Dear Alumni and Friends,

2006 has been a busy and exciting year of accomplishment and change for the Purdue School of Nursing!

I am proud of how the School is serving our students, our community, our state, and the nursing profession. This, our first full-color issue of Purdue Nurse, captures the common thread of our faculty and student engagement in the local to global community.

One of the most exciting stories is our new Doctor of Nursing Practice program (among the first 10 in the nation to admit students), AND the $2.49 million grant we received from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to support it! This is the largest grant in the history of the School of Nursing, and one of the largest ever by the Fuld Trust to a single school.

We are also grateful to Kay and Michael Birck for supporting the School of Nursing with our first endowed chair and professorship. We appreciate gifts large and small, and the continuing support of alumni and friends of nursing. Together, we will reach our goals!

We have also opened two additional nurse-managed clinics, one for the medically underserved population in rural Monon, IN, and one for young children and families in downtown Lafayette. Both clinics were developed in response to pressing local needs and are a fine example of the School of Nursing’s commitment to the integration of discovery, learning, and engagement. The clinics provide personalized and compassionate care for the community, learning labs for students, practice sites for faculty, as well as expanded space so critical due to our cramped quarters at Johnson Hall.

Undergraduate student interest and concern led to the creation of two new outreach initiatives: Team Reach Out, a three-year project which offers students the chance to work on the Gulf Coast with people affected by Hurricane Katrina, and healthcare mission work in Nicaragua.

Diversity continues to increase throughout the School. Through the efforts of our Student Services staff and our faculty, there are now more men and ethnic minorities in the student body than ever. We are also offering an increasing diversity of programs, including the second degree baccalaureate, just completed by the first cohort of seven students. Our Steps to Exemplary Professionals (STEP) DHHS/HRSA grant also brings students from underrepresented groups to the School of Nursing.

We are missing two familiar faces this fall: long-time School of Nursing advisor Eleanor Stephan (32 years) and Professor Donna Kauffman (27 years) have retired. However, we welcomed 17 new faculty and staff, strengthening and deepening our expertise in child health, women’s health, adult health, mental health, patient safety, and leadership.

We continue to upgrade our facilities in the Center for Nursing Education, with the purchase of Sim Man, a life-size mannequin with computer-integrated physiological appearance and performance. Sim Child and Sim Baby have been ordered due to the generosity of the Fuld Health Trust.

Our faculty, students, alumni and friends can have a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride in the School. The faculty and staff are hardworking, creative, and dedicated to the success of our students and our academic programs. This is an important time for each and every alumna and friend to reconnect and become more involved. Hail Purdue!

Warm regards,

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Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences

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Oct. 19-20 Purdue School of Nursing Midwest Oncology Symposium, Holiday Inn Select, Lafayette

Oct. 22 Third annual KySS Walk-a-Thon and Mental Health Community Education Fair, 1-4 p.m., Slayter Hill, Purdue

Oct. 27-28 President’s Council: Celebration of Bircks Endowed Chair and Fuld Health Trust Grant

Oct. 28 Nurses Day at Ross-Ade Stadium, vs. Penn State

Visit the School of Nursing website at www.nursing.purdue.edu for more information on these and other events.
School Receives $2.49 Million From Fuld Health Trust

Grant will support Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in equipping a new generation of nursing leaders to enact truly transformational change in health policy, delivery systems, and patient care.

Dr. Julie Novak and the Purdue School of Nursing have been awarded $2.49 million from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to support the school’s new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program and related projects.

Purdue’s is the tenth DNP program in the United States to be developed and to admit students.

The DNP program’s interdisciplinary coursework integrates epidemiology, advanced practice, evidence-based practice, innovative clinical projects, collaborative partnerships, health policy initiatives, and systems thinking to reengineer healthcare delivery through new and unique methods.

The grant will allow the School of Nursing to create new models of nursing care and interdisciplinary education, according to the principal investigator/project director Julie C. Novak, DNSc, RN, MA, CPNP, FAANP, Professor and Head, School of Nursing and Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences.

“Our goal is to equip a new generation of nursing leaders to enact truly transformational change in health policy, delivery systems, and patient care,” she says.

“This pioneering interdisciplinary education program will team students in Purdue’s Doctor of Nursing Practice program with engineers from the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering and other academic disciplines in an effort to improve the efficiency and safety of nursing care, and in the process, improve the working conditions of nurses who deliver that care,” says Stephen B. Boies, trustee for the Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC Bank USA.

The grant is a multi-year strategic partnership with the Purdue University School of Nursing, the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering (RCHE), and other university and healthcare community partners, Dr. Novak says.

Funding from the Trust’s investment will provide an endowment for student scholarships, teaching materials,
leadership development, program implementation, cognate residency support, evidence-based project development, translational research, implementation and outcomes evaluation, Fuld Summer Institutes and seminars, formative and summative program evaluation, and national dissemination of knowledge.

“Summer institutes will provide the opportunity for doctoral students from other nursing schools to partner with Purdue students,” Novak says.

**Pioneering Interdisciplinary Education**

Students from Purdue’s Doctor of Nursing Practice program will have pioneering interdisciplinary education that will prepare them to apply and adapt to healthcare the principles of systems engineering that have revolutionized modern manufacturing and distribution.

Projects will deploy engineering analysis of nursing and healthcare delivery, thus creating an environment in which nurses and patients can interact in a safer, more satisfying manner.

The current portfolio of projects intersects advanced practice nursing, patient safety, rural healthcare delivery, health informatics, healthcare facilities of the future, the flow of resources in healthcare networks, the healthcare supply chain, chronic disease management, and health policy.

These projects hold great promise for changing how nurses carry out their work with patients and design new models of delivery. They include:

- Economic analysis to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of alternative service delivery methods in a system-wide setting, particularly in nurse-managed clinics in underserved rural settings.

- Tracking and monitoring systems, including effective use of information technology and communication. Nurses currently spend 30-50% of their time completing required documentation rather than providing care.

  - Simulation modeling to study the performance and behavior of systems and operations, such as patient flow through facilities and the impact of appointment and staff schedule systems.

  - Time-and-motion studies to improve efficiency of specific operations and to inform planning for new patient-centered facilities and staffing for those facilities. Nurses currently spend 30 percent of their time “hunting and gathering.”

  - Analyses to enhance the flow of components through a facility, such as where to place an operating room or emergency department within the hospital.

  - Gap analysis to determine Indiana public health system readiness for a possible avian influenza epidemic and other disaster scenarios.

  - Application of Brazelton TouchPoints training to promote and nurture healthy families across the delivery system.

The School of Nursing currently has five nurse-managed clinics in Lafayette, West Lafayette, Delphi, and Monon. “DNP students will introduce sophisticated informatics including electronic health records to link the clinics, thus promoting continuity of care while creating a cost-effective, efficient, accessible, and high-quality system of care,” Novak says.

The DNP scholars complete evidence-based clinical projects and residencies, health policy residencies in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., primary authorship in peer reviewed journals, presentation at a professional conference, quality assurance, self-evaluation, and a plan for continued learning.
Nursing Students Help Hurricane Katrina Victims

“The School of Nursing has taken an active role in responding to the needs of the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,” says Julie Novak, Head of the School and Associate Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences. She led the Spring Break “Team Reach Out” group and joined the Maymester group.

Team members lived at the Christians Organized for Relief Efforts (CORE) base camp operated by St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

The students focused on work with the Coastal Family Health Center (CFHC), which operates 30 clinics on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and provides primary healthcare. Two CFHC clinics specialize in HIV-AIDS care.

“We took vital signs and health histories, gave injections, observed procedures, and provided psychosocial support to both the staff and patients,” says May nursing graduate and Team Reach Out chair Lisa Storozuk.

Besides facility damage and destruction, CFHC lost 17 nurses. Most relocated, but a board member and a staff member died in the storm and floods.

“The staff was extremely overworked and overwhelmed,” Storozuk says. “Everyone was very appreciative of our help.”

Participants in the Spring Break “Team Reach Out” trip included (clockwise from left) Dr. Julie Novak, Jillian Lessard, Lisa Storozuk, CORE volunteer, Teresa Spence, Jennifer Reed, Valere Lemon, and Melonie Gackenheimer. The School of Nursing “Team Reach Out” trips are partially funded by Purdue’s Office of Engagement, proceeds from the Katrina Live Aid Concert held during the fall semester, and contributions from the Purdue Student Nurses Association and the Minority Student Nurses Association.
Nursing students also distributed donations of canned goods, toiletries, clothes, and bedding to families living in FEMA trailers.

**Eye Opening Experience**

Arriving in the Gulf Coast region was an eye-opening experience for the students, says Professor Lynn Davis, who traveled with the students in May.

Although they saw the news reports during Hurricane Katrina, the cameras failed to capture the extent and widespread devastation that continues to exist in this region.

“The students found out that there is more to disaster response than meeting immediate needs,” Davis says.

