ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Margaret “Maggie” Miller, MSN ’77

Dr. Miller, PhD, RN, receives the President’s award this evening. Miller earned her BSN from East Tennessee State University, her MSN from our School of Nursing, and her PhD in Leadership and Administration of Adult and Higher Education through the School of Education at UNC-Chapel Hill. She has served the SON in many different areas since 1997, and currently holds the position of Assistant Dean for Operations and Strategic Initiatives. Dean Swanson says of Dr. Miller, “She is the behind-the-scenes powerful grace that makes this place run.”

While Miller’s dedication to our students and faculty is evident, what sometimes goes unrecognized is her support of the School’s alumni and other external constituents. As a 1977 alum of the SON Master’s program, Miller is a consistent advocate for alumni outreach. While she was overseeing construction of the new addition, she also volunteered her time to travel across the state to explain the logistics of this new building and to keep alumni informed on construction progress. She took on the volunteer role of Master of Ceremonies for the SON Alumni Association’s Alumni Appreciation Day celebrations, leads building tours for alumni and other guests, and consistently participates in many SON alumni functions. She not only provides wisdom for planning events, but also the sweat equity to see them through. She does everything from helping to load tables to cleaning up after others have gone home.

Dr. Miller is a favorite person of many of our alumni and donors because of her wide breadth of knowledge and her genuine interest in helping students succeed. As the executive in charge of scholarship fund disbursement, this knowledge frequently helps to align donor wishes with student need. She is also a loyal donor to the SON, and that enthusiasm has inspired others to follow her lead. The personal integrity and vision she displays as a leader within the School is also a guiding force within the SON alumni association.

The President’s Award is given at the discretion of the Alumni Association President to recognize outstanding service to the alumni of the School of Nursing. As Dr. Miller prepares for her retirement, it seems the most appropriate time to honor her service with this award.

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Anne Aldridge Webb, MPA

Anne Aldridge Webb, MPA, was recently promoted to Assistant Dean for Advancement at the School of Nursing. Webb directs the School’s development, public relations and alumni activities. She also serves as Executive Director of the SON Foundation Board of Directors. In 2001, Webb joined the SON Advancement Office as the Associate Director for Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving. She introduced innovative alumni programming, boosted donor participation and organized alumni events in ten states. She worked with Norma Hawthorne on the School’s successful $15 million Carolina First Campaign as well as the “Pave the Way” brick campaign for the new building.

Webb began her career at UNC in 1998 as a program manager in the Office of Human Resources. During her time there, she completed the University’s management development program and in 2001, received a Chancellor’s Award for Employee Excellence.

Webb, who has been writing since she was a young child, is an accomplished freelance writer. She writes for regional magazines and has published two successful children’s books: Appalachian State A to Z and Carolina A to Z. In Carolina A to Z, Webb wrote in her bio “I am lucky enough to work each day on the beautiful University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus, also known as Blue Heaven for the uninitiated. Few things in life are as certain as my status as a Tar Heel.”

Webb received a Bachelor’s in Industrial Relations from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1994 and a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from UNC-Greensboro in 2004, where she conducted research on Women and Philanthropy. Anne lives in Alamance County, NC, with her husband, Chris Webb, and with their son, Phillip.
2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
Donald “Chip” Bailey, Jr. PhD ’02
Dr. Donald Bailey PhD, RN, FAAN receives the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award tonight for his dedication as a stellar scientist, a great mentor and educator. Dr. Bailey is currently an Associate Director in the Duke School of Nursing, a Science Fellow in the Duke Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, and a Claire M. Fagin Fellow. He is known as a nursing scholar, colleague and mentor, but more importantly, he is known for his passion about improving the lives of older adults.

Dr. Bailey has established a program of research focused on patient self-management and enhancing the quality of life of patients with chronic illnesses, specifically prostate cancer and hepatitis C. His research provides understanding of the role uncertainty plays in prostate cancer patients, highlighting the need for communication between patients and their providers. His research has led to greater emphasis on the care of patients during stressful waiting periods, leading him to be the first to design and assess a self-intervention for patients experiencing watchful waiting.

His work with hepatitis C is strongly rooted in clinical practice. He is one of a very small number of nursing scientists who have described the challenge of these patients. Currently he is testing the efficacy of an intervention called the Uncertainty Management Intervention, that is delivered via telephone conversations with patients and caregivers as they wait for a liver transplant. This research is a five-year randomized control trial and 240 patients and caregivers will be enrolled in it. His ability to move his work from discipline to intervention is viewed as impressive and increases its utility by clinicians.

Bailey’s work using interdisciplinary science to enhance the care of patients has had a national impact. In 2004, his geriatric course at Duke University School of Nursing was awarded The Best Stand-Alone Geriatric Nursing Course in Baccalaureate Education by ACN and the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing. This October, he became a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

Dr. Bailey received his PhD from the School of Nursing in 2002.

CARRINGTON AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
Carolyn London, BSN ’56
Carolyn London receives the Carrington Award for Community Service tonight for her exemplary service to the University, the School of Nursing and the community.

