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Dear YSN Alumni,

I am pleased and proud to be leading Yale School of Nursing as it enters its second century of nursing education, and I enjoyed meeting so many of you at our All-Alumni Reunion as part of our centennial celebrations.

We were pioneers 100 years ago, and we will continue our record of innovative education, cutting-edge research, and dedicated service for future generations. Our legacy is admirable, and our future is bright.

As we move forward together, I want to share some of my priorities for YSN:

- Continuing to develop an inclusive, safe, and supportive environment where everyone can thrive
- Welcoming additional nationally and internationally renowned faculty
- Initiating major research centers and programs
- Forming collaborative relationships and programs across the university, the country, and the world



There is much to celebrate in this centennial year (Sept. 2023 – May 2024). Our ability to educate the next generations of advanced practice nurses and midwives recently expanded by an unprecedented amount with an [anonymous gift of \\$11.1 million](#). The annual proceeds from this endowment gift will support the YSN Community Scholars program, providing full-tuition scholarships to six nursing students each year. And thank you, our loyal alumni who continue to support scholarships for our nursing students.

Alumni play an important role in YSN's future. I invite [your input, your ideas](#), and your support as mentors and benefactors. I look forward to engaging with many more of you as we celebrate this pivotal year.

Sincerely,

Azita Emami, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN, FAAN

Linda Koch Lorimer Professor of Nursing

Dean, Yale School of Nursing

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Upcoming Events

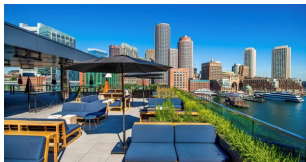


Centennial Conversation - Thursday, November 2

YSN welcomes Tonya Lewis Lee as we continue our Centennial celebration with a special conversation also featuring faculty members Joan Combellick '91 MSN, Holly Powell Kennedy, Heather Reynolds '80 MSN, and Michelle Telfer.

The event will take place from 4:00 – 5:30pm in the Yale Afro-American Cultural Center at 211 Park St. New Haven.

Register



Boston Alumni Reception - Thursday, November 9th

Join Dean Azita Emami from 4:00-6:00pm at the [Lookout Rooftop and Bar](#) (70 Sleeper St, Boston, MA 02210) for drinks and appetizers prior to the [Yale Illuminated](#) event just down the street!

The event is free to attend, and guests are welcome. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Register



"Supporting Your Career Transition - How's it Going?" - Sunday, November 12th

YSNAA board members moderated by Tayo Adjapon-Yamoah '15 MSN will share their experiences and create space for open and supported discussion on the challenges and opportunities of transitioning from student to alum.

Register

Centennial Celebration



Centennial Kickoff Panel Discussion

If you missed our kickoff panel with President Salovey, Dean Emami, and Rockefeller Foundation President Rajiv Shah, you're in luck. You can view a recording of the kickoff event [here](#).



Yale School of Nursing Receives Historic Gift for Scholarships

Yale School of Nursing (YSN) has received a landmark gift—the largest single donation in the school's history. The \$11.1 million gift from a generous anonymous donor was announced on September 21 by YSN dean Azita Emami at an event kicking off the school's yearlong centennial celebration (September 2023–May 2024).

- [Yale School of Nursing Receives Historic Gift for Scholarships](#)



YSNAA Day of Service 2023

During the All-Alumni Reunion on Friday, September 21st, alumni donated soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and much more as part of the first

in-person Day of Service project since 2019. These donations were provided to the [Loaves and Fishes](#), a New Haven food pantry and clothing closet which is also a branch of the CT Foodshare program.

Events Recap



June 27 Webinar Recap

As part of the Better Health for Humanity Webinar Series, the YSN Alumni Board put together a panel featuring Caitlin O'Dea, Elyssa Noce '17 MSN, Shelli Feder '10 MSN, and April Feld '16 DNP to discuss the importance of end of life conversations and how to make difficult conversations for families and providers easier. To watch a recording of the webinar, click [here](#).



AAN Conference

On September 6th and 7th, the American Academy of Nursing held their 2023 Living Legend and Fellow Induction ceremonies in Washington DC and YSN was well represented. Martha Curley MSN '87 was honored as a Living Legend and a number of other YSN alumni and faculty were honored as [Fellows](#). They include:

- Maura Abbott '05 MSN, '14 Ph.D
 - Emily Barr '97 MSN
 - Lucinda Canty '94 MSN
 - Sandy Cayo, YSN Faculty
 - Elizabeth Doyle '95 MSN, YSN Faculty
 - Jenna LoGiudice '08 MSN
 - John Nelson '89 MSN
 - Zhao Ni, YSN Faculty
 - Monica Ordway '97 MSN, '11 Ph.D YSN Faculty
 - Hermine Poghosyan, YSN Faculty
 - Heather Ross '96 YC
 - Jessica Shank Coviello '82 MSN
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YSN Lunch at the APNA Conference

Earlier this month, YSNAA Board of Directors representative Wailua Brandman '94 MSN and YSN Faculty member Joanne Iennaco '05 MPhil, '09 PhD hosted a YSN lunch at the APNA



Conference in Orlando, FL. YSN alumni and faculty shared a meal together at the House of Blues Disney Springs.