“The key thing for them to learn from this experience is the nature of catastrophic events and recovery. How do you put your life back together? Each time we go, we look at this.”

“With a challenge of this magnitude, flexibility, patience, and incremental assessment, planning, and evaluation are essential,” Novak says. “The students learned to set priorities, a key nursing skill.”

Jeff Callaway, another May team member, says that during assessments, he saw evidence of the increase in mold-derived respiratory problems. Most of all, as the 2006 hurricane season came near, he saw signs of anxiety and feelings of lack of control.

“Children generally showed signs of hypervigilance and hyperactivity, while the majority of adults manifested with signs and symptoms of depression, lethargy, and/or anxiety,” he says.

He observed that the nursing cycle of assessment, nursing diagnosis, care planning and evaluation applies in disaster recovery as much as anywhere else. The difference is the magnitude of the need.

“It reminds me of an old saying about how to eat an elephant,” Callaway says. “You pick a place to start and then do it one bite at a time.”
Nursing Students Learn Many Lessons in Nicaragua

A group of students and faculty from the School of Nursing traveled to Nicaragua on a two-fold mission — to help the citizens of this Central American country and give nursing students a chance to immerse themselves in a different culture.

Nine students and two nursing faculty members — Mary Ilu Altman, Director of Student Services and Diversity Enhancement, and Professor Elizabeth A. O’Neil, traveled to various sites in Nicaragua for the May 15-28 trip.

The idea for the visit to Nicaragua stemmed from a class offered to nursing students called Spanish for Health Professionals. The class teaches students how to communicate with Hispanic clients, and it also educates them about the culture. The students in the class also perform basic health screenings with patients at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy.

Altman and O’Neil visited Nicaragua in November to assess what kind of program Purdue could establish there. They subsequently received funding from a variety of sources to start the three-year pilot program, including a $7,000 integrated study-abroad grant from Purdue’s Office of International Programs.

During the trip the students visited a wide range of sites in Nicaragua. First, they traveled to the capital city of Managua, where they visited two hospitals — one elite, private facility and one run by the government — to examine the differences in care and administration.

Next, they spent three days in Jinotepe, where they went to school alongside Nicaraguan nursing students to see how their nursing program differs.

Then they traveled to Ometepe Island on Lake Nicaragua, where they performed health screenings for children at an orphanage. While there, they also worked with the Brothers and Sisters of Charity Clinic to examine the challenges of operating a healthcare facility on an island, where all supplies must be brought by ferry.

“The students were eager to work and to contribute,” Professor O’Neil says. “Many people go into nursing because they want to help those in need. They want to feel like they can make a difference. In a developing country the needs are more apparent.”
In May, I had the chance to step out of my comfort zone in a big way. With nine other students and two professors, I traveled to Nicaragua to experience the culture and healthcare. These two weeks were a much different test than I had ever experienced at Purdue.

The trip was filled with friendship, frustration, awe, and most of all, an increased knowledge and understanding about the people of Nicaragua and its healthcare system.

We hit the ground running in Managua, touring a private hospital that could rival any facility in the United States. We found that there were more nurses in the hospital than patients.

Next we visited the public pediatric hospital. This was the first place where a healthcare culture shock took place. While some students witnessed a stunning leg amputation, I spent some time in the emergency department and was surprised by the ingenuity that the nurses had to possess to make available equipment suitable for the patients.

We had the chance to meet a group of Nicaraguan nursing students and ask them questions about their experiences in nursing school. We found that we were similar in more ways than different. This became a theme for me during the trip: the realization that although people come from different countries, we are above all else, people.

One of the major healthcare differences was the very large emphasis that Nicaraguans put on public health and primary prevention. We had the opportunity to take part in the “Jornado de Vacunación” (Journey of Vaccinations) on two separate occasions.

The “Jornado” takes place every year and strives to ensure that all the children in Nicaragua are properly vaccinated. In one case, we set up a vaccination station in a neighborhood, and in another we walked door to door to check the children’s vaccination cards.

We gave poliomyelitis drops, Vitamin A drops, and anti-parasite medication to the children, as well as tetanus shots to the adults, especially women of childbearing age. I found these experiences to be the most rewarding. I kept thinking, “THIS is real public health nursing.”

We also had the opportunity to visit an orphanage and a clinic, where we filled up the medicine cabinet with some of our donations.

Through this experience, I feel that I was able to grow as a nurse as well as a person. It is a very humbling experience to come back to the United States and realize how much we really have, and how much other people in the world are lacking.
The Purdue School of Nursing is creating a new system of care in nurse-managed clinics that focus on accessibility, cost effectiveness, quality, and vulnerable populations. Currently, four clinics are in operation that utilize nursing students who practice under the supervision of advanced-practice nursing faculty to provide primary healthcare services, wellness screenings, education, and chronic disease management. Mental health screenings and support groups are provided at the Mental Health Association of Tippecanoe County. The clinics serve all ages, from infants to seniors, regardless of income.
Nursing Center Provides Health Promotion Services, Serves as Learning and Research Laboratory

The Nursing Center for Family Health, one of the first School of Nursing-based full-service clinics in the nation, was established in 1981 by former Head of the School and Professor Emeritus Dr. Jo Brooks. It is located in the basement of the Johnson Hall of Nursing.

The Nursing Center provides health promotion for Purdue employees, retirees, spouses, and the community, and a learning and research laboratory for students and faculty.

This clinic provides many services for the “Healthy Purdue” Employee Wellness Program. Every year, health screenings for all Purdue employees eligible for health insurance benefits are offered at the clinic and at various campus and community sites.

This year, nursing faculty and students partnered with the WorkLife HealthyPurdue program, which offered financial incentives for free health screenings for faculty, staff, retirees, and spouses.

During the 2005-2006 fall and spring semesters, School of Nursing faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students performed almost 5,000 wellness screenings, checking height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose measurements, and provide follow up regarding health behavior change and chronic disease management. The initiative provided a major teaching/learning opportunity for senior students, and allowed faculty and graduate nurse practitioner students the opportunity to integrate their clinical skills with their teaching and research commitments.

The screenings also generated more than $200,000 in faculty practice funds, which will be used for clinic faculty and staff salaries, faculty travel, equipment, and scholarships.

The clinic, coordinated by Cindy Modlin-Adams, also offers wellness and health promotion services, Health Logic© Analysis including chronological age versus health age, a cardiovascular profile, breast health assessment and no-cost mammography referral.

Additional programs include preschool screenings, sports physicals, and health assessments for children who are home-schooled, or attend private, city and county schools. Health outreach to various industries and the underserved elderly population in the Greater Lafayette area is also offered.

The clinic space includes three exam rooms, a library, a fitness station, and a conference room for community education and client interviews.

A Healthy Babies program is also offered for children of graduate students living in Purdue Village.
The Family Health Clinic of Carroll County provides a unique opportunity for integration of discovery, learning, and engagement for School of Nursing faculty and students.

The clinic was established in 1995 in rural Delphi, IN, 20 miles northeast of Lafayette to provide appropriate, affordable, and accessible primary healthcare to individuals and families, with a focus on uninsured, underinsured or underserved families.

This clinic has experienced tremendous growth in the Hispanic population served. Currently, 28% of the clinic’s total client population is Hispanic. With grant monies, a part-time interpreter has been hired who assists with client visits as well as translation of documents into Spanish.

Family Health Clinic clients range in age across the lifespan, from neonates to age 90. Immunizations, well-child exams, growth and development assessment, and anticipatory guidance are provided, as well as diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and management of stable chronic conditions.

Since 1996, client visits have grown to exceed 3,200 per year.
• 35% of clients are children under 18 years
• 64% of clients are adults age 19 – 64
• 38% of adult clients smoke
• 6% of adolescent clients smoke
• 57% of clients have no health insurance
• 63% of clients live in households with incomes below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Funding for the clinic comes from the Indiana State Department of Health, the Governing Board clinic fundraiser, Greater Lafayette Health Services donations of medical and office supplies, patient revenues, and the United Fund of Carroll County. Purdue provides matching funds in addition to business office, grant writing, and marketing support.

Clinic Coordinator Receives Alumna of the Year Award

Barb Strasburger’s journey to becoming a nurse practitioner began in Haiti, on a medical mission trip with her church.

“There was so much need,” she says. “RNs were doing triage and treatment. I thought that if I was going to be doing this, I should go back to school and learn more.”

So she became part of the second class of students to graduate from the Purdue West Lafayette-Calumet Graduate Consortium program, in 2002. “It was a very scary step, because I had been out of school for 30 years,” she says. “But nurses never stop learning, so it became part of that challenge.”

At graduation, Strasburger had several offers, but decided on the School of Nursing’s Family Health Clinic of Carroll County because she wanted to continue her work with indigent people. “Our clients are the hardworking poor,” she says. “They are the ones who work in the convenience stores and gas stations. They are farmers and 28 percent are Hispanic.”

