NEW BUILDING NAMED IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR EMERITA JO BROOKS
Greetings from the School of Nursing!

Welcome to the January 2009 issue of the Purdue Nurse. The focus of this issue is on our alumni. We begin with Dr. Jo Brooks, who graduated in 1965 in the very first class of Purdue Nurses! This fall we celebrated with Dr. Brooks as a new community building in Delphi was named in her honor.

In addition, we are celebrating the achievements of three alumni who were the Purdue Nursing Alumni Organization award-winners this past spring: Ann Dixon Keyes, Sharon Stoten, and our young alum, Kate Marciniec. Each has made exciting contributions to nursing.

You will also want to catch up on other alumni news. Our alumni board, capably directed by Julie Elam Otte (BS ’96) is exploring ways to bring Purdue to you! We hope you will take a moment to fill in the alumni survey on the inside back cover so we can discover how the alumni board can help you stay connected with Purdue.

This has been an active fall semester at the School of Nursing. We welcomed our largest freshman class ever, with 145 new students. We currently have 54 graduate students in our Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs.

Applicants to the school continue to be very well qualified. Since our last publication, six DNP students, six ANP students, one PNP student, and 166 baccalaureate students have graduated. The faculty and I are excited about the future of the nursing profession as these bright and capable men and women join the profession.

I am also pleased to introduce you to new faculty. Dr. Karen Foli joined us this fall as our newest tenure-track faculty member. She brings expertise in nursing management and experience in working in interdisciplinary settings. Our adjunct faculty members provide valuable clinical experiences for our students. We greatly appreciate the partnerships we hold with many healthcare agencies across mid-north and central Indiana.

Since being named interim head of the School of Nursing in May, I have enjoyed meeting many alumni and friends of the school. On behalf of all the faculty, staff, and students, I thank you for the support you provide.

It is so encouraging to see the impact that Purdue nurses make in healthcare delivery. When we look at our alumni and their accomplishments and then look forward to the possibilities in our new graduates – it is crystal clear that Purdue nurses truly make a difference!

Jane M. (Stroop) Kirkpatrick
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Brooks Center Honors Purdue Nurse

Jo Brooks recalls the conversation when John Walling asked

if it was OK to name a building after her.

“I was speechless, if you can believe that,” she says.

The Brooks Center, a $2.5 million, 12,500-square-foot facility in Delphi, IN, was created to offer individuals and families the opportunity to receive healthcare and social services in one place from five of Carroll County’s human service organizations.

“The Brooks Center is much more than just a building,” says John Walling, president of North Central Health Services, the building’s funding agency. “It will facilitate the ability to provide services to this community by doing what Jo Brooks taught us to do: take care of people and help others to take care of people.”

The Family Health Clinic of Carroll County occupies over half of the space in the new facility at 901 Prince William Road, Delphi. Other social service agencies housed there include the Area IV Agency on Aging; CDC Resources; Women, Infants, and Children, and Work One.

At the September 2008 dedication ceremony, Walling said, “We take pride in providing this facility to this community, in Dr. Brooks’ name, and in her honor.

“We value her commitment and service. She has been instrumental in improving access and facilitating care for many in our community, while demonstrating the value of hard work and service to others.”

Getting Things Done

In her personal and professional life, Jo Brooks has always been focused on hard work, service to others, and getting done what needs to be done.

She earned her Associate Nursing degree as a member of Purdue School of Nursing’s first graduating class (1965), while a single mother raising twin daughters.

She worked in hospitals and public health positions and continued her education (bachelors in nursing from Indiana University, masters in public health from the University of Michigan, doctorate in nursing from Indiana University.)

In 1972, Helen R. Johnson recruited Dr. Brooks to join the Purdue School of Nursing faculty. She wore many hats during her 27 years at Purdue: administrator, educator, researcher, mentor, nurse practitioner.
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North Central Health Services was created in 1984 to serve as the parent company of a family of corporations which included Lafayette Home Hospital, Home Hospital Foundation, and Service Frontiers Incorporated.

NCHS provides capital grants to organizations for projects that relate to health and healthy communities, and encourages collaboration among agencies and organizations that efficiently utilize resources.

She became head of the school in 1992, and retired in 1999. Those years were particularly challenging for nursing because of the rapid and continual changes in healthcare and technology. Dr. Brooks led the School’s response by adding more case management and home healthcare clinical experiences to the baccalaureate curriculum and laying the groundwork for a master’s degree program.

Brooks Legacy: Nurse Managed Clinics

A large part of Dr. Brooks’ legacy is the development of the Purdue School of Nursing nurse-managed clinics. She has been particularly supportive of the nursing model because of its focus on treating the whole person and the whole family.

In 1981, Dr. Brooks, along with Professor Mary Lou Holle, received a federal grant to establish the Nursing Center for Family Health in the School of Nursing. This clinic was a valuable practice site for students and faculty and a model for future community clinic development. Senior nursing students still practice there, offering health screenings to Purdue faculty, staff, spouses, and retirees each year through the Healthy Purdue initiative.

In 1995, Dr. Brooks expanded the school’s nursing outreach even further by establishing the Family Health Clinic of Carroll County to meet basic healthcare needs of families in an underserved rural area.

“At that time, residents of surrounding rural counties had no local access to healthcare, so they were using the Lafayette hospital emergency rooms at an overwhelming rate,” Dr. Brooks recalls. “The community really needed a clinic.”

