UNC Welcomes 7th Dean
Nena Peragallo Montano, DrPH, RN, FAAN

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's hard to believe I'm nearing the end of my first year at Carolina Nursing. As I take time to reflect on all the work we've done in this short period of time, I'm struck again with the warmth, hospitality, and intellectual vibrancy I've met with from so many here. From students to alumni to faculty to campus colleagues, my welcome has been enthusiastic and supportive—a great encouragement to a new dean ushering in a time of growth and change.

I came to UNC well acquainted with its reputation for academic rigor, scientific productivity, and emphasis on service to the people of North Carolina, all of which were great attractions for me, and none of which have disappointed. The ethos to serve and improve the lives of the people of this state is very real at the SON, and I am proud of the work our faculty and students undertake each day to further that service, especially for our underserved and rural populations.

From Hurricane Matthew relief efforts to mobile health clinics, to new faculty practice sites, to furthering mental health care in our rural communities, to improving the diversity of the state’s nursing workforce, our faculty and students train their sights and best efforts on relieving the needs of our fellow citizens and neighbors. Our mission to serve is thriving.

Likewise in full vigor are our missions to educate and discover. 2017 has seen the start of a thorough, faculty-led curriculum review and revision; the hiring of a new executive dean and associate dean for academic affairs in Peggy Wilmot (see page 11 for more on Dr. Wilmot); and the introduction of a new academic structure. Meanwhile our research enterprise has been busy and productive under the direction of Dr. Ruth Anderson, our associate dean for research, who was recently honored by the University with an endowed Kenan Distinguished Professorship, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a faculty member by their colleagues here.

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This summer also saw the launch of a much-needed new website for the School (nursing.unc.edu), as well as the launch of the all-new SON Portal, a searchable, easy-access, online information hub for current students, faculty, and staff (sonportal.unc.edu). Indeed, it is an exciting time to be at Carolina Nursing!

But of course there’s more work to do.

This month, we join the University in kicking off the Campaign for Carolina, a $4.25 billion effort to raise private dollars to secure the University’s and SON’s place among the best academic institutions in the nation.

For the SON, this will mean a $22 million effort to ensure our ability to compete for and retain the best of the scarce resource of nursing faculty and students, through endowed professorships and scholarships, as well as resources to upgrade facilities and to support our local and global outreach. It’s a significant sum for a School of Nursing to raise, but with the extraordinary support this School enjoys among you, its alumni, friends, and the community, we’re excited to get started!

We’re also excited to know that even with a history as full of highlights as the School’s has been, its best days are ahead. Thank you for all you do to make that true.

Warmly,
Nena

“Our vision is to become the number one public School of Nursing in the United States to ensure the highest-quality nursing education, science, and practice for the people of North Carolina. The talent is here to get us there; we just need the resources to retain what we have of the best and brightest in our field, and to attract more such talent to our faculty and student ranks.”

7 YEARS / GOAL: $22 MILLION

The UNC School of Nursing remains one of the world’s very best, but now more than ever, we need the help of friends and supporters to strengthen our position against challenges facing schools of nursing across the country; challenges that lead to increased competition to recruit and retain the best faculty and students for Carolina; a nationwide shortage of nursing faculty, leaner federal budgets for scientific discovery, rising tuition, and aging facilities.

Four key ways you can help:

1. Faculty Support  – to ensure the strength of our educational offerings, research enterprise, and service to the public, we need endowed professorships, faculty development, and seed and travel funds.

2. Student Support  – to ensure that the best and brightest nursing students can study, practice, and advance health care in North Carolina, we need scholarships, emergency funds, travel funds, and externship and clinical training funds.

3. Facilities Support  – to ensure that the School of Nursing keeps pace with the latest advancements in nursing education and science, we need funds to update our clinical skills labs, improve our classrooms and technology, and renovate Carrington Hall.

4. Global and Local Outreach  – to ensure our mission of service to the people of North Carolina and beyond, we need faculty service professorships, global and local travel awards, mobile clinic support funds, and research funds.
She is Dr. Nilda Peragallo Montano, but you can call her Nena.

She is a force. Energetic, decisive, attentive, thoughtful. She wears the mantle of leadership comfortably and she gets things done. She is motivated to act by a mission to care, and she means to change things for the better. She is propulsive and real, plainspoken and warm.

She is a nurse, in other words.
Her internationally recognized research career grew out of a single moment of profound empathy.

“I was doing clinical work with students many years ago at the start of the AIDS epidemic when there was a lot of fear and stigma and misinformation surrounding the disease. One of my students and I walked into the room of a patient, and it was immediately clear he had been neglected. There were trays everywhere that no one had picked up; his curtain was drawn, his room was dark, and he was entirely alone. I felt terrible for him. We cleaned the room, raised the blinds, sat down on the bed, and held his hand and talked with him. It was a terribly affecting experience. It was then I got interested in research on HIV/AIDS. My first study was a random survey of nurses’ knowledge of the disease and their attitudes and potential bias toward AIDS patients. I found a connection, but it wasn’t that nurses didn’t want to take care of patients—it wasn’t a true bias—there just wasn’t enough knowledge in the ‘80s about the AIDS epidemic. I wanted to take part in changing that.”

Her research is a change-maker.

“As an outcome of that first project, Florida changed its licensing renewal requirements for nurses to include HIV education. I was very proud of that outcome, but mostly it’s an excellent example of the very real value of nursing research to patient care. Our science isn’t an ivory tower exercise—far from it. Our science is so patient-centric it can effect real, on-the-ground change in health care.

“From there, I went on to focus on what was happening with Latinas and HIV. At the time, attention was almost solely focused on drug users and male-to-male sex, with no attention given to women. So, when I went for my postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania (where she attended as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Nurse Scholar), I focused my research on women and HIV.”

“I did my first big study at the University of Illinois in Chicago—it included 780 women and focused on sexually transmitted infections and HIV. It was called SEPA, which means ‘you know’ in Spanish, and it included demonstrations, role-playing, and skills building. The intervention has been extremely successful. We did a second study in Miami where we looked at the intervention’s effects on violence prevention. When President Obama issued his statement to establish a working group on the intersection of HIV/AIDS, violence against women and girls, and gender-related health disparities, the only nursing study he cited was ours.”

She asks, and listens to the answers.

“I’ve spent this early time at the School getting to know as much about it and our history as possible, likewise, our faculty, students, the University, and other schools in the university. I have been meeting with our alumni and want to get to know our state legislators. I also want to know more about our clinical partners, as I believe collaboration with them is critical to meeting the educational needs of our students and ultimately the health care needs of the state we serve and patients beyond it.”

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“Once a nurse, always a nurse,” she says, and her face crinkles and her eyes light up as she does so. She understands the value of this collective identity. At the bedside or in the clinic, classroom, lab, or office, she believes all nurses share her same passion for care and manifest it through a unique and valuable set of skills. They look for solutions, create a culture of support, and most of all, effect change.

As a nurse, educator, scientist, and administrator, Nena brings all these attributes and more to the School of Nursing’s dean’s suite. They inform the choices she makes as our seventh dean and inspire her leadership as she seeks new opportunities, weighs possibilities, defines options, and sets new standards for creativity and innovation in an increasingly global arena.

Until you meet her in person, here’s a sneak peek at our School’s new leader:

She greatly respects the reputation of UNC and the School of Nursing.

“Carolina is an exceptional university. It is well recognized and has a long heritage of prestige. And it’s a Research 1 university, which means a lot of important and useful research activity is taking place here, and the School of Nursing is a vital contributor to that. We have really talented faculty and students at the School, and so much potential to grow our research activity for the betterment of patients in and beyond North Carolina. I am incredibly proud to be the seventh dean of this fine School and motivated to do a job worthy of it.”
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“I love that the mission of Carolina is so uniquely tied to the people of the state. ‘Of the people, for the people’ is a beautiful and resonant ethos, and I think it behooves the School to conduct an in-depth assessment of what is needed in our state so we can direct our efforts to meet those needs.

“We know there is a shortage of nurses in North Carolina, especially in rural areas. What can our faculty, alumni, and clinical partners tell us about that shortage or other health care needs facing our neighbors? This kind of information is essential to helping us map out our direction and leverage our resources to shift focus, expand or contract programs, raise funds for new initiatives or facilities, and so on. Everything is dependent on assessing the needs of the state.”

She encourages diversity as a path to the future.

“North Carolina has a diverse population—rural and urban populations, a wide range of races and ethnicities, many vulnerable and underserved populations. I would like to see the diversity of our faculty and students mirror that of our state’s population, and I’d particularly like to see more men enter the profession.

The public we treat is diverse, and we should have nurses who look like, identify with, and talk like the people they’re taking care of. I want to diversify what we are doing in research to ensure that certain populations aren’t overlooked or ignored. We have interesting projects and a broad portfolio of funding grants on both the teaching and research fronts, and we’re well on our way to effecting real, positive change for the profession and for patients the world over.”

Her leadership is grounded in a passion for nursing.

“I’ve always loved nursing. I worked in a hospital at the bedside, and then grew into academia from clinical nurse to teacher, researcher, and administrator. I have practiced in Chile, in Germany, and other points on the globe. There are so many opportunities in this profession to do and be what you want.

“We are the largest segment of the health care community, and we should be proud. When you look at the top jobs for growth, health care is at the top. The Institute of Medicine’s Future of Nursing Report asks nurses to take an even greater role in our changing and complex health care system. It’s important for the School to look at how we are aligned with that effort. Carolina Nursing has a powerful reputation for excellence and visionary thinking—we’re in our rightful place when we’re leading the profession into the 21st century.”

