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.

Eileen Heitman ’94 was honored as the January recipient of the Methodist DAISY Award. An RN with Methodist Home Health and Hospice, she was nominated by a colleague who wrote, “Eileen is a nurse who exemplifies excellence in nursing in her everyday actions.” Whether it is getting a birthday ice cream cake for a Hospice patient who likes ice cream (but not cake), or bringing dog treats when visiting homebound patients with dogs, Eileen strives to brighten the lives of her patients. She is a vital part of the Methodist Hospice team that helps patients and families travel difficult journeys with dignity and respect.

Lisa Myslinski ’09 was recognized as the December Methodist Hospital Employee of the Month. She is an Oncology nurse who is described as “a sensational RN who is beloved by patients and staff. She is a very positive person, always willing to help by searching our unmet needs and lightening others’ workloads whenever possible.”

The recipients of our 2013-2014 Alumni Scholarships were recently selected by members of the Awards Committee – Kyle Boysen ’08, Danielle Brazzle ’10, Kay Lynn Goldner ’61, Chris Hoebelheinrich ’01 & ’10, Annie Reilly ’07 & ’08, Doug Warren ’12, and Sue Wulf ’74. After reviewing all applications and interviewing finalists, the committee, chaired by Zoy Blair ’59, awarded $5,000 scholarships to Ashley Ramharter, Mario Palombo, and Alexandria (Alex) Parrish.

Both Ashley and Alex will graduate with their BSN degree – Ashley this December and Alex in May 2014. Mario is a student in the Physical Therapist Assistant program and is on track to also graduate in May 2014. You will be immediately attracted to these bright and enthusiastic individuals! We look forward to all they will bring to our Association!
Nursing Survey Request

The Division of Nursing Assessment Team respectfully requests your participation in an alumni survey that will be distributed by email in May to 1-year and 3-year graduates of traditional BSN, accelerated ACE BSN, RN-to-BSN, and MSN. In addition, some alumni will also receive a request to forward an Employer Survey to their supervisor if they are practicing in nursing. The purpose of these surveys is to enhance nursing programs and provide valuable information to accrediting bodies.

As a proud MSN alumna from Nebraska Methodist College, I commend the Department of Nursing for continuous quality improvement in nursing program offerings. I know that my valuable feedback will benefit stakeholders including future students, nurse alumni, employers and the community as a whole. I encourage you to take the time to complete the alumni survey and forward employer surveys to your supervisors as a way to give back to Nebraska Methodist College.

Echo Perlman, RN, MSN ’10
Instructor, Division of Nursing,
Co-Chair, Assessment Team
Nebraska Methodist College

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.

Arlene Fritson Hager ’54 
Betty Kroeger Harold Garrett ’55 
Sharon (Freed) Coleman ’66

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

We are all thankful for the education we have received. However, I would venture to say it wasn’t just about the education at Nebraska Methodist College - it was about the experience. Your personal experience is special and not forgotten. As we approach the 2013 Reunion, I am reminded of how wonderful it is to come together to reminisce about your experiences with fellow Alumni. It’s an opportunity to celebrate the place and the people that brought your dreams to reality.

There is no doubt that Nebraska Methodist College is extraordinary. The professors, students and facilities all contribute to this, but a big part of it is you - the Alumni. You and NMC succeed together and the support of our Alumni is necessary. There is no better way to say thank you to NMC and to help its students succeed than to support scholarships. Scholarships make education possible for so many students. Please create a legacy and help educate our students so that they can change the world.

You may contact Elizabeth at 402-354-4825 or visit the Foundation at www.MethodistHospitalFoundation.org for more information about how you can make a difference at Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus.
CLASS NOTES

Go to [www.methodistcollege.edu/alumni-and-community/alumni-relations/update-your-info](http://www.methodistcollege.edu/alumni-and-community/alumni-relations/update-your-info) 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!

1940s
Oltmer, Margery (Nelson) ’46 – lives in Belton, Texas, and writes, “As my husband was in the military for 32½ years, I got reciprocity and worked as a nurse in many states. My best nursing job was in the mid 70’s as head nurse of Labor and Delivery at Camp Kui Hospital in Okinawa, Japan. I went back to school for my BA with a major in piano and a minor in pipe organ. I keep very busy playing for different functions and for several chapters of the Eastern Star. I’ve also done lots of volunteer work at King’s Daughters Hospital in Temple, Texas.”

1970s
McDonald, Evy ’72 – writes, “I recently moved back to the Omaha area. In 2010, I earned a Doctor of Ministry degree.”

Hawkins, Mary Jane (Livengood) ’78 – writes, “I was married to John Hawkins in 1991. We have 2 sons, Shawn and Brian, ages 18 and 17. In 1987, I earned a BSN from Clarkson College of Nursing and I obtained certification in pediatric nursing in 2010. I am currently employed as a Nurse Case Manager for the HEROES program. This is the medical weight management program for Children’s Hospital & Medical Center.”