Family Health Clinic staff began seeing patients in a 500-square-foot space on the Delphi Courthouse Square. In 1998, the clinic moved to Brosman Center on Route 421. This more than doubled the space—to 1,200 square feet.

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The clinic’s new space in the Brooks Center is ten times bigger—and includes eight exam rooms, a treatment room, laboratory, a well waiting room and separate sick waiting room, and two conference rooms.

The Public Health Teaching Center allows faculty to coordinate student visits to the homes of clinic clients to facilitate and enhance health promotion, disease prevention, and chronic disease management.

There is also space for faculty-student consultation and research. Pediatric and Adult Nurse Practitioner students are precepted in the clinic and Doctor of Nursing Practice students study clinic operations to improve access, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare delivery. They will also evaluate the introduction and implementation of electronic health records.

After Dr. Brooks’ retirement, Dr. Julie Novak assumed the responsibility to make the clinic sustainable over time. State and federal grants, patient revenues, Medicaid and Medicare, private donors, donations from Lafayette hospitals, and an annual community fundraiser provide a mosaic of funding support.

Over the past 13 years, the clinic has fulfilled its mission of providing high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary healthcare to the community, and from its new home, is poised to continue and expand its outreach.
Alumni Board Seeks Your Input

Have you ever found yourself humming the tune of Hail Purdue and reminiscing about those joyous days in the nursing learning lab?

Do you miss the excitement of Boilermaker athletics?

Are you interested in finding other Purdue nurses practicing in your community?

Would you like to attend fun outings with other Purdue grads and their families?

Sure, everyone is busy, and it’s easy to drift away from your Purdue roots. But it can be fun—and professionally beneficial—to renew old friendships and make new contacts.

The Purdue School of Nursing is proud to have nearly 5,000 alumni all over the U.S. and abroad. “It’s amazing how often I run into Purdue Nursing graduates in my travels,” says interim head Jane Kirkpatrick. “They’re always interested in what the school—and their fellow nursing alums—are doing.”

The Purdue Nursing Alumni Organization (PNAO) is a great way to keep in touch with your classmates and share your pride in the excellence of your Purdue Nursing education. And, best of all, YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER! Just being a graduate of a Purdue Nursing program automatically gives you membership.

PNAO currently participates in Purdue’s Homecoming festivities, and presents Outstanding Alumni Awards. And all alumni receive the Purdue Nurse magazine, free, to keep them up-to-date on what is happening at the School.

PNAO board president Julie Elam Otte (BS’96) says she got involved to give back to the program that has been the basis of her nursing career. Her goal is to increase involvement by creating fun activities that will bring together alumni from all decades.

“We’d like to grow the Purdue Nursing Alumni Organization, to make it fit your needs,” Otte says. To this end, the Alumni Board asks you to complete a survey about what you would like from your nursing alumni organization. It’s on page 27 of this issue of Purdue Nurse, or you can complete it online at www.nursing.purdue.edu.

You can also get involved by nominating a Purdue Nurse for an Outstanding Alumni award. Nominations for the 2009 awards are due by Feb. 15, 2009. Details and nomination forms can be found at www.nursing.purdue.edu.

Thanks for your support and loyalty. Go Boilers!
Alumni Awards

Each year the Purdue Nursing Alumni Organization recognizes outstanding alumni--one for career achievement, and one who has distinguished herself in the first ten years of her career. This year, an additional award recognizes an alumnae who has made significant contributions in the area of information technology. Read their stories on the following pages.

Keyes Keeps Surgery Centers Running Smoothly

Ann (Dixon) Keyes (BS’82), the Purdue School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni for 2008, got hooked on nursing during high school, when the father of a friend hired her to work in central sterile processing at the local hospital.

After graduation, she began her career as a scrub nurse. During her 16 years at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, she also served as Education Coordinator, and eventually became supervisor of the surgery department. Along the way, she earned her MBA from Indiana Wesleyan.

Today she is Clinical Director of the Arnett Surgery Center in Lafayette, and Director of Surgical Services at the new Clarian Arnett Hospital. She is serious about making sure that her facilities run smoothly, that working conditions are good for her staff, and that patients have the best and safest care.

Keyes was always interested in developing surgery centers. While working at St. Elizabeth, she was involved in the renovation of a surgical urology room and a new OB surgical suite. As a nurse manager at a local surgery center, she learned about outpatient processes and management.

Keyes is very much an organizer, which is a good thing since “there are so many details,” she says. “Everything that goes on in a hospital goes on in miniature in a free standing surgery center. There’s the credentialing and staffing, the medical records, the state and federal regulations, as well as the equipment and supplies, the heating and cooling, the laundry. You have to be prepared for the unexpected, and of course patient safety always has to be the Number 1 priority.”

In 2002, with her children heading off to college, Keyes was ready for a challenge. She became the nursing liaison to the planning and construction teams for the Indiana University Spring Mill Surgery Center in Indianapolis. “It was exciting to work with the consultants to put everything together from the ground up.”

After three years at Spring Mill, Keyes returned to the Lafayette community to be the Clinical Director of a new freestanding surgery center being built by Arnett Clinic at McCarty Lane and 500 South.

“It was a great opportunity to work on a larger project,” she says. “I took everything that I had learned so far and tried to make it better for the surgeons, the staff, and the patients.” The project took nine months from start to opening day. She continues to be responsible for the management of daily operations, including budget, quality assurance, and personnel.