In 1951, the School of Nursing opened at UNC-Chapel Hill. A young woman heard about the brand-new innovative school, and knew it was where she needed to go. London describes her four years and two summers with SON as some of the most challenging and best in her life. She forged lifetime friendships with classmates as well as meeting Will, her husband of 55 years. It is fitting that London’s classmates nominated her for this award.

London graduated in 1956 as a member of the SON’s second class and began her career at Children’s Hospital in Boston. Her BSN degree reflected the superb education she had received and helped to open doors to many opportunities later in her life. She has since worked tirelessly to ensure future graduates enjoy the same distinction that comes with being a Carolina Nurse.

London’s service to Carolina and the SON has been admirable. In 1985, she organized the School of Nursing Foundation, Inc., an independent fiscal entity that manages the investments of the School’s endowments. She served as the first President of its Board of Directors, and continues her dedication to this foundation as an active, honorary lifetime member.

London and her husband included the SON in their estate planning by designating funding to create an undergraduate scholarship. They recently decided to fully fund the scholarship to see first-hand how their support could help nursing students today. The Londons hope this scholarship, and others, will help students achieve their goals while making the world a better place.

London’s service extends beyond the SON. Her civic activities include service as President of Watts Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science Board and Chairman for a variety of local organizations. Within the UNC community, she was the elected Director of District IV for the General Alumni Association, Chairman of the Durham County Morehead Foundation Selection Committee and the Forsyth District Morehead Selection Committee as well as a member of the UNC Board of Visitors.

GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE (G.O.L.D.) AWARD
Angelo Moore, PhD ’10
Lieutenant Colonel Angelo Moore, receives the Graduate of the Last Decade award tonight for his outstanding contributions to the school, the profession and the nation.

LTC Moore, PhD, is currently Deputy Chief of the Center for Nursing Science and Clinical Inquiry for the Pacific Regional Medical Command. He earned his BSN from Winston-Salem State University in 1995 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. In 2002, LTC Moore earned his MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is also a graduate of the Army’s Command and General Staff College in 2006. LTC Moore earned his PhD from UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Nursing in 2010 in Nursing Research. He completed the PhD degree in three years while maintaining his obligations to the U.S. Armed Forces. He is also a recent graduate of Army Medical Department Advanced Nurse Leadership Course in 2011.

Moore has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals, including Military Medicine, Health Psychology, Cancer Nursing and the American Journal of Men’s Health. He has presented at local, regional, national and international conferences and served as a consultant for the Tripler Army Medical Center’s Nurse Practice Council. He currently serves as the senior advisor to Tripler Army Medical Center Junior Officer Council and is a member of several professional organizations, such as the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

Part of LTC Moore’s research success can be attributed to his ability to compete for research funding. In 2011, he received a $251,000 grant to examine factors and health behaviors to consider when implementing the Patient-Centered Medical Home model for active-duty army soldiers and their families. His military supervisors hand-selected him to assist in a $150 million project aimed at redesigning a health care system in a remote military area. He is the Subject Matter Expert for the Pacific Regional Medical Command for this project.

His service to the nursing profession and commitment to mentoring other nurses is evident. He mentors and teaches nurses on research and other topics related to conducting evidence-based practice projects. In recognition for his many accomplishments and contributions to the profession, LTC Moore has been awarded numerous military awards and decorations as well as being selected as the 2012 Nurse Researcher of the Year by the National Black Nurses Association.

HONORARY ALUMNA OF THE YEAR
Norma Hawthorne, MS
Norma Hawthorne receives the Honorary Alumna Award. In 2001, the School of Nursing had raised close to $2 million toward a $15 million capital campaign goal that was part of the Carolina First campaign. It was the beginning of a long recession, and the School faced the daunting task of adding a $20 million structure to Carrington Hall that would be partly funded by private gifts. Not many thought those goals were achievable. Over the next 10 years, with the help and support of alumni, friends, faculty and students, the School achieved these goals and much more, raising over $23 million in private support by reaching out to alumni and friends in all parts of North Carolina and the United States as well as raising awareness of the School’s reputation as a national leader in nursing education and science.

It was in August 2001 that Dean Linda Cronenwett asked Norma Hawthorne, MS, to join the SON as Director of Advancement to steer development, alumni relations and communications efforts. One of the first things she did was hire Anne Webb, and later, Talat Qazi joined the staff. With their help, Hawthorne doubled the School’s endowment funds, created a sensitive and successful planned giving program, and worked with corporations and foundations to fund needed programs, student and faculty support. Her interest in Web-based communications also led to broader SON outreach via Facebook, Twitter, a blog and an electronic newsletter.

Over the last several years, Hawthorne developed summer volunteer opportunities for SON students in the public health clinic in the indigenous Oaxaca village of Teotitlan del Valle, where she and her husband Stephen live during part of the year. Since she retired, Norma has not stopped working; she is just working differently, organizing photography, creative-writing and textile workshops in Oaxaca.

Norma always said that her greatest wish was to be a Carolina Nurse. The friendships she made while at the SON have had a lasting impact on her. She did her work at the SON with passion and commitment to the profession.