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Cover: Dean Margaret Grey and Yale President Peter Salovey cut the ribbon to officially open the new Yale School of Nursing on the University's West Campus. Joining Dean Grey and President Salovey in cutting the ribbon are University Chaplain Sharon Kugler, Provost Ben Polak, Deputy Provost Stephanie Spangler, Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, West Haven Mayor John Picard, and West Campus Vice President Scott Strobel.

CELEBRATING THE PAST WHILE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



As I write this piece, it was just one week ago that we dedicated the new YSN building on Yale University's West Campus. Since we moved at the end of July, we have welcomed a new class of students to our MSN, DNP, and PhD programs as well as two new postdoctoral fellows and six international scholars. Our building is now alive with activity, and the students, faculty, and staff are enjoying the beautiful new building.

The new YSN incorporates not only state-of-the-art teaching spaces, including simulation and educational instructional technology, but also a biobehavioral laboratory that will allow us to develop new approaches to patient care within a science model that takes into account both physiology and behavior, so important for prevention and management of chronic conditions.

One of the highlights of the dedication was the surprise announcement by Peter Salovey that his family's gift in honor of his inauguration as Yale President is the "Salovey Family Nursing Scholarship" for a student at YSN. We are deeply grateful that President Salovey and his family chose YSN students to be the beneficiary of this generous donation.

As we looked forward to the future and possibilities of YSN with our new facility, we also had the opportunity in early October to celebrate the 90th anniversary of YSN—the oldest university-based school of nursing in the world. The weekend celebration culminated with a commemoration of 90 YSN alumnae/i who have had an amazing—and even stunning—impact on nursing and healthcare. This issue of *Yale Nursing Matters* features all 90 of these outstanding nurse leaders, and I hope you will take the time to read through each of their descriptions.

There is no better way for me to describe the importance and range of the work being done here at YSN and by our alumnae/i, who around the world are changing lives and improving health. Clearly, during our 90 years of existence, there have been many more than 90 outstanding alumnae/i. As I visit with our alums around the country, I have enjoyed hearing the stories they tell about what YSN meant to them and their amazing careers.

Our work continues in the preparation of future nurse scientists, clinicians, and leaders—that will help to ensure that one day we will reach our goal of "better health for all people." As one of our students noted during the banquet, YSN offers unique opportunities for students to thrive. They need our help in so many ways—we teach, we mentor, we precept, and we provide financial support. Please join us in this journey and get involved in this most exciting time at YSN.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Grey".

Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN,
Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor

YSN SPOTLIGHT NEWS

Dean Grey Receives ADA's Behavioral Medicine and Psychology Distinguished Contributions Award

The American Diabetes Association presented the 2013 Behavioral Medicine and Psychology Distinguished Contributions Award to Dean Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN. The award recognizes a behavioral researcher who has made outstanding and/or innovative contributions in the study and understanding of behavioral aspects of diabetes.

Dean Grey is co-director of the Multidisciplinary Research Training Program in Behavior and Type 1 Diabetes, and her research focuses on the integration of the mind and diabetes outcomes. Her work led to the first large randomized clinical trial of behavioral-education intervention in teenagers with type 1 diabetes.

"Nurse-scientists have made major contributions to behavioral science and diabetes that too often go unnoticed," explained Dean Grey. "This award provides me with a bully pulpit to help set the record straight."



Linda Pellico Selected as NLN Academy of Nursing Education Fellow

The National League for Nursing (NLN) recently selected Yale School of Nursing Associate Professor Linda Pellico as a fellow in its Academy of Nursing Education (ANEF).

"I am humbled by this honor, and excited about the prospect of dialogue and debate about future directions in nursing education," said Pellico. Selected as part of the seventh class of fellows, Pellico joins 183 leaders in nursing education from higher-education nursing programs and from other organizations committed to advancing the quality of healthcare in the United States.



YSN Introduces New Global Health Concentration for MSN Students

This fall, Yale School of Nursing began offering a Global Health Concentration for its MSN students. Open to students in their final year of study in the MSN program, the concentration is designed to prepare students to serve the global population both internationally and domestically as clinicians, educators, scholars, and policy makers.

The concentration will expose students to a range of worldwide concepts through two approved graduate courses in global health, a minimum of 60 additional clinical hours in either an international or domestic setting serving global populations, as well as additional scholarly work with a global health focus.



Nina Adams Selected to Receive Yale Medal

YSN alumna Nina Relin Adams '77 was one of six individuals recently selected by the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) to receive the Yale Medal for 2013.

Adams has served Yale in many volunteer roles before, during, and since she retired after 20-plus years as an adult nurse practitioner at Yale University Health Services and as a YSN faculty member. She has served as co-chair of YSN Class Agents, on the Executive Committee of the Board of the Yale Annual Fund (receiving the Chairman's Award in 2009), and as reader and planner for the annual YSN Creative Writing Awards. In addition, Adams was recently honored by YSN as one of the "90 Nurses" in celebration of the School's 90th anniversary.

Inaugurated in 1952, the Yale Medal is the highest award presented by the AYA and is conferred solely to recognize and honor



outstanding individual service to the university. Since its inception, the Yale Medal has been presented to 293 individuals.

YSN Faculty Member Appointed to the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing

Yale School of Nursing faculty member Geraldine Marrocco, EdD, APRN, CNS, ANP-C, was recently appointed to the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing. As a gubernatorial appointee, she is now a Public Official of the Executive Branch.

"I am honored by the Governor's decision to select me to serve on this board and about the prospect of working side by side with fellow nurses and individuals who are committed to the standards of nursing education and practice issues that have an effect on patient care and public safety," said Marrocco. "This is an exciting time for the state of Connecticut regarding healthcare and I am looking forward to being a part of those decisions that affect the profession of nursing and the populations we serve."

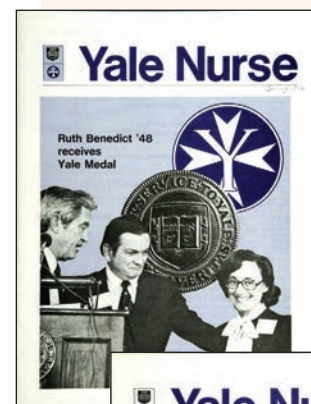


Cushing/Whitney Medical Library Digitized YSN Archives for 90th Anniversary

As part of the 90th anniversary of the Yale School of Nursing, the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library digitized a large collection of YSN alumni newsletters and memorabilia, dating from 1926 through 2004.

These publications, evolving in title and format, provide a fascinating and personable look into the School's equally proud and rich history. The bulletins cover the first years after the inaugural graduating class, and lead the reader through wars and peacetime, school relocations and new deans, societal changes and ideals, to the present-day YSN.

To access the YSN digital collection, please visit <http://digital.medicine.yale.edu>.



YSN Rings in 2013-2014 Academic Year with Convocation Ceremony

To celebrate the start of the 2013-2014 academic year, YSN hosted a convocation ceremony on August 27 at Yale University's West Campus Conference Center.

While the ceremony celebrated the opening of a new school year, it also recognized the achievements of the first-year Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) students who entered the School in 2012 and have now completed their RN requirements. "We thought that combining this with a formal welcome back to the new campus would be a great way to start off the new year," said Holly Powell Kennedy, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN, Executive Deputy Dean and Helen Varney Professor of Midwifery.

The convocation included a processional into the Conference Center, a faculty and student address, and a reception in the lobby of the West Campus Conference Center.

A new chapter in the 90-year history of YSN officially began on October 4, 2013, as the School's new building on Yale University's West Campus was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

An estimated 325 guests attended the event, which kicked off the School's 90th anniversary celebration.

YSN Dean Margaret Grey presided over the dedication and ribbon-cutting festivities at the School's new home, with assistance from Yale University President Peter Salovey, Provost Ben Polak, Deputy Provost Stephanie Spangler, Chaplain Sharon Kugler, West Campus Vice President Scott Strobel, Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, and West Haven Mayor John Picard.

"Since 1923, this School has really shaped our ideas of what a nurse is, and what the academic pursuit of nursing and a nursing career should be," declared President Salovey during the ceremony. "I view this space as a continuum of innovative thinking in nursing care and healthcare more generally."

While the School was formally dedicated on October 4, its doors unofficially opened to students for the first time for orientation on Monday, August 19.



YSN officially opens its new facility with a festive dedication event



The move, executed over the course of this past summer, marks a stark change in the School's atmosphere. The old building on Church Street South in New Haven, filled with windowless classrooms and maze-like passageways, has given way to an immensely more vibrant, expansive, and welcoming facility.

"The design of the new building allows us to develop new approaches to patient care with a traditional nursing model that takes into account both biology and behavior," commented Dean Grey in her opening remarks. "In addition, our proximity to the state-of-the-art laboratory space here on the West Campus allows faculty like Jackie Taylor the opportunity to grow her work on multigenerational hypertension genetics in African Americans."

The large crowd in attendance roared with approval later in the dedication event when President Salovey announced that his family would establish the Salovey Family Nursing Scholarship at YSN as a gift in honor of his inauguration as Yale's new president.

Students and faculty alike are enthusiastic about how the new building improves the academic environment. "It's a lot less drab," stated Camille White '15, a midwifery student at YSN. "Going from windowless rooms at the old School to these classrooms, which are much more open and bright, is a nice change. Environmental details like that really affect your mood."

Ruth McCorkle, PhD, FAAN, Florence Schorske Wald Professor of Nursing and professor of epidemiology at Yale School of Medicine, agrees. "I'm really impressed with the new building and the environment," she said. "It's very conducive to learning."



MOVING WEST

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR YALE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT WEST CAMPUS



Left: YSN Dean Margaret Grey shares the story of how YSN came to move to Yale University's West Campus, and acknowledged the work of many who made the transition happen in a nearly impossible time frame.

Far Left: Yale University President Peter Salovey and Dean Margaret Grey share a celebratory hug following the ribbon-cutting at the dedication ceremony. Top Left: Deputy Provost Stephanie Spangler addresses the crowd on the importance of the new state-of-the-art building for YSN and the nursing field. Middle Left: At the beginning of the ceremony, Yale University Chaplain Sharon Kugler offers a prayer for this momentous event. Bottom Left: After the dedication ceremony, YSN Executive Assistant for the Dean Veronica L. D. Good poses with members of the team who helped bring the new building to life, including (from L-R): Project Superintendent Andrew Tomasko, Senior Project Manager Kenneth Procinio, Assistant Project Manager Spencer Dauer and Project Executive Robert Lord, all of Shawmut Design and Construction.

Formerly the headquarters of Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, the four-story 110,000-square-foot new school features ultramodern laboratories, bright and spacious classrooms, as well as an abundance of study space for students.

“The facilities are incredible,” stated Erica Gibson ’15, an adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioner student at YSN. “It’s beautiful, accessible and easy to navigate; I am pretty taken with it.”

The state-of-the-art laboratory spaces, such as the biobehavioral lab, are especially exciting to McCorkle. “The lab provides opportunity for us to conduct our research with patients and families right in the School,” she explained. “The access

to parking, location on the first floor, and inclusion of bathrooms makes it ideal for patient access.”

YSN Director of Development and Alumnae/i Affairs Steve Varley explains how thrilled he is that the School now has a customized space that finally matches the quality of the programs and work. “Ideas for new initiatives and ways of looking at the work are already developing—centers like the biobehavioral lab will have a major impact not only within the School, but perhaps on the way we look at and understand health,” Varley said.

Right: Yale University President Peter Salovey surprises the crowd with the announcement that his family would be donating to establish the Salovey Family Nursing Scholarship at YSN as a gift in honor of his inauguration as Yale’s new president. Far Right: West Haven Mayor John Picard and YSN Dean Margaret Grey pause to take a photo following the dedication ceremony.



In addition, the new building features a common space called the Hub, where students, faculty, and staff meet and share ideas, and where YSN community members regularly gather together for lunch.

Janene Batten, Yale’s Nursing Librarian, is pleased with the way the new building was designed, with an emphasis on the needs of the students. “The other building was like a bunker,” stated Batten. “These classrooms have light, the learning environment is much nicer, and there are wonderful areas for students to study. It is a very warm space.”

The most thrilling aspect of the School for Batten, however, will come when it starts to get a little colder. “I’m really excited to see the snowfall out my window,” she said. “The view is definitely a step up.”

