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Dear YSN Alumni,

As my term as president of the YSN Alumni Association draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the YSN community for the privilege of serving in this role. It has been an incredible journey filled with both challenges and triumphs, but above all, it has been an honor work alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals who share a common commitment to advancing the profession of nursing and engaging our amazing alumni community.

Over the past two years, we have achieved remarkable milestones. We were able to redefine ourselves as an organization through the [creation of a strategic plan](#) and created new mission and vision statements. From organizing impactful community outreach programs to providing our ongoing support to the students and faculty at YSN, each endeavor has strengthened the bonds that unite us all as members of the Yale nursing community. We [celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Yale School of Nursing](#) with an all-alumni reunion with a day full of joy and laughter. Together, we have upheld the values of unity, collegiality, inspiration, life of learning, and excellence that define our organization, and I am immensely proud of all that has been accomplished.

As I pass the torch to our incoming president, Caroline Piselli (DNP '15), I am confident YSNAA will continue to thrive under her capable leadership and that our organization will reach even greater heights of success and impact.

To each and every member of the YSNAA Board of Directors, I extend my sincerest thanks for

your unwavering support, dedication, and friendship. It has been a privilege to serve as your president, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside such exceptional individuals who share a love for the school that unites as all.

Thank you to the entire YSN community for the honor of serving as your president. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of YSNAA in the years to come.

With warmest regards,
Elyssa Noce '17 MSN
Outgoing President, Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

Webinar: Addressing the Global Mental Health Crisis in Developing Countries: Challenges and Solutions

Monday, May 6th, Virtual – 8:00 – 9:00pm ET

In the final installment of the Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association “Investigating the Global Mental Health Crisis” webinar series, panelists will navigate the unique challenges faced by developing nations in providing mental health care and explore innovative solutions to bridge the gaps.

Panelists:

- Wailua Brandman '94 MSN, APRN, PMHCNS/NP BC CHMRP, FAANP (Moderator)
- Shinichi Daimyo, '18 MSN MPH, CRNP, RN, PMHNP-BC
- Mya Yee Nandar, FNP-BC, PHMNP-BC (Incoming YSN DNP Student)
- LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FNAP, FNYAM, FAAN. Yale School of Nursing Associate Dean for Global Affairs & Planetary Health, Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing

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2024 Decade and Distinguished Alumni Award Winners Celebration

Saturday, June 1st, New Haven, CT – 12:00 – 2:30pm ET

On Saturday, June 1st, we will be hosting our annual Decade and Distinguished Alumni Award celebration. This year's winners include Decade Award winners **Ariana Chao PhD '15** and **Jasper Tolarba DNP '15**, and DAA winners **Mary Blankson MSN '05 (FNP)** and **Cathy Strachan Lindenberg MSN '71 (Community Health), MPH '71**.

[Click here](#) for more information on the ceremony in New Haven and to register.

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For Humanity Illuminated, Seattle

Friday, June 14th, Seattle, WA – 6:00 – 10:00pm PT

As part of the ongoing [For Humanity](#) campaign, Yale University travels to Seattle for a presentation titled “[The Creative Economy: Harnessing Ideas and Innovation for Impact](#)”. The panel will discuss how Yale faculty and alumni are working to leverage the full scope of creative and technological activity to drive innovation, strengthen communities, and develop the next generation of leaders.

Registration details forthcoming on the [event page](#).

Seattle Alumni Reception – co-hosted by the Yale School of Public Health

Saturday, June 15th, Seattle, WA – 12:00 – 2:30pm PT

Calling all Pacific Northwest alumni! YSN is coming your way. We will be co-hosting a gathering with the School of Public Health at Ivar’s Salmon House in Seattle.

Join us for an afternoon of great conversation and company with complimentary drinks and hors d’oeuvres.

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Mystery in May to Celebrate Nurses Week!

Get ready to ignite your school spirit! Be on the look out exciting opportunity to snag exclusive, limited edition YSN-branded items. Check your emails on May 6th for additional details as we kick off Nurses Week. Don’t miss the chance to showcase your support for YSN!



