



The Methodist Alumni Connection

Spring 2011

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.

Valerie Anderson '04 & '07 was not a runner but she had a cause and a vision. Her son, Tristan, age 4, has Autism. For 24 weeks she trained alongside her husband, mother-in-law and father-in-law with the goal of running with the Autism Speaks Team in the Disney World Marathon on January 9. Not only did they complete the marathon, they were a top fundraiser for the event. Valerie stated, "Running for Autism Speaks on behalf of Tristan was an incredible motivator for each of us as we trained for this daunting task. Every mile served as a reminder of the physical and mental challenges Tristan, and other children just like him, must battle every day. Crossing the finish line was much more than reaching a personal goal for time or completion. It held a much higher meaning within each of us! With dedication, commitment, training and perseverance, anything is possible."



Valerie and Tristan

Kerri Peterson '99, a graduate of our master's in health promotion program, was honored at a dinner on January 26 as one of the Omaha Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Omahans. The awards honor people between the ages of 21 and 40 who strive for excellence and have a strong commitment to community service and personal and professional development. Kerri is the executive director of Live Well Omaha, an organization that promotes community health. She has held various roles at Countryside Community Church, serves in her Rotary Club, is a member of the board of directors for Leadership Omaha Alumni Association, and is on the advisory committee of the Association of Community Health Improvement.



Valerie running the marathon.

Valerie (Harrison) Palacios '05 was recently transferred to California from Hawaii and received a Meritorious Service Medal from Tripler Army Medical Center. She writes, "The Meritorious Service Award I received from Tripler was a very distinguished award that is usually reserved for outstanding service and often given at the end of a service member's career. It was very humbling to receive this award so early in my career as an Army Officer and as an Army Nurse. It was given to me in recognition of all the contributions I made to enhance the quality of care given to our obstetrical patients, both military and family members. I am now in a 6 bed Labor/Delivery/Postpartum Recovery unit. My nursing skills are really being put to the test in this remote destination - in the middle of the Mojave Desert."



The Palacios Family on the beach in Hawaii.

And a note about our future 2012 alums...The ACE (Accelerated Nursing Program) students recently completed their annual BP screening at the Mall of the Bluffs in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Over two Saturdays, the new cohort took 1,311 blood pressures thus setting a course record. Their Associate Professor, Meg Blair, stated, "Believe me, if they can hear your BP in the food court, they know how to take pressures!"

CLASS NOTES

Go to www.methodistcollege.edu/alumni/addyourinfo to submit your news, change of address, etc. No access to a computer? Call Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations at 402-354-7256 or 800-793-3964. She would enjoy hearing from you!

Congratulations to **Amanda Mahoney '02** - 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!

1970s

Hanson, Sheryl (Haag) '77 – resides in West Des Moines, Iowa where she practices as a registered nurse.

1980s

Hansen, Cynthia (Bauer) '85 – and her family have lived in the Hendersonville, Tennessee area for almost 7 years. Cindy currently is Vice President of Quality and Risk Management and recently gained certification in Healthcare Risk Management.

Sanderson, Kelly (Ward) '82 – resides in Naperville, Illinois with her husband, Colin, and family. She writes, "We have 3 children. Our oldest daughter will graduate from Indiana University in May 2011. Our middle daughter is in her 2nd year at ASU studying communications, and our son is a junior in high school. I have been working in medical management in a variety of roles and locations since 1989. I have been employed at MEDecision, Inc. for over 10 years, with present role in Clinical Sales Support."

Uehling, Paulette '83 – was "lost" but sent in an update. Residing in Omaha, she practices as an RN. Paulette is a Grandmother to five; they range in age from 3 to 18 years.

Canfield, Susie (Emanuel) '86 – and her husband, Charlie, reside in Grand Island, Nebraska with their four teenage children. She writes, "I love to scrapbook and golf---and sit in the bleachers." Susie previously worked in the ER/Interventional Radiology and is now an OR staff nurse.

Weyant, Ruthie '86, '92, & '09 – received her nursing diploma, BSN and MSN from the College. She writes, "I have a full time faculty position in an associate's degree nursing program at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colorado and love teaching nursing students!!! I have kept my part time position in the CICU at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado because I don't want to lose those skills. My son Ethan is 16 & Bryan is going to be 10 soon. My mom is still living with me so she makes all of it possible."

1990s

Stanton, Mauricia (Wright) '91 – has certainly been a lifelong learner. She completed a master's in Business Management in 1995, a master's as an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner in 2000, a post master's as a Nurse Educator in 2006, and recently completed her PhD in the summer of 2010. She resides in Niceville, Florida and says, "Methodist College is a place where dreams can start!"