Top: Phil Martinez '06, YSN Lecturer and GEPN Specialty Coordinator, discusses health issues with a patient. Below: Lily Loew '16 reviews patient information with a veteran after her assessment. Bottom right: Hilana Bernheimer '16 records vitals for a veteran at the 2013 Stand Down at the Veterans Affairs facility in Rocky Hill, Conn.



STANDDOWN



The phrase *Stand Down* in military terms is defined as going off duty or ending a state of readiness or alert. Others have referred to *Stand Down* as a safe area that provides battle-weary soldiers a place to relax and attend to personal needs such as showers, medical care, and a warm meal. With this concept in mind, 39 YSN Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) students and faculty took part in the annual *Stand Down* event sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs on September 20 at their Rocky Hill, Conn. facility.

Stand Down provides an opportunity for homeless and low-income veterans from across Connecticut to receive needed assistance such as medical screenings, employment and educational counseling, legal and motor vehicle guidance, and more.

"*Stand Down* is a wonderful opportunity for YSN to give back to our local community, and especially to our

health, and nutrition to the hundreds of veterans that attend the event.

"*Stand Down* affords the students an opportunity to see patients outside the context of an acute care health system," Martinez added. "Our students are inundated during their GEPN year with acutely ill patients in the hospital setting. To be able to bring them out to an event such as *Stand Down*, where the people are generally healthier, happier, and more receptive to anything the students can teach them, offers our students a window into a much different side of the healthcare system."

Interacting with hundreds of veterans in military tents on the grounds of the Connecticut Veterans Home in Rocky Hill is a powerful and unique learning experience for these YSN students.

"I think it's hard to learn nursing unless you have your hands on a patient, so being part of the *Stand Down* event is a great opportunity for me," commented Amaryllis Hager '16. "I'm a very kinesthetic learner, so



YSN STUDENTS AND FACULTY SERVE LOCAL VETERANS AT ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT

veterans," said YSN Lecturer and GEPN Specialty Coordinator Philip Martinez '06, MSN, APRN-BC. "I have met some of the most amazing men and women over the years who have given so much for their country. This is our chance to give back to those who have given so much to us."

The full-day event, a national effort of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, was first organized in Connecticut by YSN Alumna Linda Schwartz '84, RN, DrPH, FAAN, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2006, Dr. Schwartz first invited YSN students and faculty to begin offering care to Connecticut veterans at a *Stand Down* event. Since then, each fall, YSN students and faculty travel to *Stand Down* to provide medical screenings and health education regarding heart disease, diabetes, sexual

developing the skills of talking with patients and asking questions, with different types of people, is a very delicate skill to learn."

And the *Stand Down* event even helps students to become part of the Connecticut community during their initial weeks at YSN. "Students, mostly new to Connecticut, are able to embrace their new home while learning how to interview and treat patients in the community," Martinez added.

Leah Chasm-Velasco '16 was delighted when she was selected to participate in the event. Being thousands of miles from her home in San Diego, Calif., she certainly felt a connection to the local Connecticut community because of her involvement with *Stand Down*.

"Really learning how to communicate with people and talk with them about their health is one of my first steps in becoming a really good Yale nurse," proclaimed Chasm-Velasco.



Top: Amaryllis Hager '16 listens to the heart rhythm of a veteran at the 2013 *Stand Down* event. Bottom: Tory Larsen '16 checks the blood sugar level of a patient.

"*Stand Down* affords the students an opportunity to see patients outside the context of an acute care health system."

TRUTH OF THE MATTER

A beautiful early fall afternoon was the backdrop for the official dedication of the new Yale School of Nursing on the University's West Campus. A palpable excitement filled the air as distinguished guests and speakers all shared in the wonder of this momentous occasion. Below is a sample of remarks, thoughts, and impressions shared during speeches and interviews conducted at the ceremony:

Peter Salovey, Yale University President

"[The YSN building] is one of the enviable new spaces on campus."

"This School has produced some of the best students and scholars and nurses anywhere in the world. They are changing the field. They are changing the way care is delivered, they are changing the way that we even consider and understand what health and healthcare is and can be."

"Making the School of Nursing the heart of the West Campus creates a unifying atmosphere here at the West Campus. . . . It creates a hub of teaching and learning."

"I am just so happy that in just a few short years West Campus has become such an important part of our University."

Margaret Grey, Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor

"This is the first time in our 90-year history that the School of Nursing is occupying its own building that was designed and built to specifically enable us to accomplish our mission."

Scott Strobel, Henry Ford II Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Vice President of West Campus Planning and Program Development

"400 West Campus Drive, originally built in 1995, an administrative space that was empty just nine months ago, has been transformed into a customized, modern, and leading-edge space filled with classrooms, student areas, simulation rooms, research laboratories, offices, and meeting rooms that are commensurate with the excellence of the world-renowned program that is Yale School of Nursing. . . . On behalf of the entire West Campus community, we are pleased to welcome the Yale School of Nursing!"

Stephanie Spangler, Yale University Deputy Provost for Health Affairs & Academic Integrity

"It is really fitting that Yale's nursing pioneers have chosen to settle on Yale's frontier, Yale's Wild West, especially at a time when nursing is poised like never before to pioneer again, to lead the transformation of the entire healthcare system."

Sharon Kugler, Yale University Chaplain

"Bless this new space, may it give fresh life and renewed energy to all those who cross its threshold. Let this be a place of expansive reach that holds central to its core the vital multiple facets of caring. May it proudly boast in deed after deed 'that caring is the greatest thing, that caring matters most.' Like the sun that beams above us may it shine, inspire and enlighten all of Yale, all of the world."

Helen Varney Burst, Professor Emeritus

"Today was an exciting moment in the ongoing history of YSN. While honoring the past and maintaining our traditions, the dedication of our new building speaks to the future. The building is a wonderful testament to YSN's standing within Yale University. It looks like a Yale building should look. It provides tools for faculty and students to continue the creativity and innovation in teaching and research for which YSN is known. The building is physically magnificent: full of light, space, and technology. The grounds are gorgeous. Our arrival on West Campus has been met with gracious and welcoming hospitality. We are home."

Monica Riosa Ordway, Assistant Professor

"The building helps our goals of growing and continuing to be a leader among nursing schools in the country. The technology that's been built in and the thought that's gone into the development of the classrooms, as well as the timing of the reorganization and the celebration of 90 years: it was scary when it was all happening, but it's all come together really nicely."

Elise Kaye '15, Nursing-Midwifery Student

"I am so impressed with the new facilities. I think that it really shows how much they care about their students that they are providing us with such wonderful and new equipment and rooms. The technology is fantastic. I think people were originally a little resistant to remove themselves physically from Yale's New Haven campus, but I think now being here and having classes here, it really shows how much they really care about us."

Heather Reynolds, Associate Professor

"I've been through many of YSN's previous buildings, and what's really special about this building is not only the space, but the fact that it is recognized that we are home, at last, and not in borrowed space. We have our own space now to grow and do the things that we couldn't have done. We really outgrew a lot of those other buildings. I think it's nice to be recognized across the campus that we are something to be reckoned with. We have always been the afterthought; I think it's important we are now part of the system."

Yasemin E. Turkman, PhD Student

"I like the surrounding area. I like being able to look out a window and see trees. I enjoy the walk over to the conference center to the cafeteria. I like the diversity of space options. I'm in the process of interviewing participants for my research study, and I think this is a space that makes people feel comfortable, even if it's the first time they've been here."



As a kickoff to the 90th anniversary year of the School, a sold-out banquet was held on Saturday, October 5, to honor and celebrate 90 outstanding YSN alumnae/i. The following pages highlight these inspirational and outstanding nurse leaders who have brought "better health" to their communities and the world.



90 YEARS

So much has changed in our world over the past 90 years, and there has also been dramatic change at Yale University School of Nursing. Since its opening in 1923, as the first university-based school of nursing in the world, YSN has pushed the boundaries on advancing nursing, healthcare, research, clinical practice, and scholarship.

90 YALE NURSES

The School's slogan of "better health for all" is best exemplified in the celebration of the 90 Yale Nurses featured here, nominated and selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to this lofty ideal. The 90 amazing individuals highlighted in these pages are representative of the thousands of Yale Nurses who have made and will continue to make significant impacts on all aspects of healthcare and in the lives of people across the world.

NINA ADAMS '77

Nina Adams, MSN, is a certified adult nurse practitioner with 20 years of clinical experience in internal medicine at Yale University Health Services (YUHS). In her time at YUHS, she was a clinical preceptor to dozens of master's students and has presented classroom lectures, especially in endocrinology and dermatology. After her retirement, Nina has maintained close ties with Yale School of Nursing as co-chair of Class Agents since 1997, as a reader and planner for the YSN Creative Writing Awards, and serving on the board of the Yale Alumni Fund where she also served on the executive committee from 2008 to 2011. Nina is now in her second career, this time in the arts. In 1998, she retired from her healthcare career to become the director of an international, independent



film festival (Film Fest New Haven) from 1998-2005. She is now a programmer, screener, and juror for many film festivals and is a board member of the Yale School of Drama's Yale Summer Cabaret.

DORIS BANCHIK-MOXLEY '74

Doris Banchik-Moxley, MSN, MBA, devoted her career to teaching, practice, and research in psychiatric-mental health nursing. In her time at YSN as a faculty member, Doris was a research adviser and mentor to a number



of YSN students. In addition, she was chairperson of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing program and director of Psychiatric Nursing at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Despite a career change after eight years, Doris continues her commitment to support the School and its students.

MARY E. BARTLETT '00



Family nurse practitioner and HIV specialist, Mary E. Bartlett, FNP-BC, AAHIVs, has devoted her career to nursing education, which has influenced her position as the co-medical director of the student-run HAVEN Free Clinic.

Her loyalty to nursing has given her the opportunity to author two chapters in Linda Pellico's *Focus on Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing* and has collaborated on several articles about HAVEN. Mary has mentored numerous Yale students participating in *Rebellious Nursing!* to help spread the support for struggle against racism, sexism, and limitations on patients' access to quality healthcare.

JUDY A. BEAL '75

Currently serving as professor and dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Simmons College, Judy A. Beal, DNSc, RN, FNAP, FAAN, has been a leader in nursing education since 1978. Dr. Beal received her BSN from Skidmore College, her MSN from Yale University, and her DNSc from Boston University. Her contributions to the nursing field include more than 85 peer-reviewed articles and a well-funded program of research that focuses on role development of neonatal nurse practitioners and the development of a model for clinical nurse scholars.



CHERYL TATANO BECK '72

Distinguished Professor at the University of Connecticut, Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, has received numerous awards for her scholarship, research and leadership. Dr. Beck was also a member of the Board of Directors of Yale School of Nursing's Alumnae/i Association. Her dedication to research on



postpartum mood and anxiety disorders has allowed her to develop the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS) and publish over 135 articles.

PATRICIA THOMAS BECKER '56

Patricia Thomas Becker, PhD, MN, FAAN, conducted research on the effects of the early caretaking environment on infant health and development that has contributed to improvements in the care of preterm infants in neonatal intensive care. Although retired, she is an associate editor for *Research in Nursing & Health*, a leading nursing research journal. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and Helen Denne Schulte Professor Emerita at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing.



ARNE BELTZ* '42

Beginning her career as a public health nurse in the Bronx, Arne Beltz, MN, served as an Army Nurse in the Philippines, as a public health nurse in rural Georgia, and with the U.S. Public Health Service in Native Alaskan territories. She was an active member of the American and Alaska Nurses' Associations, and taught nursing at the University of Alaska. She was honored in 1990 when the city of Anchorage named the building that houses the Municipal Department of Health and Human Services in her honor.

DORIS BLOCH* '54

World traveler Doris Bloch lost her heart to East Africa before she even met San Francisco, where her public health nursing career began. From malnutrition in Tanganyika and Marin County, her love of people, and a keen, penetrating mind combined to move her through a PhD degree. She worked with the World Health Organization in Manila, before returning to Washington, DC to advance nursing through research. Doris served as Chief of Research Support Section of the Nursing Research Branch of the Division of Nursing for the U.S. Public Health Service.