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In June 2017, the American Academy of Nursing announced its selection of 173 highly distinguished nurse leaders for its 2017 class of Academy fellows, five of whom are UNC School of Nursing faculty. We are delighted to congratulate Drs. Anna Beeber, Beth Black, Cheryl Giscombe, Coretta Jenerette, and Julee Waldrop on this significant achievement! This class marks the first time the UNC School of Nursing has had five faculty selected to fellowship in the Academy in one year.

Selection criteria for fellowship include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, and sponsorship by two current Academy fellows. Applicants are reviewed by a panel consisting of elected and appointed fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent to which the nominee’s nursing career has influenced health policies and the health and well-being of all.

The Class of 2017 joins this impressive list of School of Nursing faculty:

- G. Rumay Alexander, EdD, RN, FAAN
- Ruth Anderson, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Linda Beeber, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN
- Diane Berry, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
- Linda Cronenwett, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Carol Durham, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN
- Donna Sullivan Havens, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Cheryl Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Kathleen Knafl, PhD, FAAN
- Barbara Mark, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN
- Mary H. Palmer, PhD, RN, AGSF, FAAN
- Nilda (Nena) Peragallo Montano, DrPH, RN, FAAN
- Gwen Sherwood, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Suzanne Thyore, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Marcia Van Riper, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Margaret “Peggy” Wilmuth, PhD, RN, FAAN
- SeonAe Yeo, PhD, RNC, WHNP, FAAN

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**Dr. Nena Peragallo Montano**

**Doctor of Public Health**, the University of Texas  
**Master of Science in Nursing**, the University of West Virginia  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, the University of Chile  
**Fellow, the American Academy of Nursing**  
**Inductee, Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame**

Dr. Peragallo Montano is internationally known for her research in health disparities, cultural competency, and the recruitment and retention of minorities in nursing.

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**She believes alumni turn knowledge into action.**

“Our alumni are a critical part of the makeup of the School of Nursing and integral to our identity. They know the school. They’re so proud of being Carolina nurses and they’re such an asset: they are our representatives, our public image, and our ambassadors. I love meeting our alumni face to face and hearing the School’s history direct from the source.

“I want to understand our alumni’s thoughts, opinions, and vision for their alma mater. I want them to have a close relationship with the School and vice versa, so they can lead us to opportunities and relationships they have cultivated.

“We have a lot of work to do together: we need to feed the pipeline for retiring nurses and nurse faculty; we need to advance the discipline; we need to diversify our resources—and they can help us prepare the next generation to serve. Their input is integral to the advancement of our agenda, and it is a win-win for everyone who is engaged and invested in the School.”

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**She will push the envelope.**

“It’s a priority to grow research here at Carolina Nursing—it’s a useful source of much-needed funding, but more importantly, it’s a direct reflection of our mission, and a way for the School to effect real, lasting change in health care and improve the lives of humankind.

“We have a great and talented faculty who are doing a terrific job and want to do more to advance good health and well-being.

“And we’re in the midst of conducting a thoughtful environmental scan because health care is changing daily, and nurses are important to all the changes. We need to communicate with our clinical partners and ask, ‘What are you looking for, and how can we meet those needs?’ We need to respond by evaluating our programs based on those needs and updating our curriculum.

“I want to see Carolina Nursing go to the very top of nursing school rankings—not because rankings are important in and of themselves, but because they’re a measure of our success in bringing the best in nursing education, research, and service to people in and beyond North Carolina. It may take us a little time, but we will do it.”
The infants
Breathe. Suck. Swallow. Even in healthy infants, the sequence requires a delicately coordinated dance of efforts. To suck, the baby must organize its oral-motor functions. To swallow, its airway must close to let fluid go down the esophagus. To breathe, the esophagus must close and the airway open. Babies challenged by pre-term birth, complex medical conditions, genetic irregularities, structural abnormalities, or neuromuscular disorders are already fragile: missteps in feeding are common and further threaten their abilities to thrive. “Although premature infants do swallow amniotic fluid and make breathing movements in utero, they’re not expected to coordinate sucking, swallowing, and breathing until at least 32 weeks,” Thoyre said. “If born before that date, they’re fed through a feeding tube into their stomachs, and as they are ready, start on oral feeding in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). We watch the unfolding of their feeding skills across time, and it can be very challenging for these babies.” Bad timing of the suck-swallow-breath sequence can result in aspirating fluid into the lungs, predisposing babies to pneumonia or reactive airway disease, a potential precursor to asthma. Other infants with medical complexities face their own unique set of challenges. “Skill in feeding is built on practice,” Thoyre said. “We have this period of time in the NICU when we can help children develop functional feeding patterns and avoid compensatory strategies.”
Some infants with fast respiratory rates hold their breath to do multiple sucks or swallows, essentially uncoupling sucking and swallowing from breathing. For the tiniest babies, holding their breath for even five seconds can result in a decline in oxygenation and a compensatory spike in their respiratory rate as they recover. Other infants compensate by letting the milk drip forward out of their mouths. “That’s a functional short-term behavior for them because it prevents them from aspirating,” Thoyre said, “but it’s a very atypical way for them to eat, and it doesn’t generate good suction.” Feeding problems can be exacerbated or facilitated by external factors. Babies in the NICU are fed about eight times a day by multiple feeders: nurses rotating on or off a shift, parents or grandparents, speech or occupational therapists. “You can think of the size and shape of a person’s body—each person holds the baby a different way—and this changes the feeding dynamic,” Thoyre said. “Feeding strategies make a difference. Someone might think it’s best to hurry the baby through a feeding so the baby doesn’t tire. Consistent strategies from feeder to feeder can support the infant’s breathing and make a big difference. And of course, breastfeeding for all vulnerable infants is the most optimal feeding strategy that can be offered,” Thoyre added.

The children
Some children have difficulty eating from birth. For others, feeding problems arise when they try to manage more complex foods or if they experience developmental delays. Underlying gastrointestinal differences, such as reflux or constipation, can mean a child will have a low appetite or eat only small quantities of food at a time. Sensory impairments can lead to issues with food textures, taste, or temperature: some children will accept only mild foods, and others prefer strong flavors. “A child might only respond to foods that remain consistent meal to meal,” Thoyre said. “For example, Goldfish crackers always look and feel the same. Yogurt tends to be consistent in how it feels in the mouth. Some children learn to trust these ‘safe’ foods and become really selective or restrictive in the foods they will eat.” Parents of children with feeding difficulties turn to their health care providers to talk about strategies that help eating go more smoothly. “We’ve found research is not very strong to guide clinicians as to whether a problem is transient and will resolve on its own, or if that same problem will become chronic and need a team approach to care,” Thoyre said.

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Eating requires more than 30 nerves and muscles to engage in near-perfect sequence.

The toolbox
To improve care and develop a stronger research base, The Feeding Flock team has developed multiple ways to measure feeding problems for babies in the NICU up to children 7 years of age. “We focus on these ages because this is the time period in which most children, parents, and health care providers are in need of help,” Thoyer said. “All of our questionnaires provide parents and health care providers information and can be used to develop and track child response to feeding interventions.” Once a preterm infant has started eating, NICU nurses, clinicians, and researchers use the Early Feeding Skills (EFS) assessment to profile a baby’s ability to engage in eating, suck efficiently, and remain physiologically stable. This assessment documents any accommodations the baby may use to coordinate swallowing with breathing, and measures the baby’s progress.

The next assessment, NeoEAT, tracks the progress of both bottle- and breast-fed infants from birth to age 6 months. Team member Brit Pados developed NeoEAT with a research grant from the American Academy of Nursing through the Academy of Neonatal Nursing and the Foundation for Neonatal Research and Education.

The PediEAT and ChOMPS assessments focus on children aged 6 months to 7 years. PediEAT enables parents to document behaviors that reflect what their child is willing to do about eating and the biological symptoms they observe related to food or mealtime. ChOMPS looks at feeding skills as well as all the skills that enable a child to eat more complex foods—the ability to hold his or her body, sit up, and even run or walk. The final questionnaire in the toolkit is the Family Management Measure of Feeding (FaMM Feed), which looks at how parents manage family life when their child has a feeding problem.

The FaMM Feed is an adaptation of the FaMM questionnaire developed by Frances Hill Fox Distinguished Professor Kathy Knaff, who researches how families manage when their child has a chronic health condition. “The FaMM Feed scales responses to statements such as ‘Feeding our child is often overwhelming because of the way he/she eats’ and ‘In the future we expect our child will be able to feed him- or herself without help from us,’” said Thoyer. “These answers help us understand how much this problem is the center of family life, how well parents feel they are managing feeding, and their outlook for the future. It is helpful in assessing what support families need.”

The research registry
More than 300 families who have a child with an eating difficulty agreed to join The Feeding Flock’s research registry. Their experiences inform the development of the NeoEAT, PediEAT, ChOMPS, and FaMM Feed questionnaires. “We start out with parents telling us what they see and develop their descriptions into items for the questionnaire,” Thoyer said. “For example, an item might say, ‘My child won’t eat lumpy food,’ and then the parent scales that statement from ‘always’ to ‘never.’ We take parent responses back to clinical and research experts who give us feedback on the relevance and clarity of each item. We then resubmit the questionnaire to parents and ask them what each item means to them. Through each step, the questionnaire is revised, and a reading level sixth grade or below is maintained to make sure parents use these tools as intended, and they measure what we aim to measure.” After a questionnaire is complete, it’s sent out to a wider audience to test its reliability. In the most recent study, more than 600 families from 43 states and nine countries participated to test the reliability of PediEAT and ChOMPS.

Ashley Collier of Greensboro participates in the registry and contributes to questionnaire development. Her daughter, Macie, now 9, is a stroke survivor.

