

Twenty Years of Graduating Nurses from Bethel University (Formerly Bethel College)

The Nursing Department desires your presence and needs your help!

Your presence: The Nursing Department is celebrating the 20 years of nurses graduating from Bethel with a program, reception, and open house during Homecoming on **October 16th**.

- 10:30-11:30 Program: "Nursing at Bethel: Past, Present, & Future—**
Reminiscences and reflections over the last 20 years will be shared by faculty members and alumni in CC313.
- 11:30-12:30 Reception & Open House:** Pictures and displays from the Nursing Department during the last 20 years located in the Nursing Department, HC Building, 4th Floor. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by leaving a message at 651-635-8990 or nursing@bethel.edu.

Your help: We can use information about what you've been doing in the years since your graduation. There is a survey located on the department's web page, <http://cas.bethel.edu/dept/nursing>. Please provide the requested information no later than September 30th so it can be included in the planned booklet. We also need information about what you were doing while you were a Bethel nursing student. We would love to have copies of pictures, syllabi, early textbooks, assignments, and any other artifacts that you've saved from your student days. Please contact Karen Ciske at 651-636-1432, if you have any of those items that you would be willing to donate. These can be returned to you at the end of the reception.

Bethel Nursing Department Hosts Korean Students

This is the second year that Bethel has hosted nursing students from Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea as part of a nursing exchange program. This year the department hosted 20 students and two professors from Korea for two weeks in July. The purpose of this program is for Korean students and professors to experience various aspects of the U.S. health care system, from community health clinics to acute care facilities, such as the hospitals associated with the Mayo Clinics. These experiences provide exposure to different health practices and technologies used in the United States. In addition, students are able to gain a cultural understanding through events, such as a Native American Pow-Wow, and the Mall of America, as well as a homestay with an American family.

For the last two years, a group of Bethel nursing students were able to go to Keimyung University during January interim for a similar program.

This relationship with Keimyung University has developed through the leadership of Young-Ja Yang. It is her previous relationship with the university as both a student and faculty member that has made this program possible.

BETHEL NURSING HONOR SOCIETY

By Linda Solum RN, MA

President of the Bethel Nursing Honor Society

The Bethel Nursing Honor Society (BNHS) was started in September of 1999 with the intent of becoming a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Over the past 5 years the BNHS has been very active in providing excellent continuing education programs and an annual research symposium. Nurses who are part of the BNHS have shown commitment to nursing excellence and have taken an active role in leading and supporting the development of the nursing profession. As of spring of 2004, approximately 190 nursing students have been inducted into the Honor Society, of which there are approximately 100 active members.

Last year the Honor Society Officers and Faculty Advisors decided the best way to continue in this process was to explore joining the Chi Chapter at Large of STTI by entering into professional partnership with St. Catherine's, Gustavus Adolphus, and St. Olaf's Nursing Programs. In February of 2004, the application was prepared and submitted by officers of the Bethel Nursing Honor Society and Chi Chapter at Large. Currently we have been in touch with STTI and are awaiting completion of the application review process. After the application review, Bethel will host a site visit for STTI officials. After completing this process the Bethel Nursing Honor Society will be inducted into the Chi Chapter at Large of STTI. At this time all Bethel Nursing Honor Society Members will be members of STTI and will be able to take part in all of the Chapter's programs and activities. The Chi Chapter at Large provides many opportunities for growth, networking, and service within professional nursing.

The Chi Chapter at Large of STTI and the BNHS look forward to this partnership and encourage all members to remain actively involved in excellent opportunities to learn and serve. Information on this process will be provided on an ongoing basis as events progress. Specific questions for BNHS members may be emailed to llsolum@ties2.net.

NEWS ABOUT THE MASTER'S PROGRAM

Accreditation of the Master's Program

The Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 21, 2004 to grant accreditation to the Master's Degree Nursing Program for five years. The program met all four accreditation standards and there were no compliance concerns with respect to key elements associated with the standards.

New Concentration Name – Nursing and Healthcare Leadership

We have a new name for the Concentration formerly known as Health Systems. In their Project Management course, three of our graduate students (Sherry Fagerstrom, Vicky Jensen, and Dawn Nelson) completed a project plan for enhancing recruitment strategies for the MA Program. They suggested several possibilities for a meaningful title. In April, the Nursing Department Advisory Board also recommended a name change to better communicate the leadership emphasis of this concentration. Nursing faculty selected “Nursing and Healthcare Leadership” as the new title of the concentration, which will apply to students enrolling fall semester 2004.

New Graduate Program Director

Dr. Mary Reuland, Associate Professor, became Program Director for the MA Program on August 1st. Mary received her Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota, Department of Educational Policy and Administration and the Department of Work, Community, and Family Education. Her dissertation was *Collaborative Learning as Professional Socialization*. Mary has served as an adjunct faculty member at Bethel from 1984-1988 and 1999-2004. Other professional experiences include Dean of Sciences and Health Careers at North Hennepin Community College, Associate Professor at the College of St. Catherine, and school nursing with St. Paul Public Schools. You can contact Mary at mary-reuland@bethel.edu

Nursing Research & Practice Symposium: Poster Presentation Awards

The scholarly work of students was demonstrated at Bethel's Fourth Annual Nursing Research & Practice Symposium. Over 70 students displayed their research activities through poster presentations. Of those posters four received an award for their level of excellence. The following students were recipients:

Traditional Undergraduate Program: “Promoting Positive Decision-Making in Adolescents” by Laurie Brass, Emily Gerber, Kelly Halvorson, Faith Larson, Molly Miller, Elise Moore, Leslie Stamper, and Mandi Tungseth.

Degree Completion Program-PACE Cohort KN: “Improving Outcomes for Patients Diagnosed with the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)” by Denise Pepin-Kolb.

Degree Completion Program-PACE Cohort LN: “Documentation and Nurse Satisfaction” by Pat Henton.

Graduate Program: “The Sheath Removal Study” by Vicki Fisher.

Congratulations to the awardees and all those who contributed poster presentations at the Symposium.

“Faculty Focus”

Bethel University’s Nursing Faculty has demonstrated excellence in scholarship over this past year. **Marge Schaffer** has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholar award. February through May 2005, Schaffer will be associated with the University of Oslo in Norway to lecture and conduct research on end of life decision making and care. **Karen Drake** has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant in public/global health at Uganda Christian University. Drake will travel three times to Uganda, each for two to three weeks at a time. While in Uganda, she will explore how Bethel can assist Uganda Christian University in the creation of a baccalaureate-level nursing program.

This past spring, **Karen Drake** successfully defended her dissertation entitled *The Role of Short Study Abroad in the Development of Cultural Sensitivity and the Ability to Provide Culturally Competent Care in Senior Baccalaureate Nursing Students*. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a PhD in Education, Policy and Administration with a concentration in Comparative and International Development Education. Several faculty members have presented internationally over the summer. **Pam Nelson** and **Marge Schaffer** traveled to Dublin, Ireland to present the “Use of Portfolio to Evaluate Population-based Health Nursing in BSN Students” at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress. In August, Karen Drake presented “The Role of the Faculty/Mentor in Developing Cultural Competence” during a short study abroad for student nurses at Japan Academy of Nursing Science’s 5th International Nursing Research Conference in Fukushima, Japan.

Joann Wessman received the College Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. This annual award honors a colleague for his or her excellence in teaching both in and outside the classroom. **Marge Schaffer** will be honored at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Master’s Education Conference in February of 2005 for the outstanding work she has done in disseminating the End of Life Nursing Education Curriculum.

Bethel University’s nursing faculty continue to be recognized both nationally and internationally for their contributions to nursing excellence!