MICHELLE BREI '05

Michelle Brei, DNP, APRN, has been a primary care provider in the Yale Health Pediatric Department since 2005 and recently joined the Yale Children's Diabetes Program. Dr. Brei completed her doctorate of nursing practice this year. Her research focused on pediatric obesity prevention and involved the development of a web-based family resource for pediatric obesity prevention. Her review of clinical practice guidelines for adolescent

RUTH LANDAU BENEDICT '48

A dedicated member of the Yale University community, Ruth Landau Benedict, MN, has been a highly visible representative of YSN since the inception of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) in 1969, when she was the only alumna on the Founding Board of Governors. She served in numerous roles during AYA's formative years, as well as on the Executive Committee of the Yale Alumni Fund (YAF) and as the first woman on the 24-member Board of Directors. Additionally, Ruth served as first chair of the Nominating Committee and the Accreditation and Election Committee of the Founding Board.

Ruth went on to hold a number of key leadership positions on the AYA Board, including chairing the Committee on the Graduate and Professional Schools, which dramatically increased their visibility at the University.

Ruth also served as national chairman for YSN's part of The Campaign for Yale in 1977, leading YSN to meet its goal ahead of all the other schools. In 1979, during the first energy crisis, with Yale's energy costs going off the charts, President Bart Giamatti asked Ruth to be Yale's first Director of Energy Conservation. She mobilized students, faculty, and staff; saved over \$4 million in electricity that year alone; and was awarded a \$13 million federal grant for retrofitting Yale's buildings.

In 1974, Ruth was recognized for her outstanding commitment and volunteer efforts on behalf of the University with the Yale Medal, Yale's highest honor. That same year, she was recipient of YSN's Distinguished Alumna Award. In 2005, Ruth was inducted into the YSN Hall of Fame, and she also served as an inaugural co-chair of the YSN External Advisory Board.



weight loss surgery is being published in the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*. At Yale Health, Dr. Brei created and teaches a monthly newborn education class for expectant parents, has contributed to the Yale Health newsletter, and has participated in health netcasts.

VIRGINIA BROWN* '50



After receiving a bachelor of arts from Boston University, Virginia Brown, PhD, received her MN degree from YSN, an MPH with a concentration in hospital administration from Columbia University School of Public Health, and her PhD in public administration from New York University. In 1999, she completed a master's degree in museum studies/costume and textile conservation from the State University of New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. An active and committed YSN alumna since her graduation, Virginia served as YSN's representative to the Association of Yale Alumni for many years and has often volunteered for Friends of YSN's Special Collections projects. YSN honored her with the 1985 Distinguished Alumna Award.

DEBORAH CHYUN '98

Former director of the Adult Advanced Program at YSN, Deborah Chyun, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, is executive associate dean at New York University College of Nursing. Dr. Chyun attributes her numerous successes, such as the Detection of Ischemia in Asymptomatic Diabetics (DIAD) study and her current seven-year project of rebuilding the healthcare infrastructure in Rwanda, to her YSN education and its faculty members.



DEBORAH CIBELLI '81

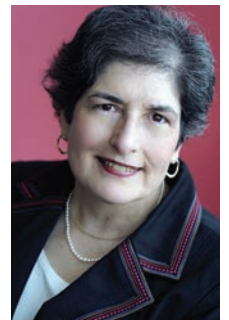
Deborah Cibelli, CNM, is co-founder of Women's Health Associates, LLC. Located in New Haven and North Branford, Connecticut, Women's Health Associates is the only midwifery-owned practice associated with Yale-New Haven Hospital. Her dedication to her career is reflected in her service to the American College of Nurse-Midwives, where



she served as chapter chair from 1995 to 2002. In 2008, Deborah's midwifery colleagues honored her with the ACNM Regional Award for Excellence. She is currently an assistant clinical professor at YSN.

SALLY S. COHEN '80

For decades, Sally S. Cohen, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been at the forefront of integrating health policy into nursing education. As a tenured faculty member at YSN, she developed and directed the Nursing Management, Policy, and Leadership specialty. She currently holds the Virginia Crenshaw Endowed Chair at the University of New Mexico, College of Nursing, where she also directs the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nursing and Health Policy Collaborative. This major initiative is preparing a new generation of nurses with PhDs to meet the nation's health policy challenges. Sally's scholarship has focused on two major areas: the political development of nurses and the politics and policies of social policies for children. Her dedication to nursing and health policy is evident in the numerous accolades she has received, including being elected to the American Academy of Nursing and the New York Academy of Medicine, and being appointed to the National Advisory Council on Nursing Education and Practice. Sally is the senior editor for *Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice*.



HELEN VARNEY BURST '63

A living legend in the study of nurse-midwifery, Helen Varney Burst, RN, CNM, MSN, DHL (Hon.), FACNM, has been instrumental in advancing the field to new heights during her long and illustrious career. As Professor Emeritus at YSN, where she served as a faculty member in the nurse-midwifery program from 1979 to 2004, Helen is co-ordinator of the mastery learning modular curriculum design for nurse-midwifery education and also authored the first textbook for nurse-midwives and midwives in the Americas, *Varney's Midwifery*, currently in its fourth edition.

In addition to her work at YSN, Helen directed nurse-midwifery education programs at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Medical University of South Carolina, and served as a consultant to many others. She practiced midwifery in a variety of settings and was service director in two. She served in many important roles in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), including two terms as president from 1977 to 1981; and as chair of two national credentialing mechanisms: Certification (1970s) and Accreditation (1990s). She was a member of the founding Board of Governors of the Fellowship of the ACNM (FACNM), is a distinguished fellow, and served as chair of the Fellowship from 2002 to 2008.

Helen received ACNM's highest award, the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award, in 1982, then thought to be the 50th year of nurse-midwifery education in this country. She is recipient of alumni awards from all of her alma maters: Yale University (MSN, 1963), University of Kansas (BSN, 1961), and Kansas State University (BSHE, 1961). In 1987, she received a Doctor in Humane Letters (honoris causa) from Georgetown University. When she retired in 2004, Yale University established the endowed Helen Varney Chair in Midwifery in the School of Nursing.

Currently, Helen is co-authoring a book on the history of midwifery in the United States and just completed the update of YSN's *A Brief History* (which she wrote in 1998 for its 75th anniversary) for the 90th anniversary in 2013.



BERNICE COLEMAN '83

Bernice Coleman, PhD, ACNP-BC, FAHA, FAAN, has made a strong contribution to nursing through her leadership in various nursing organizations. Most notably, she is a member of AHA Leadership Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, past chairperson of the Nursing Health Science and Allied Health Council of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and a member of the Nominating Committee for the International Society of Nurses in Genetics. Dr. Coleman is a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation. Her current study, "Genome Wide Association Study: Exploring Heart



Transplant Outcomes in African American and Caucasian American Heart Transplant Recipients", is nearing completion (Clinical Research Feasibility Funds [CReFF] Grant, UL1TR000124).

CHARLOTTE (PIXIE) CRAM ELSBERRY '65

A 1995 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, Charlotte (Pixie) Cram Elsberry, CNM, MSN, FACNM, is a retired midwife. Practicing midwifery for almost 40 years, Charlotte was the first clinician to provide OB/GYN Midwifery care to teenagers in the first national program that allowed young expectant mothers to continue with their high school education. Charlotte co-directed the fundraising effort to establish and endow the Varney Chair in Midwifery at YSN. For 20 years, through her faculty appointment at the School, every midwifery student received labor and delivery clinical experience at her practice in Bronx, NY. Her dedication to her field led New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to congratulate her for being one of "New York's Treasures".



MARTHA A. Q. CURLEY '87

As the Ellen and Robert Kapito Professor in Nursing Science at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Martha A. Q. Curley, RN, PhD, FAAN, has dedicated her research to nurse-implemented interventions. Dr. Curley's current study, Randomized Evaluation of Sedation Titration fOr Respiratory Failure (RESTORE), is making great strides within the manage-



ment of sedating infants and children on mechanical ventilation. Her research has led to the development of core metrics such as the Braden Q scale, the State Behavioral Scale, the Withdrawal Assessment Tool version 1, and several others.

MARGARET (PEG) CUSHMAN '76

Former CEO of VNA Healthcare, Margaret Cushman, PhD, RN, FHH, FAAN, was influential in the expansion of home care services in Connecticut. She has served on numerous healthcare boards, including the Connecticut Association for Home Care, the National Association for Home Care (chair), and St. Mary's Hospital, and as corporator of Hartford Hospital and the Hospital for Special Care. Dr. Cushman is on the graduate faculty at the Penn State College of Nursing and is an associate clinical professor at YSN. She was recipient of the 1976 YSN Veckerelli Prize and the 1986 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.



GELLESTRINA DIMAGGIO '47

A recipient of the 1982 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award, Gellestrina DiMaggio, MSN, was an integral part of establishing two schools of nursing, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Institute of Health Professions. She was appointed to the Board of Registration in Nursing of the Commonwealth and established MGH as part of the staff education ongoing seminar on research. Gellestrina was also a staff nurse at Grace New Haven Hospital and was chair of the American Nurses Association Maternal Child Health Division, which led to the development of the first program for certification of pediatric nurse practitioners. Being dedicated to her field, Gellestrina was one of two women appointed as associate director of MGH.

"In the past 68 years I've had the great privilege of working with every dean since Elizabeth Bixler in 1948. Now, in 2013, the Yale School of Nursing is thriving, with exceptional leadership from Dean Margaret Grey and a dedicated faculty and students. We are having a 90th anniversary celebration, and we are dedicating a beautiful new building. Annie Goodrich would be delighted by what has become of her vision." — RUTH BENEDICT '48

MAUREEN O'KEEFE DORAN '71

Maureen O'Keefe Doran, MSN, established the first mental health nurse liaison position in Colorado and is founder and was president of the Denver chapter of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs.



After 25 years as liaison, Maureen earned the Secretary's Award for Nurse Excellence from the Veterans' Administration. Maureen has been steadfastly loyal to YSN. In 2001, she was recipient of YSN's Distinguished Alumna Award, and in 2004, she was recipient of the University's highest alumni recognition, the Yale Medal. She is currently an associate clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Husband Kip (MD '73) and she were Peace Corps volunteers in Botswana from 2009 to 2011.

BERNADETTE FORGET '78

Celebrating 50 years of nursing, Bernadette Forget, MSN, EdD, has valued the exceptional educational, clinical, and administrative opportunities she has had throughout her career. Leadership roles in dermatology nursing and nursing administration opened professional and community relationships that led to improved care for patients and families. Bernadette served as the first president of the Delta Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. She also created the Dermatology Nurses' Association with colleagues. While retired, Bernadette enjoys her work for a non-profit board and her time serving on the YSNAA Board of Directors, and as a delegate to the Association of Yale Alumni.

CATHERINE KIENE FORREST '71

Prior to enrolling in YSN, Catherine Kiene Forrest, MSN, APRN, worked as a nurse in various settings, including England, Malaysia, and Boston. After her YSN graduation in 1971, Catherine joined the School's psychiatric nursing faculty, where she worked for 10 years as the clinical specialist to the Drug Dependence Unit. Catherine has continued her dedication to nursing by holding positions as counselor at the Cambridge University Counseling Service, as an individual and group therapist in New Haven, and as a clinical specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital's psychiatric day hospital. Catherine continues to work as an APRN at an adult and geriatric psychiatric practice in Hamden, Connecticut. She has continued her support of YSN by overseeing an alumni project endowing five scholarships over a five-year period.

MARJORIE FUNK '84

A faculty member at YSN since 1984, Marjorie Funk, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, has taught across a spectrum of topics, including statistics, research, electrocardiography, and critical care clinical courses. At Yale-



New Haven Hospital, she is co-chair of the Nursing Research Committee and has a clinical association with the Cardiac ICU. In 2008, Dr. Funk received a \$3.9 million grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for the Practical Use of the Latest Standards for Electro-cardiography (PULSE) trial. The PULSE trial is a five-year, 16-site randomized clinical trial evaluating the effect of implementing American Heart Association (AHA) practice standards for electrocardiography monitoring on nurses' knowledge, quality of care, and patient outcomes. She is also known for her work on alarm safety. Her honors include the 2011 Katharine Lembright Award from the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing of the AHA and the 2011 Distinguished Research Lecturer from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

BETHANY GOLDEN '03



As a former director and president of the YSN Alumnae/i Association, Bethany Golden, MSN, is a certified nurse-midwife in San Francisco. Before graduating, Bethany and classmate Angie Rogers co-founded a not-for-profit to focus on health and human rights in Nicaragua. In partnership with Alicia Huete, the two classmates created the first independently operated midwifery clinic in Estelí, Nicaragua. She created and led the YSN Nicaraguan Community Health rotation from 2003 to 2008, and she continues to mentor many YSN students and alumnae/i in their global reproductive health career paths as they offer their talents worldwide.