Now she is in the process of her third major endeavor, assisting with the Clarian Arnett Hospital, just opened in
Ann Keyes, Purdue Nursing Outstanding Alumni for 2008, explains the state-of-the-art features of a surgery suite in the new Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette. At right, Keyes looks over surgical instruments with Edie Schuster, Certified Surgical Technologist.

October 2008. While still performing her role as clinical director of the surgery center, she has helped architects plan the design of the new hospital surgical department, made decisions regarding the capital equipment, and prepared to hire staff.

“The project has allowed me to provide design changes to improve processes and workflows,” she says. “For instance, the surgical rooms were actually enlarged by several feet to allow additional spacing to enhance workflow.

“The physical layout of the facility is also designed to allow critical patient assessment,” she notes. “ER is adjacent to radiology, radiology is located next to cath lab, and cath lab is located next to surgery. The layout allows critical patients to be assessed and treated with minimal interruption of care.”

Keyes focuses on hiring staff with talent, knowledge, and education. “I empower them to do their jobs, to work as a team to address situations,” she says. “Staff are on the front lines, and they can provide the best input and solutions.”

At monthly meetings she and her staff discuss quality, operations, and how to improve. “I promote high standards,” she says. “If you give people the challenge and opportunity, it’s amazing what they can do.”

The challenge ahead is to bring this teamwork from the smaller outpatient setting to a large hospital inpatient setting. With the new hospital open, she has an additional 60 staff besides the 60 already employed at the surgery center.

It’s not the title that makes a good nurse manager,” she says. “It’s demonstrating competence and communication with all levels. I always try to build an organization that will function without me. I hope that what I have put in place will go on long term and be successful.”

“And you can never stop learning,” Keyes says. That’s one reason she likes to accept Purdue Nursing students during their Capstone experiences. “They bring a fresh new perspective and new ideas,” she says.

Keyes has been married for 25 years to Kurt, and they are the parents of two sons. [AKeyes@clarianarnett.com]
Sharon Stoten (AD’70, BS’72) has been presented the 2008 Purdue School of Nursing Technology in Nursing Education Award.

After completing her master’s degree in nursing administration from Indiana University School of Nursing in 1984, Stoten began consulting with the information technology department of a corporation where she broadened her computer knowledge and was exposed to the benefits of advanced technology.

During this time, she was introduced to the dean of the IU School of Nursing and invited to apply for a faculty appointment to develop online courses for the RN-BSN mobility option. In 1999, Stoten was appointed to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor and began her career as a college professor.

Today, she is passionate about using technology in teaching. She teaches five to six courses a semester, all of which are offered completely online.

“Online courses bring in people from all over the United States, which allows for the sharing of great things and ideas,” she says. “Many of the students completing the RN-BSN online courses are professionals who wouldn’t be able to complete their bachelor’s degree if these courses weren’t online.”

Stoten’s online nursing curriculum is moving towards mobile learning, where students can download course information and lectures to their iPod touch or iPhone.

She was interested when she saw a television news story about how Purdue University was integrating podcasting into various classes. She wanted to do more for her own students, so she also integrated podcasting into her online courses.

Podcasting is the latest in on-the-go, on-demand technology, Stoten says. “With podcasting, you can listen to radio programs or lectures whenever and wherever you choose. Podcasts are MP3 audio files that are automatically downloaded to your personal computer, and then transferred to an iPod or other MP3 player using a podcasting application. My students are able to download class lectures and listen to them while they are on their way to work or at their children’s soccer practice.”

“I want to move towards new technology to help students learn,” Stoten says. “Our students are technology savvy and become bored without it.”

Stoten has also consulted with Clarian Health Partners to develop computer-based educational programs for their staff. She worked to create online courses that would engage both professional and non-professional staff in the entire Clarian system. Through Stoten’s direction, 100 continuing education sessions became available online.

Stoten’s advice for working nurses is to take advantage of online educational materials. “Get an iPod, download free lectures from various organizations and universities,” she says. “This technology is easy! Use it!” [sstoten@iupui.edu]
In high school, Kate Marciniec participated in an EMT course and knew immediately that emergency medicine was her passion. It is this passion that has earned Marciniec, of Indianapolis, the 2008 Purdue School of Nursing Young Alumni Award. After graduating from the Purdue School of Nursing in 2003, she began working at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She is currently charge and staff nurse in the Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center. In these roles, she is responsible for the organization of patient care in a 70-bed emergency room.

Methodist’s Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center is an extremely fast-paced, hectic and stressful environment where a new patient is seen every five minutes.

“I work extensively with critical patients in the emergency room,” said Marciniec. “I thrive from the adrenaline and the new situations each day brings.”

“Kate has been a tremendous asset to Clarian Health and especially to me in my management role,” said Sue Dunham, RN, Clinical Manager of the Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center. Marciniec has always been interested in forensics and recently became certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. Already she has assisted in the prosecution of sexual predators. Marciniec also has certifications in CPR, ACLS, PALS, and TNCC (Trauma Nurse Core Course). Recently, she passed the Certified Emergency Nurse exam, and is currently studying at IUPUI to become an Advanced Practice Nurse. [kp_2@hotmail.com]
School News

Culture and Healthcare Delivery in Nicaragua: Crossing a Cultural Divide

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The School of Nursing study abroad program in Nicaragua facilitates the crossing of a cultural divide between an industrialized nation and a developing country. This is relevant for nursing students at a time when healthcare professionals are coping with a growing U.S. Hispanic/Latino population who need medical care but who speak little or no English.