Stephan Davis honored by American College of Healthcare Executives

Stephan Davis ’16 DNP was awarded the ACHE Exemplary Service Award earlier this year, the highest service award bestowed by the College. Davis also spoke in March at the ACHE 2024 Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

To find out more about his time as an ACHE fellow, career, and the presentation, you can read the [write-up from Virginia Commonwealth University](#), where he serves as associate dean of inclusive excellence and belonging for the VCU College of Health Professions and the School of Nursing, and as executive director of inclusive leadership education and an assistant professor for the VCU Department of Health Administration.

YSN Graduate Serving as Liaison to the United Nations

This January, Jasper Erwin Tolarba '15 DNP [was named a representative](#) to the United Nations for Sigma Theta Tau. In the role, he supports Sigma efforts to promote the value of nursing leadership. You can find more information about the UN liaison role and Jaspers background on the [Sigma website](#)!



Ron Yolo Named Chief Nursing Officer at CommonSpirit Health

Congratulations to Ron E. Yolo '21 DNP, MSN, MBA, RN, PHN, who was recently appointed to the executive leadership team CommonSpirit Health as Chief Nursing Officer of the California Division. In his new role, Dr. Yolo will have oversight of the delivery and practice of nursing care and operations over 31 Dignity Health hospitals, the largest provider in the state, and he will lead a workforce of more than 17,000 nurses.

Dr. Yolo is also a part-time lecturer at YSN in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program of Healthcare Leadership, Systems and Policy, the same program from which he graduated just three years ago.

Share Your Good News

Win an award? Promoted to a new position? Speaking at a conference? We want to hear from you!

Let us know so we can showcase your accomplishments to the YSN community by emailing YSN.AlumniAffairs@yale.edu!

YSN Dean's Present at the Yale Club

Our very own experts on aging shared their expertise with a crowd of Yale College alumni, YSN alumni, and others from New York curious as to how lifestyle choices affect aging. Dean Azita Emami and Deputy Dean Tatiana Sadak discussed ways to bridge the gap between life-span and health-span, how genes are not fate, and their plans to educate Yale nurses to be advocates for precision wellness.

Pictured below (L to R) are Tatiana Sadak and YSNAA Board Members Josphine Garcasa-Duque '23 DNP, Nicole Seagriff '11 MSN, Caroline Piselli '15 DNP, and Tayo Adjapon Yamoah '15 MSN. Right image, Azita Emami presents.



Yale School of Nursing Centennial Trivia Winners Announced, Answers Revealed

Between January and March, hundreds of people participated in the Yale School of Nursing (YSN) centennial trivia quest, drawing interest from undergraduates, graduate students across the university, alumni from almost every professional school, members of the general public, and staff in a wide variety of roles.

To see the answers and who won the Centennial swag bags (pictured), check out the [story on our website](#). Thank you to all who participated!

Partnership with Peking University Announced

The YSN Office of Global Affairs and Planetary Health hosted a delegation from Peking University School of Nursing on April 1st, 2024, to formalize a new partnership between the universities through a ceremonial signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).



This MOU is a commitment to enhance collaborations in nursing research, clinical education, global health, and cross-cultural development through scholarly interactions and initiatives between the students, faculty, and staff of both schools. The successful signing of the MOU with the most prestigious university in China reflects Yale University's global engagement, leadership, and impact in the Asian region.

Join the YSN LinkedIn Page

Interested in reconnecting with old classmates, hearing about upcoming events, seeing job postings from other Yalies and in the nursing field? Join nearly 1000 other members of the YSN community through our private [LinkedIn group](#)!

Become a Class Agent and Make a Difference for YSN Today!

At YSN, Class Agents assist the Development and Alumni Affairs team by engaging classmates and encouraging contributions to the Annual Fund through both mailed and virtual outreach. In this role, your involvement directly contributes to the success of initiatives aimed at supporting current students.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mike Regan (Mike.Regan@Yale.edu)

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