"From the time I walked through the doors of YSN and was greeted by Mary Colwell and Tinker Barnett, YSN has been an anchor in my life, and I am truly humbled by the honor of being selected one of the 90 Nurses in 90 Years."

—KARLA KNIGHT '77



DONNA KAYE DIERS* '64

Prior to her passing, Donna Diers, PhD, RN, FAAN, revolutionized graduate nursing education. As the YSN Annie W. Goodrich Professor Emerita, sixth dean of the School, and American Academy of Nursing Living Legend, Dr. Diers was an outstanding teacher and administrator, a researcher who shed light on the work of nurses, and an advocate for women in the Ivy League male-dominated environment of the 1960s and 1970s.

Her contributions to nursing were myriad. Dr. Diers chronicled and advocated for the development of advanced practice nursing and engagement in public policy. Her work with diagnosis-related group (DRG)-based information for hospital data systems has informed clinical, operational, and financial decision-making in the United States and Australia.

As a newly appointed dean in 1972, at only 34 years old, Dr. Diers earned wide attention as a visionary of nursing education for instituting the early graduate nursing programs that led to nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse-midwives. Since then, Yale's Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing program has been replicated worldwide.

Her publications appeared in all major nursing journals in the United States and in many journals in health services and nursing in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. She was editor of *Image: Journal of Nursing Scholarship* for eight years. Her book, *Speaking of Nursing: Narratives of Practice, Research, Policy and the Profession* received the *American Journal of Nursing* Book of the Year Award in 2005.

Dr. Diers was inducted into the YSN Hall of Fame in 2002, received the 1983 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award, and was presented with the 1998 Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was recipient of the Jessie M. Scott Award from the American Nurses Association in 1986, was elected a Member of the Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences in 1982, and was recipient of an honorary doctor of science from the University of Wyoming in 2012.

* Deceased

RHETAUGH DUMAS* '61

The first nurse to become director of the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH), Rhetaugh Dumas, PhD, RN, MSN, is remembered for her help in the founding of the American Academy of Nursing. She was also among the earliest researchers to use randomized experimental design to study clinical problems in patient care. In 1996, Dr. Dumas was appointed by President Clinton to the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, where she helped advise the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and similar areas of science and technology.

Dr. Dumas served as chief of psychiatric nursing education at the NIMH in Rockville, Maryland. In 1976, she became the NIMH Deputy Director of Manpower and Deputy Director of Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration—the first woman, first African American, and first nurse to serve as deputy director of NIMH. Her career endeavors also included becoming director of nursing service at Yale-New Haven Hospital, dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing, vice provost of health affairs and Lucille Cole Professor of Nursing at the University of Michigan. In 1997, she was named Dean Emerita and Vice Provost Emerita of the University of Michigan.

Prior to her passing, Dr. Dumas was also an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, and a charter fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, as well as its president from 1987 to 1989. In addition, she served as president of the National League of Nursing and was awarded the doctor of public service by the University of Cincinnati, the doctor of public service by Simmons College in Boston, and the 1976 Distinguished Alumna Award from YSN.



KATHLEEN TRACY GRIMAUD '89



Kathleen Grimaud, FNP-BC, MSN, has devoted more than 40 years to health care in clinical, educational, and administrative positions. Dedicated to expanding health care to residents living in northwestern Connecticut, Kathleen worked with her community to establish a Federally Qualified Health Center in Torrington, the Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington, where she has been CEO since 2004. The Center was later dedicated by the community as the “Kathy Grimaud Community Health and Wellness Center” and provides dental, primary care, and behavioral health services to over 6,000 residents in the area. Kathleen has received numerous awards, including the 2010 Florence S. Wald Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Practice from the Connecticut Nurses Association.

ANNE HOFF '77

A graduate of the first GEPN class at YSN, Anne Hoff, RN, MSN, CPNP, PHN, began her career as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Kaiser Permanente in Richmond, California. Anne served in a number of international volunteer positions, including working in an inpatient pediatric ward in a field hospital at a large Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand and in refugee camp feeding programs in Somalia and Honduras. She was also a clinical instructor in pediatrics for BSN students at Samuel Merritt College of Nursing and trained Southeast Asian refugees to interpret for their peers in medical facilities in San Francisco. Anne has been a public health nurse in the San Francisco Bay area for the past 20 years, advocating on behalf of marginalized individuals and populations. Among her recognitions and accolades are the Berkeley Community Policing Recognition, for contributing to her neighborhood's recovery from being a high crime area, and the 1997 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.

ESTHER HOFFMAN '49

Born to missionary parents serving in Guam, Esther Hoffman felt called into missionary service at an early age. As an adult, she pursued higher education in the U.S., graduating first from Evansville College (Indiana), earned her master's degree in nursing from YSN, and a master's degree in religious education from Asbury Theological Seminary (Kentucky). In 1952, Esther was appointed to Burundi as a missionary nurse. After a year's study of French and tropical medicines in Belgium, she moved back to Burundi in 1953. In 1963, she was put

in charge of the Murehe dispensary and supervised the Kayero dispensary for several months. She worked primarily with African dispensers to diagnose and treat illnesses, serving the Hutu and Tutsi tribes.

CHARLOTTE HOUE QUIMBY '72

With a steadfast loyalty to midwifery, Charlotte Houde Quimby, MSN, CNM, FACNM, joined the YSN faculty, and went on to work at a small private practice where she established Transition to Parenting groups.



In 1983, Charlotte was asked to give grand rounds at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire and became a consultant to the Center in developing a midwifery service. Shortly after, she became the Center's first director. The American College of Nurse-Midwives Global Outreach Division reached out to Charlotte for a nurse-midwife project in Uganda, which she accepted. For the past ten years, Charlotte has been a faculty member with the Centering Health-care Institute's group prenatal care initiative. Throughout her career, Charlotte has worked on projects in Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, and other countries. She also served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for four years.

JEAN ELAINE IRWIN JOHNSON '65



Former director of nursing in the Cancer Center at the University of Rochester, Jean Elaine Irwin Johnson, MS, PhD, FAAN, was among the first to comprehend the correlation between a patient's distress and information given to the patient. Dr. Johnson was also a leader in nursing research through her dedication in the American Nurses Association Council and Commission for Nursing Research. Paving the way for future nurse scientists, Dr. Johnson was the first nurse member of various panels, including the National Institutes of Health's Behavioral Medicine Study Section, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command's Review Committee for the Breast Cancer Research Program, and the American Cancer Society's Advisory Committee on Psychosocial and Behavioral Research. Through the years, Dr. Johnson has continued her support of YSN by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity.

PRISCILLA DILLINGHAM KISSICK '56

With experience at St. Christopher's Hospice in London and Philadelphia, Priscilla Dillingham Kissick, MN, is an expert practitioner in end-of-life care. As the former executive director of Wissahickon Hospice, Priscilla's interest in hospice and palliative care led her to increase the patient-family units from an annual census of 32 to 1,000 during her 20-year tenure. Through her leadership, Wissahickon Hospice was the first Medicare-certified hospice in Pennsylvania and negotiated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Pennsylvania to include hospice as a benefit, a groundbreaking change in healthcare.



KARLA A. KNIGHT '77

Karla Knight, MSN, never intended to be in healthcare, but after enrolling in YSN's first GEPN class, she was inspired by the faculty at the School. She fell in love with pediatrics and worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner in private practice, acute care, and long-term care until deciding to be a writer. Karla went on to write about nurses and their varied, exciting work in *Nursing Spectrum* for almost 10 years. Many of her stories were about YSN graduates and faculty. Karla has co-authored two peer-reviewed books on menopause and osteoporosis, and for the past five years, she has been working for a health IT corporation and writing clinical content on molecular diagnostics and specialty drugs.

M. TISH KNOBF '82



For more than three decades, M. Tish Knobf, PhD, RN, FAAN, AOCN, has devoted her career to oncology nursing. She is currently a professor at YSN and focuses her research on interventions to enhance health

outcomes for women diagnosed with and surviving cancer. Leadership in oncology nursing began early in Dr. Knobf's career, being elected to the Board of Directors of the Oncology Nursing Society in 1977. Her contributions to nursing have been recognized through multiple awards, including the Oncology Nursing Society Excellence in Breast Cancer Education Award and the 2002 YSN Annie Goodrich Excellence in Teaching Award, and she was the American Cancer Society Professor of Oncology Nursing. Dr. Knobf's expertise has interdisciplinary recognition, and she has been selected to participate in national forums related to breast cancer.

RONALD L. KRAUSS '79

As an ordained minister, Ronald L. Krauss, MSN, is used to helping people and serving the community. After earning his MSN from YSN specializing in nurse-midwifery, Ron went on to practice his faith by taking part in the first nurse-midwifery team at the Community Health Care Center Plan at Long Wharf in New Haven, where he also served as administrative director of the OB/GYN Department from 1979 to 1980. For over 30 years, Ron has worked at an inter-professional private practice team specializing in obstetrical care. Many of his patients have contracted with him outside of his practice; he has officiated several marriages, christenings, and even funeral services. In addition to midwifery, he sings with the New Haven Chorale and Yale Camerata.

ANN KURTH '90

Ann Kurth, PhD, CNM, RN, FAAN, is professor at New York University, founding director of NYU College of Nursing Global, and associate dean for research at NYU Global Institute of Public Health. She is also an affiliate professor at the University of Washington School of Nursing and Department of Global Health. Dr. Kurth's work focuses on HIV/reproductive health prevention, screening, and care, and on health workforce/health system strengthening globally. The National Institutes of Health, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and others have funded her research. Dr. Kurth has published over 110 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and scholarly monographs. She served as president of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and of the New York Academy of Medicine.



RAMÓN LAVANDERO '79

Ramón Lavandero, RN, MA, MSN, FAAN, is senior director of communications and strategic alliances for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), the world's largest specialty nursing organization. Ramón has served as consultant in nursing care delivery, education, and administration at hospitals and nursing schools in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. Through the American International Health Alliance, he has also coordinated leadership development initiatives for national nursing and health services officers from Eastern Europe and



MARGARET FLINTER '80

After receiving her master's degree from YSN in 1980, Margaret Flinter, APRN, PhD, FAAN, FAANP, joined the Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) as a National Health Service Corps scholar and family nurse practitioner and began her life's work of organizing, delivering, and leading transformative primary care for patients and communities most in need of such care.

With a fierce dedication to the belief that "Health Care is a Right, Not a Privilege," Dr. Flinter has co-led CHCI in its growth from a single storefront to a statewide organization serving 130,000 patients in primary care centers, school-based health centers, and shelters across the State of Connecticut. She has served as a primary care provider and an executive leader, and a restless innovator in creating both clinical programs for vulnerable populations and systems to improve the elegance and effectiveness of primary care. She served as co-chair of the State of Connecticut's health reform authorities, "Health First" and "Primary Care Access" during the lead-up to the Affordable Care Act.

In 2005, Dr. Flinter established CHCI's Weitzman Center for Research and Innovation in Community Health and Primary Care, which launched CHCI's national work in research, training, and publication. She is the co-host of a weekly radio show, "Conversations on Health Care," which connects people with issues of health policy, reform, and innovation, and serves as the national co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation project Primary Care Teams: Learning from Effective Ambulatory Practices. Dr. Flinter leads a national effort to establish post-graduate nurse practitioner residency training programs based on the successful model she first created at CHCI in 2007. Dr. Flinter is a fellow of both the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American Academy of Nursing.

MARGARET GREY '76

Currently the Dean and Annie W. Goodrich Professor at YSN, Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN, has made an undeniable impact on the education of nurse practitioners and care for children with diabetes. Throughout her career, Dr. Grey has taken her knowledge of and passion for research on diabetes in children and created approaches to improve the lives of children and families and studied their impact. She has been a leader in advanced practice nursing education as well.

