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PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN NURSING

We're proud to present the fifth annual edition of our Alumni Newsletter. We want you to stay connected and informed about alumni, recent graduates, faculty and staff as well as news about your alma mater. **Send us updates with your good news!** Also, refer any RN's who may be interested in our BSN or MSN programs.

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Distinguished Alumni Award: The Professional Program in Nursing is pleased to announce **Linda Hurst** as the 2014 recipient of the **Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award**. The award is given annually to a UWGB nursing graduate for distinguished nursing scholarly achievement, service or leadership to the community and society s/he serves and who models values of the nursing profession (e.g., caring, altruism, social justice).



2014 Nursing
Distinguished
Award
Recipient,
Linda Hurst.

Linda, UWGB BSN class of 1990, was nominated by her supervisor at the Mayo Clinic Arizona Transplant Center. She holds MSN and MBA degrees and is a Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator; an Adjunct Faculty member at Grand Canyon University; author of a dialysis center pamphlet; presenter at a regional conference; initiator of a Transplant Waitlist Group; and leader in the pursuit of Magnet status for the clinic nursing department. Congratulations!

UW-Green Bay Launches MSN: The new Master of Science in Nursing Leadership & Management in Health Systems (**MSN-LINC**) successfully completed its first year. A group of 25 students enrolled, 7 of whom are on track to graduate August of 2015. Interest in the program is exceeding expectations and the current students report comments such as "I feel like I am the smartest nurse in the room as I apply all I learn in the MSN", and "The job offers are flooding in since starting this program – It already must have a great reputation..."

For more information about MSN-LINC, contact Program Director, Dr. Janet Reilly (reillyj@uwgb.edu) or complete our web form at: <https://sis.uwgb.edu/nursing/msncontactform/>

Kubsch Scholarship Announced: We are proud to announce the creation of the Mimi and Ken Kubsch Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship will honor Drs. Sylvia (Mimi) and Ken Kubsch and will benefit nursing students far into the future.

Dr. Mimi Kubsch began her career at UW-Green Bay in 1980 when she was hired to develop the RN to BSN program. She has been instrumental in expanding the program, making it available online with the BSN@HOME program for Wisconsin students in 1995 and then BSN-LINC in 2000 for students across the US. Recently, she assisted in starting our MSN Program. Mimi has earned the respect of her colleagues across the state and enjoys the high regard of the students that she teaches.



Dr. Mimi Kubsch honored with creation of Mimi & Ken Kubsch Endowed Scholarship and named recipient of 2014 UW-Green Bay Founders Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Kenneth Kubsch, Mimi's husband, began his medical practice in 1975 and served his patients until his retirement in 2006. Ken passed away in 2009. He was a trusted and caring doctor, even making home visits when this practice had long since been discontinued by the medical community.

Anyone wishing to honor Mimi and Ken are encouraged to make a scholarship contribution using the following link:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/uowgb/restriction/MimianKenKubschEndowedScholarship/>

Faculty Receive Awards: Dr. Mimi Kubsch and Dr. Chris Vandenhouten were recognized as 2014 Founders Award recipients during the UWGB Fall Convocation. Dr. Kubsch was named the recipient for **Excellence in Teaching** and has been described as the “hands and heart” of the program for over three decades. She was recognized for her passion for teaching and her connection with students. For video of the presentation, click: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErqNnQiPd3w>

Dr. Vandenhouten was recognized as part of the Cuernavaca (Mexico) Partnership team which won the 2014 Founders Award for **Collaborative Achievement** for embodying both the global and the interdisciplinary ideals of UW-Green Bay education. Faculty from Education, Social Work and Business Administration were part of the team and were recognized for their annual trips to Cuernavaca with students performing interdisciplinary projects. For the presentation video, click: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGXGbA015g8>



UWGB students taught health promotion, disease prevention, and proper hygiene to Roma health mediators in Slovakia this June.

Travel Courses to Slovakia: Dr. Janet Reilly embarked on a travel course in summer 214 to Slovakia with Community Health Practicum students. The focus of the travel course and practicum experiences was to work with the vulnerable population of Roma, in community home visits and through teaching their "health mediators" who function as lay community health liaisons in each settlement.

Future trips: Dr. Reilly will be leading another **Slovakia trip during summer of 2016**. In addition, the nursing department takes other trips each year,

and you can join them! Alumni are welcome to attend these trips and gain a unique experience in nursing. Dr. Reilly will be taking a trip to **Brazil this spring (2015)**. If interested in more details, contact her at: reillyj@uwgb.edu. Also, Dr. Chris Vandenhouten will be taking students for the 5th consecutive year to **Cuernavaca, Mexico in January 2015**. For more information on this trip, contact Dr. Vandenhouten at: vandenhc@uwgb.edu. Registration deadline for the Brazil and Mexico trips is October 1, 2014.

