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Dear Alumni,

On behalf of the Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association (YSNAA) Board, I wish all a joyous, healthy New Year following your passions and aspirations!

Updates & Good News:

- Thank you to all who provided tremendous planning support and participated in the **YSNAA Centennial celebration** events! The YSNAA was [among those honored at the 2024 Assembly & Convocation](#) with the **YAA Board of Governors Excellence Award**, which recognizes alumni organizations for excellence in their programs, events, and best practices for Yale and on behalf of Yale.
- Our **mentorship program** for graduating MSN students has been a great success! We look forward to building on this momentum—thank you, alumni mentors!
- **Upcoming Webinars:**
 - **Feb 11, 8:00 PM EST: BYOP: Bring Your Own Populations – Innovating and Realizing Better Health Outcomes** (featuring YSN alumni). [Click here to register!](#)
 - **April 22: AI and Nursing**—mark your calendar! Details coming soon.

YSNAA Board Recruitment: Applications open in February! [Learn more about](#)

[roles and responsibilities and submit your application.](#)

- **Day of Service** planning is underway—stay tuned for details!

We always value your ongoing insights into potential programs, topics and initiatives that are of interest and may be beneficial throughout our individual life journey and balance. If you have any ideas for us or would like to share your thoughts, **please email us at YSNAA@Yale.edu!**

With sincere appreciation of all YSN alumni,

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

Submit Your Alumni Award Nominations by February 7th

Nominations are now open for the Distinguished Alumni and Decade Awards! Learn about the criteria, explore past winners, and submit your nomination by visiting the [Distinguished Alumni Awards webpage](#).



YSN Student Government Launches Apparel Store

Show off your YSN pride while supporting current students! From now until March 15, you can purchase [YSN-branded clothing and accessories](#). Plus, 20% of the proceeds will go to the YSN Student Government Organization!

For any questions, feel free to contact YSN SGO directly at YSN.SGO@yale.edu.

Events

YSNAA Webinar: Innovating and Realizing for Better Health Outcomes

Kick off 2025 with the first YSNAA webinar, BYOP: Bring Your Own Populations – Innovating and Realizing Better Health Outcomes, **Tuesday, February 11 at 8:00 PM EST**. This engaging

session will showcase YSN alumni who are driving innovation to improve health outcomes across diverse populations.

[Register now](#) to join this dynamic discussion and gain fresh insights into how YSN graduates are making a difference in healthcare.

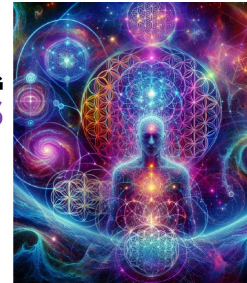
YSN Spotlight at Assembly & Convocation

During YAA Assembly & Yale Alumni Fund Convocation, Dr. Christine Rodriguez, YSN Assistant Dean for Simulation and Clinical Innovation presented as part of the faculty lecture series. The presentation dove deeply into gender diversity beyond the binary, utilizing a decolonized lens to highlight how Native & Indigenous knowledge systems, as well as spiritual and ecological frameworks recognize gender as a fluid, multifaceted concept that is not constrained by colonial binaries.

TRANS^{CENDING} BOUNDARIES

Reimagining Gender Diversity
through a Decolonized Lens

The Reverend Dr. Christine Rodriguez
DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, MDiv, MA, FNYAM, FAAN
Pronouns: any/all



Share Your Input on Virtual Event Scheduling!

We value your input! Please take a moment to [complete a quick survey](#) about the days of the week and times for future virtual events. Your feedback will help us create events that best fit your schedule. Thank you for your support!

News and Updates from Campus

Spotlight on YSN Community Scholars

The [Community Scholars Program](#) (CSP) is a comprehensive scholarship at YSN. The mission of the YSN Community Scholars Program is to cultivate a dedicated community of nurse practitioners and midwifery students who are committed to achieving better health for all by serving the underserved. The CSP scholarship allows them to graduate without educational debt so they can focus on improving the health and mental health of underserved populations, reducing health disparities and enhancing equity in care.

In our [Q&A with Community Scholars](#), current students share what inspired their path to nursing, what it means to be part of Yale, and what a YSN education means for their future.

YSN Faculty and Students:
Champions of Care in New



Haven

At YSN, education goes beyond the classroom and into the heart of the New Haven community. From diverse care settings to impactful services, YSN students gain hands-on experience serving a wide range of populations.

[Read the full article](#) to learn more about how YSN faculty and students are driving change and making a difference through their work in the community.

Leading the Way in Aging Care

YSN is creating a new era of wellness and tackling the challenges of an aging population through cutting-edge research, education, and clinical practice. [Read the full article](#) to discover how YSN faculty and students are leading this innovative effort and shaping the future of gerontological care.

Alumni Spotlights

Quyen Wong Named Chief Nursing Officer at Northwell Northern Westchester Hospital

Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) has [appointed Quyen Wong '23 DNP](#) as its new Chief Nursing Officer where she will oversee all patient care services involving nursing staff and will be responsible for overseeing more than 900 employees.



Vic Tolentino Selected for Medicaid Pathways Program

Vic Tolentino '10 MSN has been [selected as one of 20 rising state leaders](#) for the 2025 Medicaid Pathways Program, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This program supports the development of innovative strategies to improve Medicaid



policies and healthcare outcomes.

YSN Grads in Guatemala

Pictured below, Linda Foxworthy '82 along with fellow YSN grads Marian Blawie Brown '21, Aaron Brown '21, and Lauren Kivlen '21, during a visit to the Organization for the Development of Indigenous Maya (ODIM) in San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala. Linda serves on the executive board of ODIM and has been deeply involved with the organization for eight years!



YSNAA Receives YAA Excellence Award

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recognizes alumni organizations for excellence in their programs, events, and best practices for Yale and on behalf of Yale. Chief among the reasons for YSNAA's recognition was the Centennial Celebration and the ensuing virtual programming throughout the year.

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](#)!

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!

How to Support YSN

What Inspires a Yale College Graduate to Support YSN?

Andrew Wallach, chair of the YSN Dean's Leadership Council and co-chair of the Yale College Class of 1980's 45th Reunion Gift Campaign, shares what motivates his commitment to YSN. In this interview, he reflects on [what drew him to Yale School of Nursing](#) and why he hopes to inspire others to give back, just as he has.

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. 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!

Special Note on Qualified Charitable Distributions: *Exciting news for 2025—the annual limit on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from traditional IRAs rose to \$108,000, and the limit for QCDs used to establish a one-time charitable gift annuity increased to \$54,000. These changes present a new opportunity to maximize the impact of your giving!*

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