Pictured from back to front on the left side: Tina Walde '08 MSN, current YSN faculty, Deirdre Rea '83 MSN, Emily (Donalson) Bell '08 MSN, Carissa Tufano '08 MSN, '22 DNP, current YSN faculty, Jeremy Mills '23 DNP.

On the right side: Anastasia Okoniewski '07 MSN, Joyce Shea '83 MSN, '02 DNSc, Joanne Iennaco '05 MPhil '09 PhD, current YSN faculty, Wailua Brandman '94 MSN.



YSN Alums Catch Up in Boston!

In September, a group of YSN grads visited together at Susanna Peyton's home. Pictured below from L to R: Laurie Friedman '85 MSN, Chuck Kaplan '84 MSN, Barb Hume '83 MSN, Meg Wallace '84 MSN, Viki Vasquez '83 MSN, Deb Holdeman '83 MSN, Susanna Peyton '83 MSN.

Faculty News



Office Hours with... Zhao Ni

Zhao Ni recently sat down with Mallory Locklear of Yale's [Office of Public Affairs and Communications](#) and shared his career and passions. To read the full interview, [click here](#).

Alumni News

Elaine Carty joins the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

This past June, Elaine Carty MSN '68 was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

"She is known in the province as the "midwife of midwifery" and is widely recognized as a primary leader in creating the



scientific foundation for the legislative and regulatory frameworks allowing professional practice of midwifery in Canada today.” To read more about Elaine’s inspiring and impactful career, click [here](#).



Alice Alberts wins her first Ironman

[Alice Alberts](#) MSN ’17 kicked off what is sure to be a memorable summer by winning her first Ironman in [Lake Placid](#). She followed up the spectacular performance with additional first place finishes at the [Boston triathlon](#) – Olympic distance and [Ironman Maryland](#).

Alice has been competing in triathlons since 2021 and turned professional in 2022 after leaving the nursing field to train and coach full-time. Keep an eye out to see how she does in the 2023 World Championship in Kona and 2024 World Championship in Nice, France!



Joyce Shea to Serve as APNA President

[Joyce Shea](#) MSN ’83, DNSc ’02 was elected President of APNA (American Psychiatric Nurses Association.) Her term began on October 7, 2023.

Getting to Know You: Jasper Erwin Tolarba



Jasper Erwin Tolarba DNP '15 holds the honor of the first YSN alum to be featured in the Yale Alumni "Getting to Know You" initiative. To read the full article and hear about his many impressive accomplishments, visit [here](#).

Alumni Spotlight



Distinguished Alumni Awards and Decade Awards

During the YSN Centennial celebrations, the Distinguished Alumni Awards were held in-person for the first time since 2019. The 2023 Distinguished Alumni Awards winners are **Lucinda Canty '94 MSN** and **Ann Kurth '90 MSN**, and the 2023 Decade Award Winners are winners **Pritma Dhillon-Chattha '18 DNP** and **Brighid Gannon '18 DNP**.

Additionally, this year's event honored the winners from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. To read the bios and see the full list of awardees honored, visit the [Distinguished Alumni Award page](#) on the YSN website.

Student News



Catch Kellie Nalbandian '24 MSN on This Season of Survivor!

YSN family nurse practitioner student Kellie Nalbandian '24 MSN is one of 18 competitors on the new season of "Survivor," which premiered on Wednesday, September 27 on CBS and also streams on Paramount+.

To hear more about Kellie's preparation for the show, check out her interview with YSN [here](#)!



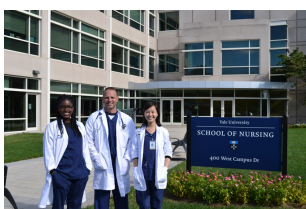
Support the Next Generation of Nursing Students

As we look ahead to YSN's next century, one of our main goals is to reduce student debt for our next generation of students. With that in mind, YSN has launched the **Next Century Fund, our scholarship fund for the future.**

We hope you will consider making a gift to grow financial aid for future generations of Yale nurses and midwives. Plus, your gift will automatically unlock an additional gift of equal size for YSN's endowment. In short, **you double your donating power and impact at YSN.**

Please [click here](#) to make a gift to the Next Century Fund.

For more information, please contact Hillary Dooley at hillary.dooley@yale.edu.



Flexible giving through your retirement account

Did you know you can make a gift from your IRA to Yale School of Nursing? If you're 70½, transferring funds directly from your IRA is an easy way to make an impact and can also help satisfy your required minimum distribution. Plus, by transferring funds directly, you don't have to pay taxes on the withdrawal.

Additionally, **anyone at any age can name YSN as a beneficiary of your retirement account.** You can designate YSN to receive all or a portion of your plan while still taking regular withdrawals. The best part? If you let us know you've designated your retirement account to YSN, you unlock a matching gift for the school. **It's an easy step to take now to have twice the impact for YSN!**

Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference for Yale Nursing! Email Hillary Dooley at hillary.dooley@yale.edu or call 203-737-4948 to start a conversation about how you can use your retirement account to maximize for your philanthropy.



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