Alumni Updates: News submitted by alumni: Congratulations to Starrlene Grossman, BSN class of 2013, who had been selected as a recipient of the Carol Graham Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Public Health Nursing for 2014. The purpose of the award to recognize public health nursing in Wisconsin communities and continue the development and participation of new public health nurses. Starrlene is employed by Sheboygan County Public Health.

Casey Covington Tillery, BSN class of 2009 writes: “I graduated from the University of Alabama-Birmingham (December 2012) with my MSN---dual role Adult and Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Track. I graduated with a 4.0 and successfully passed the ANCC certifications for Adult Nurse Practitioner and Gerontology Nurse Practitioner. I'm practicing in a multi-specialty clinic in Meridian, MS and will forever be grateful for the "jump start" UW-Green Bay gave me!” Congratulations Casey.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!



Lorie VanDonsel (r) from Forsyth, Montana with Dr. Gallagher-Lepak at December commencement.

Fall 2013 BSN Graduates: Syed Ahmed, Marie Arnsward, Emelita Austria, Kathy Beaulieu-Sanders, John Berlin, Heather Bittner, Rachel Borth, Kimberly Buerger, Kelsey Butler, Cathy Cornelius, Elizabeth Daniels, Erin Denis, Bridgette Dollhopf, Jennifer

Dolling, Elaine Doxtator, Dominic Ehman, Jessica Eubanks, Jennifer Friebel, Brooke Garthwaite, Angela Hartel, Corina Heimke, Jamie Henrickson, Amanda Heuer, Sandra Hueter, Amanda Johnson, Megan Kjeseth, Lisa Lee, Penny LePine, Kristen Lorenz, Jennifer Malak, Theresa Mueller, Heidi Nichols, Nancy Ogden, Katherine Olson, Mary Patterson, Sarah Pechmann, Jason Perry, Tamara Pooch, Susan Presnell, LeeAnn Reinemann, Jolene Savoie-Tease, Yolanda Silas, Jessica Spitelli, Jill Steinhoff, Judy Story, Kandi Stumpf, Benita Swisher, Lorie VanDonsel, Vanessa Veit, Candy Weber, Jill Wenzel, Stacy Wiemeri, Elizabeth Zignego



Lehi Lazo (l) traveled from Oxnard, California to May Commencement, shown with Dr. Gallagher-Lepak.

Spring & Summer 2014 BSN Graduates: Marianne Acker-Fischer, Marina An, Carrie Antepencko, Celestina Apineru, Sanya Beck, Teresa Bey, Mitchell Burke, Kristine Burzynski, Kristin Chapman, Danielle Dahlberg, Tiffany Dorton, Steven Drevlow, Tiffany Duenas, April Garza, Laura Goggins, Connie Gudowicz, Jessica Guilette, Elizabeth Harrington, Rachel Henderson, Christine Ihde, Laura Jacobson, Tiffany Jothan, Sarah, Kacprowicz, Irene Kelly, Rebecca Kintopf, Constance Klein, Ktlenne Lehi Lazo, Karen Lilla, Rebecca Lodel, Elizabeth Maise, Sheena Mesa, Martha Mofyasandt, Jacquelyn Monge, Colleen Mueller, Kristina Musan, Amber Neuens, Leila Norris, Kimberly Pagano, Kathy Paupore, Elizabeth Perla, Constance Pugh, Trenton Rankin, Keather Richards, Tana Roberts, Michelle Scheri, Sharon Schuster, Karrey Shannon, Andrea Skowlund, Stephanie Spencer, Jessica Staab, James Stepp, Christopher Taber, Laura Tristan, Jenny Watts, Danielle Williams, Allison Williams-Eleazer, Emily Wils, Jennifer Wilson

Congratulations to our 2013-2014 Scholarship Recipients:

Gallagher Scholarship – Ashley Tremel & Nicole DeBauche
 Ruby Wolverton Memorial Scholarship – Kim Colantuono
 Lorraine Noll Memorial Scholarship – Stacy Kortas

Loretta Wells Scholarship – Leslie Boelter, Laura Reyment, Holly Hajny, Hannah LeClaire, Julie Williams

Congratulations to our 2014 Sigma Theta Tau-Kappa Pi Inductees: Those inducted to this nursing honor society include: Marie Arnswald, Emelita Austria, April Garza, Kimberly Gehrig, Laura Goggins, Sarah Kacprowicz, Irene Kelly, Constance Klein, Susan Lawrence, Jacquelyn Monge, Kimberly Pagano, Elizabeth Perla, Trenton Rankin, Michelle Scheri, Karrey Shannon, Benita Swisher, and Lorie VanDonsel.