She likes the clinic’s location in Delphi. “It’s a small town atmosphere, and the people are grateful for what you can do for them. There’s a lot of variety in my work, and I like being independent.”

One of Strasburger’s main challenges has been to help develop sources of funding and Medicaid and Medicare billing for the clinic. “Many ‘safety net’ clinics have not been able to survive when government funding is cut or delayed,” she says. “Our support from Purdue University has been vital in keeping the doors of the clinic open for over 10 years.”

The clinic is supported by a mosaic of funding, including a newly-assigned Medicaid panel and Medicare. In 2006 we were designated ‘Rural Health Clinic’ status, which opened us up for Medicare funding.

“Our patient load will double with the new Medicaid panel,” she says. The current clinic building has only three exam rooms, but the space crunch will be eased next year. North Central Health Services has committed to building a new facility in Delphi to house multiple service agencies, including the clinic.

Strasburger is also a parish nurse at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center at Purdue. This allows her to work with students as well as resident parishioners and their families. “This is my ministry,” she says.
New Clinic Serves Rural White County

Many of the clinic patients are the working poor -- those who have jobs but don’t have insurance -- and others who may have catastrophic insurance but few options for routine healthcare.

Purdue University’s School of Nursing has opened a family health clinic in northern White County to help meet the needs of a population that is underserved by the healthcare system.

The Family Health Clinic of Monon is located in the former McElroy Insurance Agency building, 420 N. Market St., Monon, IN, about 30 miles northwest of Lafayette.

A 2005 survey by the United Way of White County determined that increased healthcare was the No. 1 need in that area, so the goal of the clinic is to provide accessible, cost-effective, high-quality healthcare.

Many of the clinic’s patients are the working poor - those who have jobs but don’t have insurance - and others who may have catastrophic insurance but nowhere nearby to turn for routine healthcare. The clinic provides health promotion, education, treatment of common acute illness, and the monitoring of stable chronic conditions.

The Monon clinic is being funded through a $43,000 White County United Way grant, as well as a portion of a $716,410 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant for rural advanced-practice nursing.

The clinic is open three days a week and will see approximately 1,000 patients in 2006. The goal is to be open four to five days a week by 2007. The nurse practitioners, Liz O’Neil and Lynn Davis, carry beepers after hours to insure appropriate triage, continuity of care, and follow up.

The building housing the Family Health Clinic of Monon was provided by the McElroy-Bozich family, longtime residents of Monon, who rent it to the School of Nursing. The owners, sisters Joey Bozich and Marsha Bryant, funded extensive renovations to ready the building for its use as a health clinic.

Joey Bozich’s daughter, Cynthia Bozich-Keith, is a professor in the School of Nursing, and her husband, Douglas, is a continuing lecturer in the Department of Building Construction Management in the Purdue School of Technology. He and his students provided the labor for the renovations.

“We are grateful to the Bozich family and the White County United Way for helping us to bring advanced practice nursing care to this rural community,” says Dr. Julie Novak, director of the clinic.
The Purdue University School of Nursing has partnered with Trinity United Methodist Church to develop the new Nursing Center for Infant Health.

The Trinity Nursing Center for Infant Health is located at the church’s Lilies of the Field House at 509 North St. in Lafayette. The clinic offers parent education, health and developmental assessment, and minor illness care with an emphasis on children from birth to five years of age.

The need for such services became apparent in January 2005 when the three local nursing schools -- Purdue, Ivy Tech and St. Elizabeth -- met to discuss state and county data on local healthcare needs. The group, led by Karen Dolk of Ivy Tech and Julie Novak of Purdue, found that one of the most pressing needs was infant care, and the geographic area with the greatest need was the downtown Lafayette/Wabash River corridor.

The collaboration with Trinity United Methodist Church was a natural because Beth Lana, a faculty member at Purdue and Ivy Tech and a member of the planning group, is also a member of the church. "The church’s senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Jacob Williams, was already collaborating in the School of Nursing’s Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Their overlapping mission grew into the idea of a partnership. Church members donated over $25,000 in renovation and start-up monies, while 10 to 12 members spent every Saturday morning for four months remodeling the space," says Dr. Julie Novak, clinic director.

Purdue First Lady Patty Jischke serves on the Trinity Advisory Board and leads its “Reading Corner” initiative. “The clinic will also be a Brazelton Touchpoints site and a partner in the local community Baby Talk collaboration,” Novak says.

The Purdue School of Nursing, with teaching emphasis on developmental assessment, clinical rotations in infant, toddler, preschool, and K-12 programs, as well as extensive experience creating and operating nurse-managed clinics, took the lead among the nursing schools in establishing the clinic. Students from all three nursing schools may participate in the project.

Greater Lafayette Health Services Inc. donated supplies for the clinic, and James Bien, a pediatrician at Arnett Clinic, serves as the collaborating physician.

Services offered include:
- Parent education/coaching
- Growth and developmental assessment
- Guidance related to developmental milestones
- Wellness/health supervision: birth to five years
- Individual and small group well child exams
- Health education, e.g., parental smoking cessation grant
- Counseling related to breastfeeding/nutrition
- Disease prevention
- Minor illness diagnosis and treatment
- Home visits
- Literacy/reading promotion
Purdue is a leader in addressing the need for nursing care. The School of Nursing has increased its class size from 100 in 2003 to 170 in 2006.

This nation is facing its most profound shortage of nursing professionals in its history. A shortage of nearly half a million nurses—2,000 in Indiana, as well as a serious shortage of nurse educators, threatens to disrupt healthcare in this country.

- Nursing School graduation rates have dropped 23%
- Nearly 60% of the RN workforce is over 40 years of age
- Only 10% of RNs are under the age of 30
- In spite of significant class size enlargement, qualified students were turned away from Purdue School of Nursing from 2000-2006 due to a lack of physical space for classrooms and clinical laboratories.

In order to respond to this crisis, the Purdue School of Nursing needs to expand its physical surroundings. Our enrollment is at an all time high and Johnson Hall is bursting at the seams.

With ten months left in the Campaign for Purdue, we have done extremely well in meeting our goals in all areas, with the exception of our facilities goal. Development efforts are going strong in the School and our alumni are responding to the call for support, but we need to take it further.

We have come a long way since the two-year associate degree program initiated in 1963. We have over 600 undergraduate baccalaureate students, 18 master’s students, and 40 doctoral students. The State of Indiana wants Purdue to lead in educating baccalaureate and graduate nurses and we want to take this challenge and run with it!

Imagine the opportunities nursing students can have with a new building or a building addition that has additional simulation labs, classrooms with state-of-the-art technology, research space for faculty, and space for student meetings, studying, and socializing.

We hope you will consider helping us on our journey to grow our school so we can continue to address the healthcare needs of our local to global communities. We don’t want to turn away future nurses because we don’t have room for them.

Please consider designating your gift to “Nursing Facilities.” Once campus space is acquired, we will have naming opportunities for classrooms, lecture halls, research labs, student lounge, atrium, clinic, and the simulation laboratory.

We hope you will join us in turning our dream of an expanded Johnson Hall or a new building into a reality.
Professor Endows Nursing Scholarship

Nursing professor Jane Kinyon has established a nursing scholarship in memory of her late husband, Virgil Lee Jackson.

The scholarship will be awarded to a third or fourth year nursing student and will be based on academic merit and financial need. “I would like this scholarship to go to students who enhance gender diversity in the School of Nursing,” Kinyon says.

Jane and Virgil met in 1979 when she was a new nurse and he was a psychiatric technician at Wabash Valley Hospital in Lafayette. “He respected nurses and nursing,” she recalls.

“He was a big guy, patient, sweet, but with a little orneriness. He had a wide open mind. He was interested in everything.”

Virgil was raised by his grandparents on a farm near Kokomo. He worked in psychiatric facilities in Kokomo, and was taking supervision classes at Purdue while working at Wabash Valley.

His job on the addictions unit there was to keep the milieu and the patients safe. “I always felt very safe when he was around,” Kinyon says. “I admired his manner of relating to patients gently, but firmly.”

They had been married for only a month when he died in an automobile accident in 1981. “This scholarship is a way to keep his memory alive,” she says.

Kinyon earned her Associate Degree in Nursing at Purdue, then continued on for a BSN and BS in psychology. She worked at Wabash Valley Hospital, and then in 1983 went to the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing to teach. She earned her master’s degree from the Indiana University School of Nursing in 1986 and continued at St. Elizabeth until 1989.

In 1989, she opened the adult unit at Charter Hospital and later returned to St. Elizabeth as a psychiatric nurse specialist liaison throughout the hospital. In 2002 she joined the psychiatric nursing faculty at Purdue.

“I am interested in positively influencing nursing students toward psychiatric nursing,” she says. “The mind is so intriguing. It’s complicated and unique to each of us. Treatments for mental illnesses are varied, and there is so much to learn.

“I also don’t like tubes and technical things very much,” she says. “A psychiatric ward is different from a medical surgical floor. Everyone is up and dressed and feeding themselves. You still give medications and do physical assessments, but you can work more with helping clients and families learn to cope. Communication skills are key to psychiatric nursing.”