During the two-week immersion program in May 2008, 12 nursing students accompanied by two faculty members visited a number of facilities including a state-run children’s hospital, rural clinics, and an orphanage.

The group also had the opportunity to meet with faculty from a nursing school where they learned that in Nicaragua, the wage of a graduating nurse is $2 per hour.

On several occasions, the students helped Nicaraguan doctors and nurses perform health assessments in rural clinics. In order to cope with the difficulties of the cultural crossover, the students kept a daily journal and had a debriefing session at day’s end.

Upon completion of the program, all students reported that their language skills had improved dramatically and that they understood the need to acquire cultural competency skills in order to provide better care to patients from other countries.

All 12 students plan to continue traveling to other places once they graduate.
Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Produces Results

In 2006, the Purdue School of Nursing was awarded a $2.49 million grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to support a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, the first in Indiana and the 10th in the United States 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 re-engineer healthcare delivery through new and unique methods.

Midway through the four-year grant, Purdue has delivered by teaming DNP students with engineers from the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering and other academic disciplines.

DNP scholars have completed clinical projects, cognate residencies, and health policy residencies in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C.; authored articles in peer reviewed journals; presented at professional conferences; and secured grants from the Office of Engagement at Purdue University, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Projects 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, access to care, 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, health policy, and healthcare cost analysis.

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

For more information about the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, contact Dr. Julie Novak at 765-494-4005 or novakj@purdue.edu, or visit the website at www.nursing.purdue.edu

DNP Students Study Human Factors Engineering

This summer as part of the Helen Fuld Summer Institute, doctoral nursing students were introduced to human factors and ergonomic principles.

“For my final project, I evaluated human factors that cause or contribute to human error. Understanding errors can assist in designing better systems and preventing reoccurrences. I came to discover that while errors are often thought to be individually based, human factors analysis reveals that the majority of errors are the result of poor system design,” says DNP student Yvonne Culpepper.

“We all know that medical errors carry a high price tag. Together, nursing and engineering are able to share their experience and expertise resulting in a better understanding of how medical errors occur. Engineering and nursing have the ability to assist each other in designing better systems, leading to strong safety cultures and quality outcomes.”

Culpepper has been a nurse for over 32 years. She joined Hendricks Regional Health in 1990 as Vice President of Nursing, and prior to that she managed a surgical trauma unit and outpatient dialysis unit at Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis.
Conferences

Conferences Feature National Speakers

The sixth annual History, Ethics, Human Rights, and Innovations in Healthcare Symposium focused on challenges and solutions in the healthcare industry.

The Symposium, held Sept. 5, 2008, in the Purdue Memorial Union, was sponsored by the School of Nursing and the College of Science. Funded in part by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Helene Fuld Healthcare Trust, the symposium featured a variety of world renowned speakers and a poster session.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Ann Stadtler, RN, MSN, both of Harvard Medical School, spoke about “The Touchpoints Approach: Strengthening Families, Building Communities.”

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, considered to be one of the foremost authorities on pediatrics and child development, greets Purdue Nursing professor Noelle Lottes and her son, Evan, at the sixth annual History, Ethics, Human Rights and Innovations in Healthcare Symposium, hosted by Purdue’s School of Nursing and the College of Science.

Three School of Nursing faculty, Dr. Julie Novak and Professors Clara Richardson and Jenny Coddington, completed the Touchpoints training at Harvard with Brazelton and Stadtler and have created a Touchpoints training site at Purdue University.

Other symposium speakers were nurse ethicist Lucia Wocial, RN, CCNS, PhD, who talked about the legacy of Baby Doe. Scott Serota, President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, spoke on “Health Policy and the Future of Healthcare,” and then was joined in a panel discussion by Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D., WellPoint Clinical Health Executive Vice President-Clinical Health Policy and Chief Medical Officer, and Steven Ivy, PhD, Clarian Health Partners Senior VP for Ethics, Social Responsibility and Pastoral Services.

The Fall 2008 Midwest Oncology Nursing Symposium, funded by the Esther McConnaughay Trust Fund for Oncology Nursing Education and hosted by the School of Nursing, attracted nurses from all over the Midwest interested in enhancing their foundation of oncology-specific knowledge.

Speakers at the Oct. 13-14, 2008 symposium at the Purdue Memorial Union provided a comprehensive review of important oncology concepts. They included Purdue Nursing alumna Lisa Dobogai, MS, APN, AOCNP, who spoke on differentiating leukemia types and current trends in stem cell transplant; Valita Freland, JD, MA, who tackled legal issues in electronic medical records and electronic patient communication, and Dr. Stephen Matthews, who reviewed diagnostic imaging.

Shari Overdorf, RN, BSN, CWOCN spoke on skin and wound management in an oncology population, and Kathleen Haden, RN, MSN, spoke on colorectal cancer treatment.

Sandra Mitchell, CRNP, MSN, AOCN, of the National Institutes for Health, discussed reading and applying research, and Kristi Orbaugh, RN, MSN, RNP, AOCN, spoke on optimizing patient empowerment.

Next year’s symposium is Oct. 8-9, 2009.