Austin, Krista (Graybill) '98 – married Chris in 1999. They have 3 children: Alivia, (6), Addison (4), and Asher (3) and reside in Papillion, Nebraska. Krista works PRN as a registered nurse at UNMC and says she is mostly a stay at home mom.

2000s

Foster, Stephanie (Owen) '01 – along with her husband, Jason, and three daughters, ages 6, 4, and 2, reside in Sidney, Iowa. Stephanie is an OR nurse.



Alivia, Addison, and Asher Austin

CLASS NOTES

Mahoney, Amanda (Vandeventer) '02 – writes, “I have previous experience in Cardiac, ICU and float pool, and I’m currently working Ortho/Neuro at Midwest Surgical Hospital. I love how nursing allows for so many different opportunities!”

Jungbluth, Lindsay '07 - currently works at Methodist Hospital as an RN on the IV Team. She writes, “I absolutely love my job. On August 7, 2010, Jerry and I welcomed our first baby, **Henry Lee**. He has been the greatest blessing in my life.”

Schepers, Kari (Yaw) '07 – is a graduate from our accelerated nursing program. She writes, “We had girl/boy twins December 20. **Paige** was 5 lbs. 10 oz. and 19.5 inches long. **Collin** was 6 lbs. 3 oz. and 20.5 inches long. I work part-time at Crete Area Medical Center. I love it because I get to practice almost all specialties of nursing in one place.”

Kreikemeier, Bobbi (Hagedorn) '08 – writes, “Derrick and I welcomed our first baby, **Grant Michael**, into our family on October 20, 2010. I’m an RN on the Labor & Delivery floor at the Nebraska Med Center.”

Hultquist, Beth '09 – and husband, Jon, reside in Concord, North Carolina. A graduate of our MNS Nurse Educator program, Beth is a nursing instructor. She is currently enrolled in a PhD program at Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lilley, Jenny '09 – and her husband, Brandon, reside in Murrieta, California. A graduate of our ACE nursing program, Jenny writes, “Just letting everyone know that life as a military nurse is hectic! I have completed trauma training at the LA County Hospital and I am now getting deployed to Afghanistan to the level 3 trauma hospital at the end of February. I am quite sure I am going to be extremely busy since that is where the majority of the casualties are going. I will return to the states in November 2011. And oh I made rank: I am now a LTJG!!!”

Carnahan, Ryan '10 – Works as an RN in Methodist Hospital’s Cardiac Unit. He and **Katie Grace '10** are engaged to be married on June 11th.

Running, Courtney '10 – is a December BSN grad. She has accepted a position with Jennie Edmundson Hospital on the Adult/Peds Med Surg floor. Courtney is planning an August 12, 2011 wedding.



Henry Lee



The Schepers Twins



Grant Michael Kreikemeier

In Loving Memory

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.



Helen (Miller) Sacarisen '42

Helen (Lewis) Gustin '47

Frances (Clatanoff) Gress '62

Margaret Fisher '63

Karen (Evans) Hostetler '64

Janice (Wilding) Hays '68

Rita (Benedict) Hart '71

Pearl Hendricks '85, Honorary Alumna

Presidential Update

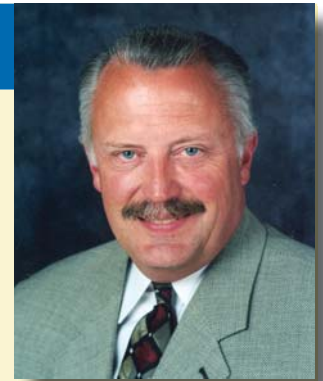
I am happy to report that NMC is continuing to grow. Our current enrollment stands at over 800 students---another all time high.

In addition to the record enrollment, the physical footprint of the campus is continuing to expand. We recently purchased a 10,000 square foot building (Dutton Building, 515 North 87th Street) across the street to the east of the Josie Harper Campus.

Our initial plans are to use only the second floor which will house the Alumni Center and the Professional Development staff. The new Jean Schmidt-Beyer Alumni Center will provide ample room for display of alumni memorabilia, meetings, activities and even social gatherings.

The courtyard area will be replanted this spring and will feature an assortment of plants and flowers from the Beyer family so please stop by and see the new home of the Alumni Association.

Thank you for your continued support of Nebraska Methodist College. We could not do what we are doing without you. I hope to see you at the alumni events in June.



