



YSN financial aid boosted by alumnae's bequest

Dorothy Webber '45 never forgot her time at Yale University's School of Nursing. Thanks to a generous bequest in her will, more students will have the opportunity to follow in her footsteps. Webber's gift of \$5 million will be used for student scholarships. She died August 9, 2006, at the age of 86.

"We are so grateful for Miss Webber's generosity and foresight," says Lisa Hottin, Director of External Relations for YSN. "For many of our alumnae/i, their Yale experience affected their lives professionally and personally on so many levels. Her gratitude to Yale will directly impact generations of YSN students in a very personal way."

Webber grew up in Fergus Falls, Minnesota and attended Trinity College in Washington, D.C., before transferring to the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English literature in 1942. She graduated with a master's degree from YSN in 1945.

Webber moved to Honolulu, where she worked as an assistant head nurse at Queen's Medical Center. For a brief period she was at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver before returning to Honolulu. She ultimately returned to her home in Fergus Falls, where she occasionally worked as a private duty nurse with Lake Region Healthcare Corporation.

She decided to include YSN in her will after reading about the creation of the Margaret Perry Pearce Scholarship Fund at YSN, named after a fellow classmate by Pearce's husband, Herb Pearce, in 1999. "Yale School of Nursing was the best thing that ever happened to me," Webber told former YSN Dean Catherine Gilliss.

"Increasing financial aid is the single most critical need facing our students today," Hottin says. "The debt load many of our students face at graduation is daunting. Miss Webber's gift will help to lighten this burden."