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War Nursing Will Be Topic of Leadership Conference Speaker

Nurse researcher Margaret Caron, RN, PhD, has spent more than a decade researching and reporting on post-traumatic stress disorder experienced by Vietnam War nurses. She tells their story in her book, The Fine Art of Nursing Care: Lessons in Healing from War and Art.

Caron will share the story and the documentary film based on the book at the 2009 Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference, scheduled for April 17, 2009, at the Purdue Memorial Union.

The conference, open to all alumni and friends of nursing, will also feature nursing alumni and faculty awards.
Dr. Mary Keller Ade, affectionately known in Lafayette as “Dr. Mary,” lived a full life and blazed trails that many of us are still following today.

In 1926, she enrolled at Indiana University to study medicine, one of only six women in a class of 110 men.

Though she trained as a family physician, females were not permitted in emergency rooms nor in some of the men’s wards at IU Medical Center, so she received extra obstetric training.

That additional training turned out to be the making of her half-century long career. She delivered 3,305 babies, including more than 200 second-generation babies, one third generation, and four of her own grandchildren. She kept a box full of detailed index cards with each baby’s name, size and weight, parents’ names, and other information.

She also raised three daughters with her physician husband, Dr. Charles Hamilton Ade.

After 60 years of practice, Dr. Mary retired in 1989, and enjoyed traveling and her children and grandchildren.

Sadly, Dr. Mary passed away on Jan. 2, 2008. The School of Nursing is honored to accept a gift of more than $100,000 from Dr. Mary’s estate, which will be allocated to scholarship support, allowing her legacy of caring for others to live on.

Special thanks to her daughters, Nancy DeLong, Phyllis Fillinger, and Linda Ade Ridder, who made this gift possible.

If you would like more information on how you might leave a legacy by leaving a planned gift to the School of Nursing, please contact Travis Stoutenborough at 765-494-4013 or tstouten@purdue.edu.
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Wish List

CENTER FOR NURSING EDUCATION AND SIMULATION

Purdue Nursing students have always appreciated the place where they could learn and practice skills before venturing out into the world of real patients. This facility is now known as the Center for Nursing Education and Simulation (CNES), because it includes not only beds and med carts, but simulation models with programmable vital signs, pulses, heart, lung and bowel sounds.

Having up-to-date equipment is critical in maintaining the School of Nursing’s reputation for educational excellence. In order to give nursing students the best possible experiences, CNES director Susan Fischer has put together the following wish list.

For more information about how you can assist with these needs, contact Travis Stoutenbourough, Director of Development, at (765) 494-4013 or tstouten@purdue.edu.

HIGH FIDELITY: MANNEQUINS WITH PROGRAMMABLE VITAL SIGNS, PULSES, HEART, LUNG AND BOWEL SOUNDS

- IStan (METI) $111,065
  Includes Program for Nursing Curriculum Integration
  Wireless simulator that sweats, has rib cage and blinks
- Sim Man (Laerdaal) $52,888
  Wired programmable human patient simulator
- Noelle (Gaulmard) $16,000
  Maternity simulator with birthing capabilities

MID FIDELITY: MANNEQUINS WITH PROGRAMMABLE VITAL SIGNS

- Nursing Anne (Laerdaal) $6,367
  Female mannequin includes breast and wound modules
- Nursing Kelly (Laerdaal) $6,063
  Male mannequin

LOW FIDELITY: MANNEQUINS FOR FUNDAMENTALS AND INJECTIONS

- Nursing KERI (Lifeform) $1,453
- Nursing GERI (Lifeform geriatric mannequin) $3,350

VIDEO EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

- Digital cameras and debriefing equipment $22,020

HOSPITAL BEDS

- Hill Rom Versa Care $8,000
- Hill Rom Birthing Bed $4,500

INSTRUCTIONAL DVDS

- Pediatrics $2,000
- Obstetrics $2,000

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- Pediatrics $2,000
- Obstetrics $2,000
Kirkpatrick Named Interim Head of Nursing

Jane Kirkpatrick has been appointed interim head of the Purdue School of Nursing and interim associate dean in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences.

A faculty member since 1981, Kirkpatrick is an award-winning teacher. She received the LaNelle E. Geddes Excellence in Teaching Award, was inducted into the Purdue Teaching Academy and was named to the Purdue Book of Great Teachers, all in 2003.

She received the International Tribute Award for Information Technology from Sigma Theta Tau International in 2005 for “PhysWhiz II: Labor and Delivery,” a computer-based professional education program that she co-authored with Linda Caputi.

She is immediate past chair of the executive council of the University Teaching Academy and also has served on many university committees related to student issues as well as the School of Nursing’s student affairs and curriculum committees.

Her research focuses on computer-based learning in nursing education. Her clinical experience includes all areas of inpatient obstetrics and neonatal intensive care. She is certified as an inpatient obstetric nurse by the National Certification Corporation. In addition, her instructional programs on newborn assessment are used in nursing schools and hospitals around the world.

Kirkpatrick received her undergraduate degrees in nursing from Purdue, earned her master’s degree from Indiana University and completed her doctorate in educational technology at Purdue.

Julie Novak, head of the Purdue University School of Nursing since 2003, stepped down at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year to devote more time to managing the school’s nurse-managed clinics, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and her research.

A national search is being conducted for the School’s next head (see position posting at www.nursing.purdue.edu).