Before becoming dean at YSN, Dr. Grey held progressive administrative appointments at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia, and was associate dean for scholarly affairs at YSN. She helped to create YSN's PhD program, and received National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding to support pre- and postdoctoral students and fellows. She also founded and directed the NIH-funded Center for Self and Family Management of Vulnerable Populations, which focused on the development, understanding, and testing of interventions to support self and family management of health problems in vulnerable populations. Currently, Dr. Grey is co-director of a new collaborative training grant that aims to train researchers in behavioral issues in type 1 diabetes.

The principal investigator of grants for research in nursing and diabetes totaling over \$30 million, Dr. Grey serves as director of the T3 Translational Research Core for the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation and has been nationally honored for her research. Elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2005, she was named Outstanding Nurse Scientist by the American Academy of Nursing in 2008, received the Pathfinder Award from the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research in 2012, and the American Diabetes Association's Richard R. Rubin Award for Outstanding Contributions to Behavioral Medicine in 2013. She is former president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners, a member of the second cohort of Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows, a member of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research at the NIH, and the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association.



the former Soviet Union. A fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Ramón was the first nurse to participate in the Hispanic Leadership Fellows program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and the American Council on Education. He is past president of the YSN Alumnae/i Association and currently serves on YSN's External Advisory Board.

LINDA LISK '79

Linda Lisk, MSN, is a former assistant clinical professor of midwifery at YSN. She was actively involved in La Leche League International in Syracuse, New York, where she became an assistant head nurse. Upon graduation from YSN, Linda spent the next 23 years teaching midwifery students at a private OB/GYN practice. During her active career, Linda became dedicated to breastfeeding and was an integral part of changing breastfeeding policies at Yale-New Haven Hospital to encourage women to breastfeed on demand without time limitations. Fulfilling her lifelong dream, Linda partnered with her fellow CNM colleague



Deborah Cibelli '81 to open Women's Health Associates, LLC, which has been recognized several times as the Best Midwifery Group in New Haven County by the *New Haven Advocate*.

MARGARET M. MCGRATH '76

Professor Emerita of nursing at the University of Rhode Island, the research of Margaret McGrath, BS, MSN, DNSc, has focused on understanding the developmental issues of children born at medical risk and the responses of their families. Dr. McGrath and her research team have demonstrated for the first time the fluctuating nature of these children's developmental outcomes. Her work has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health, the American Academy of Nursing, and in 1998, she was named Distinguished Alumna by YSN.

DOROTHY J. MACLENNAN* '52

After receiving her MN degree from YSN in 1952, Dorothy MacLennan, MN, MA, M.Ed, D.Ed, spent 16 years in nursing service administrative positions at Yale-New Haven Hospital, during which time she earned her MA in Nursing Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University. In 1968, she resumed studies at Teachers College and received her M.Ed and D.Ed in Nursing Education. Her positions in nursing education were as assistant professor at the University of Connecticut School of

Nursing's master program, as assistant professor and chair of the pediatric nursing program at YSN, and as consultant and director of the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree programs at the National League for Nursing in New York City.

ELIZABETH MAGENHEIMER '76

As the Diabetes Prevention Program's Family Services Director at Fair Haven Community Health Center, Elizabeth Magenheimer, FNP, APRN, CDE, MSN, is an APRN and bilingual Certified Diabetes Educator with over 30 years of experience working with FHCHC's diverse patient population. She leads program development for school-based interventions, fosters community collaborations, works closely to link family members with risk factors for diabetes, and provides diabetes care and education. Elizabeth presented in 2010 at the Comparative Health Reform Workshop for the Yale Council of East Asian Studies titled, "Health Reform: Challenges and Opportunity in the United States and China."

MARY-VESTA MARSTON-SCOTT '51



After graduating from YSN, Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott, PhD, FAAN, completed the Master of Public Health program at Harvard and, shortly after, joined the Commissioned Corps

(Reserve) of the U.S. Public Health Service. Devoted to nursing, Dr. Marston-Scott was a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University, Boston University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The author of a review for *Nursing Research*, Dr. Marston-Scott developed the first major in health behavior in the country for the Doctor of Nursing Science program. Her allegiance to nursing has allowed her to garner various accolades, such as membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Theta Tau, and Psi Chi honor societies and the 1995 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.

DEBORAH K. MAYER '85

Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, is an advanced practice oncology nurse with more than 30 years of cancer nursing practice, education, research, and management experience. Through-



out her career, Dr. Mayer has served a number of nursing organizations. She is past president of the Oncology Nursing Society, was a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board (a Pres-

idential appointment), served on the Board of Scientific Advisors, and was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Currently, Dr. Mayer is editor for the Oncology Nursing Society's *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing* (CJON). She has published over 95 articles and book chapters, and she lectures internationally on oncology and oncology nursing issues.

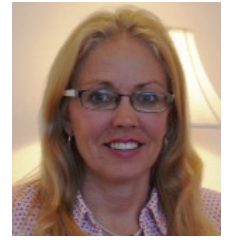
MIKKI MEADOWS-OLIVER '98

Mikki Meadows Oliver, MPH, PhD, RN, is a full-time faculty member at YSN. She holds a joint clinical appointment at Yale-New Haven Hospital Pediatric Lead Poisoning Program and precepts nurse practitioner students at Yale-New Haven Hospital Pediatric Primary Care Center. In 2012 and 2013, she traveled with her YSN nurse practitioner students to Managua, Nicaragua, and La Romana, Dominican Republic to provide primary care to school children and conduct program awareness on healthcare needs to Haitian families living in sugarcane villages. Dr. Meadows-Oliver is currently working with YSN's Lois Sadler on Minding the Baby, a home visiting program that focuses on adolescent mothers. She is the current president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and was formerly chair of the Membership Committee, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and chair of Communications Committee.



SUSAN MICHAELS-STRASSER '95

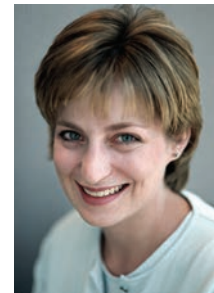
Having a steadfast loyalty to primary health-care improvement in southern Africa, Susan Michaels-Strasser, PhD, MSN, MPH, BSN, PNP-BC, is a clinician, educator, and public health practitioner.



Dr. Michaels-Strasser credits her time at YSN for her confidence, knowledge, skills, and leadership. During her time at YSN, she was awarded a Downs Fellowship, which gave her the opportunity to start a career in research and public health. Over the course of her career, she started a nurse practitioner program in kwaZulu Natal, South Africa, and ultimately met President Nelson Mandela. A fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, she is the Zambia country director for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, where she supports programs in preventing the transmission of HIV from mother to child.

ALISON MORIARTY DALEY '94

With a joint appointment in both YSN and the Yale-New Haven Hospital Adolescent Clinic, Alison Moriarty Daley, MSN, APRN, PNP-BC, has devoted her career as a faculty member and clinician to the primary care of adolescents. In her role as PNP, Alison is the coordinator and clinician at the Hill Regional Career High School-Based



ADA SUE HINSHAW '63

A former president of the American Academy of Nursing, Ada Sue Cox Hinshaw, PhD, RN, FAAN, has had a major impact on the lives of all people through her dedication to research on providing better care and positive outcomes for patients. Dr. Hinshaw is currently dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USU). As the first permanent leader at the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Hinshaw is a leader for research and research training in many areas of nursing science, such as disease prevention, health promotion, acute and chronic illness, and others.

Before joining USU, Dr. Hinshaw served as professor and in other capacities at the University of Arizona College of Nursing, University of California at San Francisco, and Kansas University, and as dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing from 1994 to 2006. She was selected to serve as the Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., from 2006 to 2007.

Dr. Hinshaw has received significant accolades for her work, including the Midwest Nursing Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award, the Health Leader of the Year Award from the United States Public Health Service, the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Nursing Research from Sigma Theta Tau, the Distinguished Leader Award from the National Institute of Nursing Research, the Nurse Scientist of the Year Award from the American Nurses Association's Council of Nurse Researchers, the Walt McDermott Excellence in Service Award from the Institute of Medicine, the Pioneering Spirit Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and an honorary Fellowship for Public Policy Award from the New York Academy of Medicine. In 2011, Dr. Hinshaw was designated a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing. Most recently, she received the 2012 Policy Luminary Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



JUDITH BELLIVEAU KRAUSS '70

Judith Belliveau Krauss, MSN, RN, FAAN, has been a member of the YSN faculty since 1971 and served as the School's dean from January 1985 through June 1998. In July 2000, Judy was appointed master of Silliman College, one of Yale's 12 residential colleges. She served as chair of the Council of Masters from 2003 to 2009.

In 1985, Judy became the founding editor of *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*, a respected practice, research, and policy journal. She served as editor for 20 years. Her fields of interest include health and mental health policy, with particular emphasis on public policies that affect vulnerable populations and leadership in healthcare organizations. She is a noted expert on care of persons with serious and persistent mental disorders.

In 1998, the American Academy of Nursing and the American Nurses Foundation appointed Judy as Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where she helped conduct the background research for the IOM report *America's Health Care Safety Net: Intact, but Endangered*. In October 2005, Judy was inducted into the YSN Hall of Fame. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, whose emphasis is on health professional education reform.



Clinic. Her publications and research focus on adolescent primary care, particularly reproductive care and health risk behaviors of adolescents. Additionally, Alison is founder and co-facilitator of Memories, an art-therapy grief and bereavement group for high school students who have suffered the loss of a loved one, and is chair of the Mayor's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council for the City of New Haven. Alison was awarded the 2010 Seton Elm-Ivy Award and was recipient of the 2012 Connecticut Nurses Association Florence S. Wald Diamond Jubilee Award for outstanding contribution to nursing practice. She is currently chair of the Adolescent Health Care Special Interest Group for the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNP).

JANET L. MURPHY '88



Janet L. Murphy, RN, MSN, CPNP, has worked in the field of child abuse for more than 20 years. She is the associate medical director at the Child Sexual Abuse Clinic, which is part of a Child Advocacy Center at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. In this role, she provides expert medical exams and care for children when there is a concern of sexual abuse. The work is multidisciplinary, and close collaboration occurs with forensic interviewers, child protection workers, police, prosecutors, mental health clinicians, and primary care providers. Janet has co-authored articles relevant to direct clinical care of children and families dealing with concerns of sexual abuse. She was on the YSN faculty from 1988 to 1996 and is currently an assistant clinical professor at YSN.

LINDA NORTON '80

After graduating from YSN in 1980 and studying pulmonary and cardiovascular nursing, Linda Norton, RN, MSN, joined the faculty as a coordinator of the pulmonary specialty with Dr. Dorothy Sexton as her mentor and department chair. In 1986, Linda moved to California, completed all course work toward a PhD, and then became clinical project director at the Stanford School of Medicine at the Stanford Prevention Research Center. Currently, she holds a position as research manager of the Stanford Electrophysiology Division at Stanford School of Medicine. Her research work has been in the care of mechanically ventilated patients and currently in cardiovascular risk factors and patient care problems in arrhythmia patients.

KATHERINE BUCKLEY NUCKOLLS* '41

Katherine (Kit) Nuckolls, RN, PhD, initiated and directed the pediatric nurse practitioner program at YSN and also served as project director of doctoral planning for the 1986-87

academic year. A faculty member at the UNC School of Nursing, she received their Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1966. She also worked as associate director of the Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville. Nuckolls was a nursing education and child development consultant in Egypt, Turkey, Thailand, Colombia, and with various agencies in the U.S. In 1979, she was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health. After retirement in 1983, Nuckolls served as a consultant and volunteer with the University of Virginia family nurse practitioner program. She was selected as an Elder Statesman of Virginia as an honor for her efforts.

KARIN V. NYSTRÖM '95

Over the past two decades, Karin V. Nyström, MSN, has focused on the fields of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular health care. Working predominantly at Yale-New Haven Hospital as an advanced practice nurse, Karin has directed programs in heart failure, heart transplant, and stroke care in collaboration with colleagues from other disciplines of medicine, surgery, and nursing. Her work on several projects related to heart failure management, acute stroke care, and telemedicine has resulted in presentations and publications at regional and national forums. Currently, Karin is serving as co-chair of the Connecticut State stroke conference, and as nurse liaison on the AHA/ASA Telemedicine Committee, and the Stroke/Emergency Medicine Committee.

