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On call for humanity

The Yale School of Nursing Campaign



Dear YSN Alumni,

On May 22, cheers and confetti were abundant at Old Campus as Interim Dean Holly Powell Kennedy proudly presented the Yale School of Nursing MSN and DNP graduates to President Peter Salovey for conferral of degrees. As has been tradition, YSN graduates were the loudest, proudest, and most colorful graduates on the entire Yale campus. Many congratulations to the YSN Class of 2023!

On behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors, I am thrilled to welcome a new class of talented alumni to the Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association (YSNAA). Our community is a unique collection of Yale nurses committed to achieving our ultimate goal of better health for all people and the planet.

Through our quarterly newsletter, we provide updates on what is happening at YSN and in the alumni community at large. Our goal is to connect you and the university, keep you informed of noteworthy accomplishments, and promote upcoming alumni events. Your YSN education has prepared you to meet new challenges in your future practice with confidence and will be the key to your success. YSNAA is here to support

you in reaching your highest career aspirations by providing a community where we can all continue to learn and grow together.

I hope our current alumni will join me with a warm welcome to the newest alumni class.

Sincerely,
Elyssa Noce '17 MSN
YSNAA President



Upcoming Webinar

Living to the End: Embracing Humanity's Life Transitions

June 27, 2023, 7:30 pm ET, 6:30 pm CT

Whether it's overlooked or too difficult of a dialogue to have, advanced care planning and end-of-life conversations are essential. Join us as we discuss the important role nurses play in these conversations.

[Register](#)



Mark your calendars for September 21-22, 2023!

Save the date for our All-Alumni Reunion: September 21-22, 2023! Alumni from every class, specialty, and degree are invited to join us on Yale West Campus for festivities that will help kick off the YSN Centennial.

Make sure to bookmark our [Centennial webpage](#) for all the latest information! Additional programming details will be added closer to the event. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Yale Nursing Celebrates 20 Years of Poetry & Prose at the 2023 Creative Writing Awards

YSN students, faculty, and staff gathered on April 20 at the New Haven Lawn Club to celebrate the winners of the 20th Annual Creative Writing Awards: Michelle D. '24 MSN, Anita Onuoha '25 MSN, and Kailu Shannon-Frolich '25 MSN. Read their winning submissions [here](#).

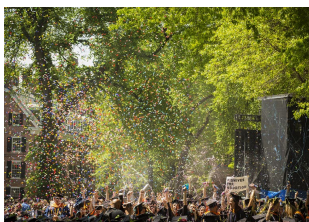


Welcome to the YSNAA Alumni Board!

This summer, the YSNAA Board of Directors will be adding eight new members! They are:

- Tayo Adjapon-Yamoah '15 MSN
- Naomi Cazeau '11 MSN
- Leah Chasm-Velasco '16 MSN
- Angelarosa DiDonato '18 DNP
- Josephine Garcesa-Duque '23 DNP
- Ewelina Gibek '20 DNP
- Allison Grady '11 MSN
- Jana Wheeler '99 MSN

Our new members begin their three-year term on July 1. To see a list of the current board members, click [here](#).



YSN Commencement

On Monday, May 22, the next generation of Yale nurses and midwives joined the YSN alumni population following a ceremony at the Shubert Theater.

Graduates were addressed by Lynn Malerba '15 DNP, US Treasurer and Chief of the Mohegan Tribe, who shared her experiences as a healthcare provider and the unique challenges faced today.

Malerba made history in the fall of 2022 as the first Native American to serve as Treasurer, and her signature on the nation's currency is the first inked by a Tribal leader and a Native American woman. Dr. Malerba's autograph is

accompanied by the personal script of US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen '71 PhD, marking the first time in history that the signatures of two women have appeared on American monetary notes.

- [Yale Nursing Announces US Treasurer Lynn Malerba '15 DNP as 2023 Commencement Speaker](#)



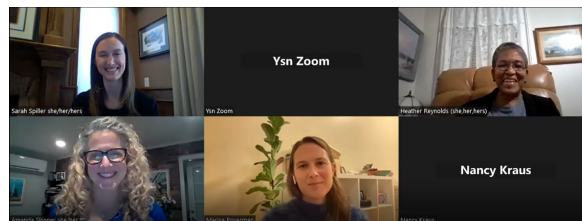
What does the Alumni Association do?

YSNAA's goal is to engage the YSN alumni community and support the promotion of professional excellence, educational advancement, and growth of all nurses so that together, we can reach our ultimate goal of *Better Health for All People*.

Among the alumni board's strategic goals are providing a lifelong learning experience led by alumni, for alumni and advancing a culture of unity, inclusivity, and collaboration while continuing to enrich relationships with faculty, students, and key constituents.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we look forward to continuing virtual events, adding additional in-person events, and making it easier for all members of the YSN community to engage with each other, whether they're near campus or across the globe.

For more information on our Alumni Association strategic plan, click [here](#).



April 30 Event Recap

On April 30, YSNAA kicked off their *Better Health for Humanity Webinar Series* with “The Current State of Reproductive Health: When Humanity is on the Line.”

During the 90-minute Zoom webinar, alums shared their experiences as nurses in a post-overturned Roe v. Wade healthcare environment to an engaged crowd of YSN alums, students, and faculty.

The webinar featured panelists Marisa Poverman '19, Amanda Skinner '98, YSNAA board member Sarah Spiller '19, and was moderated by current YSN Lecturer and Student Equity Coordinator Heather Reynolds '80. The Q&A was also led by YSNAA board member Nancy

Kraus '78.

Watch a recording of the webinar [here](#).



Introducing the Next Century Fund

The Next Century Fund is our community's commitment to reducing student debt in order to bring the best and brightest—creative and innovative thinkers who reflect a variety of backgrounds, experiences, geographical locations, and interests—to Yale.

This newly established fund will ensure future generations of Yale nurses and midwives can attend and graduate with less debt and the ability to choose career paths based on their passion to advance better health for all.

BONUS! With each gift to the Next Century Fund, the university will make an equal and unrestricted contribution to YSN's general endowment. [Click here](#) to participate in this giving initiative and double your donating power in celebration of YSN's Centennial.

For more information about supporting the Next Century Fund, please contact:

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