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

The Joy of Saying Thank You

The best part of my job is saying two simple words, “Thank you.”

I am sure you can guess why it is my favorite. It means we were able to inspire someone to reach out and help another person – someone they may never meet, but who will never forget their kindness.

Today, I am writing a special thank-you note to YOU – for your support of the Alumni Scholarship Fund and the Student Crisis Fund at Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus. I am overwhelmed when I think about the lasting effect your gifts have on students, and the tears I have seen when they realize their financial struggle has just been made easier by a generous alumni.

I am truly humbled by your support. Your gifts say you believe in Nebraska Methodist College, you believe in our future healthcare professionals, and you believe in the power of philanthropy.

If you would like to join your fellow Alumni and make a gift in support of scholarships or the Student Crisis Fund please call 402/354-4825, or go to our web site: www.MethodistHospitalFoundation.org and click on “Give Now.”



*Cynthia S. Peacock
President & CEO
Methodist Hospital Foundation*

11th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Vintage Financial Group

All proceeds benefit our Alumni Scholarships for current NMC Students!

Feedback for the 2010 tourney was all positive and we are returning to Eagle Hills for 2011!

\$70 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 at the new Ameritrade Park
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.
(800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256 or email @ Denise.Carlson@methodistcollege.edu

Friday, June 17, 2011

18-Holes, 4-Player Team Tournament

Best Ball Scramble

9:00 Registration

10:00 Shot Gun Start

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

Deadline for registration is Friday, June 8th

Register early as participation is limited to 36 teams!

Find the
registration form at
www.methodistcollege.edu

"BACK IN THE SADDLE" Plan Now to Attend the 2011 Alumni Reunion!

We are Celebrating Our 120th Anniversary

Join your fellow classmates, friends, faculty and staff at this year's alumni weekend events! This will be a more casual Reunion Dinner with a BBQ theme. Your jeans are welcome – hats and boots are optional!

Realizing that budgets may be tight, this year the Alumni Association is "splitting the cost with you." Attend the dinner at one-half the cost of last year's event. So call those classmates and plan to attend!

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

60-Year Alums and 25-Year Alums

Are you a member of the Class of 1951 or the Class of 1986? Don't miss the Reunion Dinner as we have special gifts just for you!

Honoring Our WWII Cadet Nurse Graduates!

The time has come to give special recognition to our graduates who served our country in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps!



Celebrating 120 years!



Helen Vanek Titus '46



Weekend Schedule

Thursday, June 2nd

9:00—3:00 Silent Auction Opens for bidding on Campus

Friday, June 3rd

Morning events will be held at NMC Josie Harper Campus

9:00—11:30 Educational Offering

9:00—10:30 50-Year Honor Breakfast

10:30 & 11:30 Campus Tours with NMC Student Ambassadors

Evening events will be held at the Regency Lodge, I-680 & Pacific St.

5:00—6:30 Cash Bar & Silent Auction Bidding

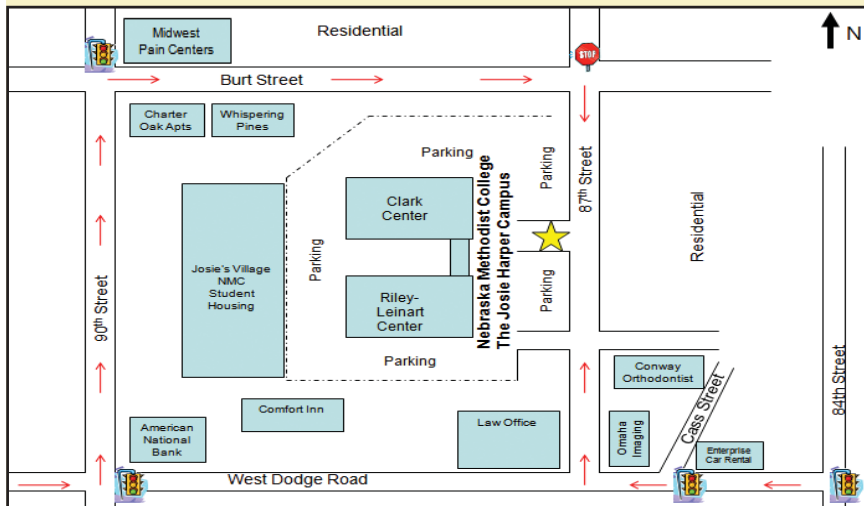
6:30 Silent Auction Winners Determined

6:30—10:00 Dinner, Program & Socializing

SILENT AUCTION

The 7th Annual Silent Auction will be open for your shopping pleasure! Fabulous items have been donated the past six years and you can help create an even bigger and better auction this year. 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.

