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa. Ruth is developing programs to improve competencies and has hopes to acquire a Simmom as well as a child. Ruth’s previous experience was in the OR and she continues to help there as needed.
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Angela Miller '93, a BS graduate of our former Addiction Studies Program used her degree for 7 years as an Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor working with teens in a treatment center, as a crisis counselor in the elementary, middle and high schools and as a Program Coordinator for severely and emotionally mentally ill teens and pre-teens in a day treatment program. She then moved from working “treatment” to focusing on “prevention” working for a local youth serving organization as the Outreach Program Manager and finally Adult Development Manager. After 12 years there, in April of 2011, she moved to work for the national headquarters of that organization as the Director of Program & Adult Development serving American citizens while they are living overseas. Angela is based in Italy and develops programs, events and learning opportunities for volunteers, youth and their families in eight countries in the European Theater. Angela says, “It’s a challenge and an opportunity for growth every single day.”

Liz Rogan ’98 and ’07 writes, “In December, 2011, I was hired as the first Implementation Specialist at ATI. This position is a new one at ATI and falls under the Education Enrichment Division. I will be working with nursing programs regionally (Dakotas to Texas to Alabama) to best implement a plethora of ATI products to ensure that safe, competent candidates are sent to the NCLEX from those programs. I also found that I was successful in writing my doctoral Comprehensive Examination and so I now am an official doctoral ‘candidate’ vs. doctoral ‘student.’” Formerly a full time NMC faculty member, Liz remains as one of our adjunct faculty.

Dr. Laura Romito, DDS, is an '01 graduate of our MS in Health Promotion Program. She resides in Avon, Indiana, where she is Professor of Oral Biology and Director of the Nicotine Dependence Program at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Laura was the recipient of the Indiana Dental Association Outstanding Teacher Award for 2011.

As alums, we can “make a difference” in many ways! Recognized with a DAISY Award from Methodist Hospital (see page 1), Sharon Smith ’70 and ’02 also works in the town of Atlantic, Iowa. Dr. Keith Swanson, age 80, retired in 1997 but came out of retirement to continue practicing. He does not charge his patients, but has a free-will offering box at the front desk. Refusing to accept wages from Dr. Swanson, Sharon serves as his office nurse one day a week. She says, “It is one way I can give back.”

The Alumni Association makes a $25 donation to the Methodist Hospital Foundation in memory of each deceased alum. Please notify Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations by phone at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256 or e-mail at Denise.Carlson@methodistcollege.edu. You may also send obituary notices to her at Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus, 720 North 87th Street, Omaha, NE 68114.

Eva (Truesdell) Freeburg ’35      V. Irene (Jochens) Smalley ’40     Robin (Perkins) Kammandel ’75
Go to www.methodistcollege.edu/alumni/addyourinfo to submit your news, change of address, etc. Call Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations at 402-354-7256 or 800-793-3964 -- she would love to hear from you!

Congratulations to Zak Hinzmann ’09 - our winner of this issue’s $50 gift card!
Go to www.methodistcollege.edu/alumni/news/index.asp to learn how you can become eligible for the next drawing to be announced in the summer newsletter!

1950s
Kauss, Sharon (Clark) ’56 – writes, “Members of our class have been getting together (mostly at the Alumni Center) for lunch; but sometimes other places and discuss, as you might guess, ‘old times and how hard we had it then.’ We try to get together several times a year, the last time being at the Alumni Christmas Brunch in December. We always have a great time, and none of us seem to have gained any weight. Imagine that!”

1970s
Gannon, Kathryn (Carlson) ’72 – and her husband, Thomas, reside in North Platte, Nebraska. She writes, “No nursing news! I worked Traveland Tourism at Brady West Rest Area, State of Nebraska, from the middle of May until the end of September. Then to the phones at Cabela’s Call Center from October through December. NO nights! – an occasional weekend day – an occasional holiday! Life is good – Grandgirls x 3 are the best!!!”

1980s
Johnson, Susie (Burdic) ’83 – writes, “I recently retired from St. John’s Hospital after 27 years of working Intensive Care Psych. My husband, Mark, is in his 31st year of being a head football coach. My oldest daughter, Emilee (27) has her Doctorate in Pharmacy and her husband, Andrew, will graduate with his in May. I have a beautiful little grandson, Malakhi, who is 18 months old. They reside in St. Louis. My middle girl, Maggie (24), graduated with her Masters in Business in December 2011, and will teach Marketing and Business at Dalian University in China next semester. My youngest, Bryce (21) will graduate after 3 years in May 2012, with his degree in Biology and Chemistry. He is currently a pilot/flight instructor in Kansas City and plans to fly commercial in the future. Mark and I will have been married 29 years this next July!”

Carberry, Deborah (Warren) ’84 – and her husband, Greg, reside in Omaha. She is an RN at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair, Nebraska, as well as an RN vascular/sonographer at Omaha Vascular Specialists.”