“Doctors discharged Macie knowing she was going to have feeding delays,” Ashley said. “The professionals saw the red flags, but they didn’t know how to identify them, explain them to us, or educate us about them. They also didn’t know what to do about them or where to send us to get help. It was beyond frustrating. Macie was three when we finally found The Feeding Team at UNC Hospitals.”

An interdisciplinary unit of pediatric gastroenterologists, nurse practitioners, pediatric speech pathologists, and nutritionists, The UNC Pediatric Feeding Team collaborates with researchers from The Feeding Flock to discover and implement best practices. Ashley was introduced to The Feeding Flock through Macie’s caregivers. “What I like about The Feeding Flock is that they’re identifying these red flags, quantifying them, and publishing their research so professionals can now know what to do,” said Ashley. “Their research informs my feeding team, and vice versa. Other parents starting out on this journey will have much better resources.”

If you or someone you know would like more information about The Feeding Flock registry or research, please contact feedingflock@unc.edu.

*wwwfeedingmatters.org
HRSA Awards SON $2M to Support MENTORS Program

The UNC School of Nursing received a grant from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of $1,997,082 over four years to support a key program developed and directed by Associate Professor Shiedla Rodgers, entitled “Meeting Educational Needs Through Optimization of Retention Strategies for Students,” or MENTORS.

The MENTORS program is designed to increase the percentage and retention of UNC School of Nursing students from underrepresented ethnic minority groups and disadvantaged backgrounds through a multi-pronged approach aimed at minimizing the negative impact of social determinants on academic success. Faculty members involved with the program include Ashley Leak Bryant, Bev Foster, Cheryl Giscombe, Coretta Jenerette, Tarshe Johnson, Mary Lynn, Kathy Moore, and Hudson Santos.

With a primary emphasis on mentoring through peers, success and wellness coaches, faculty, and nurses from across the professional spectrum, the program aims to provide individualized support and strategies to improve academic outcomes for these student populations within the UNC SON, and ultimately to fill a much-needed pipeline of nurses of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds to serve the population at large.

“We aim to provide the diverse people of North Carolina and beyond the very best educated nurses,” said Nena Peragallo Montano, dean and professor of Carolina Nursing. “To do so, we believe it is crucially important that those nurses represent the populations they will care for, so we are thrilled to have this important project funded to better serve the needs of our students and ultimately of their patients.”

The MENTORS program began on July 1, 2017, and is funded through June 30, 2021.

*Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project.

American Health Council Ranks SON Fourth Among U.S. Schools of Nursing

The American Health Council, a nationwide collective of health leaders and innovators, announced its rankings of the nation’s best nursing schools in May, 2017, and Carolina Nursing ranked fourth!

Wilmoth Appointed Executive Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Margaret C. “Peggy” Wilmoth, PhD, RN, FAAN became the new executive dean and associate dean for academic affairs for the UNC School of Nursing on August 7, 2017.

An experienced oncology nurse with a program of research in psychosocial oncology, Dr. Wilmoth is noted for having established highly distinguished dual careers in academia and the military for more than 35 years.

Dr. Wilmoth previously served on the faculty at Georgia State University’s Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, a school she earlier led as dean; and she retired May 1 from a decorated military career, having reached the rank of major general and deputy surgeon general for the U.S. Army Reserve, the first nurse and woman to fill the role. She also served on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee, having been appointed by the secretary of the Army, where she most recently served as deputy chair.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Wilmoth join the administration and faculty of Carolina Nursing,” said Nena Peragallo Montano, dean of the UNC School of Nursing. “Her proven leadership, military service, experience, in interprofessional education and training, and impressive contributions to nursing science uniquely qualify her to lead the School’s academic programs and special projects as we work to become the leading public school of nursing in the nation.”

The executive dean and associate dean for academic affairs is responsible for planning, administering, evaluating and improving the School’s academic programs, and assists the dean as needed with operations and special projects.

“With new leadership, curriculum revisions, capital campaigns, and new practice initiatives just getting underway, it’s an exciting time to be joining the UNC School of Nursing.”

—DR. WILMOTH
Soltis-Jarrett Awarded $1.1M from HRSA to Advance Mental Health Nursing in NC’s Rural Areas

With $1.1 million in new funding from the Human Resources and Services Administration, Ross Distinguished Professor Victoria Soltis-Jarrett and the UNC School of Nursing will help meet the pressing psychiatric-mental health needs of rural and underserved populations of North Carolina.

The funding will be used to partner with Goshen Medical Center, North Carolina’s largest rural federally qualified health center, to educate 12 new primary care nurse practitioners NPs to implement integrated (mind/body) health care for patients in NC’s rural and underserved counties.

“An exciting outcome of this new project is that it will also enrich and expand the nurse practitioner curriculum across all practice areas at the School of Nursing to include advanced psychiatric-mental health concepts, including psychiatric assessment, management, and psychopharmacology,” said Soltis-Jarrett. “Offering a graduate curriculum that prepares NPs working in non-psychiatric mental health settings in NC—particularly primary care, acute, and extended care settings—to provide whole health care, and specifically behavioral health care, to patients will meet a pressing need in our state.”

Studies show that 70 percent of people who go to primary care facilities for treatment present with a mental health or substance abuse issue, but don’t receive adequate assessment or treatment for those issues. Soltis-Jarrett believes nurses are uniquely positioned to address this gap. “Primary care NPs can learn to effectively screen, assess, and treat many common psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders to remission and increase the quality of life for patients and their loved ones. One of my current projects is already demonstrating remarkable outcomes to this effect.”

“The School of Nursing has long taken the lead in meeting the psychiatric-mental health needs of vulnerable populations in North Carolina, and this grant allows us to extend our impact,” said Dr. Nena Peragallo Montano, dean of the UNC School of Nursing. “We’re very proud of the work of Dr. Soltis-Jarrett and her team. They are directly answering Carolina’s call to our faculty to engage in real, serviceable ways toward producing a healthier North Carolina.”

Our thanks and congratulations to Dr. Soltis-Jarrett and her team for their efforts to provide whole health care to patients in North Carolina, and for strengthening Carolina Nursing’s programs to better prepare our graduates to care for the state’s most vulnerable communities.

The School of Nursing broadened its global footprint this year, offering its first study abroad opportunity to students in the undergraduate nursing program.

BSN students Harry Adams, Maddie Lewis, and Savannah Samuel were selected as the Cronenwett Global Health Scholars for 2017, and on May 8 traveled to Jonkoping University in Sweden with Dr. Eric Hodges to begin their five-week global health program and earn nine credits toward their nursing degrees.

As part of the exchange program, Jonkoping University will send two students to the SON in fall 2017.

Named to honor Dean Emeritus Linda Cronenwett, the Cronenwett Global Health Scholars Fund was established in 2010 to help undergraduate students expand their worldview through a global health experience. And it’s especially fitting that this first study abroad experience should be at Jonkoping. Dean Cronenwett established a special relationship with the university during her time at UNC, and the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) framework she developed has been adopted by the Swedish Nursing Society.
**Rumay Alexander** assumed the presidency of the National League for Nursing in October 2017. She was also appointed to the board of directors for the Nurse-Family Partnership. In July she became UNC’s associate vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion.

**Ruth Anderson,** associate dean for research, was named a Kenan Distinguished Professor by the University in July.

**Anna Beeber** was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in June. She also received a $10,000 grant to help fund an ongoing, collaborative project between the School of Nursing and The Carol Woods Retirement Community, aimed at improving the quality of care in long-term care settings and increasing the workforce of geriatric and long-term care nursing experts.

**Beth Black** was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in June. Her book *Perinatal and Pediatric Bereavement for Nursing and Other Health Professions* (Springer Press) won a 2016 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year award, claiming first place in the Palliative Care/Hospice category. Dr. Black co-edited the book with Rana Limbo, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, of the Gunderson Health System, and Patricia Wright, PhD, CRNP, ACNS-BC, CHPN, CNE, of the University of Scranton.

**Ashley Leak Bryant** was recognized at the Oncology Nursing Society Congress with the Victoria Mock New Investigator Award, which acknowledges the contributions of new investigators in building a scientific foundation for oncology nursing practice. Dr. Bryant presented the award lecture, *The Impact of Patient Reported Outcomes on Functional Status and Quality of Life in Adults with Acute Leukemia.*

**Carol Durham** received a Presidential Citation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare for her work in advancing simulation in interprofessional education. She was honored at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare in early 2017.

**Cheryl Giscombe** was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in June. She was likewise recognized by her alma mater, Stony Brook University, at its annual 40 Under Forty award ceremony, and served as the commencement speaker for Stony Brook’s psychology department at its spring graduation exercises.

**Donna Havens** was elected to a second two-year term as chairperson of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s International Magnet Recognition Program. She was also inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International’s Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame at the International Nursing Research Conference in Dublin, Ireland in July 2017. The University of Toronto invited her to serve as the Frances Bloomberg International Visiting Professor in the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing from November 1, 2016, to October 1, 2017. Over the course of this professorship, Dr. Havens made four-week-long visits to lead a program of study that engaged faculty, students, and academic partner healthcare facilities in the area of Shaping Systems to Promote Desired Outcomes.

**Linda Cronenwett,** professor and dean emerita, was named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing for having demonstrated extraordinary, sustained contributions to nursing and health care. She was honored at a special ceremony in Washington, DC, on October 5.

**Deborah Mayer** was invited to serve as a panelist at a community oncology event hosted at the White House on January 11, 2017. The event, which was part of the White House “Making Health Care Better” Series and held on behalf of the Cancer Moonshot, focused on improving innovation and access to quality cancer care in the community health setting.