1990s
Flynn, Linda (Bartunek) ’95 – graduated from our Health Promotion certificate program. She writes, “I graduated June, 2012, at Marylhurst University with a BA, Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration of Communication, Health Care Management and Gerontology. I have been accepted in the Masters Program in Pastoral Counseling at the University of Portland in the fall. I have four grandchildren and a fifth due in August. I am on two volunteer boards: Vice President, Red Fox Hills Townhome Association and Co-Secretary, Lake Oswego Adult Community Center “Meals on Wheels” Program. I also volunteer at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church as an usher and lector on a monthly basis. Giving back to a community is who I have become due to the inspiration and support I received at Methodist College. Thank you all for the dedication and hard work in which students are expected to perform...to stretch themselves into being the whole person with expectations and drive for the rest of their lives. I personally thank Dr. Dennis Joslin ’99 Honorary who believed in my abilities to freely fly and Dr. Kay Ryan ’72 in mentoring and coaching me forward.”

Walker, Sharon (Radcliff) ’96 – is a graduate of our Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Omaha. Sharon is employed by Alegent Creighton Clinic.

2000s
Wattier, Leah (Hoffschneider) ’04 – and her husband, Brian, live in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is employed as a nurse for Scottsdale Healthcare.

Vontz, Ashley (Spicka) ’11 – was married to Chris on September 15, 2012. They reside in Friend, Nebraska. A graduate of our Accelerated Nursing Program, Ashley is employed at the Crete Area Medical Center.

Hoarty, Tim ’12 – a recent December BSN grad, lives in Omaha and is an RN on Methodist Hospital’s Cardiac Unit.
Investing in Excellence

Greetings and I hope this newsletter finds you doing extremely well. We are having a fantastic spring semester at NMC and there are so many exciting things to share with you that I could fill the entire newsletter. The topic I would like to address with you at this time is escalating concern around student debt and the critical need for increased scholarship support.

The NMC College Board of Directors has identified student scholarship support as the single ‘greatest need’ for NMC. We are working aggressively on our $36 million dollar scholarship campaign, ‘Investing in Excellence’ and we need your help. As this campaign goal is realized, we will be able to provide more students with scholarship support and also increase the dollar amount of each scholarship which will assist in minimizing student debt.

The NMC board has established a goal of 100% board participation in this campaign and I would love to see the Alumni Association actively engage and support this as well. As you know, our students are very hard working individuals who are committed to their education and passionate about their future as healthcare professionals. This commitment and passion is what make our students the best, and ultimately, our Alumni the best.

I would ask that you please give this request for scholarship support thoughtful consideration and know that I am truly grateful for whatever level of support you can provide to this crucial campaign for scholarship support for our NMC students of today and tomorrow.

Dennis A. Joslin, Ph.D., RN
Honorary Alumnus ’99
President and CEO
Nebraska Methodist College

13th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
Sponsored by Vintage Financial Group

All proceeds benefit our Alumni Scholarships for current NMC Students!

$75 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
Registration fees include pre-tournament range balls, 18-holes with cart, scoring, and post-play dinner.
Raffles
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!

Contact Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations with any questions: (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256 or email @ Denise.Carlson@methodistcollege.edu. Return registration form to her at NMC Alumni, 720 North 87th Street, Omaha, NE 68114.

Friday, June 14, 2013
18-Holes, 4-Player Team Tournament
Best Ball Scramble
8:00 Registration
9:00 Shot Gun Start
Earlier Start Time Allows for CWS Attendance!

501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion (52nd and Cornhusker)

Deadline for registration is Monday, June 10th
Register early; participation is limited to 36 teams!

We do not require Alumni or College affiliation as a participation requirement. Feel free to copy or share registration form with friends and family!

501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion (52nd and Cornhusker)
REGISTRATION FORM

Platinum Hole Sponsor
Includes sponsorship signage on tee box or green and on tourney banner, recognition on NMC website and in Alumni newsletter, pre-tournament range balls, 18-holes with cart, scoring, and post-play dinner.

Gold Sponsor
Includes sponsorship signage on tourney banner, recognition on NMC website and in Alumni newsletter, pre-tournament range balls, 18-holes with cart, scoring, and post-play dinner.

☐ Platinum Hole Sponsor + Foursome $525
Charitable Contribution is $321

☐ Platinum Hole Sponsor w/o Team $300
Charitable Contribution is $300

☐ Gold Sponsor + Foursome $425
Charitable Contribution is $221

☐ Gold Sponsor w/o Team $200
Charitable Contribution is $200

☐ Foursome @ $75 each $300
Charitable Contribution is $96

☐ I will not be able to attend but please accept my donation of $____________ to support student scholarships. 100% of your gift is a charitable contribution.

