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Dear Alumni,

I'm thrilled to announce that earlier last month, the first group of mentors and mentees in our new mentorship program received their matches! This exciting initiative, now in its inaugural year, pairs alumni like you with current students to offer guidance, inspiration, and support as they navigate their academic and professional journeys.

In addition, we will be hosting an end of the year webinar on **Monday, December 9th from 8-9pm EST, titled: BYOE Bring Your Own Energy** to discuss real life/career topics as we all are trying to be the best versions of ourselves. You can find additional details and registration information below.

Mentorship is just one of the many ways to engage with our school. You can also get involved by attending events, joining the alumni board or a committee, working directly with various departments serving as a fundraising volunteer. It doesn't always take a donation to make a difference—your time, energy, and experience are invaluable!

We continually strive to provide programs and events that are of value and interest to you and welcome all suggestions you may have by simply writing directly to me, by emailing YSNAA@Yale.edu. Your involvement strengthens our community, and we encourage you to find a way to engage that fits your interests and schedule. Together, we're building a network

that fosters growth for both alumni and students alike.

Thank you for being a vital part of our alumni family!

Warm regards,
Caroline Piselli '15 DNP
President, Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association

YSNAA Webinar Announced!

Monday, December 9th, 8:00 – 9:00pm EST

YSNAA invites you to bring your energy and join us for a candid conversation about what comes next in your advanced nursing career. Whether you're looking to advance into leadership, explore new opportunities, or refine your career path, this event is for you!

We'll cover **Managing Career Progression, Staying Relevant in a Changing Climate, Self-Advocacy, and Maintaining Work-Life Balance!**

Keep an eye out for additional emails with more details!

[Register Here](#)

Join the YSN Alumni 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](#)!

Campus News

Students Return for the 2024-2025 School Year

Classes kicked off on August 26th! Pictured is the newest class of MSN students during orientation.

If you want to see what students are up to throughout the year, make sure to follow the [Yale School of Nursing](#) and [YSN Student Government](#) Instagram accounts!



**Reproductive Justice Activist
Loretta Ross Joins Yale Nursing**



as Visiting Professor

Professor Ross has been [appointed as a visiting associate professor for the 2024-2025 academic year](#). She is a reproductive justice and human rights activist who has reframed reproductive rights within the broader context of human rights. A 2022 recipient of the MacArthur Foundation “genius” award, she currently serves as an associate professor in the Program for the Study of Women and Gender at Smith College.

Professor Ross will be presenting guest lectures and seminars, mentoring students, providing training for faculty that enhances their understanding on best practices for defining and implementing an inclusive, respectful work and learning environment, and working with the YSN faculty to design curriculum modules on human rights and social justice.

Author and Health Equity Advocate Daniel Dawes Joins the Yale School of Nursing as a Presidential Visiting Fellow

Daniel E. Dawes, an internationally recognized leader in the health equity movement and scholar on the political determinants of health, [will join the Yale School of Nursing \(YSN\) as a Presidential Visiting Fellow for the 2024-25 academic year](#).

While at YSN, Dr. Dawes will focus on helping us advance academic program development and research centered on the political determinants of health. His work will not only enhance nursing education but also foster interdisciplinary partnerships with other schools such as Yale School of Medicine and Yale School of Public Health.



Events

Yale Nursing Leadership
Presents on Aging in Chicago



Earlier this month, Dean Azita Emami and Deputy Dean Tatiana Sadak visited Chicago to present to an audience from Yale Nursing, Yale College, and other Graduate and Professional Schools. They highlighted YSN's innovative approaches to improving health and how Yale's Aging Well initiatives use precision wellness to optimize health and prevent illness.

Alumni Spotlights

2023 DNP's Catch Up in New York

A group of 2023 DNP graduates caught up earlier this fall at The Lobster Roll in Amagansett, NY and were hosted by Nicole Messina.

From L to R, Oana Randolph, Renee White, Josephine Garcesa-Duque, Amy Martone, Mindy Matthews, Christina Maroone, Nicole Messina



ENA President Elect is a 2023 YSN Grad

Members of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) selected [2023 DNP grad Dustin Bass as President-Elect](#). Dustin has been part of the ENA Board of Directors since 2021 and will take over as President in 2026.

Bass was previously named part of ENA



Connection's inaugural 20 Under 40 class and named a Young Professional Voice by the American Organization for Nursing Leadership.

Alumna and Faculty Member Recognized as Healthcare Hero

The Hartford Business Journal announced their [Healthcare Heroes Class of 2024](#) earlier this month, and among the chosen is Elyssa Noce Ely '17 MSN.