Kinyon had an introduction to psychiatric nursing at an early age. She grew up in Richmond, IN, only a block from the Richmond State Hospital. “As kids, we would go down to the state hospital on Friday nights and watch movies with the patients in the auditorium,” she recalls.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Virgil Lee Jackson Memorial Nursing Scholarship, please contact Mary Ellen Gillespie at (765) 494-0550 or gillespm@purdue.edu

Scholarship Endowments Enrich Student Lives

By creating student scholarships, alumni and friends change the lives of our nursing students and the lives they will lead.

University fees for the 2006-2007 school year are $7,096 for Indiana residents. Non-residents will pay $21,266.

The expected cost of attendance includes $1,020 for books and supplies, $7,130 for room and board, and $1,810 for miscellaneous and travel expenses.

It’s easy to understand why nursing students are so very grateful for the support of generous alumni and friends.

Endowments of $25,000 will generate approximately $1,100 in scholarship revenue each year under the University spending policy.

Endowments of $100,000 will generate approximately $4,500 each year to support graduate fellowships.

Many scholarships are established through outright contributions that may include gifts of cash, securities, or property. Scholarship contributions may be made in installments over a five-year period.

Scholarship funds are added to the University’s permanent endowment which is held and managed by the University. Income will be used to award scholarships.

Additional information about scholarships is available by contacting Mary Ellen Gillespie, Director of Development at 765-494-0550 or gillespm@purdue.edu
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We appreciate your loyal support.

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Please let us know of any changes or additions.

Bircks Endow First Nursing Chair

The first endowed chair in the School of Nursing was announced by Purdue President Martin Jischke on June 12, 2006 to the complete surprise of the woman being honored, Kay Birck, wife of Michael Birck of Hinsdale, IL.

The President’s Council Cruise Around Italy was the setting for the big announcement. President Jischke was sharing the latest news of the university with the 140 President’s Council participants. He surprised the audience and Kay with the news her husband had asked to honor her with the naming of Katherine Birck Chair of Women and Child Health Nursing.

Kay was asked to come forward and receive the small gold chair and crystal base from President Jischke and a hug from her husband, Mike.

Mike, a Purdue alumnus and chair of the Campaign for Purdue, is a member of the Purdue Board of Trustees and chairman of Tellabs Inc. Kay, a Terre Haute, IN native, recently retired as head of nursing at Women’s Healthcare of Hinsdale, IL.

Details of the chair will be presented at the President’s Council on Oct. 27, 2006.

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All Nursing Programs Growing in Size, Diversity

By Laura Curry
Academic Advisor

Registered nurses, especially those educated at the baccalaureate level, fill a vital role in the healthcare delivery system.

The United States is facing a critical shortage of RNs, both currently and in the future. It is projected that in the year 2010 there will be 213,500 open RN positions in the United States. By the year 2015 that number jumps to 381,250, and in the year 2020 there will be 800,000 open RN positions. (Peter Buerhau, JAMA 2000).

The Purdue School of Nursing has risen to the challenge of providing highly educated nurses to offset this shortage. In the Fall 2002 semester, the school enrolled 120 new students.

Over the course of the past four years, the school has been able to increase enrollment and has achieved a 42% growth rate from the 2002 enrollment figures.

In the Fall 2006 semester, we have enrolled 170 new students in the program. In this same time span, we have also seen an increase in the number of men entering our program.

The 2006 – 2007 school year enrollment includes 34 men, a 126% increase from the 2002 – 2003 school year.

The Graduate Program has also had a significant increase in overall enrollment. The Masters Program for the 2006 – 2007 school year has 18 students. This is an increase of 44% from last year. The new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program has 40 students (including two men). This program has seen an amazing 372% growth.

With the constant demand for nurses and specifically for advanced practice nurses who have focused on a subspecialty, we expect to see our graduate programs continue to grow.

By Mary Musselman, Academic Advisor

In 2004 Professor Mary Ilu Altman joined the faculty of the School of Nursing as Director of Student Services and Diversity Enhancement. She and the academic advisors have expanded their boundaries through attending a summit and informational fair on Hispanic and Latino issues in Indianapolis, taking part in a presentation on Native American Recruitment at Purdue, and attending workshops on diversity in Indianapolis at the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development.

The Student Services team also traveled to Chicago to be part of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute. Not only have the advisors attended sessions and workshops on diversity, but they have also seen an increase in the number of students from underrepresented groups.

For instance, the number of African-American students has grown from two in 2003 to 19 in 2006. The number of Hispanic students has grown from one in 2003 to 14 in 2006.
Meet Sim Man -- New Man on Campus

There’s a new man on campus, and he lives in Purdue’s Center for Nursing Education. He’s Sim Man, a life-size mannequin with computer-integrated physiological appearance and performance.

“Sim Man has life-like lung and heart sounds, PA and arterial waveforms, pulses, and responds physiologically to treatment,” says RuthAnn Smolen, Director of the Center for Nursing Education.

Sim Man can be programmed to cough, talk, moan, and respond to minute-to-minute care while students monitor, analyze and react to life-like, realistic scenarios.

Clinical Simulation Scenarios

Clinical simulation mechanisms are an emerging technology that include basic patient interactions to critical situations.

Environments for simulations are changeable to include operating room, post-op recovery, emergency/trauma, cardiac life support, ICU-CCU, hospital medical unit, community care clinic, orthoneuro, and bioterrorism triage.

Does simulation learning using Sim Man enhance the development of confidence in building critical thinking skills? Smolen says that a review of the literature shows that simulation is realistic, enhances clinical skills, facilitates critical thinking, increases theory to practice retention, and builds confidence with no risk to the patient.

Faculty who have worked with Sim Man say the technology helps students build confidence because mistakes are allowed. Multiple problems can be programmed to occur at once, making simulation a realistic alternative to actual clinical practice. The added advantage is that patient safety is not threatened.

“Sim Man allows nursing students to work on skill acquisition and helps them learn to work under pressure,” says Professor Michael Criswell. “It also builds leadership skills and teamwork. There are a variety of scenarios from Code Blue to a stroke to a cardiac MI.”

Students who have managed Sim Man are pleased with the interaction and immediate feedback. They feel that Sim Man is safe and non-threatening and helps them learn and apply skills at their own pace.

Sim Man joins Noelle, a birthing simulator, in the Center for Nursing Education. Sim Child and Sim Baby will be purchased with funds from the Helene Fuld Health Trust grant. The Center for Nursing Education also boasts an IV simulator.
Grants

Mary Ilu Altman and Elizabeth O’Neil. Purdue International Programs Grant to develop a study abroad health mission and language program in Nicaragua. $7,000.

Mary Ilu Altman and Elizabeth O’Neil. Student grant Program for Community Service/Service Learning Projects for NUR 348 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals Health Fair, $1,500.

Jane Kinyon and Cynthia Bozich Keith. Mental Health Association Depression Screening. Purdue University Student Grant for Community Service/Service Learning Projects. $425.

Jacqueline Nielsen and Julie Novak, Esther McConnaughay Foundation for master’s and doctoral level oncology subspecialization scholarship and annual oncology nursing conference, $25,000 annually for three years.

Julie Novak, Helene Fuld Health Trust, The DNP: Reengineering Healthcare, $2.49 million.

Julie Novak and Tristan Emery, Tobacco Free Partnership, Indiana Tobacco Prevention Cessation Trust Fund, $154,000.

Julie Novak, United Fund of Carroll County for the Family Health Clinic of Carroll County, $20,000.

Julie Novak, Elizabeth O’Neil, and Kit Schafer, United Way of White County for the Family Health Clinic of Monon, $43,000.

Julie Novak, Regenstrief Institute for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DN) program, EBP scholarships and tuition waivers for five faculty pursuing the DNP, $46,000.

Julie Novak, Mental Health Promotion grant from Linda Rohrman, $50,000.

Laura Sands, PI. Determining optimal care pathways for older Medicaid clients. Regenstrief Institute. $25,000.

Laura Sands, Subcontract PI. Evaluation of a trial of general anesthesia with or without nitrous oxide. University of California San Francisco. $21,909.


Laura Sands, Evaluating Community-Based Long-Term Care for Medicaid Dementia Patients, 2006 Investigator-Initiated Research Grant from the Alzheimer’s Association. $240,000.


Karen Yehle. A comparison of standard office visits and shared medical appointments in adults with heart failure. Purdue University Center on Aging and the Life Course. $1,040.

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Invited Presentations


Bozich Keith, Cynthia and Kinyon, Jane. An interdisciplinary approach to group experiential learning with baccalaureate nursing students. Purdue University School of Nursing Works in Progress Research Series, October 25, 2005.

Braswell, Melanie. Evidence based practice project. Department Directors Meeting at GLHS.