MONICA ROOSA ORDWAY '97

Monica Roosa Ordway, PhD, APRN, PNP-BC, is currently assistant professor at YSN. She is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and developed a breastfeeding resource service within the pediatric office supporting breastfeeding mothers and training nurses, physicians, and physician assistants in lactation consultation. After 10 years in practice as a PNP and lactation consultant, Monica returned to YSN as a PhD student. Her dissertation was designed to be the first follow-up study of the Minding the Baby home visiting program and was funded by an individual NRSA from the NINR/NIH, as well as individual small grants and scholarships, and was awarded the Anthony DiGuida research prize. As a doctoral student, Monica was named a Jonas Nurse Scholar, served as the doctoral student representative on the Executive Committee and Doctoral Committee, as well as co-chair of the Doctoral Colloquium. Since 1997, she has been the alumni representative for the YSN graduating class of pediatric nurse practitioners.



ANGELA BARRON MCBRIDE '64

Dedicated to her career in increasing knowledge and awareness of women's mental health, Angela Barron McBride, PhD, RN, FAAN, received her master's in psychiatric-mental health nursing from YSN. Dr. McBride's first book, *The Growth and Development of Mothers*, was recognized as one of the best of 1973 by the *New York Times*. She went on to author *Living with Contradictions: A Married Feminist and How to Enjoy a Good Life with Your Teenager*, and to co-author *Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Integrating the Behavioral and Biological Sciences*, which earned a 1996 Book-of-the-Year Award from the *American Journal of Nursing*.

Dr. McBride has served on a number of boards to bring awareness to mental health, including the National Advisory Mental Health Council and the advisory committee of the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health, and was president of the American Academy of Nursing from 1993 to 1995. Currently, she designs the annual leadership conference sponsored by the National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence and chairs the national advisory committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Nurse Faculty Scholars Program.

Among her accolades, Dr. McBride was recipient of the Outstanding Contributions to Nursing and Health Psychology Award from the American Psychological Association's Division of Health Psychology and the Pioneering Spirit Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and she was designated a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing.



LINDA PELLICO '89

A member of the YSN community for 25 years, Linda Pellico, PhD, MSN, CNS-BC, RN, is associate professor and former director of the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing program (GEPN). In her



teaching, Dr. Pellico has used music and art to improve observational skills and to interpret body sounds. She developed a statewide public education program, *Have Bones, Will Travel*, which introduces elementary school children to human anatomy with an emphasis on health and safety. In addition, Linda spearheaded the development of the Creative Writing Awards, which encourage YSN students to express their work as a nurse, giving those outside the nursing profession an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the field. She received the Annie W. Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching in both 1996 and 2005, the Seton Ivy Award from Yale University in 2001, and the Connecticut Nurses Association Josephine A. Dolan Award for Outstanding Contribution in Nursing Education in 2011. In 2013, the National League for Nursing named Linda a fellow in its Academy of Nursing Education.

MARGARET (PEGGY) PLUNKETT '81

Graduating from YSN in 1981 with a degree in psychiatric-mental-health nursing with a specialty in psychiatric liaison nursing,

Margaret (Peggy) Plunkett, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, is a clinical nurse specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire. Peggy has provided numerous educational sessions locally, regionally, and nationally, and has been clinical preceptor for several YSN students. She has served in several leadership roles, including president of the New Hampshire Nurses Association, and continues to support YSN with contributions to the Alumni Fund.

HEATHER REYNOLDS '80

Heather Reynolds, MSN, CNM, FACNM, graduated from Boston University with a degree in psychology and background in child development and social work. At YSN, she studied midwifery. After six years, she was persuaded by a YSN colleague to return to the School and is now an associate professor for the nurse-midwifery specialty. Heather has carried the flag in matters of health service planning and policy development. She has served as a nurse consultant in the Health Resources and Service Administration, Division of Nursing, on various advisory bodies of the National Health Service Corps and on the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. In 1992, Heather was a primary care policy fellow in the U.S.



Public Health Service, Policy Fellowship program. She has also served as president of the Society of Primary Care Policy Fellows and continues to serve in this organization as a senior advisor. Heather was the recipient of the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award in 1996 and was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives in 1997.

SHARON SCHINDLER RISING '67

A certified nurse-midwife, Sharon Schindler Rising, MSN, is a clinical nurse faculty member at YSN, professor at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, and current president and CEO of the Centering Healthcare Institute, INC (CHI), a non-profit organization focused on improving maternal/child health by transforming care through Centering groups. Sharon developed the graduate nurse-midwifery program and the Childbearing Center at the University of Minnesota. She has received many honors, including the 2006 YSN Distinguished Alumna Award, the 2007 International Award for Maternal and Child Health by the National Perinatal Association, and the 2008 Purpose Prize by Civic Ventures. In 2010, she was named an Edge Runner by the American Academy of Nursing and received the prestigious Hattie Hemschmeyer Award from the American College of Nurse Midwives.



AMY ROMANO '04

Loyal to maternity care, Amy Romano, MSN, CNM, has worked in the field as a nurse, midwife, research analyst, educator, and consumer advocate since 2001. She has directed a multi-stakeholder initiative to progress maternity care quality and value for Childbirth Connection called the Transforming Maternity Care Partnership. Amy has written many peer-reviewed articles and was a member of the editorial team for the ninth edition of the women's health book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*. She is an active member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), acting as president of ACNM's Connecticut Affiliate and serving on the Quality of Health Information Technology Sections, the Physiologic Birth Steering Committee, and the Nominating Committee. In 2012, she received ACNM's prestigious Kitty Ernst Award.



SOSTENA ROMANO '87

With nearly 30 years of experience developing and managing health programs that serve vulnerable populations in the United States and abroad, Sostena Romano, APRN, MBA, has served as executive director for a global health and human rights organization, Health-Right International. Prior to that, she served as director of global program management at the Clinton Health Access Initiative, where she led a project to develop a holistic prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission that emphasizes comprehensive care across the spectrum of maternal, newborn, and child health services. For nearly 20 years, Sostena was clinical director of the Pediatric AIDS Care Program at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Sostena's passion for health and human rights has allowed her to bring together her clinical and business education and experience to help make healthcare delivery be more effective and efficient.



BETH ROTH '87

After graduating from YSN, Beth Roth, MSN, worked for 11 years as a nurse practitioner in Community Health Centers in Connecticut. Beth founded the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program at the Community Health Center of Meriden, where for six years, she taught meditation courses in Spanish and English to patients with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. Since 1993, Beth has taught a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program as an elective course at YSN. Beth teaches meditation at the Unitarian Society of Hamden

and does consulting, conference presentations, and staff development training for hospitals, health centers, and schools throughout Connecticut. She has published numerous research and descriptive articles about her work teaching meditation.

REVA RUBIN* '46

Reva Rubin, who was among the first specialists in maternity nursing, taught at YSN and the University of Chicago before joining the University of Pittsburgh in 1960. She was the author of *The Maternal Identity and the Maternal Experience*. In 1972, she was a founder with her companion and longtime professional colleague, Dr. Florence H. Erickson, of the *Maternal Child Care Nursing Journal*, the first research journal in the field. Together, they also established master's and doctoral programs in nursing at the University of Pittsburgh.

PATRICIA RYAN-KRAUSE '81

After she graduated from YSN in 1981, Patricia Ryan-Krause, MS, MSN, PNP-BC, worked as an itinerant pediatric nurse practitioner in the coal mining area of Appalachia in Kentucky for five years. After her return to Connecticut, she took a position at a community pediatric practice, where she has been for the past 23 years. Pat is an associate professor of nursing at YSN. She was the recipient of the YSN Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and 2008. In 2007, Pat began her international work with a trip to Nicaragua and is now the director of clinical education for the Center of International Nursing Scholarship and Education at YSN.



ANNA RYLE* '33

Anna Ryle, BN, served for 24 years as director of the Division of Nursing and 40 years overall at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She served on the Executive Committee and the faculty of YSN and received the School's Distinguished Alumnae Award in 1973.

LOIS SIEBERT SADLER '79

Lois Siebert Sadler, PhD, PNP-BC, FAAN, is a professor at YSN and the Yale Child Study Center, and a pediatric nurse practitioner in the New Haven community working clinically with adolescent pregnancy prevention and teen parenting support. In the recent past, Dr. Sadler served as assistant and associate dean for Academic Affairs at



YSN. Along with her colleagues from the Child Study Center, she is a co-director of the Mind-ing the Baby home visiting program and the principal investigator of a community-based clinical trial evaluating the program's efficacy. This innovative interdisciplinary program for at-risk families is being replicated in three urban settings in the United Kingdom. In 2009, Dr. Sadler received the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.

LYNN S. SAPHIRE '86

A former corporate healthcare executive for General Electric, Lynn S. Saphire, MSN, MPH, is a certified family nurse practitioner and certified occupational health nurse. She worked to develop and implement a measurement system to evaluate the quality of health professionals' performance. Currently director of clinical operations at United Health Group, Lynn submitted an idea to develop a geriatric clinical residency-training program for nurse practitioners. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fairfield County, president of the Gerontological Nurse Practitioners Association, and an assistant clinical professor at YSN.

ELIZABETH SHARP '59

While working in women's care, Elizabeth Sharp, MSN, PhD, started her maternity nursing career at the Holland City Hospital in Holland, Michigan. While at Yale, she found her purpose in nursing through hours of seminars, working with Ernestine Wiedenbach and Ida Jean Orlando, and clinical work at the Maternity Center in New York City with Ruth Watson Lubic. After her tenure on the YSN faculty, Dr. Sharp went on to receive her advanced degrees in public health from Johns Hopkins University and helped develop Emory University's Graduate School of Public Health.



JUDITH SHINDUL-ROTHSCHILD '78

As associate professor at Boston College School of Nursing, Judith Shindul-Rothschild, PhD, RN, is a psychiatric nurse clinical specialist. A Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academy of Practice and past president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Dr. Shindul-Rothschild has served on many boards, including the Massachusetts Nurses Association and the Sherborn Democratic Town Committee, was a consultant with the American Psychiatric Nurses



LINDA SCHWARTZ '84

The first woman and nurse to be appointed Commissioner of Veteran Affairs for the State of Connecticut, in 2003, Linda Schwartz, RN, DrPH, FAAN, is known for a long history of involvement in nursing and veteran organizations. For over 10 years, she has served in an advisory capacity to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. She is an advocate and activist devoted to healing the wounds of war. Linda has provided testimony on veterans issues to the U.S. House and Senate, the National Academy of Science, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of State. In August 2013, President Obama nominated Linda to be Assistant Secretary of Veteran Affairs for Policy and Planning.

Linda received her MSN from YSN and holds a doctorate in public health from the Yale School of Medicine. She was a member of the United States Air Force (1967-1986) and served both on active duty and as a reservist. She retired in 1986 after sustaining injuries in an aircraft accident while serving as a USAF Flight Nurse and holds the rank of Colonel on the Governor's Military Staff.

She has received numerous accolades for her contributions to the field, including the National Commendation Medal of Vietnam Veterans of America for Justice, Integrity, and Meaningful Achievement; the Legion of Honor bronze medallion from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains; and the Daniel Bissell Award (Military Order of the Purple Heart) in 2011, among other accolades.

Linda currently serves on the DOD/VA Integrated Mental Health Strategy Team, the National Business and Professional Women Foundation's Women Veterans Mentoring Advisory Council, and the Connecticut Defense Advisory Council.



Association, and is also a founding member of the Delta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at YSN. She has received many honors for her efforts in nursing, such as the 2013 Keys to Inclusive Leadership Mentor Award, the 1999 Excellence in Academic Nursing Education Award from the Massachusetts Nurses Association, and the 1986 Outstanding Young Alumni Award from Yale University. Dr. Shindul-Rothschild has also written many articles in a number of professional journals, such as the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, and is co-author of the book *Aging and Public Policy: Social Control or Social Justice*.

EVELYN HAMIL SHOPP '47

Wanting to help with the war effort, Evelyn Hamil Shopp, MSN, found her passion for nursing in an ad for YSN's nursing program. Following World War II and during the polio epidemic, Evelyn joined a major program in Oklahoma, starting as staff nurse and rising to director of the polio division. Taking early retirement, Evelyn credits her YSN education for her caring leadership skills that have advanced her into positions that she could only dream of, such as the boards of directors for the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association. She continues to have a strong presence in her community by developing a hospital volunteer program and partaking in fundraising activities.

