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Dear YSN Alumni, Faculty, Students, and Supporters,

Welcome to this exciting inaugural year of the second century of YSN on behalf of the Yale School of Nursing [Alumni Board of Directors](#). While our centennial celebration year was a culmination of incredible accomplishments; this year we have the extraordinary opportunity to explore futuristic innovative opportunities powered by all of us to further enhance the next century of global healthcare for all.

I am beyond excited about partnering as 'one' with YSN Dean Azita Emani, Deputy Dean Tatiana Sadak, YSN alumni, faculty, students, and our many supporters to deliver impactful programs and initiatives as 'one'. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to build upon a strong foundation established by our previous YSNAA leaders, to ensure relevant value to each one of you.

We are committed and dedicated to continually improving value, relevance, engagement, enjoyment, and life-long relationships. Therefore, the board and I strongly encourage you to communicate and engage with us [by contacting myself and the Board directly](#). We welcome outreach of all kinds—whether it be event ideas, webinar ideas, or any type of feedback. Our aim is to 'really listen' and do our best to use your feedback to create the best alumni experience possible.

With sincere appreciation always,
Caroline Piselli DNP, RN, MBA, FACHE, Innovation BB

Yale Welcomes a New President

[Maurie McInnis '96 PhD](#) began her tenure as Yale's 24th president on July 1st. On her first day, she invited all students, faculty, staff, and alumni to provide feedback on a variety of issues, particularly their hopes for the future and direction of Yale. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to [contribute their feedback](#).



Dean Emami opens the presentation.

Nursing Deans Shine at Yale College Reunions

Dean Azita Emami and Deputy Dean Tatiana Sadak were selected to present at the Yale College reunions on May 24th and June 1st as part of the "Mornings at Yale" series.

Their program focused on YSN's [Aging Well Initiatives](#) and their vision for elevating our school as a leader in wellness, illness prevention education, and living the best, healthiest life possible.



YSN Alumni Step Up for Mental Health Awareness

As part of the [2024 YSN Day of Service](#) project, members of the Yale Nursing community came together to raise money for the [Mental Health Innovation Network](#) through a virtual 5k.

Through this initiative, we were able to donate over \$500 dollars to MHIN, an online community for mental health practitioners, policy-makers, service users, researchers, donors and other mental health stakeholders to share information and resources to improve the quality and coverage of mental health care worldwide.

YSN Alumna Makes the Case for a Nurse in Every School



Sherrie Page Guyer '94 MSN published "[To Address the Teen Mental Health Crisis, Look to School Nurses](#)" in TIME last month. Her piece addresses the teen mental health crisis, and the role school nurses will play in combating it, as well as provides a detailed history of how the modern school nurse role came to be.

Lucinda Canty Served as Keynote Speaker on July 18

At the 14th annual [Diversity Impact Conference](#), hosted by Frontier Nursing University, **Lucinda Canty '94 MSN** delivered the keynote address on day one of the conference. Her session was titled "Using the Power of Diversity to Address Racial Disparities in Maternal Health."



Winners Mary Blankson and Jasper Tolarba with Dean Azita Emami

2024 Distinguished Alumni Awards Held in June

YSN hosted its annual [Distinguished Alumni Awards](#) last month, honoring four alumni for their outstanding achievements. **Ariana Chao PhD '15** and **Jasper Tolarba DNP '15** received the Decade Award, while **Mary Blankson MSN '05** and **Cathy Strachan Lindenberg MSN '71** were honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This year marked a first, as the honorees represented all YSN degrees offered: DNP, MSN, and PhD.

Recent Alumnae Team Up to Address Gen Z and Asian American Mental Health Challenges

Peggy Wong '24 MSN recently published "[*CHATogether Skit Development and Healing of Asian American Generation Z's Unspoken Agonies: A Qualitative Study*](#)" in the *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*. The pilot study examines the interactive program's effects on emotional health and family relationships of Asian American Gen Zers. Peggy began the project during her GEPN year, and collaborated with **Shirley Deng '17 MSN**.

Creative Writing Awards

In a sweep for both poetry and the Class of 2026, Yale School of Nursing (YSN) students **Angie Benhard '26 MSN**, **Liz Daskalakis '26 MSN**, and **Austin Lee '26 MSN** each took home \$1,000 as the winners of the 21st annual [Creative Writing Awards](#) at a ceremony on April 24 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven.



Dean Emami and the Creative Writing Awards winners



Class of 2024 Joins the Alumni Ranks!

The YSN Alumni Association welcomed the Class of 2024 during a memorable commencement ceremony held on May 20th at the Shubert Theater in New Haven. Read more about the ceremony, speakers, and remarkable accomplishments of our newest graduates by exploring [YSN's coverage of the event](#).

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](#)!

Make a Connection, Mentor a Current Student

Later this summer, the YSNAA board is launching a mentoring program where alumni participants will be matched with current students to support their transition into professional life. This collaboration between the Alumni Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Alumni Office is an opportunity to make a lasting impact on a student's journey as they take the next big step in their career.

Keep an eye out for emails in August with more details and information on how to sign up!



Faculty member Michelle Telfer checking out the new installation.

Timeline Unveiling

Continuing the celebration of our first 100 years, a timeline was unveiled chronicling the history of YSN from its founding to the present day.

This timeline is located on the first floor outside the Moore Classroom and details some highlights from every decade. Additional photos from the unveiling event are on the [YSN Flickr page](#)!

Supporting Future YSN Students

Are you grateful for your YSN experience and want to give back to ensure future generations of students can attend YSN? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you! [The Next Century Fund](#) is YSN's scholarship fund for the future. As we celebrate 100 years, your gift can help provide scholarship funds to support our talented nursing and midwifery students!

All gifts to the Next Century Fund will unlock a gift of equal size for YSN. Visit <https://nursing.yale.edu/giving> to make your gift today.

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)

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!

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