FACULTY NEWS


Sands, Laura. Positive effects of ADHC on physical and emotional functioning in disabled older adults. Invited presentation to the annual California Association for Adult Day Services, Palm Springs, CA, September 22 – 23, 2005.


Wilkerson, Sharon, Novak, Julie, and Wall, Barbra M. Integrating the humanities in a Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. Chicago Institute for Nursing Education, June 2005.


**Book Reviews**


Coyle-Rogers, Patricia. [Review of the book Cooked: An inner city nursing memoir.] Nursing Education Perspectives, 26(3), 183.


**Achievements**

Patricia Coyle-Rogers achieved tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor.

Clara Richardson was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.

**Engagement**

Pamela Aaltonen served as mentor of Leadership Lafayette Class 31 Team on Childhood Obesity. She is also a member of the Purdue Interdisciplinary Team in collaboration with Purdue Homeland Security Institute: Development of an Area of Specialization in Homeland Security.

Cynthia L. Bozich Keith was appointed to the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition, Regional Suicide Prevention Partnership Steering Committee. She is also a member of the Family Services, Inc. Quality Assurance Reviewer/Utilization Committee.

Karen Chang was appointed as an Informatics Fellow, Center of Excellence on Implementing Evidence-Based Practice (CIEBP) Program, Roudebush VA Medical Center.

Patricia Coyle-Rogers was elected chair of the nursing professional development content expert panel for American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Jane Kinyon was certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist.

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She is on the governance committee for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and a member of the Suicide Prevention Regional Partnership.

Julie and Bob Novak served as advisors for the Katrina Live Aid Concert for Nursing, Pharmacy, Speech, Language and Hearing Science, and Hospitality and Tourism Management students. She also serves as chair of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Tippecanoe County, on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Tippecanoe County, and the Athletic Affairs Board of Purdue University.

Clara Richardson is a member of the Lafayette Head Start Advisory Board.

Laura Sands was appointed reviewer for the journal Medical Care.

Kay Webster was appointed to an Indiana Department of Insurance Medical Review panel.

Karen Yehle serves on the Arnett Clinic Heart Failure Program Committee, on the clinical advisory board for the American Running Association, and as an approval accreditation appraiser for the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission. For Sigma Theta Tau International she is an abstract reviewer for leadership sessions and serves on the Distance Education Task Force.

Awards / Honors

Mary Ilu Altman received a 2006 YWCA Salute to Women, Women of Distinction Award.

Cynthia L. Bozich Keith received a certificate of Recognition at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Logansport State Hospital, April 20, 2006. She is also listed in Who’s Who Among American Teachers (9th Ed.). 2005, is a member of the Regional Suicide Prevention Partnership, and is a chart reviewer for Family Services.

Melanie Braswell was awarded the Faculty School of Nursing Enhancement Award.

Dede Campbell was awarded the LaNelle Geddes Excellence in Teaching Award.

Michael Criswell received the Purdue Nursing Student Council Excellence in Teaching Award.

Laura Curry was awarded a Master’s of Science in Education with a specialization in College Student Affairs.

Nancy Edwards appeared on Dutch TV featuring research with Sony robotic dog “Aibo” and patients with Alzheimer’s.

Dianne Freeman-Moore received the Purdue Panhellenic Association Outstanding Professor of Nursing at Purdue University Award.

Patty Gunning received the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award from the School of Nursing Student Council.

Jane Kirkpatrick received the Purdue University Excellence in Distance Education Award for The Gestational Age Assessment program. Professor Kirkpatrick and Lynn Caputi received the International Tribute Award for Information Technology: Computer-based Professional Education, Sigma Theta Tau, international for PhysWhiz II: Labor and Delivery.

Noelle Lottes was the recipient of the Nursing Student Council Excellence in Teaching Award for Lecture.

Julie Novak received the 2005 Grassroots Health Policy Award at the annual AACN Dean’s Conference in Washington, D.C. and the Torchbearer Award from the Indiana Commission for Women for leadership in healthcare. She was also inducted into the Purdue University Teaching Academy.

Polly Royal received the Purdue Nursing Student Council Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award.

New Faculty Hires

New faculty/staff and their areas of expertise include:

- **Roberta Schweitzer**, PhD, RN, (psych/mental health/graduate theory)
- **Maria Young**, PhD(c), RN, (adult health)
- **Analei Borg**, RNC, MSN(c), PNP(c) (child health)
- **Taru Bhaidasna**, MS, CANP, (adult health)
- **Beth Ensign**, RN, MSN(c), (adult health)
- **Beth Lana**, RN, MSN(c), (Capstone Coordinator)
- **Sally Lowrey**, RN, MBA, (fundamentals/adult health)
- **Cindy Modlin-Adams**, RN, MSN, ANP-BC, (Coordinator, Nursing Center for Family Health/DNP student)
- **Donna Moore**, MS, CFNP, (fundamentals/clinic FNP)
- **Lynn Nuti**, JD, RN, DNP student, (fundamentals)
- **Kathy Rapala**, JD, RN, DNP student, (leadership/capstone/second degree program coordinator)
- **Libby Richards**, MSN, (public health)
- **Jennifer Sundell**, MSN, CPNP, (PNP program coordinator, Trinity Nursing Center for Family Health Co-Coordinator)
- **Trina Wright**, RNC, MSN, WHNP, (maternal child health)

New staff and promotions include:

- **Melissa Swathwood** has joined the School of Nursing as faculty secretary.
- **Roxanne Martin** has expanded her administrative assistant role to Alumnae Relations Director and Event Planner for the School of Nursing.
- **Sonia Pierce** has been promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Head.
Eleanor Stephan: An Advisor For Generations of Nurses

Veteran academic advisor retires after 34 years of helping thousands of nursing students

If you were a Purdue Nursing student between 1974 and 2006, you probably met Eleanor Stephan and benefited from her expertise.

Retiring this spring after 32 years, Stephan has worked as an academic advisor under every head of the School of Nursing—Helen Johnson, LaNelle Geddes, Jo Brooks, Linda Simunek, and Julie Novak. “Each brought her own talents, and the school is what it is today because of them,” she says.

Although she is not a nurse, it would be fair to say that Eleanor Stephan knows just about everything there is to know about the nursing curriculum and how it fits into the university framework.

“Academic counselors have to be creative and think outside the box,” she says. “There are many different ways to look at things, and more than one way to solve any problem.

“An academic advisor needs to be a person who not only knows what’s going on in the field, but also cares about the students and understands where they are coming from,” she says. “You have to learn to really listen.”

Along with fulfilling requirements, she is concerned about students’ development as individuals.

“When I first started advising in 1974, many of our students were experienced RNs, returning for their BSN,” she says. “They had a different set of problems, juggling home and work and school.

“Now,” she says, “students come in more sophisticated and more knowledgeable because the age of the Internet has opened all sorts of information to them. Yet they don’t have much life experience yet, so they need the time here to contemplate and put it all together personally as well as professionally. Experience is what gives a nurse poise and confidence.”

In 1987, Eleanor Stephan won the Outstanding Advisor Award from the Purdue Academic Advising Association, and her nomination went to the national convention where she was recognized with a certificate of merit as one of the outstanding academic advisors nationally by the National Academic Advising Association.

Eleanor Stephan was born and raised in Hawaii. Her ambition, listed under her picture in her high school yearbook, was to be a high school guidance counselor. “That was because my high school counselor was poor. I knew she could have helped us more, and I thought I could do better.”

Between her junior and senior years in high school, Stephan traveled to Chicago for a National Future Homemakers of America convention. She loved the Midwest and decided to return for college. She attended Indiana State University to prepare to be a teacher and counselor.

Her first job was in Logansport, IN as a junior high school physical education and social studies teacher. Soon she met and married her husband, Hank, and they had three children. Along the way, she earned a master’s degree in history and physical education from Indiana State and a certificate in counseling and guidance from Ball State. She continued to work part time in the Logansport schools until she was tapped by Helen Johnson to be the first non-nurse academic counselor at the Purdue School of Nursing.

During her years at Purdue, she has continued to take classes for continuing education (she is currently only nine credits short of earning a master’s degree in gerontology). “Plus, I wanted to experience firsthand what the students go through in the registration process and in classes,” she says.

In retirement, Stephan says she will “do anything I want!” That might include computer classes, aerobics, teaching adult literacy or English as a second language, quilting, gardening, golf, and traveling to visit her three children and seven grandchildren. “I also have a long list of books to read,” she says. “I won’t lack for things to do.”
Donna Kauffman: A Teacher Who Changes Lives

Donna Kauffman treasures a letter from the Purdue Alumni Association that reads: “A year ago, we conducted our first-ever alumni attitude survey. One of the questions allowed respondents to name one person who had a special impact on their experience as a student. Attached is a response that specifically mentions you.”

The response: “Professor Donna Kauffman was always respectful of the students’ individuality, and facilitated learning in a non-stressful atmosphere.”