2000s
Chandler, Amy (Hansen) ’00 – was married in December 2009, to her husband, Vincent. They reside in Austin, Arkansas. Previously a NICU RN, Amy is now a stay-at-home Mom to their two children. In October 2011, Luke Thomas, joined his sister, Clare Marie, born in December 2010.

Romero, Nicole (Arens) ’00 – and her husband, Ronnie, live in Lincoln where Nicole is an RN.

North, Michele (Carrow) ’06 – writes, “Within this past year I have graduated midwifery school and started a new position as a CNM at Methodist Physicians Clinic." She and husband, Adam, reside in Omaha.

Clausen, Brittany (Strand) ’07 – is a Mother Baby RN. She and husband, Kurtis, live in Fremont, Nebraska. She writes, “Kael Logan Clausen was born October 23, 2011. He is an amazing addition to our family! We are so blessed!”

BSN ’07 classmates, Katie (Villwock) Stanton with Oliver, Katie Wulf, and Brittany with Kael, together for their annual December lunch at Sue Wulf’s ’74 home.
Warren, Jessica (Sefzik) ’08 – and her husband, Jay, reside in Lincoln. On August 19, 2011, they welcomed Stella Avery. Residing in Lincoln, Nebraska, Jessica is a Neuro/Critical Care Staff RN.

Brodersen, Tammie (Anderson) ’09 – writes, “John and I were married October 8, 2011. We are currently living in Ames, Nebraska, and I am working at Fremont Area Medical Center in the float pool.”

Hinzmann, Elizabeth (Bentley) ’09 – met Zak Hinzmann ’09 when both were students in our Accelerated Nursing Program. They were married on June 11, 2011. After moving to an acreage in Oakland, Iowa, they welcomed Braden James on November 23, 2011. They “love being parents.” Elizabeth is an RN at Methodist’s ER and is pursuing her MSN to be a family nurse practitioner. Zak is employed by Midwest Surgical Hospital and has also returned to school, working towards a degree in Mortuary Science.

Wasmundt, Karen (Merry) ’09 – received her MS in Health Promotion and is working at Xcel Energy as a Project Analyst. She was married to Chad on October 15, 2011. The couple resides in Bayport, Minnesota.

Minturn, Brianne ’10 – graduated with her BSN in December. She writes, “I accepted a job with Bergan Mercy Hospital in March of 2011, on the Post Intensive Nursing Services Unit. My husband and I bought our first house last October and we recently had our second child - a boy this time!” Keagan Matthew arrived on December 27th.

Adkins, Daniele ’11 – received her Master’s from our Medical Group Administration program. She resides in Gansevoort, New York, where she is a Practice Administrator.

Donahue, Britny ’11 – received her BSN in May and writes, “I currently work at Jennie Edmundson Hospital on the Medical-Surgical and Pediatrics floor. I love working there! I also wanted to share some exciting news. I got engaged in December to Matthew Larrison. We plan to get married sometime next year!”

Giardini, Steve ’11 – received his Master’s in Health Promotion Management. Previously a Worksite Wellness & Health Promotion Program Manager, he now is a consultant. Steve lives in Bend, Oregon.

Heiser, Carrie ’11 – received her MS in Health Promotion Management in December. Residing in Lincoln, Nebraska, she is a Fitness & Wellness Coordinator.

Kreyling, Kelsey ’11 – also received her MS in Health Promotion Management. She and her husband, Peter, live in Mexico, Missouri. Kelsey enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to their eight-month-old daughter, Jane, who was born on May 25.

Palmer, Wendell ’11 – and his wife, Joni, make their home in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is employed by Mayo Clinic Florida. Wendell received his MS in Medical Group Management in December.
12th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
Sponsored by Vintage Financial Group

All proceeds benefit our Alumni Scholarships for current NMC Students!

Friday, June 15, 2012
18-Holes, 4-Player Team Tournament
Best Ball Scramble
8:00 Registration
9:00 Shot Gun Start
501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion (52nd and Cornhusker)

Deadline for registration is Friday, June 8th
Register early; participation is limited to 36 teams!

$75 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
Registration fees include pre-tournament range balls, 18-holes with cart, scoring, and post-play dinner.
Raffles include College World Series reserved tickets and hotel/dinner packages.
Door, pin, and hole-in-one prizes.
Prizes for winning men’s, women’s and mixed teams.
Blue Bunny returns with our tournament tradition ice cream treats!
Prizes & raffles add to our tourney success!
Contact Denise Carlson if you are interested in donating items for use as raffles or door prizes.
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“Boots in the Ballroom”
Plan Now to Attend the 2012 Alumni Reunion!