**Rebecca Kitzmiller** was awarded a position in the NCI TraCS KL2 program. As a KL2 scholar, Dr. Kitzmiller will advance her knowledge and skills in data science, statistics, and machine learning while conducting research to develop an improved method for the early detection of sepsis using continuously streaming physiologic data.

**Sondra Oppewal** received the APPLES Teaching Excellence Award. The award recognizes the contributions of faculty members in integrating academic coursework with community service for undergraduate students. Sondra also created the course “Health Care in Global Context,” in which she leads a group of students to spend a week in Tyrell County, North Carolina, examining residents’ health.

**Sara Hubbell** was selected to receive the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2017 State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate. She was honored at an awards ceremony in June 2017 in Philadelphia. The Advocate Award recognizes a nurse practitioner from each state who has made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness and recognition of nurse practitioners.

**Coretta Jenrette** was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in June. She was likewise selected to receive the 2017 Southern Nursing Research Society Award for Research in Minority Health for her highly esteemed work with individuals living with sickle cell. The award was presented at the SNRS Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on February 24, 2017.

**Sheilda Rodgers** was awarded $2 million in grant funding from the Human Resources and Services Association for her project MENTORS2, which aims to promote diversity in the nursing workforce in North Carolina through focused mentorship of students from underrepresented ethnic minority groups or disadvantaged backgrounds.
Gwen Sherwood received the Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership, a Founders Award of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She will be recognized at the biennial convention held in October 2017.

Victoria Solis-Jarrett received more than $2 million in grant funding for projects that contribute to the psychiatric and mental health needs of North Carolina. The projects aim to increase access to psychiatric services, engage the community with the School of Nursing’s strategies, and improve health literacy in the state in order to de-stigmatize mental health issues.

Julee Waldrop was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in June.

Hugh Waters visited Washington, DC, at the invitation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He was a participant in a panel discussion on the Economic Burden of Obesity: Implications for Productivity and Competitiveness at an event organized by the Obesity Care Advocacy Network. Additionally, his article linking indoor tanning devices and their financial impact on U.S. health care was published in the Journal of Cancer Policy in February 2017 and was featured on CBSNews.com.

Lisa Woodley was named the UNC School of Nursing Faculty of the Year for 2017 by nursing colleagues at UNC Health Care for “consistently exemplifying excellence in customer service, communication, safety, professionalism, innovation, stewardship, teamwork and support of the nursing profession.”


Jessica Zegre-Hemsey presented her study “Pulse oximeter parameters to augment detection of myocardial ischemia—a feasibility study” to an international audience at the International Society for Computerized Electrocardiography annual conference in April.

Meg Zomorodi was selected to direct the new UNC Rural Interprofessional Health Initiative, funded by a $1.5 million grant from the William R. Kenan Charitable Trust. The initiative gives UNC health professions students interprofessional clinical experiences in rural areas of North Carolina.

New Nursing Professorship Honors Jane Sox Monroe, BSN ’56

The professorship will honor a distinguished teacher and scholar at the School who upholds the work ethic and altruistic ideals Jane possessed.

To honor his late wife, a Carolina alumnus, W. Paul Monroe endowed The Jane Sox Monroe Professorship in Nursing within the UNC School of Nursing Foundation. The professorship will honor a distinguished teacher and scholar at the School who upholds the work ethic and altruistic ideals Jane possessed.

Jane Sox Monroe was a member of the second graduating class of the School of Nursing in 1956. This group of women were pioneers in nursing education, setting an example and becoming role models for generations of future Carolina nurses.

Jane used her nursing education in many ways. She started her career as a public health nurse, helped begin the nursing program at Lenoir Rhyne University, served as chairman of the Catawba Country Board of Health, and worked in the area of geriatric nursing, a patient population that was very special to her.

In 1994, Paul honored his wife by creating the Jane Sox Monroe Endowed Scholarship, which provides scholarships to nursing students each year on the basis of meritorious achievements.

In 2002, the couple donated $250,000 to the School of Nursing to fund the building of the W. Paul and Jane Sox Monroe Human Patient Simulator Laboratory for Clinical Care Skill Development. The patient simulator, nicknamed “Stan,” continues to equip Carolina nursing students with the clinical skills they need before working with patients.

Jane died in April 2016, but her accomplishments and enduring legacy continue to set the standard for nursing at Carolina. The establishment of this professorship aims to further this legacy by supporting, in Jane’s name, the teaching and research of a distinguished professor who will impact future generations of nursing students.
“Reverence for Life”

BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 2016, DR. ARTHUR C. MAIMON ESTABLISHED TRUST OUT OF RESPECT FOR NURSES

“Reverence for life” were words Dr. Arthur Maimon lived by. They were also the words emblazoned in bronze on the façade of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti, where Maimon periodically spent two months at a time over the course of 30 years.

He would temporarily close his private practice in Rockford, Illinois, venture to the island nation, and serve the patients of a hospital founded by Larry Mellon and his wife Gwen, named for Albert Schweitzer, both of whom were inspirations to Maimon, two among many who shaped the doctor and the man Maimon had become.

Both his interest in medicine and his own personal respect for the nursing profession were borne out of his teenage years, when he lived with his aunt and uncle—a nurse and a physician. The young Maimon watched as they ran a clinic out of their home, nurse and doctor together, to care for the local populations of Flint and Flushing, Michigan.

Maimon attended medical school, but was soon deployed by the Air Force to serve in the Korean War. Upon his return in 1952, he conducted research on infectious disease at Warren Air Force Base following Floyd Denny, MD, who would later become a physician at UNC.

After Maimon was discharged, he established his private practice in Rockford, where he—much like his aunt and uncle—served the local community. He ran the practice for more than 30 years, and it was during this time that Maimon began making his frequent trips to Haiti to practice medicine alongside Dr. Mellon and visiting American physicians.

Upon his retirement in the late 1980s, Maimon came to Chapel Hill. He was invited frequently to rounds out of the courtesy, friendship, and professional camaraderie that he had established among friends and colleagues alike. Maimon also continued his trips to Haiti in his retirement, this time bringing young physicians with him to encourage their career development and teach clinical medicine by example.

Chapel Hill is also where Maimon met his future wife, Betty Faucette, BSN ’98, who completed her nursing degree at the UNC School of Nursing.

Thus, it was out of a combined love and respect for his wife and the countless nurses who had worked alongside the doctor throughout his career that Maimon decided to establish the Arthur C. Maimon Trust at the School of Nursing.

“He relied heavily upon his nursing staff. They were the key to his practice, and the key to the quality of care his patients received.”

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The fund will provide aid to doctoral candidates who are conducting research relating to the fields of neurological nursing or stroke diagnosis and care.

One recipient will be chosen each year, with hope that the funding will help lay the foundation for a long career in nursing research and clinical care.

“My hope would be that some of percentage of the award’s recipients will join nursing faculties or serve in leadership roles in nursing,” she said. “He strongly believed in the collaborative relationship between physicians and nurses.”

As doctoral students will continuously benefit from the characteristic demonstration of generosity that defined Maimon, today Faucette, along with the School of Nursing, will continue to revere the man, his life, and his career.

For more information about Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti, please visit www.hashaiti.org.
Alum de la Guerra Supports SON Military Initiatives with Scholar Award

Rizza de la Guerra’s grandfather was a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. Her husband, Karl, served in the Air Force for 10 years. It’s with this service in mind that Rizza and Karl decided to give back to veterans by creating The Karl L. and Rizza H. de la Guerra Veteran Health Scholar Fund in the UNC School of Nursing Foundation.

Rizza graduated from the School of Nursing with a BSN in 1986. Now, she sits on the School’s Foundation Board of Directors and chairs the Board’s Corporate and Foundation Relations Committee. Her friendship is enjoyed by students and faculty, and her regular donations have sustained the School of Nursing for years.

She has championed the School of Nursing’s military affiliated student program since it began in 2014. The program generates funds to support military students and provides mentoring and networking opportunities to ensure a smooth transition from service to academia and onward into the profession. It is bolstered by strong clinical partnerships with area Veterans Health Administration hospitals.

In creating the Veteran Health Scholar Fund, Rizza and Karl take this program a step further. The award financially supports military affiliated nursing students as they care for other veterans in a clinical setting.

“There are a lot of barriers to care when you go into the VA,” said Rizza. “We thought it would be great if there was a system where veterans could help out other veterans.”

“We want the student nurses who receive this award to know that their service doesn’t go unnoticed, nor does the service of those they care for,” said the de la Guerras.

Dean Nena Peragallo Montano agrees. “Since I am the mother of a veteran, our School’s military initiatives are dear to my heart, and we are so grateful to the de la Guerras for choosing to honor the service of our military students and to support them in this way,” she said.

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Bill and Mary Lou Booth have a passion for service—one they hope to share with students and faculty within the School of Nursing with their establishment of the Bill and Mary Lou Booth Fund for Community Service and Outreach. The Fund, created by a generous donation to the UNC School of Nursing Foundation, aids students and faculty who wish to engage in community service for the betterment of the health and welfare of North Carolinians.

“I hope the fund will enable students to pursue their educational goals of using their expertise to provide knowledge and medical care for areas that have been neglected because of location, cultural barriers, or funding,” Mary Lou said.

This new fund is bound to have the same lasting impact as the Booths’ other contributions to the School’s Foundation. In 2008, the Booths established a Global Health Award to honor retiring Dean Linda Cronenwett, and it continues to give students the opportunity to aid underserved patients around the world, providing them with the global scope of service the Booths envisioned.