Visit the NMC - Josie Harper Campus!



BRING YOUR CAMERA!

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



HOTEL BLOCK

Regency Lodge

909 South 107th Avenue, *Located just off I-680 at Pacific Street*
 (402) 397-8000 or (800) 617-8310

www.RegencyLodge.com

Rate: \$95.00

The Reunion Dinner will be held at the Regency Lodge. Guests of the Lodge will receive complimentary shuttle service to the NMC campus.

For your convenience, a room block is available at the Regency Lodge. The special rate of \$95 is available by mentioning that you are a *Nebraska Methodist alum* when making your reservations by telephone. You may visit the website to view the hotel and its amenities. *Please note that the room block will be released on Tuesday, May 3rd.*

Free Educational Offering

A Self Care Journey - caring for ourselves strengthens our ability to care for others.

As health care providers we have a responsibility to care for ourselves in the same way we care for our patients. Caring for ourselves may be overlooked as the desire to meet the needs of families and our patients takes precedence. Self awareness, personal and professional growth and positively valuing our own needs contributes to a holistic approach to healthy living. We are most satisfied and effective when our work flows from a balanced life. Effectively caring for others stems from this balanced lifestyle. As we affirm our value we strengthen our ability to care for others.

Linda Quinn, MA, PLMHP, MSN, RN is an Associate Professor and the Student Advancement Coordinator for the Department of Nursing at Nebraska Methodist College and adjunct faculty at Grace University. Linda holds a bachelor's degree in nursing as well as master's degrees in nursing and counseling and has been an educator for more than 20 years. Her educational programming in nursing and individual counseling included utilizing positive coaching, and empowering strategies and techniques. She is in progress in her doctoral studies in psychology and practices counseling part-time in private practice, specializing in mood disorders, anxiety, life changes and life balance to include teens and adults.



Linda Quinn, MA, PLMHP, MSN, RN

To register and for further program and continuing education credit information, please visit our website at www.methodistcollege.edu/professionaldevelopment. Click on Alumni at the left.

Cost: Offered at no charge

Registration for Reunion Events

Name _____ Name at Graduation or Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Program(s) _____ Grad Year(s) _____

YES, I was a WWII Cadet Nurse

50-Year Honor Breakfast - Catered by Garden Café

1961 Graduate (No Charge) Guest(s) \$8/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 - Regency Lodge

\$15 per person I will attend I will bring guests; number of guests attending _____

Please list guests' names:

____ Honor Breakfast Guests @ \$8 = \$ _____

____ Reunion Dinners @ \$15 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please understand, meal counts must be provided prior to the events. Reservations must be received no later than May 31st.

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

The Reunion Dinner features reserved seating. Please indicate if there are others attending you wish to sit with. If you have special dietary needs, contact Denise Carlson at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256.

Enroll now for an online program to advance your career. You will find many options to move your career forward for nursing and allied professionals. For nursing consider our MSN tracks in Nurse Educator or Nurse Executive. The new RN to MSN starts this fall. The RN to MSN is a great way to streamline your path to a MSN in three years. For allied health professionals, enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration: Applied Clinical Operations. Recognizing the importance of a Bachelor's degree and its role in professional development and career advancement, Nebraska Methodist College has developed a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration: Applied Clinical Operations (HCA-ACO). This Bachelor's Degree is designed for individuals who have earned an associate degree in a healthcare related field. The curriculum has been designed around the domains identified by the Healthcare Leadership Alliance as essential to effective practice in healthcare management. Check out www.methodistcollege.edu/academicprograms to learn more.

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YEARBOOKS DISCOVERED!



Didn't buy a yearbook and now wished you would have? Was yours lost or destroyed? Four boxes of yearbooks were discovered in storage and this is your opportunity to acquire a White Cap or yearbook from the late 80's!

Most years are available and they will be on a first come basis. They range from 1950 – 1989 though some are few in number. The following White Caps are not available: 1958, 1963, 1976, 1980 and 1981.

We want to get these into your hands so contact Denise Carlson, Director of Alumni Relations, at (800) 793-3964 or (402) 354-7256. You may pick them up at NMC. If you are out of town, there will be no charge for mailing.

**Alumni Reunion Information and
Registration Forms Enclosed!**
Come celebrate as we honor Horizon
Award recipient, **Cathy Barnes '73** and
Honorary Alumna, **Dr. Lin Hughes!**

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