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Yale SCHOOL OF NURSING



Dear YSN Alumni,

It's a jam-packed fall at YSN, and I hope you'll find time to join us for at least one of our many exciting events. In the school, we got things started with an array of homemade and thoughtfully curated "Sweet Treats" for students during their first week back on campus, and you can see some pictures below.

With our alumni, we kicked off the season on September 22nd with [BYOB: Be Your Own Boss – How YSN Alumni Built Bold, Nurse-Led Ventures](#). This engaging panel highlighted the achievements of distinguished alumni entrepreneurs, who generously shared their inspiring journeys and expertise. Attendees responded enthusiastically, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to learn from these leaders and gain valuable insights into establishing successful, sustainable nurse-led businesses in today's dynamic healthcare landscape.

Looking ahead, I'm thrilled to share that our very first **YSN Alumni Book Club** will be meeting soon, on November 17th. With inaugural hosts **Melissa Bergfeld '04 MSN** and **Lisa Keeler '97 MSN** leading the discussion on *Ninth House*, it promises to be a lively and imaginative way to connect with fellow alumni. You'll find registration details later in this newsletter.

We're also preparing for the return of two beloved programs: the **Alumni Outreach Program**, which connects alumni with newly admitted students exploring YSN, and the **Graduating Student Mentorship Program**, which pairs alumni and students one-on-one as they navigate the final stages of their education and prepare to step confidently into the workforce.

There is so much happening at YSN, and it is because of you. The energy, generosity, and dedication of our alumni community make these programs possible and keep the spirit of YSN thriving.

Additionally, we warmly invite all YSN alumni to share your thoughts, recommendations, and creative suggestions for new initiatives, programs, opportunities, challenges, and forward-thinking strategies for success. Your input is truly valued. Please feel free to reply to this email with your ideas.

Caroline Piselli '15 DNP
President, YSN Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

YSN Center for Aging Well Opening Event & Reception

Wednesday, October 29 | 2:00 – 5:00 PM ET | Yale School of Nursing & Online



The Center for Aging Well is a collaborative hub that promotes global health and wellness across the lifespan, transforming observation into action for individuals, families, and communities seeking pathways to healthy living. Led by [Dr. Miia Kivipelto](#), the Center is supported by faculty across disciplines at the Yale School of Nursing and Yale University.

[Register Here to Attend a Livestream](#)

The online program will include panel discussions featuring Miia Kivipelto, [Howard Fillit](#), [Matthew Clement](#), [Rachel Whitmer](#), [Susan Reinherd](#), and several YSN faculty members.

A Conversation with Dean Emami: What's New and What's Next?

Monday, November 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM ET | Zoom

Join us for a Yale School of Nursing Town Hall with Dean Azita Emami as she shares

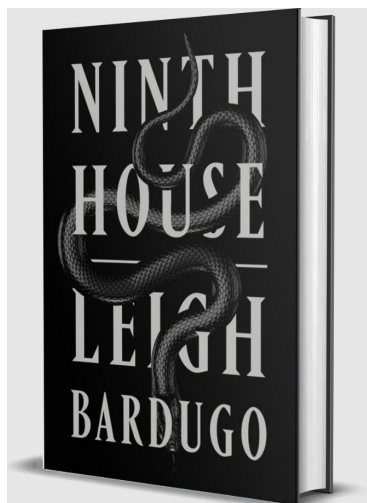
updates on the school's priorities, recent initiatives, and her vision for the future of YSN.

[Register Here](#)

Attendees will also have the opportunity to submit their questions directly by emailing YSNAA@yale.edu, making this an interactive and informative session.

YSN Book Club

Monday, November 17 | 8:00 – 9:00 PM ET | Zoom



The YSN Alumni Association will host its first book club gathering in November. For our kickoff event, we'll be diving into *Ninth House* by **Leigh Bardugo (Yale College '97)**, a dark and imaginative thriller set right here on Yale's campus.

[Register Here](#)

Alumni, Faculty, and Students have all been invited, and we hope for this to be a fun and relaxing way for members from all across the YSN community to come together for a great discussion.

More Events Through the Yale Alumni Association



Looking to stay connected beyond YSN? The Yale Alumni Association hosts events across the country, and online, throughout the year.

From networking nights to lifelong learning opportunities, there's always something happening in the wider Yale community.

[Explore upcoming YAA events](#)

Getting Ready to Make Your Yearly Gift to YSN? Here's Why It's Smart to Give Before Year-End

As the calendar year winds down, the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs encourages alumni to stay informed about upcoming tax law changes, and to consider making their annual gift before December 31.