“We are so grateful to the Booths for their ongoing and visionary generosity to the School,” said Dean Nena Peragallo Montano. “Their Global Health Award was the first of its kind here and has provided incredible opportunities for our students to learn and grow as globally minded professionals. This new fund will likewise open important new windows of opportunity to faculty and students to serve.”

As a global leader in nursing education, the School of Nursing has been influential in stressing the importance of public health nursing and its ability to positively impact communities both global and local. This mission, however, would not be possible without alumni and friends like the Booths, who have given both tirelessly and generously to support it.

Booths
Establish Community
Service and
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Anderson Names Foundation
as Retirement Beneficiary

The School of Nursing is pleased to announce that our very own Associate Dean for Research Ruth Anderson, RN, PhD, FAAN, has donated generously to the School, and in a unique way: she has named the School of Nursing Foundation as a beneficiary of her retirement account, a manner not widely known to potential donors.

“I decided on donating in this format because it has made it feasible to give back in ways that I had been blessed,” she said.

The gift will create The Anderson Corcoran Faculty Support Fund within the School of Nursing. Income from the fund will financially support at least one assistant or associate professor each year to be deemed an Anderson Corcoran Faculty Fellow, and it will fund research expenses such as travel and study costs.

In particular, Anderson says the fund aims to support professors in what she describes as the developmental years.

“Faculty often begin their positions with start-up funds and end with professorships which provide money for them to accomplish research goals,” she said. “But in the developmental years in between, they often lack funds for seeding their research.”

She hopes The Anderson Corcoran Faculty Support Fund will provide faculty with an opportunity similar to the one she received as a faculty member at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

“Having benefited from donors’ gifts made me want to be able to do the same someday,” Anderson said.

The School of Nursing is grateful for the generosity of Anderson and her spouse in their establishment of this fund.
With gifts of leadership and support, Margaret Ferguson Raynor launches the Campaign for Carolina Nursing

“It is so much fun to watch people flourish.”

Rising to the occasion: it’s what Carolina nurses do best. With the reasoned judgment of those well educated and well prepared, they move toward the unfamiliar and make it their own—classroom or clinic, bedside, laboratory, or community. It is a mind-set, an attitude and an approach, and sometimes—in the most unexpected circumstances—a transformative experience.

“If someone told me even 20 years ago I’d be taking leadership of the Campaign for Carolina Nursing, I wouldn’t have believed them,” said Margaret Ferguson Raynor, BSN’ 67, MEd, RN. “Carolina Nursing developed my leadership skills, and if you get those skills, you have a responsibility to give them back.”

Giving back includes Margaret’s generous campaign leadership gift: a $1 million bequest to endow the Dr. Bobby C. and Margaret Ferguson Raynor Professorship in Nursing. She announced her gift at the 50th reunion celebration for the class of ’67, a cohort of peers who have now become friends and fellow School supporters. Funds from the professorship will be used to attract or retain a distinguished teacher/scholar, synergizing the School’s top campaign priority with an ambition that took root for Margaret more than a decade ago.

A member of the University’s Board of Visitors from 2002 to 2006, Margaret sat in the audience as then-Chancellor James Moeser quoted an astonishing number. “He said that University-wide, we lost two-thirds of the professors we wanted to retain,” Margaret said. “The Board of Visitors began to look at what keeps professors at UNC-Chapel Hill: salary and titles, labs, the ability to take sabbaticals, go to conferences and give papers… I began to think of what I’d like to do. It makes a big difference in retaining someone if they hold a named professorship.”

In her more than 40 years as a psych nurse leader both at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh and Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro, Margaret has grown to understand the vital importance of developing people and their talents. She specified that the professorship be open to all nursing disciplines and used where it’s needed most. “We should broaden minds and relationships. It is so much fun to watch people flourish,” she said. “Providing support is important to me personally, professionally, and academically.

We have a responsibility to help people function at their ultimate capacity. If you get good professors, you’re going to get good students, and vice versa. We have to help people develop their skills and stay on campus to teach and mentor the next generation.”

Margaret remembers the professors who taught her with a mixture of awe and affection. Med-surge professor Beverly Fussell Craig taught Margaret the summer between her sophomore and junior years. “She was very precise and wanted to be sure I was knowledgeable,” Margaret recalled. “She challenged me, I rose to the occasion, and it gave me confidence.”

Anne Fishel was her psych professor senior year. “She was so tough,” Margaret said, “but she also taught me so many things about myself… forcing me to look at who I really was. She, like Bev, really helped me to develop and gain confidence in myself.”

Forty-plus years after that seminal Friday afternoon, Margaret was with Anne Fishel once again, this time enjoying her company. “Anne was having her 65th birthday, and I said, ‘A bunch of psych nurses are going on a cruise to the western Caribbean. Why don’t you join us?’ She invited Bev Craig, so I had my two hardest professors on that cruise.”

This $1 million professorship is one of many gifts Margaret and her husband have made in support of Carolina Nursing. “In some ways, it is the culmination of years of Margaret’s support and volunteer activity,” said Anne Webb, assistant dean of advancement. “It is her signature philanthropy at UNC.”

The gift also fulfills a principle Margaret has held since childhood. “I was brought up in a well-educated family to think we had a responsibility to lead,” said Margaret. “My mother graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Nebraska and quizzed us with the SAT book when we went on trips. We were not wealthy, but we were privileged to not worry about where our food was coming from… whether we would go to college or graduate school. We were brought up that it is our responsibility to give back.”

Margaret has been a volunteer leader within the School for many years: two terms as its foundation president (2002-06, 2011-14) and two terms as its director, (2001-07 and 2009-present). She actively seeks opportunities to support her alma mater whenever it’s needed. With her husband, B.C., she named the Biobehavioral Laboratory in the new addition to Carrington Hall and in May 2011, established the Dr. B.C. and Margaret Raynor Graduate Scholarship in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. She honored Victoria Salts-Jarret, director of the School’s Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNHP) Program, with a discretionary expendable fund to be used as needed. The Cronenwett Doctoral Scholarship and the Building Fund also benefited from her generosity. As much as Margaret Ferguson Raynor gives to the School, she says it’s less than she receives. “It’s FUN! It’s fun to see the money get used and people be appreciative. It’s fun to see the money make a difference.”
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Carol Ellidge Koontz
Linda Lexton Lawrence
Catherine Johnson Lee
Lynn Humphrey Locher
Patricia Barlow Lowery
Linda Hutchins Myrick
Rhonda Thompson Pollard
Marta Tate Roberts
Margaret Sutton Wade
Barbara Jo Philback Warren
Eugenia Hulski Weeks
Kay White Weeks
1964
*BSN—
Barbara Paog Brown
Mary Green Bux
Jayne Crumpler DeFore
Patricia HildaBrand-Hnton
Beverley Haynes Johnson
Dershe Bridgford McDewitt
Jean Burle Moore
Margie Mayo Oldham
Lynda Colvard Opdyke
Laura Carlo Piver
Mary Coleman Rose
Mary Hannah Saunders
Mary Roberts Shapiro
Laura Hughes Yates
*MSN—
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1965
*BSN—
Both Ann Rendell Abbott
Nancy Rennald Caldwell
Sharon Kennedy Casey
Karen Hopkins Coley Harrison
Jo Ann Zaron Hiti
Bettina Kay Holder
Constance Newman Parker
Katherine White Slattery
Margaret Weidel Sprott
Nancy Reamsah Turner
Carol Ann Willmot
*deceased
1968
—BSN—
Cynthia Ann Billings
Lois Greenfield Boyles
Elizabeth Margaret Carr
Carol Malcolm Davis
Judith Reavis Esic
Kathryn Robinson Kuykendal
Sara Jane McKee
Susanne Smith Newton
Miriam Munden Quick
Joan Frances Reinhardt
Johana Renfro Ralph
Elizabeth Pugh Sumney
Linda Hamlin Titus
Betty Oldham Wetherholm

1969
—BSN—
June High Barzan
Christine Budd Cassidy
Linda Kibler Cockett
Judith Van Dyke Egg
Dorothy Mosley Ellinwood
Judith Rogers Gibson
Judith Hoskins Haupt
Jane Carey Karpick
Margaret Riggin Light
Jo Anne Towbridge Martin
Nancy Nicks Stephenson
Cynthia Calderwood Tolmkin
Carol Cobb Williams
Jo Lenz Williams
—MSN—
Doris Haase Dixon

1970
—BSN—
Annette Beam
Bonnie Batchelor Blair
Nancy Gibbs Chapman
Joyce Schile Cohen
Allene Fuller Cooley
Lynda Lee Harrison-Wilson
Kathryn Minton Holloway
Virginia Lane
Alene M. Mercer
Barbara Ann Nettles-Carlson
Phyllis Walker Newman
Marjorie Williams Phillips
Sallie O’Keef Simpson
Gwendolyn Hightower Waddell-Schultz
P. Kay Wagoner

—MSN—
C. JoAnn Foust Cardarella
Gwendolyn Dorminey Sherwood
Vivian Harris Varner

1971
—BSN—
Nancy Nelson Caddy
Lynn Grier Coleman
Judith Barnes Gardiner
Jill Warren Godwin
Jeanne Lilly Griswold
Kerry Allen Hensley
Cherelle Blake Knapp
Katherine Packard Licata
Kaye McNeill-Harkins
Jane Hackney Schull
Marian Crane Sharp
Sarah Horton Stewart
Deborah Thompson
Mary Vallier Kaplan
Carole Barrow Warren
Mary Grace Crist White
—MSN—
Rita Julienne Kubicki*