DIAN SPARLING '81



As the only nurse-midwife in Fort Collins, Dian Sparling, CNM, MS, started Womancare in 1981, one of the first nurse-midwifery practices in Colorado—and quite possibly was the very first midwife-owned private nurse-midwifery practice in the state. Growing from nothing, Womancare now employs three other CNMs and a support staff. Through her hard work and dedication, Dian has been heralded as a midwifery pioneer in Colorado. In the 1980 she worked with Governor Dick Lamm to institute freestanding birth center regulations.

ANNA MARIA SPECIALE '03

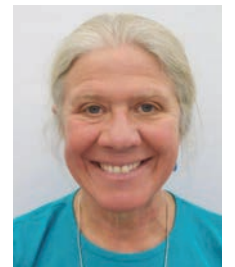
While studying in Bolivia, Anna Maria Speciale, MSN, received her calling to international health. After graduating from George Washington University, she moved to Mexico City to work in a small community clinic in program administration. Upon returning to the United States, Anna Maria began YSN's Graduate Entry Prespecialty in



Nursing program, and went to practice as a midwife in the Bronx before moving to Spain to complete her master's in epidemiology and then demography. Currently, Anna Maria is a technical advisor for the Department of Global Outreach at the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She continues to live her life with the YSN spirit of positive determination.

JANET SPINNER '88

For more than 30 years, Janet Spinner, MSN, has been committed to serving the most vulnerable women and families. While working as a paramedic and EMT instructor in the South Bronx, she helped establish a 24-hour free ambulance service, which inspired her to receive her BS in human services from New Hampshire College and her MSN in midwifery from YSN. Following her graduation from YSN, Janet worked at the Community Health Care Plan and at the Greater New Haven Obstetrics and Gynecology Group. Dedicated to addressing poverty, homelessness, and HIV, Janet established the HIV Adolescent Task Force, which successfully lobbied for school-based clinics in New Haven public middle and high schools. This ultimately led her to speak on many national platforms such as the *Oprah Winfrey Show*. Janet is currently working at South West Community Health Center, a federally



qualified community health center in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She provides obstetric and gynecological care for a large population of women with HIV/AIDS and is in the process of being credentialed as an HIV specialist.

**MARGRETTA (GRETTA)
MADDEN STYLES* '54**



Margretta (Gretta) Madden Styles, MSN, PhD, was dean of the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, from 1977 to 1987 and remained professor of nursing and dean emerita. She earlier

served as dean of nursing at the University of Texas in San Antonio and at Wayne State University in Detroit and as director of undergraduate programs at Duke University. An international leader in nursing, Gretta was the architect of the first comprehensive study of nursing credentialing in the 1970s, and in the 1980s, she spearheaded the International Council of Nurses' (ICN) definitive work on nursing regulation, including the publication of a guidebook on nursing regulation. Gretta was an elected fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Institute of Medicine, and was president of the American Nurses Association, the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the California Board of Registered Nursing, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In May 2005, she was recognized for her worldwide contributions with the Christiane Reimann Prize from the ICN, the profession's most prestigious international honor. In 1979, she was awarded the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.

LISA SUMMERS '83

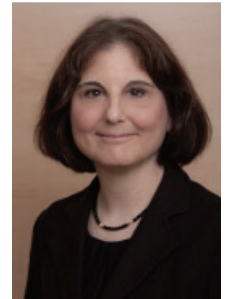
After graduating from YSN's midwifery program, Lisa Summers, CNM, DrPH, practiced clinically for 13 years in large midwifery services and in private practice, and served on faculty at Baylor University and Columbia University. She was particularly drawn to "training our future consultants," and held medical school faculty positions at Baylor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and Johns Hopkins University. Always intrigued by the intersection of practice and policy, Lisa jumped at a part-time opportunity to join the staff of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) in 1997 and left 11 years later as the director of professional services. In 2009,



Lisa joined the American Nurses Association (ANA) Department of Nursing Practice and Policy. Lisa, along with her ANA team, worked to ensure that nurses—particularly APRNs and midwives—had a "seat at the table" as the Affordable Care Act was debated, passed, challenged, and implemented. In November 2012, Lisa became the first director of policy and advocacy at the Centering Healthcare Institute, where she works today. She has been privileged to serve on the board of the YSN Alumni Association.

ANNE M. TEITELMAN '85

The Patricia Bleznak Silverstein and Howard A. Silverstein Endowed Term Chair in Global Women's Health Associate Professor of Nursing, at the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania, Anne M. Teitelman, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, is a board member of the International Council for Women Health Issues and a member of the editorial board for *Health Care for Women International*. Her research on the connection of social and cognitive influences on sexual health for adolescent girls and young women has concluded that there is a link between partner abuse and sexual risk and intrinsic vulnerabilities in decision-making that affect sexual risk. Dr. Teitelman and her colleagues won first prize from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the "Reducing Cancer Among Women of Color Challenge" for their web application, *Everhealthier Women*, which helps women track cancer-prevention tasks for themselves and others through the web and text messaging.



ELIZABETH BIXLER TORREY* '27

A graduate of YSN in 1927, Elizabeth Bixler Torrey, BA, MA, BN, served as the dean of the School from 1944-1959. Dean Bixley was the Director of Nursing at New York Hospital in Westchester (1937-1941) and the Connecticut State Hospital in Norwich (1941-1944). She also served as president of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Nursing, founding president of the Visiting Nurses' Association in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and on the board of directors of the National League for Nursing.



POOLSOOK P. SRIYAPORN '73

Dr. Ruby L. Wilson first introduced Poolsook P. Sriyaporn, MSN, to YSN. After graduating from YSN with a degree in pediatric nursing, Poolsook returned to Thailand, where she became an associate professor of nursing at Ramathibodi School of Nursing, Mahidol University, Bangkok. She was then appointed associate director of foreign affairs for Ramathibodi School of Nursing, before it became the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborative Center for Nursing and Midwifery. At the same time, Poolsook was a temporary consultant at the WHO Workshop of the Investigators of the Collaborative Study on Physical Growth and Psychosocial Development at Hyderabad, India, in 1991.

Poolsook received World Health Organization Research Funding for the Development of Developmental Indicators for Thai Children project. Additionally, Poolsook received a scholarship from the Commonwealth Association for Health and Disability for her presentation of Thailand Development Indicators Test Manual and Researchers in Mahe, Seychelles.

In 1999, Poolsook was recipient of the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award.



YASEMIN E. TURKMAN '09



Practicing at the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center in New Haven, Yasemin E. Turkman, MSN, MPH, APRN, is a PhD candidate and has research interests in psychosocial oncology and health disparities. Yasemin's dissertation is an

investigation on the psychosocial needs of women diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer (TNBC). She has received many awards for her efforts, including the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Disparities Training Grant and the Sigma Theta Tau Rising Star of Scholarship and Research, and she is currently serving on the 2014 Scientific Program Committee of the American Psycho-Oncology Society.

SARASWATHI VEDAM '85

Associate professor of midwifery at the University of British Columbia, Saraswathi Vedam, RN, MSN, FACNM, was director of the Division of Midwifery from 2007 to 2012.



She has been active in setting national and international policy on home birth and midwifery education and regulation, providing expert consultations in Hungary, Mexico, Chile, China, Canada, and the United States. Saraswathi was convener and chair of the historic Home Birth Consensus Summits (2011 and 2013), which convened 68 multidisciplinary leaders to discuss and develop a common-ground agenda for ensuring access and safety across birth settings in the United States. Her scholarly work includes development of the first U.S. registry of home birth perinatal data, and a national mixed-methods study of maternity care providers attitudes toward planned home birth. In recognition of her contributions to evidence-based maternity care, she was awarded an honorary doctorate of science by Amherst College.

LINDA P. VIEIRA '72



After graduating from YSN, Linda P. Vieira, BSN, MSN, RN, CNM, developed and coordinated the postpartum module for midwifery students at YSN and was responsible for the development and implementation

of new clinical sites for students. Linda moved to Aspen after realizing the need for nurse-midwifery and ultimately became the first certified nurse-midwife in both Aspen and Colorado. At the same time, she supervised and mentored medical and nursing students, implemented a low-income prenatal clinic at Community Health Services for Hispanic non-documented women, implemented a rape crisis team, and delivered over 1,500 babies at Aspen Valley Hospital.

DEBORAH WARD '77

After graduating from YSN's pre-licensure program, Deborah Huntington Ward, PhD, became an instructor at YSN and a family nurse practitioner at Yale-New Haven Hospital's Primary Care Center. Later, she joined



the faculty at the University of Washington (UW) School of Nursing and was founding director of UW's master's entry program. After serving as chair of the board of Group Health Cooperative and devoting 20 years to UW, Dr. Ward helped establish a new nursing school in California's Central Valley, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at the University of California, Davis, and was an integral part in the development of the school's pioneering program. Dr. Ward was recipient of YSN's Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1982, the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award in 2002, as well as teaching awards from the University of Washington and the University of California, Davis.

CAROLYN WEBSTER-STRATTON '72

Graduating from YSN's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) program, Carolyn Webster-Stratton, MSN, MPH, PhD, worked as a PNP in Toronto and Alaska, and later became director of the PNP program and founder of a Parenting Clinic at the University of Washington. Over the next 35 years, Dr. Webster-Stratton developed and tested a series of clinical intervention programs, known as the Incredible Years Series. Now used in more than 40 states and 20 countries, the series is designed to prevent and treat young children with behavior problems. Funded for decades by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Incredible Years Series was selected by the Department of Health and Social Services Center for Substance Abuse Prevention



FLORENCE SCHORSKE WALD* '41

Florence Schorske Wald, RN, MN, MS, FAAN, is a member of the National Women's Hall of Fame and an American Academy of Nursing Living Legend. She served as fourth dean of YSN from 1959 to 1966. She is credited with bringing the first hospice movement to the United States from England and establishing the first hospice unit in the United States, and created a model for hospice in the U.S. and abroad.

A world-renowned leader in nursing, Florence initiated and implemented numerous reforms in educational programs, guiding YSN to a new definition of nursing as a scholarly clinical discipline based in specialist nursing practice. Prior to her passing, she integrated the hospice model of compassion and dignity in death into the Connecticut Correctional Facilities. Since its implementation, inmates have been trained to be hospice volunteers within state correctional facilities.

She received many awards and accolades, including membership in the American Nurses Association Hall of Fame and the Connecticut Hall of Fame, the YSN Distinguished Alumna Award, the Founder's Award of the American Hospice Association, and the first Florence S. Wald Award for Contributions to Nursing Practice of the Connecticut Nurses Association. In 2007, the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs dedicated the Florence and Henry Wald House to provide a peaceful temporary home for families of hospice patients.

as an exemplary model for other programs. Dr. Webster-Stratton is a fellow of the American Academy of Nurses, the Association for Psychological Science, the American Psychology Association, and the Division of Clinical Child Psychology. She received the National Mental Health Association Lela Rowland Prevention Award.

ANN BARTLEY WILLIAMS '81



Currently Associate Dean for Research at the University of California Los Angeles School of Nursing, Ann Bartley Williams, EdD, RNC, FAAN, was the Helen Porter Jayne and Martha Prosser Jayne Professor of Nursing

at YSN, professor of medicine in Internal Medicine at Yale School of Medicine, and was the leader of the Connecticut AIDS Education and Training Center. For three decades, Ann practiced as an FNP at the Yale-New Haven Hospital AIDS Clinic, and designed and conducted some of the earliest studies of AIDS among drug users, which earned her recognition by the Centers for Disease Control. She was recently inducted into the International Nurse Researchers Hall of Fame. Ann was acting executive director of Yale-China Association from 2008 to 2009, where she continues as a member of the Board of Trustees. Since 2004, Ann has been the nurse training consultant for the Harvard AIDS Initiative Vietnam. She co-edited *The HIV/AIDS Nursing and Symptom Management* text, which was awarded the Nurse Practitioner Best Books of 1998 Award; was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of California San Francisco from 1989 to 1991; and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Medical University of Warsaw in 2013. Ann is currently principal investigator for the UCLA-Xiangya Collaborative Program in HIV Nursing and Mental Health, funded by the Fogarty Center.