This was not an isolated response to Kauffman’s teaching style. When sophomore members of her last class at Purdue, NUR 105, heard this story was being written, they wanted to share their thoughts.

“She wants us to do well. If we don’t know something, she wants to know, ‘How can I help you?’”

“She expects us to be independent. She makes us do things ourselves instead of hanging over our shoulders all the time.”

“She is never condescending.”

“She connects with us and makes everything fun.”

“She has confidence in us and that makes us have confidence in ourselves.”

“First semester clinicals are psycho. You feel like a freshman all over again. But she had us present to each other. Learning with her is active, not passive.”

“She really pushes that nursing is a practice—you need to understand how to do the hands-on and not merely memorize.”

“Many people in the hospitals and the community know her. Whenever I say I am from Purdue nursing, someone always mentions her.”

“The biggest thing I’ve learned from her is that you can’t be a nurse on your own. You’re part of a team. You can, and need to, ask for help when you need it.”

Kauffman has retired this spring after 27 years at the School of Nursing. She came to the school in 1979, and has taught every subject in every level. She also served as Assistant Head for Student Services for 14 years.

“I have really enjoyed the students and their parents,” she says. “I know I have touched many lives during my time here, but I didn’t always realize it because I always concentrated on one student or one class at a time.”

Kauffman credits her mentor, Eoto Stokes, with teaching her some valuable lessons. “When someone greets you, give them your total attention.” “Take one student at a time and do the best you can for them.” “Don’t take yourself so seriously.”

Kauffman has won many teaching awards, but she says the best award is when students says you’ve had an impact on their lives and that you’ve helped them learn and be excited about nursing. “We have a tough curriculum, but we should be able to have fun while learning,” she believes.

She also believes in the quality of Purdue nursing. “We have a great reputation and it is well deserved,” she says. “We have the best of the best and I am proud of all of them.”

Service has been a major focus for Kauffman. “The Delta Omicron chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International has been a big part of my life,” she says. She served as the chapter’s first treasurer, two years as president elect, six years as president, four years as recording secretary, and four years as faculty advisor. “It’s a great organization that recognizes the knowledge base and encourages students to participate,” she says.

Kauffman earned her nursing diploma from Marion County General Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis, her BSN from Indiana University, and her MSN from Ball State. She had 11 years of critical care experience before beginning her teaching career. “I always knew I was going to be a nurse, and I have loved it because it allows me to think on my feet and make good, fast decisions.”

In retirement, she will continue to be very involved with her family—her mother, brother, four nephews, six great nieces, two great nephews, and her dog, Heidi. She also plans to work part-time in the home health field, seeing clients around her home in Monticello. “One of the best things about nursing is the different options you have for practice,” she says. “If one doesn’t fit your needs or schedule, then another one will.”
Hazel Petrick has been somewhat of a pack rat all her life, and Purdue University is glad she is.

Last fall, Mrs. Petrick decided to move to Florida and didn’t want to take books and boxes of her years as a nurse in World War II with her. She couldn’t bring herself to throw out all the scrapbooks and photos and letters, though. They now have a home in the Purdue Center for Nursing History, Ethics, and Human Rights, and Innovations.

The collection includes more than 200 letters, yellowed with age, which were sent by Miss Hazel Inez Thompson of Morrilton, Ark., to her widowed mother in the years 1942-45 from various places Hazel was posted during World War II.

The letters are wrapped in rubber bands and begin on July 23, 1942, from Memphis, TN, where Hazel was taking her training to become part of “The Fighting 300th,” the Vanderbilt University Medical Unit. The last letter, dated Dec. 1, 1945, was sent from an older and wiser young woman, who had been through war in Europe and North Africa.

The frequency with which she wrote home was amazing by today’s e-mail standards. There is at least one letter a week for the duration of the war, and each contains a little tidbit about topics ranging from dances to side trips.

Under the watchful eye of the Army censors, little information about battles or war finds its way into the letters, and Hazel said she didn’t want to worry her mother with such things anyway. But each letter contains a little insight into the life of a young Army nurse plucked from rural Arkansas and deposited into the greatest drama of the 20th century.

Hazel met a dashing officer named George Petrick -- “he was so handsome in uniform, but I wanted to wait and see what he looked like as a civilian” -- during her stay in Europe.

Apparently she liked what she saw. They married in 1947 and returned to his hometown of Hammond, IN.

In 1965, Hazel’s mother sent her the cardboard box with all the letters. It also included the pressed European wildflowers Hazel had gathered in Italy.

Turning the letters over to Dr. Barbra Wall was “one of the most exciting days of my life,” Mrs. Petrick said. That’s saying a lot coming from a woman who is 89 years old and who won battle stars at Monte Cassino, Anzio, and in North Africa.

What makes the experiences of Lt. Hazel Thompson so desirable? For the student of feminist issues, it’s virtually unique that World War II is done from a woman’s perspective, most importantly with contemporary comment in the letters, which are an unbroken chain from training to demobilization.

For the war historian, there are original documents, photos, pamphlets and other artifacts of U.S. Army life in the 300th General Hospital.

For the nursing historian, it’s a glimpse back more than 60 years -- the uniforms, the textbooks and the courses of study.

And for former Lt. Hazel I. Thompson, there is the feeling of her letters being enshrined as part of history in the archives of a major university.

Mark Kiesling is a columnist for The Times of Northwest Indiana, the state’s second-largest newspaper, where stories on Lt. Petrick originally appeared.
Congratulations to these 2006 nursing graduates; 75% remain in Indiana!

BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES
Jennifer L. Adams
Methodist Hospital, Pediatrics, Indianapolis

Himani J. Chokshi
Clarian Health Partners, Riley Hospital Hematology/Oncology, Indianapolis

Elizabeth D. Clark
Clarian North, Labor & Delivery, Indianapolis

Natalie S. Agresta
Riley Children's Hospital, Pediatric ICU, Indianapolis

Maribel Alvarado Griffin
CCU, St. Joe Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, IN

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Riley Children's Hospital, Neonatal ICU, Indianapolis

Trista M. Anderson §
Clarian North Medical Center, Labor & Delivery, Carmel, IN

Meghan S. Badylak
Home Hospital, Labor & Delivery, Lafayette

Michelle L. Bannon §†
Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL

Kimberly R. Bargherff §†
Lutheran Hospital, ICU, Fort Wayne, IN

Erika T. Barnett
Piedmont Hospital, Postpartum/ Gynecologic Surgery, Atlanta, GA

Kristen M. Beck
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Rotation, Indianapolis

Ashley N. Becler
Methodist Hospital, Cardiac Medical Surgical, Indianapolis

Audra L. Beeman
St. Vincent Hospital, Cardiac Medical, Indianapolis

Mia I. Beguiristain-Romillo
Currently Interviewing

Megan L. Behrmann §†
Riley Children's Hospital, Pediatrics, Indianapolis; Purdue DNP student

Christine A. Blazek §†
Riley Children’s Hospital, Operating Room/ Surgery, Indianapolis

Kathryn M. Borrall §†
LaPorte Hospital, Medical Surgical, Telemetry, LaPorte, IN

Rhonda N. Brumbaugh §†
Elkhart General Hospital, Medical Care, Elkhart, IN

Renae M. Cherry §†
Hematology/Oncology, Clarian Health Partners, Riley Hospital

Himani J. Chokshi
St. Vincent Hospital, Medical Surgical, Indianapolis

Elizabeth D. Clark
Clarian North, Labor & Delivery, Indianapolis

Lindsay R. Conner
Fairbanks, Alaska - Army

Margaret E. Connor
Methodist Hospital, Emergency, Indianapolis

Morgan A. Courhey
Porter Hospital, Valparaiso, IN

Rachel A. Dixon
St. Vincent Hospital, Cardiac Medical, Indianapolis

Mariana D. Ehrlich, RN
Travel nursing after two months of mission work in South America

Amy L. Engers §†
Home Hospital Pediatrics, Lafayette

Stephanie L. Ettinger §†
Currently Interviewing

Jessica L. Everhart §
IU Hospital, ICU Graduate Pool, Indianapolis

Jeanette D. Faiver ‡
Fort Wayne, Outpatient Psychiatric Unit, Fort Wayne, IN

Erin M. Fenker
Banner Baywood Medical Center, Mesa, AZ

Sara J. Fitzgerald ‡
Methodist Hospital, ICU, Merrillville, IN

Kristen R. Friedman
University of Chicago, Neurological ICU, Atlanta, GA

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Riley Children’s Hospital, Operating Room/ Surgery, Indianapolis

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Purdue School of Nursing DNP program, West Lafayette

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Nico T. Hanas
NICU, University of Chicago Hospitals

Christina M. Hardin
Occupational Nurse, Suburu of Indiana, Lafayette

Lorie L. Hekper
University of Kentucky Hospital, ICU, Lexington, KY

Megan K. Horn
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Residency Program, Indianapolis