Transitions

- Pam Aaltonen has been appointed Assistant Head of the School of Nursing.
- Cynthia Bozich Keith was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.
- Mel Braswell, Director of Undergraduate Studies, has also assumed the responsibilities of directing the Second Degree program.
- Patricia Coyle Rogers has assumed responsibility for the RN-to-BS program.
- Nancy Edwards, Coordinator of the ANP track, has assumed responsibility as Director for Graduate Studies.
- Julie Novak has been named Director, School of Nursing Clinics, and Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.
- Laura Sands has been named Director of Research.
- Sharon Wilkerson attained the designation of Professor Emerita of Nursing on her recent retirement after 15 years of service to the school and our students.

New Faculty

Karen Foli, Assistant Professor, holds a PhD in Communication from the University of Illinois, 1990; an MS in Nursing Administration from Indiana University, 1985; and a BSN from Indiana State University, 1982.

She has been a visiting lecturer at Kelly School of Business, Indiana University, a Senior Scientific Communications Associate with the Oncology Platform Team, Eli Lilly, and Assistant Nursing Professor at the University of Indianapolis.

Her books include “Rescued Lives: The Oxford House Approach to Substance Abuse,” “The Post Adoption Blues: Overcoming the Unforeseen Challenges of Adoption,” and “Like Sound Through Water: A Mother’s Journey Through Auditory Processing Disorder.”

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Susan Kersey, Visiting Assistant Professor, holds an MSN, 1998, and BSN, 1992, both from Indiana University. She has been a professional educational seminar speaker with Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology, a guest lecturer at Indiana University School of Nursing, an Advanced Practice Nurse at BehaviorCorp and a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Indianapolis Psychiatric Associates.

Loretta Krebs, Visiting Assistant Professor, holds an MSN from Indiana Wesleyan, 2004, a Post Masters Certificate in Nursing Education, IUPUI, 2004, and a BSN, Indiana Wesleyan, 1998. She has been a nursing instructor at Ivy Tech, a Clinical Transplant Coordinator at University Hospital, and Infection Control Practitioner at Methodist Hospital.

Karla Cheeseman Ross, Visiting Associate Professor, holds an MSN from IUPUI, 1996 and a BSN from Purdue, 1980. She has been a Nursing Instructor at Ivy Tech and an Adult Nurse Practitioner at American Health Network, Lafayette.

Alexis Yoo, Visiting Instructor, holds a BSN from Purdue, 2006. She has been a staff nurse at Riley Hospital, Indianapolis, and a Nurse Fellow, ICU at St. Catherine’s Hospital, East Chicago.

**Adjunct Faculty**

Five new adjunct faculty from Community Hospital, St. Vincent Hospital, and the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis are giving Purdue nursing students new clinical opportunities. They include:

Dee Adkins holds a BSN from University of South Florida, and is currently enrolled in the Master’s program at IUPUI. She is a critical care nurse at Community South Hospital South, and has been a practical nursing instructor at J. Everett Light Career Center in Indianapolis.

Jessica Baxter, Adjunct Instructor, holds an MSN and BSN from Indiana University, 2004 and 2001. She is a Staff Nurse and CBEC Fee Care Coordinator at Roudebush Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, and has been an Adjunct Faculty Clinical Instructor at Indiana University School of Nursing.

Sonya Bledsoe, Adjunct Assistant Professor, holds an MSN and BSN from Indiana Wesleyan, 2007 and 2005. She is Charge Nurse, Neuro-Science Unit at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, and has been Director of Resident Assessments at Greenbriar Nursing and Rehab Facility, Indianapolis.

Kelly Buck, Adjunct Associate Professor, holds an MSN from Indiana University Clinical Specialist, Psychiatric Nursing, 1984, and a BSN from Indiana University, 1979. She is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, and has been an Associate Professor at the University of Indianapolis, and the Director of the Associate Nursing Program at Marian College, Indianapolis.

Mark King, Adjunct Assistant Professor, holds an MSN from IUPUI, 2007 and a BSN from Ball State University, 2003. He has been a Staff, Emergency Room, MICU, 5 South and Pulmonary Department nurse at Roudebush Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, and a Clinical Nursing Instructor at IUPUI, Indianapolis.

Jacqueline Nielsen, formerly Clinical Assistant Professor, has accepted a position at St. Elizabeth Regional Health in Lafayette, and will now serve as Adjunct Professor.
Grants


Novak, J. (2008-2009) Advanced Education Nursing Grants (extension), Health Resources and Services Administration, $237,123; Cristel De Haan Family Foundation $237,123; Carroll County United Fund for Family Health Clinic of Carroll County, $3,000; Purdue Office of Engagement South Africa project, $1,500; Johnson and Johnson South Africa project, $6,500.


Faculty Publications


Five Purdue Nursing professors are listed in the University’s Book of Great Teachers. Although they have widely differing personal styles and have taught a variety of subjects, they have one thing in common—the reputation of being tough.

“My teaching evaluations were so bad the first year that I went to Jo Brooks (then head of the School) to turn in my resignation,” recalls new inductee Karen Yehle. “But she said to me, ‘They are marking you down because you are demanding their best. Keep it up.’”

Yehle had role models for this: she had been a student in Ann Hunt’s fundamentals class, and in LaNelle Geddes’ pathophysiology class. Hunt recalls that Yehle was motivated, excited, analytic, smart, and compassionate. Yehle, who earned her doctorate this year, was also inducted as a Fellow in the Purdue University Teaching Academy in February 2008.