For more information or to join, contact Sharon Gajeski at gajeskis@uwgb.edu or click here: <http://kappapi.nursingsociety.org/kappapichapter/home/>

Visitors from Brazil and Japan

Profesora Dr. Carla Ventura, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil visited UW-Green Bay February 19-21 to explore collaborative programming with the Nursing Programs. Online courses with Brazilian students, travel courses for UW-Green Bay students to Brazil and other opportunities were discussed. Dr. Ventura presented a guest lecture entitled “Mental Health and Human Rights in Brazil”.



Dr. Carla Ventura visited from Brazil in February.

The Professional Programs in Nursing hosted Dr. Shigemi Kamitsuru, PhD, RN, FNI, a nursing diagnosis expert from Tokyo, Japan during a visit from May 25 - June 5, 2014. She was working with Dr. T. Heather Herdman as co-editor to prepare the new edition of the NANDA-I Nursing Diagnoses: Definitions & Classification 2015-2017 (10th edition) scheduled for publication this October. Dr. Kamitsuru is a Japanese consultant for the grant funded Nursing Diagnosis software being developed by Drs. Susan Gallagher-Lepak and T. Heather Herdman.

Faculty News: Congratulations to Faculty Lecturer, **Rebecca Hovarter** who has been admitted into the University of Minnesota School of Nursing to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program. Becky has been a Lecturer with our program since 2009. Best wishes Becky!

Dr. Chris Vandenhouten has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. She has been with the department since 2008.

Dr. T. Heather Herdman joins faculty! We are pleased to announce that Dr. Herdman joins the nursing program faculty as an assistant professor for the Fall Semester of 2014. For the past year, Dr. Herdman has served on our staff as a Researcher.

Ruth Pearson has been promoted to a Student Services Specialist. She has been with the department as an Academic Program Associate since 2008.

Dr. Brenda Tyczkowski, Academic Chair of the Health Information Management & Technology Program reports the program is undergoing its first accreditation review this fall and will be having its first HIMT program graduate in December 2014.

Jason Mathwig has joined the staff in a new position as a Student Outreach Specialist. He will work with **Jan Malchow** on the recruitment of students and marketing of the program. He recently worked for Schneider as a Social Media Coordinator and brings six years of admissions experience from UW-Eau Claire.

Drs. Susan Gallagher-Lepak and T. Heather Herdman recently completed the development of a clinical support tool (CST) using the NANDA-I nursing diagnosis taxonomy for use by nursing students, nursing educators and nurses. Nursing diagnoses are used in the United States as well as across the world. The tool (an app) will be distributed by the Apple and Google Stores in October 2014.

The CST has been developed for mobile devices to enhance clinical efficiency and student learning of nursing diagnosis. Major features of the CST involve: 1) instant access to nursing diagnosis and criteria relevant to selection of nursing diagnosis, 2) search functions by diagnostic concept and other characteristics, 3) decision-support functions to allow comparison of nursing diagnoses, and 4) access to learning content related to nursing diagnoses. Drs. Gallagher-Lepak and Herdman showcased the CST at a conference in Portugal in September 2014.

Nursing Looks for Regionally Based Recruiters! The Nursing Program is looking to find individuals to serve as Independent Contractors interested in visiting associate degree nursing program campuses, hospitals and other employers of nurses. These individuals are to provide student recruitment materials and represent our Nursing Programs at education fairs. The contractors are to be geographically located in the following areas of the United States: Northeast, Midwest and West Coast. Contractors will be compensated to cover time and expenses. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact our Manager of Student Outreach, Jan Malchow via email at: malchowj@uwgb.edu for details.

Scholarship Donors Requested: As an alumnus, consider making a scholarship gift in honor of Drs. Mimi and Ken Kubsch or any of our other Nursing Scholarships. If you or anyone you know may be interested in making such a gift, please contact Jan Malchow, Manager of Student Outreach at malchowj@uwgb.edu.

Office Renovation: We've renovated some of the nursing offices and added space, but still are located in Rose Hall, Suite 325. Stop to see us when you're on campus!



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