1972
—BSN—
Linda Santorum Byers
Francine Danford Davis
Beverly Toddler Essick
Virginia Elaine Fox
Nina Whitaker Hackney
Betsy Newton Herman
Janeth Jones Huffman
Nancy Ann Laughridge
Anne Lowe Murphy
Carol Dixon Murray
Lynne Ann Oland
Christa Parks Sexton
Bonnie Kellum Smith
Jane Griswold Woods

—MSN—
Leigh Andrews
Alla Traiber Campbell
Anita Stoddard Hammerbeck
Carol Lynne Watters

1973
—BSN—
Ann Davis Brown
Ann Miller Calandro
Teresa Weaver Foster
Nancy Barnett Freeman
Margaret Wagoner Gilliam
Betty Jean Haddock
Claudia Cagle Hayes
Carolyn Morgan Inman
Debra Gay Kiser
Susan Ruppalt Lantz
Colleen Hamilton Lee
Janet Opp McPherson
Linda Doub Morgan
Wanda Shelton Oakley
Katherine Coleman Perry
Ona Mercer Pickens
Ann Marie Polk
Charlotte Turner Powell
George I. Rand
Pamela Jo Sons
—FNP—
Agnes Binder Weisgerber
—MSN—
Cynthia Mary Freund
P Allen Gray Jr.
Rhoda Monroe James
Kathryn Robinson Kuykendal
Linda Ann Lewis
Diane McChesney Parritt

1974
—BSN—
Gladdis Hudspeth Crisp
Nancy Johnson Dewhirst
Colleen Anne Dickens
Cathy McGonigle Hamill
Jane Mayes Link
Wendell Jones McBride
Jeanne Murphy Noble
Rebecca Dewees Olson
Debra Rae Patterson
Sara Rollins Ramsey
Brenda Gail Summers
Patsy Schupper Theobald
Diane Carol Wilson
Kathryn Payne Wueste
—MSN—
Margaret Begler Bryan
Laureen Sue Froimson
Nancy Siegel Katch
Margaret Riggin Light
Rebecca Story Wilson

1975
—BSN—
Catherine Crane Boubloulis
Preston Noel Comeaux II
Judith Nasson Furr
Donna Strickland Hager
Ann Cox Hutchins

1976
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Annette Beam
Elizabeth Burke Goolsby
Betty Jean Haddock
Jann Bulle Logsdon
Betsy Mickey McDowell
Susan Foley Pierce
Deborah Thompson

1977
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Frances Mervin Andringa
Debra Haldeman Brandon
Mary Reiflaaren Creed
Cynthia Reed Deaomin
Patti Barnes Fairless
Mary Lou Caviness Faustette
Deborah Webb Frye
Cynthia Darlyn Garrett
Marsha Newton Golombik
Rachael Brugh Holmes
Sue Baker Isaac
Pamela Ellis Jameson
Christine Earle Jones
Jani Hackney Labiner
Jimmie Louise Man Camic
Barbara Eddinger McNeill
Ann Elizabeth Morrow
Linda Garner Phillips
Sue Shivar
Diane Phillips Smith
Mary Victorine Spanhour
—MSN—
Elizabeth Margaret Carr
Virginia Elaine Fox
Linda Cade Halber
Sue Greenwood Head
Gwendolyn Hightower Waddell-Schultz
Diane Carol Wilson

1978
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Elizabeth Dorchik Beswick
Rebecca Wolfe Carter
Rachel Harper Fulp
Jane King Fulton
Barbara Sessoms Gillmer
Elizabeth Sheely Godkin
Renée Warner Hill
LaDonna Washington Howell
Mary Capelhart Hulbert
Lois Glore Kessler
Mona Brown Ketner
Rebecca Marshall Mason
Betty Womble Michal
Katherine Anne Moore
Robin Elaine Rensburg
Nancy Brand Saulino
Sally Mozeza Taylor
—MSN—
Juliet McGuire Beckwith
Annie Ruth Blund
Harriet Walker Bass
P Kay Wagoner

1979
—BSN—
Susan McConnell Baker
Constance Waddell Beckom
Cynthia Wimberly Besharar
Patti Sue Burke
George Washington Butter II
Denise Taylor Darden
Susan Benbow Dawson
Johanna Ruth Dewees
Judythe Torrington Dingfielder
Leigh Watson Garmhausen
Linda Allen Hammett
Martha Lynn Harris
Elaine Merchant Jeffcoat
Linda Sherman Kimel
Melissa Ann D. LaVine
Margaret Ann May
Scarlett Kimball Mueller
Susan Gaffin D’Orell
Kerrie Krick Poole
Mabeth Vanessa Smith
Jeanne Peacock Spaw
Laura Ann Stout
—MSN—
Emily Scovil Eklund
Marianne Frances Marlo
Diane Gray Vester
Louise Elinor Watts

1980
—BSN—
Lee Bennett Bailey
Marion White Byerly
Linda Rebecca Causey
Doris McFadyen Fritts
Wanda Dennis Glenn
Lilly Faye Granger
Amanda Lynn Greene
Melody Slaughter Hefline
Leslie Carolyn Hicks
Susan Page Kanie
Sherry Jean Kelly
Virginia Turner Kramer
Mark Edwin Kroeger
Donna Watson Levey
Margaret Berg Mullinix
Kay Overcash Jenkins
Sue Cook Poack
Elizabeth Noreen Peele
Pamela Leshart Sonney
Deborah Boles Southern
Carolyn Cook Spalding
Beverly Lynn Wagner
Barbara Langen Weling
Alma Kay Bullock Woolard
—MSN—
Lynn Grier Coleman
Kathryn Phillips King
Jean Marie Reue Larson
Janet Cheyfetz Mazzetti
Angel Mariano Vasquez
Brenda Cumpton
Sally Kaylove
Mary Ann Yerrington
Janice Joyce Hoffman
Renee Sink Hyde
Kina Walker Jones
Jennifer Eleshia Mangino
Nancy Hudgins Morrow
Cindy Andeas Nance
Kathryn King Perkins
Jennifer Arick Pollock
Linda Amreth Smith
Anita Star Tesh
Marianne Bab Vidal
Deborah Cecil Watson
Pamela Bowling Watson
Anita Petrucci Whaley
Kimberly Collins Woodward
Charles Herman Way Jr.
—MSN—
Debra Gaddie Cohen
Susan Lambert Lipp

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1981
—BSN—
Barbara High Arne
Beth Perry Black
Ruth Cole Boone
Dorothy Lynn Cage
Beth Herring Chadwick
Jennifer Eisenmenger Charlton
Susan Adams Doughton
Joan Williams Grady
Lusy Ligon Heffelfinger
Diane Carol Hudson-Barr
Martha Horsness Hudson
Donna Renee Jarvis
Denise Farlow Jones
Susan Matthews Jones
Phyllis Dee Justus
Pamela Kay Lowrance
Monica Miller Muldoon
Nora Ellen Raynor
Kendace Felgar Sanders
E. Anne Shortlife
Andrew Franklin Shotwell Jr.
Marguerite Cosgrove Williams
Paulette Lewis Williams
—MSN—
Debra Huffman Brandon
Linda B. Ellington
Melissa Ann D. LeVine
N. Jane Randall
Elizabeth Brooks Spangle
Brenda Gail Summers

1982
—BSN—
Tamara Hinson Barker
Paula Goeta Bruening
Julia Stout Dyer
Sharon Speer Gentry
Reena Girgich Hathcock
Ruth Seiter Hunt
Frances Morgan Ibay
Kathy Lynne Joyce
Leslie Ellis Keffer
Constance Fehr Leiner
Carol Fraser Myers
Karen G. Randle
Micah Brainin
Pamela Davis Rock
Ann Elgin Rudewicz
Mary Gray Gilchrist Sachsjen
Joan von Lehmden Senter
Debra Farlow Surra
Laura Liebert Weizer
Diane Wendelken Wharton
Glenda Sue Wooten
Edith Juanita Wright

—MSN—
Marilyn Jane Chapman
Josephine Ahlbr Glis
Carol Eiler Glover
Janet Dunnwald Lageson
Leah Gabriel Wedemeier

1983
—BSN—
Maureen D. Abraham
Kathryn Murphy Baum
Anderson Fisher Black
Mary Maddrey Chandler
Robert Contino
Charlene Jackson Dunlap
Beth Robinson Francis
Jacqueline Barnhardt Glasser
M. Lackin Hixson
Alma Marie Holley
Mary House Kester
Jana Green Nosee
Annette Ivy Peavy
Christy Morton Secor
Laureen Starbengen
Margaret Herd Sturdivant
Julia Smith Taylor
Susan Elizabeth Wilson
Dawn Merritt Winstead
Cathy Barbour York
—MSN—
Jo Ann Hamelson Adams
Mary Capelah Hubert

1984
—BSN—
Dorothy Peterson Burchall
Janet Peele Crumpler
Rebecca Atkins Dickson
Brenda Lovvom Featherstone
Alice Cordell Griffin
Lisa Janelle Hedepath
Theresa Williams Kyle
Lauren Bacon Martin
Sarah Norwood Moorman
Tamara Harrison Murphy
Lori Ann Nash
Julia Spell Price
Diane Fites Whitter
Susan Tant Whicker
—MSN—
Laura Pole
Deanne Erickson Pinton
Susan Christmas Sweating
Diana Jean Walker-Moyer

1985
—BSN—
Linda Bartick Barber
Margaret Lynn Campbell
Ann Fayre Cox
Heather Virginia Donville
Lisa Gentry Duncan
Lisa Brown Exposito
Mary Tuck Jones
Cynthia Cumbo Klaess
Gaye Oeendine Olson
Ann Boggs Parker
Cynthia Stronger Shaw
Marianne Kankowski Spinola
Dell Hudson Strayhorn
Elizabeth Sawyer Webber
Jennifer Metzger Wetherby
—MSN—
Rebecca Wolfe Carter
Robert Contino
Cynthia Darlyn Garrett