Ashley J. Howell
St. Vincent Hospital, Cardiac Medical, Indianapolis

Margaret E. Hyde
Community Hospital, Oncology, Indianapolis

Kayci L. Jennings
Medical Surgical, Gwinnet Medical Center, Duluth, GA

Joanna E. Jensen
Specially Resource Unit, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Jennifer L. Johnston
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Nadine K. Keitel §
Union Hospital, ICU, Terre Haute, IN

Sheri L. Kelly §†
Methodist Hospital, Surgical/Trauma ICU, Indianapolis

Rebecca A. Kempton §†
Post Partum, Home Hospital, Lafayette, IN

Ashley N. Krammes
Labor / Delivery

Home Hospital, Lafayette, IN

Kara L. LaLiberne
Clarian Health Partners, Indianapolis

Valere L. Lemon
Riley Children's Hospital, Hematology/Oncology, Indianapolis

Jillian V. Lessard §
Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 14 East Medical Surgical, Chicago

Megan E. Macklin
Currently Interviewing

Monica S. Manos
Chippenham Hospital, Neonatal ICU, Richmond, VA

Amanda L. Meriman
Methodist Hospital, Emergency Room, Indianapolis

Acalia L. Molarek
St. Vincent Hospital, Medical Surgical, Indianapolis

Allison L. Morgan
Methodist Hospital, Surgical/Trauma ICU, Indianapolis

Paige E. Morrow
University of Chicago, Mother Baby Unit

Amanda E. Nizt §†
Mott Children’s Hospital at University of Michigan, Pediatric Medical Surgical

Elizabeth J. Noble §†
Lutheran Hospital Cardiovascular ICU, Ft. Wayne, IN

Katie M. Nolting
Currently Interviewing

Danielle N. Oman
Campus Crusade for Christ College Ministry, West Lafayette

Haley M. Parry §†
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Residency Program, Indianapolis

Gina L. Piano
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Residency Program, Indianapolis

Stacy M. Plank §†
Methodist Hospital, Orthopedic 5 South, Indianapolis

Gretchen L. Poehlner ICU/ Bum Unit
University of Chicago

Andrea J. Poisson
Clarian Health Partners, Operating Room, Indianapolis

Kelly R. Poole
Methodist Hospital, Cardiac Comprehensive Critical Care, Indianapolis

Kelly M. Postma
St. Anthony, Medical ICU, Crown Point, IN

Courtney M. Previtt
Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis

Jennifer R. Reed
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Residency Program, Indianapolis

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Purdue School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, West Lafayette

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St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette

Anna C. Shaddy ‡
St. Francis Hospital, Labor & Delivery, Indianapolis

Elizabeth S. Sheakos
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Oncology, South Bend, IN

Kristen Shelton
Currently Interviewing

Teresa A. Spence §
Memorial Regional Health, Heart and Vascular Unit, South Bend, IN

Lisa A. Storozuk §†
Duke University Cardiac Unit

Laura A. VanWeltzen §†
Methodist Hospital, Cardiovascular Critical Care, Indianapolis

Alexis N. Villamuel
Riley Children’s Hospital, Infant Unit, Indianapolis

Xime Wang ‡
Staff Nurse, Heritage Healthcare, Lafayette

Elizabeth E. Weismann
Float Pool, Delnor Community Hospital, Geneva, IL

Ashley L. Whaley
Graduate Nurse Residency Program
St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis

Julie A. White §†
Community Hospital, Operating Room, Murster, IN

Alyssa M. Whiseides §†
IU Hospital, Organ Transplant, Indianapolis

Tricia J. Widher
IU Hospital, Graduate ICU Float Pool, Indianapolis

Lindsay M. Wilson
Adult Critical Care, St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove, IN

Alexis M. Wooten
Riley Children’s Hospital, Hematology/Oncology, Indianapolis

Renee P. Wotkun
Comers Children’s OR University of Chicago

Katy D. Wright
Riley Children’s Hospital, Infant Unit, Indianapolis

Jennifer L. Yoder
St. Vincent Hospital, Graduate Nurse Residency Program, Indianapolis

§ Denotes Sigma Theta Tau member † Denotes Dean's List (cumulative GPA 3.5+)
First Cohort Completes Second Degree Program

It takes four years of study to earn a baccalaureate nursing degree, but there are many people who have earned other types of four-year degrees who would like to become nurses.

In 2004, the School of Nursing instituted a second degree program, and the first cohort of seven students has successfully completed the arduous 15-month course.

Suzanne Quintero held both BS and DVM degrees before enrolling in the program. Her work experience included 18 years as a veterinarian in an animal hospital, and 13 years in alternative medicine and research centers as a holistic practice consultant and educator. In 1995, she began her own holistic veterinary practice.

“I decided to pursue nursing to broaden and deepen my practice scope, a need I felt after six years of in-home care for my mother until her death,” Quintero says.

After graduation, she will continue her practice, with the use of several non-pharmaceutical healing approaches and a strong emphasis in nutritional and digestive health therapies. In addition, she plans to utilize her nursing skills in the community and perhaps on the mission field. “I have a passion for teaching health maintenance through natural therapies,” she says.

Camille Leaman completed her BA in Spanish in 2005. “My first love is people and culture,” she says, “but I also inherited a strong interest in healthcare from my grandmother, who is a nurse.”

In 2003, Leaman was diagnosed with brain cancer, and subsequently underwent surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. “I was inspired by the nurses,” she says. “They were well prepared, and they knew how to answer the difficult questions. The way they took care of me made me know I wanted to be a nurse.”

But going through another four-year program when she had just finished her first degree was “too much,” Leaman says.

“This program was a great option. At first all of us in the group were nervous about the quantity of information, but we have formed a great support system.”

Melissa Vester completed her master’s degree in Hotel and Tourism Management just before the Sept. 11 World Trade Center disaster. “Tourism declined dramatically at that time,” she recalls. “I had already worked a lot of years in the hospitality industry, and I didn’t know if that was really what I wanted to keep doing.”

Vester was drawn to nursing by the intensity of healthcare settings and the changes that go on with patients. She also wants to combine her nursing and tourism knowledge. “I am interested in what makes the best healing environment and how to make the experience the best one possible for the patient and family,” she says.

“The program has been intense,” she says. “You have to be committed to it, because things come fast. As a group, we have learned from each other because of our different backgrounds, our maturity, and our level of educational and emotional understanding.”

For more information about the second degree program, visit the School of Nursing website at www.nursing.purdue.edu.

Student Earns Police Commendation

As a child, Adrianne Neal would accompany her pharmacist father when he visited nursing homes. “I was fascinated with his stethoscopes, and I loved the old people,” she says.

She began her college career studying biology/pre-med, and eventually earned her BS in Foods and Nutrition. She enjoyed the clinical aspect, but wanted to interact more with the patients.

“Becoming a nurse was one way I could do that,” she says. She considered going directly into a master’s program, but decided on Purdue’s second degree program in order to build a more in-depth foundation of knowledge.

Neal garnered local media attention in October 2005 when she went to the aid of a student who was having a seizure. Purdue police officer John Dorroll describes arriv-
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1960s

PAMELA MCCLURE WICHMANN (AAS’67) received the Preceptor of the Year Award from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. She is a family nurse practitioner, working in a community family practice office, and is adjunct faculty for UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

JUDITH SELLECK BOWLING (AD’69) has retired after 37 years of nursing. “I hated to give it up completely, so I have become a Parish Nurse for the Methodist church I attend,” she says. She arranges seminars, does visitations, and teaches CPR. “It is a joy and a blessing, I love being a nurse!”

1970s

NITA CUNNINGHAM LOTT (AD’70) has moved to 2012 E 850 S, Brookston, IN 47923 (happy to be back in Purdue country). She is working at Home Hospital on a Medical/Oncology unit as RN/Staff Nurse. deacnita@juno.com

1980s

SYBIL PERRY CARUTHERS (BS’86) is a school nurse in North Carolina. She has three daughters, 12, 11, and 8 and is coaching a youth track club called the Jacksonville Express. scaruthers@hotmail.com

1990s

BRET BRADY (BS’90) is currently enrolled in the Mayo School of Health Sciences in the nurse anesthetist program. bradybunchofone@yahoo.com

DEBORAH POPA (BS’90) earned her COHN-S Certification in Occupational Health and has practiced occupational health for the last 10 years. She is currently working as an administrator for Purdue’s Workers Compensation Program to develop return-to-work options. dpopa@purdue.edu

ANDREW BOWMAN (BS’91) is completing his MSN for Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. He is a lifetime member of the Emergency Nurses Association, manuscript reviewer for Emergency Medicine Practice and Computers, Informatics, and Nursing, and a contributing author for Emergency Nursing Procedures, 4th edition. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiovascular Nurses. andrewj.bowman@gmail.com

Leslie Perrino (ADN’82) returned to graduate school in 1995 to pursue her first love—art. She received an MA in Art with a concentration in metal and jewelry.

She now is a working artist creating one-of-a-kind and small production line jewelry and small sculpture which has exhibited in a variety of venues across the country and internationally.