[Donate to the YSN Dean's Annual Fund](#)

Many of the tax breaks created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are set to expire at the end of next year, including provisions that currently make it easier for donors to deduct the full value of their charitable gifts. Once the new limits take effect in 2026, some donors may find their deductions reduced or phased out entirely.

By making a gift in 2025, alumni can maximize both their tax benefits and the impact of their generosity when they support YSN today and take advantage of the most favorable rules before they change.

Learn more about how upcoming tax changes could affect charitable giving [in this article from Fidelity Charitable](#).

Around the YSN Community

Sweet Treats at YSN Orientation

As the new academic year kicked off, the YSNAA Board of Directors brought a little extra sweetness to campus. For two hours, more than 100 students stopped by the Hub to grab snacks, mingle with alumni, and treat themselves to a fun start to the semester.



Alumni Board Members from L to R: Ewelina Gibek DNP '20, Caroline Piselli DNP '15, Chime Karkhang DNP '23, Leah Chasm-Velasco '16 MSN

Elizabeth Mayerson Appointed Director at UConn School of Nursing

[Elizabeth Mayerson, MSN '93](#), has been appointed Director Prelicensure Nursing Program at the University of Connecticut



School of Nursing beginning August 23, 2025.

Richards Named President of Children's Health at Intermountain Health

Mandy Richards, DNP '24, has been [named President of Children's Health at Intermountain Health](#). Intermountain is a premier health system in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah consisting of 33 hospitals and 385 clinics.

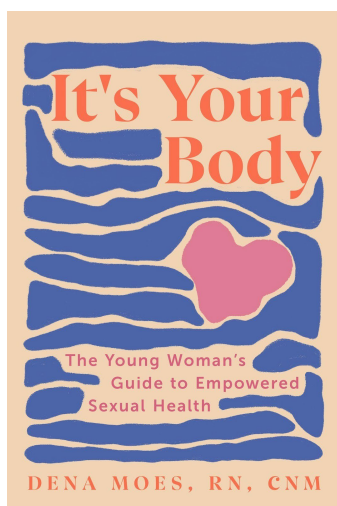
As President of Children's Health, Mandy will build and advocate for children's health across this region, a significant strategic opportunity. She will also retain her system CNE role. It deserves mention that at my request Mandy periodically serves as an invited lecturer in the program.

Mandy was also [noted in Becker's Review](#), the leading source of national healthcare, business, clinical and legal news and analysis.



Yale Nurse Midwife and Author Wins Media Award

Dena Moes', YC '91, YSN '96, *It's Your Body* empowers the generation of women and girls growing up in post-Roe America with unbiased, matter-of-fact info on reproductive health topics. Last week, the American College of Nurse-Midwives awarded Moes the



National Media Award for authorship of this important book. The award ceremony took place at the Palms Springs Convention Center, as part of the largest annual gathering of midwives in the country.

Community Health Panel Brings Alumnae Back to Campus

In early September, faculty members **Annemarie Curnin**, **Nathan Levitt**, and **Ami Marshall**, '04 MSN, hosted a panel of community health clinicians as part of their Promoting Health in the Community course.



Panelists, including YSN alumnae **Susie Moscou**, MSN '95, and **Liz Znamierowski**, MSN '20, shared their extensive experiences working within community health in the healthcare system. They discussed strategies for self-care and protecting oneself from burnout, and shared their personal journeys, reflecting on the challenges and rewards of pursuing a career in community health environments.

YSN Planetary Health and Global Engagement Hosts Event in NYC

At the Yale Club in NYC, and as part of [Climate Week NYC](#), the YSN Office of Planetary Health and Global Engagement (PaGE) hosted *Imagining a Healthier Planet*.



The event featured [Dr. Susan Prescott](#), [Dr. AZA Allsop](#), and [Dr. Christine Rodriguez](#) in a powerful dialogue on how art and music can heal, connect, and motivate action for a healthier planet.

Share Your Good News

Reconnecting with YSN friends? Received an award or promotion? Speaking at an event? We'd love to hear all about it!

Drop us a line at YSN.Alumniaffairs@yale.edu and let us share your achievements with the YSN community!

Become a Class Agent and Make an Impact at YSN!

Class Agents play a vital role at YSN by working with the Development and Alumni Affairs team to engage classmates and encourage support for the Annual Fund through both mail and virtual outreach.



Your efforts help ensure the success of programs that directly benefit current students. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Mike Regan at Mike.Regan@Yale.edu!

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](#)!



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