1986
—BSN—
Perri Stowellts Anderson
Riza Hermosissima de la Guerra
Sandra Whittington Faw
Robin Tate Harper
E.Marie Parker Brodie
Regina Snyder Pearson
Lisa Carup Tadlock
Susan Ludeman Zarzar
—MSN—
Linda Garner Phillips
Pamela Linhart Sonney
Deborah Lynn Stokely
Cynthia Lee Tumbull

1987
—BSN—
Ann Louise Thompson Armstrong
Jennifer Byrd Bigger
Karla Jean Brown
Vonda Mendenhall Brown
Constance Lee Carroll
Victoria Pilar Falcon-Vinke
Amelia Sanderson Gill
Sharon Yuzuk Grabovac
Renee Hardy Himiuk
Lynda Williams Lewis
Janet Allen Marble
Diana Nielsen Moore
Sandi Jeannette Parker Springs
Maryanne Saleni
Angela Fohn Salmon

1988
—BSN—
Belinda Mills Began
Teresa Lynn Blackwell
Kristi Wright Childwood
Amy Elizabeth Hauser
Margaret A Moylan Marsden
Elaine Crobbe Matheson
Patricia O’Keeffe Odell
Elizabeth Buchanan Paramore
Debra McMeekan Parker
Mary Mann Sappenfield
Melissa Baron Timm
Christine Mancers Waldrip
—MSN—
Stewart Michael Bond
Sue Hal Eileck
Amanda Lynn Greene
Nina Whitaker Hackney
Tresha Laving Lucas
Mary Query Welch

1989
—BSN—
Teresa Lynne Collins
Debra Hearn Freeman
Sonia Betina Joyner
Terri Angabright Keller
Anita Yano Royal
—MSN—
Annie Patricia O’Connor

1990
—BSN—
Mary Elizabeth Brewer
Dana L. Campbell
Sharon Anne Cullinan
Ellen Hampton Davis
Richard Lee Griner II
Elizabeth Marriott Pata
Dl Del Paggs Roberts
Phyllis Sadler-Lacki
Stephanie Roach Thacker
Linda S. Thomas
Melanie Walker Warner

—MSN—
Beth Perry Black
Ellen Hart Doyle
Katherine Anne Moore
Sarah Norwood Moorman
Nahail Aml Sirdique
Barbara Lee Trapp-Mosen
Melody Ann Watral
Elizabeth McManus Watson

1991
—BSN—
Robert Thomas Dodge
Michelle Ekanayake-Lin
Mary Elizabeth Haire
Sherrie Evelyn Page
Vanessa Harrell Tencha
—MSN—
Jennifer Byrd Bigger

1992
—BSN—
Elizabeth Thomas Ash
Cheryl Moseley Conway
Jay Daniel Jordan
Shannon Blackweller Matthews
David Michael Morris
Schiputa Fearrington Peacock
—MSN—
Lynda Russell Brophy
Jeanmarie Rampolla Koonts
Elizabeth Ann Marley
Donna Kriegbaum Weber
Susan Elizabeth Wilson

1993
—BSN—
Angela Scott Abrams
Pamela Wells Akhter
Deborah Brown Ballard
Karyn James Burke
Sandra Webb Dawson
Marie Clayton DiFrancesco
Whitney Ann Dior
Christopher M. Merritt
Michelle Porter Parker
Bobbie Jo Lee Peterson
Robert Tucker Reed
Ronald Keith Shank
Tamatha Link Vinson

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Beth Perry Black
Ellen Hart Doyle
Katherine Anne Moore
Sarah Norwood Moorman
Nahail Aml Sirdique
Barbara Lee Trapp-Mosen
Melody Ann Watral
Elizabeth McManus Watson

1994
—BSN—
Sarah Raynor Blue
Mary McNeil Bowers
Laura Thomason Gazzale
Mary Margaret Gudz
Linda Sue Hale
Danyel Beck Johnson
Susan Moosse Shane
Cheryl Ann Smith-Miller
—MSN—
April Marieville Dowdew
Mary Kathleen T. Helak
Susan Elaine Marshall
Deborah Scheele Minarovic
Susanne Smith Newton
Tammy Griffin Shimfessel
Jean Ann Smith
Valerie Ann Stafford
—PHD—
Audrey Elaine Nelson

1995
—BSN—
Jessica Stewart Brueggeman
Juan Jose Cruz
Michelle Snyder Gruver
Charlotte Williams Hundley
Susan King-Zeller
Vick Ferril Lewis
Amanda Kier Nichols
—MSN—
Margaret Berg Mullinix
Susan Gatlin O’Dell
Donna Susanne Oldem
Brenda Joyce Olinger
—PHD—
Mary Jean Thorson

1996
—BSN—
Keena Ennis Chung
Micha Gittelman
Elizabeth Langford Hall
Tanya Herluy Larn
Antoinette Lynn Miller
Tara Herley Stewart
Stephanie Harris Turner
Tracy Elizabeth Vernon-Platt
Deborah Fox Wright
Monica Sciam Wright

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Kimberly Orrwill Oliver
Catherine Wall Pyle
Tiffany Maryl Young

—MSN—
Sharon Anne Cullinan
Jill Katherine Mount
Sandra Jarr Reynolds
Richard Anderson Sutton
—PhD—
Deborah JoAnn Ballard
Kathleen M. Baluha
Amy Elizabeth Jaroloman
Schiquita Fearrington Peacock
April Griffith Thomas
Janice Marie Wheeler
—PhD—
Sharon Lee Docherty
Eve Lynn Layman
Susan Gale Sherman
Julie Smith Taylor

—MSN—
Sandra Krol Baker
Rouhiu Clark Johnson
Megan Sarah Randell
Abigail Ensign Snow
Vanessa Hobbs Trimberger
—PhD—
Patricia S. Ashland
Jean Ann Davison
Julia Lee George
Elizabeth Langford Hall
Stephanie Harris Turner
—PhD—
Debra Huffman Brandon

2001
—BSN—
Cheryl Sunderhaus Brinar
Naomi Rebekah Buehrle
Noelle Dorsey Davenport
Mary J. Dickson
Kara Spitzer Dijvert
Leigh Nicole Fry
Julie Lane Herrick
Walter George Jones Jr.
Brandi Hamlin Newman
Susan Zucker Spell
Amy Call Spittle
Meg Zomorodi

—MSN—
Sharon Marie Castrina
Linda Sue Hals
Karen Dellingler Leadbitter
Heather Thompson Mackey
Gregory Alphonza Simpson

2002
—BSN—
Amy Davis Bell
Kristin Stott Camplin
Leslie Collins Hege
Megan Bumpgardner Manuel
Courtney Allison Queen
Benjamin J. Roberts
Kimberly Marie Russell
Justin Lane Stephens
—BSN—
Christopher R. Berge
Irene Powell Strickland
—PhD—
Cydney King Mullen
Hyekyung Rhee

2003
—BSN—
Jona Martino Fitzgerald
Sean T. Gallagher
Temi Sue Giles
Georgia L. Gray
Eric Gardner Usury
Ann Marie Lee Walton
Julie Christine Warren
—MSN—
Karla Jean Brown
John Emmett Peaperman
Robin Lynn Guzman
Nancy Lawson Loyack
Deanne E. Schweinsberg
—BSN—
Robin Bartlett

2004
—BSN—
Keri Pybylo Britt
Rebecca Jean Hall
Mary Lewis Houston
Jeffrey Stephen Klein
Katherine McDaniell Kulenic
Monica Lowe Przybylak
Bridget M. Rasmussen
Iryna Zhytikova
—MSN—
Cheryl Lynn Elliott
Brandi Hamlin Newman
Debbie S. Weaver
—PhD—
Bradi Bartrug Granger

2005
—BSN—
Jilliane Formanczyk Imman
Amy Lawler Munday
Jennifer Lynn Neisen
Anne McPharson Pringle
Audra Noble Rankin
Jennifer Marie Strong
—MSN—
Amy Davis Bell
Barbara Ann Jordan
Mary Catherine Scott Lowe
Kimberly Orrwill Oliver
Megan Sarah Randall
Heather M. Schultz
Tracy Elizabeth Vernon-Platt
—PhD—
Beth Perry Black

2006
—BSN—
Wendy Lenore Burd
Kimberly Lynn Jones
Laura Yu Marks
Megan J. Merritt
Ellen Stockton Parker
Allison Marie Reilly
Katie Garner Rowe
Cristina Paecey
—MSN—
Cheryl E. Graves
Antoinette Lynn Miller
Elizabeth Marriott Pata
Suzan Zucker Spell
—PhD—
Stewart Michael Bond

2007
—BSN—
Leigh Grant Mullen
Melody-Wong Warren
Jennifer Brice Williams
—BSN—
Kristen Stott Camplin
Mary Elizabeth Haine
Megan Bumpgamner Manuel
Virginia A. McLean
Janette Leigh Stender
—PhD—
DalWai M. Olson
Anthony James Robinson

2008
—BSN—
Christina Laticcia Allen
Emily Morgan Allison
Barbara Guth Awad
Lesley-Anne Bandy
Kathryn Baus Campbell
Paul Couch
Jennifer Pothoven Dougherty
Chu Meng Guo
Jennifer Meyer Tauber
Laura Kenneth Toews
Laura Badalament Sanders
—MSN—
Virginia Kay Chalif
Monica Christina Schmucker
—PhD—
Meg Zomorodi