She teaches classes in metal, jewelry, and enamels at the Evanston, IL Art Center. She also works at a retirement community, assisting seniors with art.

“My background in nursing has helped me tailor projects for special needs, such as low vision,” she says.

“Also, the depth and intensity of my experiences as a nurse has had its impact on me as an artist. I am a better artist than I would have been had I not spent 12 years in nursing.” artnun@jps.net

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ALUMNI NEWS

KARI HOUSE FOOTE (BS’92) has joined the Medical Advisory Board of the Living Well Center, Geneva, IL. The Center is a free-of-charge outreach to individuals living with cancer and their families. karifoote@juno.com

JAMI GRAFT STEFFEN (BS’96) is currently staying at home with her 3-year-old daughter, 18 month old son, and is expecting her third child in late November. indysteffen@sbcglobal.net

NATASHA HAUPTMAN NG (BS’96) is now living at 4532 4th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98108. She gave birth to a son, Gabriel Paul Ga-Syu, on Oct. 4, 2005. Natasha.ng@gmail.com

JENNIFER CURTIS DAMASIAN (BS’96) married fellow Purdue graduate Darron Damasius on Aug. 12, 2006. His career with Abbott Laboratories is taking them to Paris, France for two years! jenniferjcurtis@aol.com Their Paris address is: Darron and Jennifer Damasius 140 bis rue de Rennes 75006 Paris, France

CINDY L. CLINE (BS’98) and her husband welcomed the birth of their fifth child, Laura Mae, born on Aug. 5, 2005. sccline@direcway.com

GINA SCHULER DOWD (BS’98) is currently working at Northpoint Pediatrics in Indianapolis. She and her husband, Ryan (BA’97), welcomed a son, Michael O’Ryan, on Feb, 23, 2006. ginaesd@yahoo.com

Kimberly Kight (BS’97), earned her MSN in Midwifery from the University of New Mexico in May 2004 and is now working in a growing midwifery practice in Des Moines, Iowa.

“In just two years we have established a growing client list, are doing outreach to a Hispanic migrant farming community, and are providing for the needs of the underserved of Central Iowa,” she says.

“We will have over 350 deliveries this year and have made a big step in promoting advanced practice nursing in the state of Iowa.” KAKight@alltel.net

Abby Brack (BS’99) has worked at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital in Orange County, Calif., since 2000. She is currently Clinical Educator and Charge Nurse in the Emergency Room. She owns a house two miles from work and five miles from the beach. “I love my job and am very happy to tell everyone I graduated from Purdue.” She wrote the following e-mail to RuthAnn Smolen:

Hi RuthAnn,

I just wanted to write and tell about meeting four Purdue nursing students. I was on a flight with several excited young girls and overheard them telling the flight attendant they were new grads and were on their way to do their public health clinical on the Indian reservation. We discussed the School and how it has changed since I was a student.

I told them that they would be surprised at how much they really know and learned from the School of Nursing. Purdue nurses absolutely stand out from the rest.

Abby
abby_brack@yahoo.com

NANCY HUFF SCOTT (BS’98) works at Riley’s Children’s Hospital, welcomed a daughter, Katherine Claire, on Jan. 30, 2006, and is studying for a master’s degree. nhuff@aol.com.

DEBRA NEVIL HASTINGS (BS’99) received her FNP/MSN from University of Pittsburgh in 2004 and is now practicing in an internal medicine practice near Tampa Bay, FL. boilerpitt@yahoo.com

EMILY LENDERMAN ISENHOWER (BS’99) completed her Master of Public Health in December 2005 at IUPUI Department of Public Health. She is working as an orthopedic staff nurse at Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital (OrthoIndy) in Indianapolis. She married Rick Isenhower in August 2005. emilyann1@msn.com

RAY ANTHONY LABAYO (BS’99) is currently a Clinical Project Manager for Global Medical Safety at Baxter Healthcare working with Safety Review. He continues to practice at Loyola University Medical Center as a registry RN. In March 2004, he began his MBA program at Lake Forest School of Management and is hoping to graduate in May 2007. rlabayo1@comcast.net

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CLAIRE HOKENBERGER ANDERSON (BS’00) graduated in December 2005 with a MSN from Northern Illinois University. She is an Advance Practice Nurse certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She is employed at Fox Valley Cardiovascular Consultants in Aurora, IL as the coordinator of the vascular program, serving both vascular and general cardiology patients. Bcanderson02@hotmail.com

SARAH DUNCAN ROBERTS (BS’00) worked at the Cleveland Clinic, Spine Institute until her family’s relocation to Florida (3240 SW 34th Street, Apt 331, Ocala, FL 34474). She welcomed the birth of her second daughter, Hannah Alivia, on July 30, 2005.

LAURA LEVERTON SMITH (BS’00) and her husband, Brent, welcomed a son, Travis James, on Oct. 19, 2005. Laura works as an adult nurse practitioner at Geisinger Wyoming Valley in the Center for Nutrition and Weight Management in Wilkes Barre, PA. lauraleverton@yahoo.com

STACEY RICHMOND YEO (BS’00) graduated from Rush University in Chicago, IL with a MSN/Neonatal Nurse Practitioner degree and is working at Riley Children’s Hospital in the NICU. staceyyeo@hotmail.com

TERRY MATHEWS (BS’01) is currently assigned to the 47th Combat Support Hospital providing medical care to U.S. and coalition forces in the northern third of Iraq. terry.mathews@us.army.mil

JAIMA CUMMINS BREEDING (BS’03) is working on the postpartum unit at Clarian North Medical Center in Carmel, IN. She and her husband welcomed twin daughters, Anne Elizabeth and Katherine Paige, on Feb. 14, 2006. jaimabreeding@yahoo.com

AMANDA BYRUM WHITENACK (BS’03) is teaching clinicals for a local community college in Atkinson, NE. She works part time in a rural hospital, seeing everything from ER to OB. She has also been accepted into the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. akwhitenack@alumni.purdue.edu

KERRI ANN KRIZMAN YOUNGBLOOD (BS’03) was married on April 29, 2006, to Gary Youngblood. They live in Savannah, GA, where Kerri works at a level one trauma center on the inpatient oncology floor.

MEGAN MUTZ (BS’04) is working at Southeast Indiana OBGYN as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner in Shelbyville, IN. She sees both pregnant and non-pregnant patients. meganmutz@yahoo.com

CARRIE MONROE (BS’05) has joined the University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital in the Pediatric Emergency Room. carrieamon@alumni.purdue.edu

ALEXIS PARKER (BS’06) has relocated to Indianapolis (3756 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46115), wparker385@sprintpcs.com.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDREA LANNON CARTER (BS’02) of Lebanon, IN, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident. She married Jeffrey Carter on March 7, 2003. She was a neo-natal intensive care nurse at Home Hospital in Lafayette after her graduation, and later moved to Clarion North Hospital in Carmel. She was a member of the Baptist faith, and an active supporter of the March of Dimes.
Call for Nominations!

Each year the Purdue School of Nursing gives two Distinguished Alumni awards—a Young Alumni Award and a Career Achievement Award.

Use the form at right to nominate a colleague, an employee, an employer, a friend, or yourself.

Criteria include:
• Currently registered to practice nursing.
• An active member of a professional nursing organization.
• Actively engaged in community affairs.
• Making a special contribution to the profession.

Nominations must include:
• Nominee’s name, address, home and work telephone numbers, e-mail address and FAX numbers.
• A curriculum vita/resume.
• Education/certifications, work experience, professional and community activities.
• Awards and honors.
• Three letters of recommendation, and work telephone numbers, and e-mail address.

The awards will be announced at the Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference in April 2007.

Alumni Awards Nomination Form

☐ Career Achievement Award ☐ Young Alumni Award

Name of nominee _____________________________________________________________

Employed by ________________________________________________________________

Position _________________________________________________________________

Home address ______________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________ State ___________ Zip __________

Home phone __________________________ Workphone __________________________

E-mail _________________________________________________________________

Year(s) graduated from Purdue School of Nursing _______________________________

Does the nominee know about this nomination? Yes  No

Nominator’s name _____________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________ State ___________ Zip __________

Home phone __________________________ Workphone __________________________

E-mail _________________________________________________________________

Include a current resume of the nominee.
Submit by January 15, 2007 to:
Nursing Alumni Organization, Johnson Hall of Nursing, 502 North University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2069

WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU?

We love to reconnect with alumni! Send us a note about yourself—position, promotion, professional activities, publications, honors, marriage, babies, change of address. We will use your news in the ALUMNI ALMANAC section of the next issue of Purdue Nurse.
We can also use photos! We wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Please continue spreading that Boilermaker pride!

Name _________________________________________________________________

(Maiden name) ___________________________________________________________

Year of graduation/Degree ________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _________ Zip __________

E-mail _________________________________________________________________

☐ Check here if this is a change of address

Activities _________________________________________________________________

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