LAURI GAYLE WINTER '88

Using her master's degrees in community health nursing and public and private management, Lauri Gayle Winter, MPPM, MSN, has been leading public health projects targeting women and children in developing countries for more than 20 years. Lauri has been dedicated to building capacity in individuals and organizations to provide health services to their communities, and to developing leaders at every level of the healthcare systems in the countries she has worked in. Lauri focuses on the integration of healthcare services that will help a client receive the service requested and the offer of another type of service that he or she may need. She has successfully developed and run several



regional and national multi-intervention projects in Niger, Benin, Eritrea, Malawi, and Timor-Leste. Lauri has worked with the New Haven Visiting Nurses Association and New Haven's Fighting Back Initiative.

90TH NURSE

The 90th nurse is reserved in honor and recognition of all Yale Nurses — representative of each and every alumnae/i of Yale University School of Nursing. Yale Nurses have made an impact on lives locally, nationally, and across the world fulfilling the mission of the School: better health for all.

"Life is very good, and I am grateful beyond measure to Yale School of Nursing for a remarkable career, one I could never have imagined 43 years ago."

—CHARLOTTE HOUE QUIMBY '72



Shown above are additional views of the 90th anniversary banquet, held on Saturday, October 5.



CLASS NOTES

After more than 50 years of teaching, **Evy Andersen '50** retired in July 2013. Despite retiring, she has kept busy by hosting friends and family in her San Diego home, with six relatives visiting from Taiwan and South Dakota and three friends visiting from San Antonio.

At 85 years of age, **Frances Lynn-Into '69**, MN, MA, is continuing her nursing career. After working 27 years at New York University's Hospital in Manhattan as a drug research/nursing administrator, Lynn-Into returned to her hometown of Youngstown, Ohio, where she became involved in a defense team of attorneys dealing with medical malpractice. Her three years of experience at YSN and biology degree from Stanford University have helped her develop this role, said Lynn-Into.

Victoria Wirth, CNM, MSN, and **Brenda Penner**, RN, MSN, both YSN '76, recently enjoyed a tour of Cuba with the Association of Yale Alumni.



Victoria Wirth '76 and Brenda Penner '76 at the entrance of the Havana Harbor in Cuba.

Three years ago, **Kathleen A. Stone '77**, MSN, retired as a pediatric nurse practitioner and moved to El Paso, Texas, with her husband. She now enjoys life as a grandmother, helping to care for Teresa, 5, Javier, 3, and Santiago, 10 months.

Quincy Garfield '79 is proud to report that he completed the Siesta Beach Sprint Triathlon in Siesta Key, Florida, in August. It was the second of three triathlons he has planned for 2013. The Garfield family is growing, as Garfield's daughter Emily is expecting her second child, Celia Rose, this fall. His oldest son, Brad, completed his third Ironman triathlon at Lake Placid in July, and his youngest son, Todd, is developing a successful funeral business in Naples, Florida. Although Garfield is looking forward to retirement with his wife, Susan, he currently works as a clinical program consultant at Aetna.

Following two of her married children, **Marilyn C. Derksen '82**, CNM, MSN, and her husband, Rick, recently moved from Pennsylvania to Seattle, Washington. Derksen is thrilled to report that she is now expecting her first two grandchildren. Having worked for 18 months in a full-scope practice, Derksen is teaching part-time in Seattle University's midwifery program and hoping for another clinical practice opening soon.

Michelle Dynes '00, MSN, successfully defended her dissertation, titled "Socio-cultural Factors Shaping Trust and Teamwork Among Community Maternal and Newborn Health Workers in Rural Ethiopia," and received a PhD from Emory University in May 2013. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and works as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with the Emergency Response and Refugee Health branch within the Center for Global Health.



Maria A. Bakitas '06

Professor and Marie L. O'Koren Endowed Chair at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, **Marie A. Bakitas '06**, DNSc, NP-C, FAAN, was recently awarded two new grants. The first grant, from the American Cancer Society, allows Dr. Bakitas to conduct a four-year study on reducing disparities in rural advanced cancer patients. The second grant is from the National Palliative Care Research Center and has allowed Dr. Bakitas and her colleagues to develop ENABLE (Educate, Nurture, Advise, Before Life Ends), a phone-based palliative care intervention.

Jessica Pettigrew '09, CNM, and her husband Jacob welcomed their newborn son, Julius Pettigrew Sanchez, on July 9, 2013. Also in attendance was grandmother Karen White Pettigrew '78, MSN, whose years of midwifery experience and mothering helped incredibly, said Jessica.

Monica Slinkard '10, MSN, ANP/WHNP-BC, is happily working in Burundi, Africa, as the medical director for LifeNet International, a capacity-building NGO that focuses on medical training of nurses, doctors, and nurse aides at rural clinics and hospitals. She currently oversees the Burundi medical operation, develops the curriculum, and trains the trainers. In her spare time she volunteers at a clinic in the capital city, Bujumbura, and enjoys exploring East Africa.

Carolyn Perrotti '13, MSN, works as a nurse practitioner at Yale Health Pediatrics. This fall, Perrotti will begin working for the Air Force.

IN MEMORIAM AS OF AUGUST 28, 2013

- R. Miller '40**
July 17, 2013
- Eleanor Voorhies '40**
January 10, 2013
- Gertrude Gould '41**
July 26, 2013
- Arne Beltz '42**
February 1, 2013
- Carolyn Myrick '43**
April 6, 2013
- Betty Countryman '44**
April 17, 2013
- Myrtle Mortimer '44**
January 22, 2013
- Margaret Barrer '45**
February 3, 2013
- Ann Cauble '46**
June 16, 2013
- Anne Conkle '46**
April 3, 2013
- Constance Goodman '46**
February 12, 2013
- Barbara Bloch '46**
June 16, 2013
- Bette Phillips '46**
February 20, 2013
- Virginia Martin '48**
March 19, 2013
- Jane Truscott '48**
February 11, 2013
- Ann Wiles '49**
June 18, 2013
- Virginia Brown '50**
June 7, 2013
- Elizabeth Falkenstein '50**
June 23, 2013
- Jean O'Brien-Butler '50**
June 19, 2013
- Vivienne Jacobson '53**
April 1, 2013
- Nancy Maass '53**
February 3, 2013
- Margaret Hendricks '55**
July 27, 2013
- Jeanne Hurd '56**
July 16, 2013
- Mereth Meade '56**
May 25, 2013
- Donna Diers '64**
February 23, 2013
- Ruth Timothy '74**
June 22, 2013
- Julia Jonathan '80**
January 26, 2013
- Mildred Neville '87**
July 16, 2013

UPDATES FROM THE YSNA BOARD

During this special year, YSN's 90th anniversary, your Alumnae/i Association Board revisited its mission to further strengthen the interests of YSN, promote professional standards and educational advancement of nursing, encourage fellowship among graduates of the School, and increase the visibility of the School in the University. Recognizing that our ability to achieve the goals reflected by these purposes begins with the student, we have enhanced some of our activities and added others.

It became clear to us that there is much we have to offer and much that is appreciated by YSN students and graduates. Thus, the Board, under the leadership of Student Alumnae/i Committee chair Serena Flaherty, is launching an exciting new initiative—a student-alumnae/i mentorship program that aims to connect students and alumnae/i in a mutually beneficial relationship. The YSN Mentoring Program will pair alums as mentors for current students to serve throughout the students' YSN experience. Mentors will provide support, career advice, and networking opportunities, while alumnae/i are afforded an opportunity to give back, reconnect with YSN, and help current students in their transitions.

"I am excited to introduce the program to the alumnae/i community," Serena said. "It will provide students the opportunity to tap our extraordinary alumnae/i for professional guidance and support and will allow alumnae/i to connect with YSN and with students in a way they have not been able to do to date."

Students at YSN have long expressed interest in connecting with alumnae/i. Claudia Wies, a second-year GEPN, has been hoping for this program for some time now. "Many of us enter YSN for totally different careers. We have Broadway performers, publicists, lobbyists, and students from many other different backgrounds. Nursing is a whole new world for us! With that, many of us feel a bit apprehensive putting our skills to practice in a field that is so new to us. Having someone to reach out to, such as an alumni who was once in our same position, would be incredibly valuable," she says.

Stay tuned for additional information regarding initiation of the YSN Mentoring Program. We invite your participation in all of our work; please contact any of the Board members to offer your ideas, interests and energy.

With warm regards,
Shirley Girouard, President



Reunion is a fantastic time for alumnae/i to take time out of busy schedules and catch up with old friends. Here, AYA Delegate Bernadette Forget '79, YSNAA immediate past president Asefeh Faraz '08, and YSNAA Board President Shirley Girouard '77 pose for a quick photo.

Natalie Martina '03 is a CNM and worked at Greater New Haven OB/GYN as a full-scope midwife. During her time in New Haven she was a faculty member in the School of Medicine and a guest lecturer for the Diabetes Specialty Program in the School of Nursing. After moving back to her beloved California in 2006, she continued to practice and teach. She is now working with East Bay Perinatology and Alameda Health Services, focusing on high-risk obstetrics for underserved populations. Among her numerous projects, she is currently developing a center for homeless pregnant women in Oakland. natalie@josh.com

Shirley Girouard '77 has held a variety of clinical, academic, and administrative positions since graduating as a med-surg CNS. Before her recent relaxation to Branford, she was the dean of the School of Nursing at LIU in Brooklyn. sgirouard@aol.com

Christina Santoni '85, FNP, is an NP consultant with the Department of Children and Families in Conn. She has served on the board of New Beginnings Mentoring for Children, as a DART Committee member at YNH for 17 years, and also as a committee member with Zero to Three, a national organization piloting a program in New Haven with the state court system and community-based service providers to improve the outcomes for state-involved children. She has studied healthcare in many corners of the earth, including a trip last summer to Ghana, West Africa, with Yale's Alumni Service Corps. Christina lives and works in New Haven. csantoni@comcast.net

Jill Strawn '77, PMH, has followed a professional path winding through mental health clinical and teaching opportunities. In her latest venture she is teaching mental health nursing at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

Asefeh Faraz '08, FNP, practiced in the greater Seattle area as a family nurse practitioner and in both community health and private practice settings. She is currently pursuing her PhD at YSN with a research focus on the successful transition and retention of novice nurse practitioners in the primary care workforce. asefeh.faraz@yale.edu

Christine E. Burke '76 is a recently retired CNM, and her career also expanded to teaching, writing, and public speaking. The foci of her work have been creating caring communities, care of immigrant and refugee patients, resiliency, educational reform in nursing, leadership education, and Pentimento Praxis. Presently, retirement has allowed her the time for work on the YSN Alumnae Board, community volunteering, and a good dose of grandmotherhood.

Serena Cherry Flaherty '06 is a PNP who has worked since graduation in community health. Most recently, before relocating back to Connecticut, she worked as a PNP at The Door Adolescent Health Center in New York City. scherry@aya.yale.edu

Everol Ennis '09 is a Howard University graduate with a BS in psychology and an M.Ed in counseling psychology, and in 2009, he graduated from YSN's Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program. While at YSN, Everol founded the Healthy Neighbors Program (a community partnership between YSN and the Church St. South housing complex, which still exists) and also earned YSN's Community Service Award. He is also author of a chapter in a book geared toward the preparation of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners, as well as a training field guide geared toward systemic school reform. everol.ennis@gmail.com

Joe Patton '99 received her BA in women's studies and psychology from Emory University in 1991 and ran a Save the Children community resource room for newly resettled refugee women and children in Clarkston, Georgia, before attending YSN. While at Yale, she received a Down's Fellowship to study cardiac nursing in Changsha, China, and collaborated with colleagues from Changsha on a similar study at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Since graduating, she has further specialized in cardiac rhythm management devices and heart failure, and she currently practices as a nurse practitioner in a heart failure clinic and treatment facility in Baltimore, Md.

Joe Smihula '06 graduated from YSN in the Oncology NP Program and has worked tirelessly to provide consistent, high-quality healthcare to a mostly underprivileged minority population in the Central San Joaquin Valley in Calif. Joe has remained at the same single-physician practice since 2006, allowing for long-term care for many individuals, helping to take many individuals from an overall poor health status to wellness. While in California, Joe has participated in the Yale Club of the Central Valley and Yale Day of Service.



Henderson Society



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