2009
—BSN—
Julia Billotte Cowden
Ashley Marley Davis
Jill Beck Humphriess
Joanna Elizabeth Long
Julie Teresa Mikus
Caitlin Jean Phillips
Micaela Clare Riddle
—MSN—
Kimberly Yvette Bronson
Rebecca Jean Hall
Courtney Allison Queen
—PhD—
Natalie Greene
Susan Lynn Rasmussen

2010
—BSN—
Heather Lavon Farrell
Catherine Sulli Fournier
Melissa Lynn Kinchler
Jason Harper Kugler
Brian Harris Sealy
Richard Charles Stratton
Erica Taylor Wallace
—MSN—
Wendy Lenore Burd
Julie B. Kaye-Sack
Katherine McDaniel Kulenic
Ellen Stockton Parker
Melody-Wong Warren
—PhD—
Angelo Dewitt Moore

2011
—BSN—
Ashley Heath Capel
Ludmila Fedarenka Crenshaw
Erika Stratton Garber
Colleen Whitney Kenney
Natalie Anne Naramor
Samuel Mbogu Njenga
Virginia C. Purrington
Anna Wilson Starkey
Agnieszka Christina Thomas
Megan Hayes Wood
—MSN—
Kathryn Baus Campbell
Heather Norden
Jessica Grantham Sparrow
—PhD—
Ashley Leak Bryant
Lisa Catherine Lindley
Nora Elizabeth Warshayski

2012
—BSN—
Romana Chernella Chavis
Georgette Laura-Pereira Harrell
Karen Schmitz Mendys
Susan Rebecca Salinas Sims
Lisa Skiver Walsh
—MSN—
Kristin Renee Allison
Sandra Krol Baker
Joanna Elizabeth Long
Stephanie Lynn Mazur
Leigh Grant Mullen
—PhD—
Karen Elizabeth Jakub
Jinhee Park
Cheryl Ann Smith-Miller

2013
—BSN—
Adrienne Gayle Himmelberg
David Nathaniel Johnson
Dana Lee Kleber
—MSN—
Erin Nicole De Guzman
Caitlin Joane Phillips
Tiffany Danalee Yoder
—FNP—
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Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Patricia D. Horoho
Speaks at SON Commencement,
Receives UNC Doctor of Laws

The UNC School of Nursing was honored to have retired Army Lieutenant General and School of Nursing alumna Patricia D. Horoho as the keynote speaker for 2017’s spring commencement. Commencement took place on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Dean E. Smith Center on Chapel Hill’s campus. She also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University during the full campus ceremony on Sunday, May 14.

In December 2015 Lieutenant General (Retired) Horoho completed her four-year tour of duty as the first female and nurse to command the U.S. Army’s Medical Command and serve as the surgeon general of a military department throughout the 239-year history of the Department of Defense.

As a soldier, Patty served at every level of leadership within Army medicine, including Surgeon General and Army Medical Command commanding general; special assistant to the commander; International Security Assistance Force Joint command, Afghanistan; deputy surgeon general; chief of the Army Nurse Corps; Western Regional Medical command; commander, Madigan Army Medical Center; and commander, Walter Reed Health Care System.

Patty is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982 and was recognized by the university as a distinguished graduate in 2015. She received her Master of Science degree as a clinical trauma nurse specialist from the University of Pittsburgh in 1992. Pitt recognized her as a legacy laureate and as a Distinguished Alumna and Fellow, and awarded her the Doctor of Public Service in Nursing.

In addition to those degrees she also holds a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and three honorary doctorates. Patty served a distinguished professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Graduate School of Nursing. She is also a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Among her recognitions, not all captured here but all of which she was honored to receive, are the following: she has been selected as one of North Carolina’s top 100; honored by Time Life Publications for her actions at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; among nurses selected by the American Red Cross and Nursing Spectrum to receive national recognition as a “Nurse Hero”; 2009 USO Woman of the Year; Tiffany Circle Distinguished Woman Warrior; first military service member and nurse to receive the New York Institute of Technology’s Riland Public Service Award; received the Helen Manzen Award from the New York University College of Nursing for exemplary leadership on behalf of the health of the nation; honored by the American Red Cross with the Women Who Care Humanitarian Award; and Family Circle magazine has recognized her as one of our nation’s most influential moms. UNC-Chapel Hill has honored her with a grant in her name that is awarded to underprivileged students each year.

Military awards and citations include: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, France’s National Order of Legion of Honor, Chevalier (Knight), Japan’s Defense Cooperation Award Second Class, and the President’s Lifetime Achievement award.

In April 2016 Patty began her career with Accenture Federal Services as client account lead and managing director for military health. She focuses her talents on military medicine and serves as a member of Accenture’s Global Health Board.

She serves on the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees, the advisory council for the MDW American Red Cross; the Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation steering committee and advisory board; the Institute for Nursing Leadership national advisory council; committee member, Bouldercrest Retreat; and INL-NAC Targeted Appointments Committee. She’s a member of the 2016 Women of Impact in Healthcare and the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. She is also a member of Tiffany Circle, the American Nurses Association, and the NC Nurses Association. A grant in her name is awarded to underprivileged students each year at the University of North Carolina.

Patty is married to Army Colonel (Retired) Ray Horoho, and they have two wonderful children, John and Maggie Horoho.
2017 Alumni Award Recipients Honored

The School of Nursing Alumni Association honored five exceptional alumni and honorary alumni at the annual Alumni Award and Donor Recognition luncheon held in Chapel Hill in the spring.

This year’s honorees are:

**Linda McCauley, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAN (BSN ’71)**, who was awarded the 2017 Distinguished Alumna Award for her outstanding service to the field of nursing throughout her academic career. McCauley is the sixth dean of Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, which has risen steadily in rankings under Dr. McCauley’s leadership and is now fourth among nursing graduate programs according to U.S. News & World Report.

**Donna Havens, PhD, RN, FAAN**, who received the President’s Award in acknowledgement of her sterling contributions to the UNC School of Nursing and its alumni, most recently serving as interim dean of the School from 2014 to 2016.

**Tracey Yahner, BSN ’07**, who received the 2017 Carrington Award for Community Service for her remarkable service to the community through her work with numerous faith-based and support organizations assisting women, children, and sufferers of abuse, both at home and abroad.

**Gretchen Dawson, BSN ’06, MSN ’14**, who was named the 2017 Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) for her outstanding contributions to the School, profession, and community through her work building the cancer survivorship program at Cone Health Cancer Center in Greensboro, NC.

**Valerie Coleman**, former School of Nursing faculty member, who was named the 2017 Honorary Alumna of the Year for her outstanding service in the arena of maternal child health. Presently the program director for Family Life Education and Lactation services at VCU Health, Valerie has built a four-decade nursing career of providing excellent care to mothers and infants, particularly in the area of feeding.

Our congratulations and thanks to all of these wonderful Carolina nurses! We’re proud to claim you!

Classes of ’57 and ’67 Celebrate Reunions

Commencement weekend—May 12 through 14—saw the enthusiastic return of the BSN classes of 1957 and ’67 to Chapel Hill for their 60th and 50th reunions.

The Class of 1957 celebrated with an intimate luncheon at the Carolina Club that rang with laughter and memories, and was hosted by classmate Barbara Self. Members of one of the School of Nursing’s first classes, the ’57ers shared stories of the early days of nursing education at Carolina and of the line of weddings that began right after commencement to avoid having to ask Dean Kemble for permission to marry. The classmates shared photos of their families and the hopes that one day their grandchildren would follow in their footsteps by becoming Tar Heels and/or nurses. The luncheon ended with the group singing a rousing version of “Hark the Sound” and promising to keep in better touch.

The Class of 1967 kicked off their reunion by touring the labs and classrooms of Carrington Hall, highlighting the many offices the class funded and named along the way. They paused at the rooftop garden to take a class picture in front of “Sparky,” a sculpture they dedicated to late classmate Cheryl “Sparky” Sedlesec Alexander.

The group convened for lunch following the tours and enjoyed meeting and hearing from Dean Peragallo Montano, who updated the class on the many initiatives underway at their alma mater. They followed the updates with a bit of history—reminiscing about their days as nursing students and sharing the palpable enjoyment they have in one another.

Thanks to all for making the trip back to Carolina—it’s always a treat to be with you!
**ALUMNI NOTES**

Nicole K. Karcinski, MSN ’07, DNP, ARNP-BC graduated from the University of Florida with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in August 2016.

**Beverly Haynes Johnson, BSN ’64,** received the Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians. Johnson, president and CEO of the Institute for Patient and Family Centered Care, received the Dorland Health People Award in 2011, the Stanley Graven Award in 2008, the Stan and Mavis Graven Award and the Changemaker Award in 2007, the 1992 Lloyd Bentsen Award for Leadership, and Pediatric Nursing’s 1990 Humanitarian Award.

**Candace Michelle Lowry, BSN ’07, MSN ’13, and Craig Elliot Lowry, BSN ’07,** of Pembroke welcomed a daughter, Cescal Erin Lowry, in December 2016.

**Kathryn M. Bauk, BSN ’08, MSN ’11,** married Adam Price Campbell of Boston.

**Julie Michelle Schneider, BSN ’97,** married Michael Andrew Levy of Atlanta.

**Jill Bridgette Hamilton, BSN ’82, MSN ’89, PhD ’01,** represented UNC at the inauguration of Claire E. Sterk as president of Emory University in February. Hamilton is a former assistant professor at UNC School of Nursing.

**Jason Wayne Kemp and Katherine Wagner Kemp, BSN ’05,** welcomed a son, Augustin Wagner Kemp, in December 2016.

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