



# NURSING

## news

*a newsletter from the School of Nursing at Union University  
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### DEAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

2002 was a great year for the School of Nursing and 2003 promises to be even better! We have been very busy! Faculty have been involved in a myriad of community service and scholarship activities in addition to teaching. National, state and local efforts toward presenting nursing as a desirable, dynamic, caring and scholarly profession have yielded a great number of individuals choosing to pursue nursing as a career.



Individuals are choosing nursing because they want a career that will allow them to "make a difference" in the lives of others. I want to encourage each of you to help us inform others about this rich, meaningful career path that leads to multiple acute care as well as community based opportunities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming on February 14 and 15. I also know you won't want to miss the upcoming conference "Meeting the Challenge(s) of Cultural Diversity..." on March 14 at the Garden Plaza. This will be a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues and to obtain continuing education credit. You can register for both events by calling the School of Nursing at 731-661-5200.

Blessings,

Susan R. Jacob  
Dean and Professor

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### MEET OUR FACULTY AND STAFF

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### MSN PROGRAM NEWS

Advance your career and enroll now for the MSN Fall 2003 Cohort. Attend 8 week accelerated classes one day a week for 16 months (Tuesdays in Germantown and Thursdays in Jackson). Specialty tracks include Nursing Education and Nursing Administration.

The **Post Nursing Masters Certificate** is also now available to individuals who have earned a Masters Degree in Nursing and want to take courses in education or administration. This program consists of 8 week accelerated courses which meet one day a week and can be completed in just 12 months.

For more information on either of these opportunities, please contact Dr. Jill Webb, MSN Program Director at (731) 661-5235.

## FACULTY ACCOLADES

**Rosemary McLaughlin** has been selected to attend the Web-based Genetics Institute for Nursing Faculty January 3-May 9, 2003. It is hosted by Cincinnati Children's Hospital and is taught over 18 weeks. The purpose of this course is to increase the genetic content in nursing curricula. **Dr. Ruth Chastain** published *"The Comparison of Nursing Graduates, Nursing Educators and Employer Expectations for Information Technology"* in Nursing Perspectives. **Tharon Kirk** presented *"Faculty Development Related to Testing"* at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) Baccalaureate Conference November 14 in Orlando, FL. **Dr. Cathy Parrett's** presentation *"Evaluation of Nutrition Education and Exercise in a Health Promotion and Wellness Program for Older Adults"* was selected to be submitted as a chapter in a book being compiled on rural health of older adults. She presented this research at The Conference on Rural Women's Health in Washington, D.C. in September. **Dr. Susan Jacob's** chapter *"Christian Worldview and Health Care"* was published in *"Shaping a Christian Worldview,"* edited by Drs. David Dockery and Greg Thornbury.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

### The Pauline Bridger Scholarship Fund

The School of Nursing is seeking to establish an endowed scholarship, the Pauline Bridger Scholarship Fund, which honors a former nursing faculty member and encourages deserving nursing students. Mrs. Bridger held the Georgia Wilson Distinguished Professorship in Nursing. She taught at Union from 1965 to 1996.

**Additional Nursing Scholarships**  
**Isabel H. Neely Nursing Scholarship**  
**Linda Scarborough Nursing  
Scholarship**  
**The Carla Daster Sanderson  
Scholarship**

*Scholarships continued...*

You are invited to assist with these funds. Contributions should be sent to Union University, attn: Department of Institutional Advancement, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN 38305-3697

Please make your check payable to "Union University" and indicate to which scholarship you are contributing. For more information, please call Diane Wright at (731) 661-5503 or 1-800-338-6644.

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## STUDENT ACCOLADES FOR GERMANTOWN CAMPUS

On December 15, 2002, 15 RN-BSN students were awarded the BSN during commencement on the Jackson campus. The following Awards were presented to graduates at an Awards Dinner on November 22:

### **Academic Excellence Award**

Kelly Harrell, RN

### **STTI-Nu Lambda Chapter**

#### **Leadership Award**

Tracy McClinton, RN

### **Fannie J. Watt RN Award**

Lisa Poe, RN

### **Nursing Faculty Award**

Pam Eggers, RN

### **Emily Saffel Award**

Pam Pryor, RN

In addition, **Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society** inducted the following two students who ranked in the top 10% of the senior class:

Nancy Armour Appling  
Kimberly L. Knox

The 15 **December 2002 graduates** were:

Carolyn Parker Akin  
Erica Renee Dillard  
Heidi Deon Dugger  
Pamela Shows Eggers  
Joye Teague Griffin  
Kelly Lynn Ubel Harrell  
Tracy Hale McClinton  
Vivian McKay Odum  
Lisa Poe  
Antoinette Denise Proby  
Pamela J. Harris Pryor  
Lindsay Marie Russell  
Tijuana Terrell  
Angela P. Williams  
Sherrie Michele Wroblewski



## HOMEcoming 2003

**February 14, 2003**

**Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

**Seminar 7:00 p.m.**

The theme of the 2003 School of Nursing Homecoming will be **"Where is the Heart of Nursing?...The Beat Goes On"**. **Kim Johnson '84** will be presenting *"Perspectives and Roles of Nurses in Regard to Bioterrorism"*. Kim is employed at the Madison County Public Health Department. She is working with the Health Department medical director to plan the County's approach to homeland security, including smallpox immunizations. Dr. Ruth Chastain, Associate Professor of Nursing at Union University, is a member of the International Coalition for Bioterrorism. She will relate the purpose of this organization, her involvement, and ways that individual nurses can be a part of this organization's mission.