“It is important to hold students to high standards because when they achieve them, they will value and have respect for what they have learned,” says Pam Aaltonen, who was also inducted into the Book of Great Teachers this year.

Aaltonen calls herself an “accidental” teacher. “I wanted to do public health administration, but at the time men were heading up all the public health departments. I knew I had to go back to school if I wanted to help shift that balance.”

Even when she began teaching, she continued to be drawn to service and the practice of public health: “I try to keep a foot in both camps,” she says. “You have to find out what you are passionate about and go there. Nursing skills extend into everything in life—listening, teaching, studying, finding answers.”

Ann Hunt taught at the Purdue School of Nursing from 1976 to 1980, went back to school to earn her PhD, then taught again from 1983 until her retirement in 2000.

Hunt wanted her students to realize the critical role the nurse plays in the positive outcome of the individual patient. “Nurses

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make a tremendous difference in whether a patient achieves well being,” she says. Dr. Hunt was inducted into the Book of Great Teachers in 1998.

LaNelle Geddes, who taught thousands of Purdue Nursing students during her 25 years at the School, says she enjoyed teaching because she loved drama and being on stage.

“Knowledge is power,” Geddes says. “At the Purdue School of Nursing, we have the obligation to educate our students to a higher level because they become the nurse leaders wherever they go.” Dr. Geddes was inducted into the Book of Great Teachers in 1986.

Jane Kirkpatrick found her way into teaching by working as a staff development coordinator at a hospital. “One of my mentors encouraged me to consider nursing education so I made an appointment with Helen Johnson. She told me I needed to go back to school,” Kirkpatrick says. She was not the only one: Dr. Johnson also encouraged Hunt and Yehle to do the same.

“I knew I needed to know more,” Kirkpatrick says, “and I still need to know more. I love to share knowledge, and the great power of teaching is that in the long run I think I will have impacted more patients by teaching than I ever could in direct care.” Dr. Kirkpatrick was inducted into the Book of Great Teachers in 2003.

Coyle Rogers Wins Murphy Teaching Award

Patricia Coyle-Rogers has been honored with the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, the university’s highest teaching honor.

Students testify to her enthusiasm and professionalism, and her teaching strategies have helped her earn high ratings on student evaluations.

Coyle-Rogers says she tries to incorporate experiences from her 35-year nursing career into her courses as well as create a comfortable environment that encourages open discussion.

She also engages students outside the classroom, serving as volunteer mentor for Horizons Program since 2001. Through the program, she meets with one or two at-risk freshmen each fall to focus on goal setting, time management and study skills.

Dr. Coyle Rogers also won the 2007-2008 Advocate Award from the Learning Community Ambassadors for her work with the Nursing Nexus learning community.

These are first year nursing students who take their nursing, biology and English courses together while residing in Harrison Hall.

More Teaching Honors For Nursing Professors

Each year, nursing students select one professor from each level for special recognition. This year’s honorees:

Level 1: Donna Moore
Level 2 and 3: Dr. Polly Royal
Level 4: Dr. Nancy Edwards
Dr. Michael Criswell was chosen as the recipient of the LaNelle E. Geddes Excellence in Teaching Award.
1970

Pamela Miya (AAS 73; BSN 75) taught for 31 years at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Nursing, Omaha, NE. Recently she accepted a position as Director, Program Services, Public Affairs, and Communications at the March of Dimes, Nebraska Chapter. She is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating MOD mission activities to reduce preterm birth, birth defects, and infant mortality, as well as associated legislative actions and communications.

Marsha Williamson Mohr (AS’74) (BS’84) has worked in nursing at Home Hospital since 1975 in medical/surgical departments, Surgical ICU, PACU, and Ambulatory Care Unit. She is now also working at the Arnett Surgery Center in PACU and Ambulatory.

But her ambitions have also taken another avenue—photography. She has had many photographs published in magazines, books, postcards, and calendars. She and her father, Mauri Williamson (AG’50), collaborated on a book about covered bridges of Indiana—she did the photographs and he did the narrative.

In addition, Clarian/Arnett Heath Hospital, Indiana University Simon Cancer Center, and Riley Hospital for Children are going to have Mohr’s photographs hanging on their walls.

“I have the best jobs in the world—the hands on caring of nursing, and the solitude, quiet love of nature with my photography in the other,” she says. [mwmohr@nlci.com]

1980

Patricia Blickenstaff Britnell (ASN’75) received her BSN from University of West Florida. She currently works as charge nurse, night shift, at Gulf Breeze Hospital Emergency Room, Pensacola, FL. She has five children. [patbritnell1@cox.net]

Sandra Hale (BS’80, MS’88) writes: “I was cleaning out and downsizing when I came upon a Purdue Nurse from Spring 2007. It brought back such memories!! There on the cover was Nancy Edwards, a classmate of mine and also a wonderful friend.

As I leafed through the pages, I took a trip back in time. I obtained my BS and MS from Purdue in 1980 and 1988. I worked 32 of my 42 years in nursing in the Lafayette area and was active in District 8, the Indiana State Nurses Association and Delta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau in Lafayette.

I also was a Visiting Professor at Purdue School of Nursing in 1991-1994. Along with 18 years at St. Elizabeth and seven years at Home Hospital, I was very embedded in the nursing environment of Lafayette.