Join your fellow classmates, friends, faculty and staff at this year’s alumni reunion events! By popular demand we are repeating a more casual Reunion Dinner with a BBQ theme and catering by the Texas Roadhouse. Your jeans and capris are welcome – or feel free to come dressed in your “finest duds!”
The informal buffet format has allowed us to keep the dinner at a reduced cost. Volunteers will be available for those needing assistance.
For many of us who attended classes at the 8511 location, it will be like going home again. It will be “Boots in the ‘Old’ Ballroom!” So call those classmates and plan to attend!
We invite ALL Methodist alumni to join us — not just those celebrating a 5-year reunion! Reconnect and join us as we honor our 2012 Award Recipients: Horizon Award for Education – Barbara Karnes ’62, Horizon Award for Clinical Excellence – Donna Pechnik ’65, Service Award – Sue Wulf ’74, and Honorary Alumna – Mary Lee Lusby.

60-Year Alums and 25-Year Alums
Are you a member of the Class of 1952 or the Class of 1987? Don’t miss the Reunion Dinner as we have special gifts just for you!

Find the registration form at www.methodistcollege.edu
The 8th Annual Silent Auction will be open Friday for your shopping pleasure! Fabulous items have been donated the past seven years and you can help create an even bigger and better auction this year. All proceeds go to our Alumni Spirit of Caring Scholarships. If you are interested in donating themed baskets, craft items, gift certificates, or other items please contact Denise Carlson at (800) 793-3964 or 354-7256. Your donation is tax deductible and a letter of receipt will be provided.

BRING YOUR CAMERA!
Remember to bring your cameras!
A fellow alum will be available to assist you in taking group photos.

HOTEL INFORMATION
For your convenience, room blocks are available at DoubleTree Suites (800-222-8733) and the Regency Lodge (800-617-8310). The special rate of $92 per night is available at both by mentioning that you are a Nebraska Methodist alum when making your reservations by telephone. Breakfast is included in this rate. See amenities at www.omahasuites.doubletree.com and www.regencylodge.com. Free shuttle service is available from both hotels to the reunion events. The DoubleTree does accept small dogs.

Please note that the room blocks will be released on May 1st.
Free Educational Offering

**Compassionate Presence: The Heart of Healing and Caring**

Responding effectively to the needs of patients remains an on-going professional and deeply personal challenge. *Compassionate Presence* offers the opportunity to learn contemplative resources that support you in your life and work, and enhance the way you offer care – with a renewed sense of joy, confidence, and fulfillment. This presentation focuses on cultivating presence and mindfulness, and deepening the capacity for compassion, so that you can remain present, spacious, and loving in the face of suffering.

**To register** and for further program and continuing education credit information, please visit our website at [www.methodistcollege.edu/professionaldevelopment](http://www.methodistcollege.edu/professionaldevelopment). Click on Alumni at the left.

Cost: Offered at no charge

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**Registration for Reunion Events**

Name_________________________________________ Name at Graduation or Maiden Name______________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________________ State_________ ZIP__________________________________________________________

Home Phone________________________ Cell Phone________________________ Work Phone________________________________________

E-Mail________________________________________

Program(s) ___________________________________________ Grad Year(s)______________________________

**50-Year Honor Breakfast - Catered by Garden Café**

☐ 1962 Graduate (No Charge)  ☐ Guest(s) $10/guest  Guest Name(s)______________________________________________

☐ 10:30 Campus Tour - I will join this tour group.  ☐ 11:30 Campus Tour - I will join this tour group.  *Please meet in the lobby of the Clark Building prior to tour time.*

**Reunion Dinner - 8511 West Dodge Road - Catered by Texas Roadhouse**

$15 per person  ☐ I will attend  ☐ Chicken or ☐ Ribs

☐ I will bring guests; number of guests attending ______

Please list guests’ names:

__________________________________________  ☐ Chicken or ☐ Ribs

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Your payment must accompany this registration form. Please make checks payable to: NMC Alumni Association.

Mail to: Denise Carlson, Nebraska Methodist College - The Josie Harper Campus, 720 North 87th St., Omaha, NE 68114

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*Please understand, meal counts must be provided prior to the events. Reservations must be received no later than May 25th.*

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*The Reunion Dinner features reserved class seating.*

*If you have special dietary needs, contact Denise Carlson at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256.*
Multiple Generations Attend NMC

This spring semester, NMC accepted a third generation to the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator Track. As Alumni, you are our greatest referral source. Do you have someone in your family interested in continuing their education in an online nursing track? Mr. Shabaka Maclin can get you started in RN to BSN, RN to MSN or MSN tracks at NMC.

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Allyson Abide, current MSN - Nurse Educator Student (pictured center). Mother is Nancy (Petersen) Foisy '78 (pictured left). Grandmother is Alice (Armintrout) Petersen '45 (pictured right, holding Allyson’s daughter, Emma, - another future alumna?). Allyson’s Aunt also attended NMC, Susan Petersen '71 (not pictured).

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“Please join me at the reunion events on Friday, June 1st. Don't forget about the golf tournament on Friday, June 15th. I look forward to seeing you there!”
Denis A. Joslin, PhD, RN
Honorary Alumnus '99
President and CEO
Nebraska Methodist College