Per the release, "Ely leads educational initiatives for patients and staff to enhance their understanding of renal care. Her commitment to optimizing patient outcomes and fostering a collaborative learning environment has significantly advanced the organization's mission of providing exceptional patient care."

2008 PhD Grad Leads Global Research Consortium

Allison Squires '08 PhD is the Founder of an international initiative encompassing 90 countries and over 19,000 participants. The [Global Consortium of Nursing & Midwifery Studies](#) aims to document the experiences of the nursing workforce not only in the United States but also in low- and middle-income countries, as well as in regions where nurse-led research is still emerging.



Allison Squires, left, at a conference in Kosovo earlier this year.

In the past year, they've [presented their research](#) at Academy Health in the US, the Oxford Global Health & Ethics Conference, as well as several conferences in Latin America.



YSN Alumnus is 2024 AAN Health Care Leader Awardee

Ramón Lavandero '79 MSN was recognized by the American Academy of Nursing with their [Health Care Leader Award](#). This award is given to a national leader dedicated to improving the health of the nation through contributions to organizational excellence. Per a release from the organization, “Mr. Lavandero’s commitment to quality and safety at the organizational level is best demonstrated by his participation in developing the AACN Critical Care Standards for Establishing and Sustaining Healthy Work

Environments. Not only did the standards lay the foundation for a healthier work environment for nurses, they blazed the trail for how the relationship between a healthy work environment and improved patient outcomes would be studied in the future.”

Ramón will be honored at the upcoming [AAN Health Policy Conference](#) in Washington D.C.

Alumna Receives University of Maryland Dean’s Medal

Angela McBride '64 MSN was awarded [the Dean’s Medal from the University of Maryland School of Nursing](#) earlier this year during their Commencement exercises. Angela spoke during the ceremony where her contributions to the psychology of parenthood and psychiatric nursing were celebrated.

Helen Wersebe ('31 BN) 1931 Graduate Featured in Washington, CT Museum Exhibit

At the [Gunn Memorial Library & Museum](#) in Washington, CT, there is an exhibit called Letters Home, where Helen Wersebe’s '31 BN work is prominently showcased. The exhibit will run through the Spring of 2025. Ann Nyberg of News 8 sat down with museum curator Amy Campanaro to hear more about [Helen’s life, career, and impact](#).

10 YSN Alums Featured in Yale Alumni Magazine

The September/October edition of the Yale Alumni Magazine shared a bit about our school’s

history and [showcased ten YSN alumni](#) working across all areas of healthcare. These impressive members of our alumni community include Allison Amend Vorderstrasse '02 MSN, '06 DNSC, Brandon LaRoche '20 DNP, Lucinda Canty '94 MSN, Linda Foxworthy '82 MSN, Joseph McDonough '96 MSN, Susanna Peyton '83 MSN, Rose Clarke Nanyonga '15 PhD, Stephan Davis '16 DNP, Meg Eaton '12 MSN, Taína Lopez-Cartagena '22 DNP.

Each alumnus is profiled on their own page.

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!

Support the Future of Yale Nursing: Designate Your Retirement Account

As nursing professionals, we understand the importance of investing in the future of healthcare. One impactful way to support Yale School of Nursing is by designating a portion of your retirement account to the school.

Maximize Your Impact: By naming YSN as a beneficiary of your retirement account, you can make a significant contribution that directly supports nursing education, research, and scholarship. The best part? When you inform us you have designated YSN as a beneficiary, your gift intention unlocks an additional gift of equal size for YSN. It's the best time to take advantage of **doubling your donating power!**

Cost-Free in Your Lifetime: This type of gift costs you nothing during your lifetime. You retain control of your retirement account assets, allowing you to use them as needed for your retirement. Your support to YSN comes into effect only after your passing, ensuring that you can enjoy your savings now while planning a meaningful legacy.

Tax Benefits: Designating your retirement account to YSN can help reduce your taxable estate. Because YSN is a tax-exempt organization, we can receive your savings without incurring the tax that would apply if the funds were distributed to your heirs.

Support Innovation and a Debt-Free Education: Your gift can help fund groundbreaking research, enhance clinical training, expand community outreach programs, and get us closer to offering future students the opportunity for a debt-free education, all of which play a vital role in advancing the nursing profession.

By designating your retirement account to YSN, you are investing in the next generation of nursing leaders and ensuring that quality education and innovative practices continue to thrive. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity to make a lasting impact in the field of nursing!

For more information on ***Creating Your Legacy at YSN***, [please fill out this form](#) or email Hillary.Dooley@yale.edu.

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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