In 1998 upon my husband’s retirement we moved to Greenwood S.C. After 10 years in Greenwood, I retired in May 2008 at the end of my eighth year as a faculty member at Lander University. I am now working part-time at Assessment Technologies Institute.

It has been a wonderful and exciting ride these last 42 years in nursing. I’ve seen great changes in some areas of nursing and the “same old problems” in others. The growth in the Purdue School of Nursing has been tremendous. [shale@virtualati.com]

Debra Markovich D’Arcy (BS’87) is a board certified Advance Practice RN Clinical Nurse Specialist in Community and Public Health. She is also a nationally certified school nurse, president of the St. Louis Suburban School Nurses Association. She is Effective Practice Specialist for the Special School District of St. Louis County. In this position, she mentors, coaches and develops the health services staff, and collaborates with other administrators, staff, and parents to support student achievement. The district consists of special education buildings serving children pre-K through grade 12, vocational tech buildings, an early childhood program, and 26 partner districts in the county, supporting over 20,000 students.

In August 2006 she and her husband, Karl, celebrated 25 years of marriage. [kdarcy3806@sbcglobal.net]
1990

Megan Alerding Helmen (BS’91) and her husband, Matt, had a new baby on Nov. 20, 2007. His name is Ryan Shafer Helmen and he joins four older siblings: Jake, 10, Connor, 6, Jenna, 6, and Lauren, 6. [helmens@sbcglobal.net]

Noelle Dilling Lottes (BS’98, MS’02) and her husband, Aaron, welcomed a son, Evan Xavier, on April 27, 2008. Evan joins siblings Emma (6) and Alex (3). Noelle is Clinical Assistant Professor at the Purdue School of Nursing.

Lisa Haltom Schwartz (BS’98) worked for eight years in adult critical care and 1½ years in flight nursing, and is now a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, Niles, have two boys: Samuel, born April 2006, and Luke, born January 2008. [lisalou76@hotmail.com]

Nancy Northcutt Lundquist (BS’99) and her husband, Chuck (MET’94) welcomed their second child on March 30, 2007. Adam Charles Lundquist was born enroute to the hospital with his father performing the delivery. Adam weighed 9 pounds and was 21 ½” long. [cnl@netnitco.net]

2000

Bryan P. Mathieson (BS’02) welcomed his first son, Grady, in October 2007. Bryan also finished his Family Nurse Practitioner degree at Indiana Wesleyan in Marion and is working with an orthopedic surgery group in Fort Wayne, IN [bmathies@orthone.com]

Karen Hescher Smith (BS’02) and her husband, Derek, welcomed a son, Ryan, on June 27, 2008. [karenderek@hotmail.com]

Connie Richard Ditto (BS’03) after graduation completed the Critical Care and Trauma Nurse Internship at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She married Shey Ditto, an osteopathic medical student, in June 2005. She graduated from Loyola University Chicago in May 2008 with a certificate in health law and now works at London & Amburn in Knoxville, TN.

Her practice is focused on health law litigation and health law transactional matters. [connieditto@gmail.com]

Kristen Clark (BS’04) has obtained her Orthopedic Nurse Certification, and she is in the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist program at IUPUI with a graduation date of December 2009. In October she was promoted to a new position as a Clinical Nurse Specialist Fellow which will turn into a CNS position when she finishes school. She is currently focusing on nurse-sensitive indicators, skin breakdown, pain, and falls, for the orthopedic unit at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. [KClark7@clarian.org]

Aloha! As I write this I am at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, where I have been training to become a 66G or OBGYN nurse for the Army.

I graduated from Purdue in 2006 and commissioned as a 2LT in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. After passing the NCLEX, I traveled to Seattle, WA and worked as a camp nurse with the ROTC cadets during their summer training at Ft. Lewis. I traveled around and experienced all that the Northwest has to offer as well as got some good practice with IV’s and foleys.

My first permanent assignment was Ft. Bliss, TX, on a Medical/Surgical/Telemetry/Pediatric ward. I got a little bit of everything. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment and joy was being able to take care of wounded soldiers back from deployments and seeing them reunited with their families.

After my time on the ward, I chose a specialty. So here I am, in one of the most gorgeous places in the world, living and breathing L&D. I have seen everything from triplets being born to a deployed father being ushered into the delivery room in time to see his first child born.

I was also able to start my family while on active duty and I now have an amazing one year old! Mahalo!
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- Networking gatherings  Adult only  Family-oriented
- Class reunions  On campus  Off campus
- Other (Please be specific)

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- Serve on the Nursing Alumni Board
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- Serve as a clinical preceptor for nursing students
- Serve as a professional mentor for young alumni
- Speak to nursing classes on the West Lafayette campus
- Other (Please be specific)

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Purdue Nursing alumnae who returned for Homecoming 2008 visited with Mel Braswell (second from left) and Jane Kirkpatrick (right). They include (left) Dawn Frautschy (BS’02), who will be graduating in December with a Masters (PNP) from Duke University and is currently practicing at the University of North Carolina NICU; Patricia Mooney Klee (AS’65), who recently retired from the NICU at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, OR; and Julie White Albert (BS’02), who has completed her masters degree as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner. She is studying for certification as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and teaching OB clinicals with Purdue nursing students at St. Vincent’s in Indianapolis.

Second degree nursing student Niki Ott and seniors Melissa Jonker and Danielle Bragg visit the Nursing tent on Memorial Mall before their volunteer duty for the stadium rescue squad.