CEUs will be available to those who attend the Seminar.

Please call (731) 661-5200 to register for the dinner and seminar.

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## PARISH NURSING

The School of Nursing, in conjunction with the Community Health Ministries, Catholic Diocese of Memphis, will offer the Parish Nurse Basic Preparation Course (35 contact hours) at the Jackson campus on June 5-6 and 19-21 and in Memphis on October 2-3 and 16-18.

For more information contact Geri Smith at (901) 759-0029 X107 or (731) 661-5200, E-mail [gsmith@uu.edu](mailto:gsmith@uu.edu)

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### HONDURAS

Five nursing students and Geri Smith, Associate Professor will be part of the Spring 2003 GO trip to Honduras led by Rev. Todd Brady March 22-29, 2003. The School of Nursing is particularly proud of this effort because it provides an opportunity for students in all of the various programs offered by the school on both the Jackson and Germantown campuses to come together in a joint mission project.

### ROME

The "Rome GO Trip" is scheduled for June 19-29, 2003. Students will provide healthcare for immigrants in Italy. The estimated cost will be \$2200. Six Union students, BSN, RN-BSN, and MSN students may participate in the healthcare trip.

If you are interested in going, please contact Dr. Susan Jacob, Professor Donna Latham or Judy Dulberg at (731) 661-5200. We must know by early February.

### CHINA

Nursing faculty Tharon Kirk and Dr. Cathy Parrett, who were accompanied by Dr. Cindy Jayne, Director of the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies, and Dr. Carolyn Bishop, Executive Director of the Coalition for Global Education, visited universities and Schools of Nursing in China from January 10-21, 2003. Their purpose was to explore potential faculty and student exchanges. Positive relationships were established and we are eager to plan future opportunities.



## NURSES ON THE MOVE

Nursing students and faculty will be joining other nurses throughout the state in Nashville on February 26, 2003 for "Nurses on the Move", a governmental affairs briefing day. Students will have opportunities to meet with their representatives and attend legislature committee meetings.

### TNA DEAN'S AWARD

The School of Nursing was one of only three schools in the state recognized at the state convention for 100% faculty membership in the Tennessee Nurses Association. Our faculty are tireless in their dedication to promoting the profession of nursing. Faculty have a long history of leadership and active involvement in the Tennessee Nurses Association.

### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"Advancing Nursing Leadership" was offered on the Germantown campus October 3, 2002. The keynote speaker was Leah Curtain. Over 200 RNs and students attended this program which was developed, implemented and evaluated as a scholarly project by MSN "2002" grads, Lesa Hughes and Shelley Umstead.

### FREED HARDEMAN AGREEMENT

Union University and Freed Hardeman University have launched a new program for FHU students wishing to pursue Nursing as a major. FHU students may study on the Freed Hardeman campus their freshman and sophomore years and then take their nursing courses at Union their junior and senior years. Students completing the program will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from FHU and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Union.

## SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL NU LAMBDA INDUCTIONS

**Spring Induction 2002:** The following students were inducted into the Nu Lambda Chapter on the Jackson campus on April 20. Inductees included Basic BSN students Tammy Anderson, Katie Brown, Kim Holmes, Jayme Leke, Stacey Schlueter and Melissa Ward; RN-BSN students Sherrie Austin, Julia Conner-Mendez, Cindy DeSio, Amy Delaney, Nita Flanigan, Mike Howard, Karen Sullivan and Lita Warise; and MSN students Cathy Dorris, Casey Elliott, Alise Farrell, Beth Hensley, Lesa Hughes, Joyce Jeffries, Melanie Richerson, Carol Sykes, Carol Umstead and Joyce Woodward.

Kami Reddin, BSN Class of 2001 was the Keynote Speaker.

**Fall Induction 2002:** Twelve RN-BSN students, MSN students and two community nursing leaders were inducted into Nu Lambda Chapter on November 22, on the Germantown campus. Nu Lambda members, friends and family were invited to hear the speaker, Kay Willis, Chief Nursing Officer of St. Francis Hospital. The inductees included RN-BSN students Pamela Eggers, Kelly Harrell, Kimberly Knox, Kathryn Howe, Marlene Mahoney, Tracy McClinton, Lisa Poe and Pamela Pryor; MSN students Beth Rose and Melissa Taylor, as well as community nurse leaders and Union University BSN alumni Carolyn Lawhorn Hilliard and Linder Lemmons.

Nu Lambda Website: Check out our new website which was developed by La Rae Nichols, MSN Class of 2001.

**STTI and UU sites:**  
[www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)  
[www.uu.edu/dept/nursing](http://www.uu.edu/dept/nursing)



**MSN Program Update:  
NOW Accepting Applications  
for Fall 2003.**

**MSN PROGRAM UPDATE**

Congratulations to our December 15, 2002 graduates:

**Germantown Students:**

Lisa Chismark, Sara Day, Alise Ferrell, Beth Hensley, Lesa Hughes, Joyce Jeffries, Beth Rose, Erica Stevens, Melissa Taylor, Carol Umstead, Desree Welborn, Joyce Woodward

**Jackson Students:**

Pamela Burroughs, Cathy Dorris, Casey Elliott, Kimba Keel, Melanie Richerson, Carol Sykes

The third MSN Cohort has been in classes since August, 2002. Fifteen students in Germantown and six in Jackson are now looking with anticipation at a December 13, 2003 graduation day.

For more information on Union's MSN program, contact Dr. Jill Webb, Program Director at (731) 661-5235.