Please return completed golf registration forms to Denise Carlson, Nebraska Methodist College, 720 N. 87th Street, Omaha, NE 68114.

☐ I have enclosed my check for $____________ made payable to NMC Alumni Association.

Addresses & Phone Numbers Are Required

1) Name________________________________________________________ Address____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________ Phone________________________________________________________

2) Name________________________________________________________ Address____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________ Phone________________________________________________________

3) Name________________________________________________________ Address____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________ Phone________________________________________________________

4) Name________________________________________________________ Address____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________ Phone________________________________________________________
It’s the 2013 Alumni Reunion!  
Friday, May 31st

Yes, you are a Hero! Each and every alum makes a difference and you are a hero to someone – in fact, to more than you will ever realize.

Save the date and call a friend! Join us May 31 to celebrate our Methodist Alumni connection! Come back to the “old campus” to remember, relive and reconnect.

We invite ALL Methodist alumni to join us — not just those celebrating a 5-year reunion!

During the short program, we will honor our 2013 Service Award recipient – Danielle Brazzle ’10.

60-Year Alums and 25-Year Alums
Are you a member of the Class of 1953 or the Class of 1988? Don’t miss the Reunion Dinner as we have special keepsakes just for you!

ACE Alums – In recognition of the 10-year anniversary of the Accelerated Nursing program, you, too, will be recognized with a gift. We invite you to network with fellow ACE alums and share your success with your faculty members.

The informal format with a BBQ buffet from Texas Roadhouse has allowed us to keep the dinner at the reduced cost. Class tables and ACE tables will be reserved. Volunteers will be available for those needing assistance. Feel free to come in your jeans or capris….Hero capes are optional!

SILENT AUCTION

The 9th Annual Silent Auction will be open Friday for your shopping pleasure! You will make a difference in the lives of current Methodist students with your donation! All proceeds go to our Alumni Spirit of Caring Scholarships.

Why not contact your classmates to put together a Class Basket as the Class of ’87 did last year? Of course, individual donations are always welcomed. Let’s challenge ourselves to beat the record proceeds from the 2012 Silent Auction!

If you are interested in donating themed baskets, craft items, gift certificates, or other items please contact Denise Carlson at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256. Your donation is tax deductible and a letter of receipt will be provided. Please make your donation by Friday, May 17.

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

For your convenience, room blocks are available at DoubleTree Suites for $92 (402-397-5141) and the Regency Lodge for $89 (800-617-8310). The special rate is available at both by mentioning that you are a Nebraska Methodist alum when making your reservations by telephone. Breakfast is included in these rates. 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 10th.
Free Educational Offering

Medical Missions: Caring and Learning

As healthcare professionals, caring comes through in many ways. For some, their passion for care reaches out across borders to serve the needs of people around the globe. Please join Keitha Thompson ’70, Kathy Garvey ’84, Kylie Garvey ’11, Melissa Bell ’06, and Devin Holdorf ’11 to learn more about healthcare needs of diverse populations and professional growth opportunities related to medical mission trips. They will talk about their mission/medical trips to impoverished countries and how to plan or help with such endeavors.

To register and for further program and continuing education credit information, please visit our website at www.methodistcollege.edu/professional-development

Cost: Offered at no charge

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) __________________________
☐ Yes, I am an ACE graduate.

50-Year Honor Breakfast - Catered by Garden Café
☐ 1963 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
$20 per person ☐ I will attend and would like ☐ Chicken or ☐ Ribs

☐ I will bring guests; number of guests attending ______
Please list guests’ names:
__________________________________________ ☐ Chicken or ☐ Ribs
__________________________________________ ☐ Chicken or ☐ Ribs

Please understand, meal counts must be provided prior to the events. Reservations must be received no later than May 24th.

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

☐ Honor Breakfast Guests @ $10 = $_____
☐ Reunion Dinners @ $20 = $_____

Total Enclosed: $_____

Please meet in the lobby of the Clark Building prior to tour time.

The Reunion Dinner features reserved class seating.

If you have special dietary needs, contact Denise Carlson at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256.
As Alumni you are so important to our recruitment process at NMC. Looking back at our spring 2013 enrollment; eight students enrolled at NMC from Alumni Referrals. Thank you for sharing our positive experiences with students interested in nursing and healthcare programs.

NMC Admissions is available to help get you started for an advanced online degree. Our online programs offer start dates throughout the year with programs in nursing and allied health. Be sure to check back this summer for new program opportunities at NMC.

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We do our best to provide the Spring Issue of the *The Methodist Alumni Connection* to you at least 8 weeks prior to the Reunion. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we sincerely apologize for any delay in the arrival of this issue.

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