



From The Aultman Alumni Association President

Capturing Our History

by Kim Poorman, RN, '91



One of my favorite parts of being president of the Aultman College Alumni Association is meeting Aultman School of Nursing alum and listening to their

memories of living and working together as they earned their nursing diplomas. Up until the early 1990s, Aultman nursing students lived together in dorm rooms in the Morrow House. The stories from those days are legendary. To keep these memories alive, Aultman College is inviting all alumnae from 1948 – 1990s to share their stories through a special video tribute to the Aultman School of Nursing. Do you have a story you would like to share? Do you have a School of Nursing memory that is tied to a piece of American or world history? Then contact Brittany Fehlman at 330.363.4280 or at alumni@aultmancollege.edu. We will work with you to determine the best time and method to capture your memory. We may begin as early as the Spring and 50 Year Dinner in April. Please join us in keeping the stories of the Morrow House and the Aultman School of Nursing alive for the future students of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Road to an Associate of Science in Radiography

For the past year, life has been in overdrive for Sherri Cole, director of Allied Health, and Robin Williams, program director of the Aultman

School of Radiologic Technology. While continuing their roles as administrators and faculty to the 26 students in the program, the two have also been working closely with Aultman College faculty, staff and accrediting bodies to evolve the Hospital's certificate program into an Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR) program through Aultman College.

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"We had a successful site visit from the Higher Learning Commission and the Ohio Board of Regents in December and another successful site visit from

the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in late January," said Ms. Cole. "We are working on responses to recommendations made as a result of these visits. If everything continues to go according to plan, we will admit our first cohort of ASR students in the Fall semester of 2011."

Training excellent radiology

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Annual *Spring* and *50-Year* Dinner

Join your fellow alumni for a combined celebration to welcome spring and honor the class of 1960.

Friday, April 23
Skyland Pines **Cocktails** **Dinner**
Cost: \$24.00 **5:30 p.m.** **6:00 p.m.**

To reserve your attendance, please fill out the form on page 3 and return it by April 15. For more information, please contact the College office at 330-363-6347. Attention Class of 1960: If you have already submitted an RSVP form, you do not need to submit the newsletter form.

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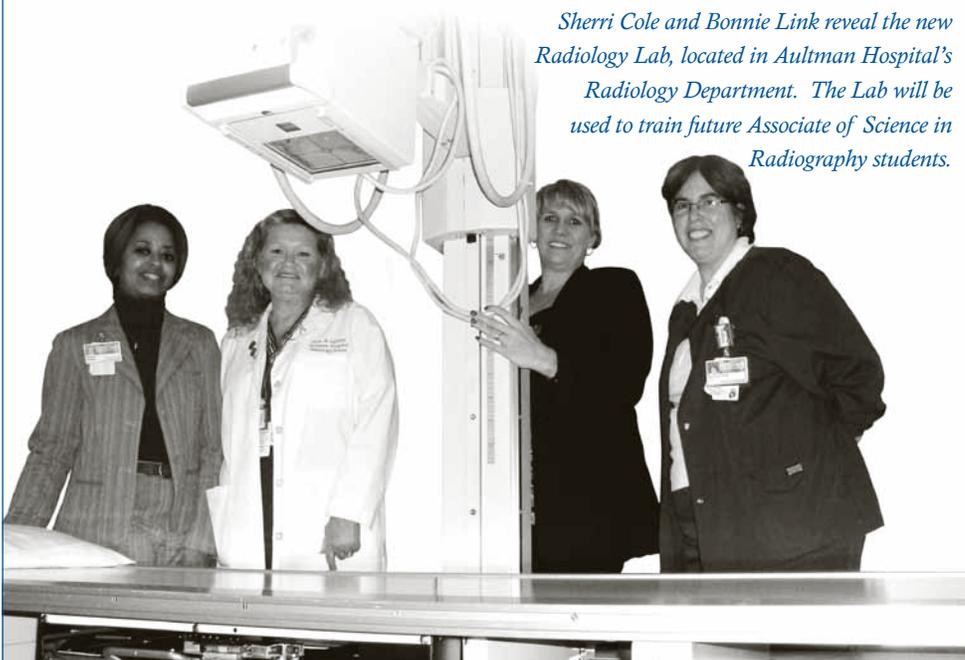
technologists has been part of Aultman Hospital's health sciences education history since 1947. The program started as a one-year training school and expanded with the growth of imaging technology. In addition to Ms. Cole and Ms. Williams, the program is staffed by Barb Griffin, clinical instructor and Bonnie Link, clinical coordinator. Currently, graduates of the Hospital program are eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) state licensure exam after earning their certificates. "Our graduates have traditionally done very well on the licensure exam," said Ms. Williams. "We have had 100% passage rates for the past five years with scores consistently ranking above the national average." The final certificate class will graduate in August, 2011.

The move to develop the ASR program at Aultman College has coincided with a decision by the ARRT that, beginning in 2015,

an associate degree will be the minimum educational requirement for its certification examinations. For graduates to meet the new standards, radiology programs must have curriculum requirements in place by 2013. ARRT stated that the new standards are "consistent with ARRT's mission of promoting high standards of patient care and will position those graduating in 2015 and beyond for their careers in the profession."

"The addition of the ASR is consistent with our vision of preparing exceptional health care professionals who positively impact society," said President Becky Crowl, '75. "Our goal is to continue adding programs that meet the health care workforce needs of our community." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of radiologic technologists is expected to increase by about 17 percent from 2008 to 2018, faster than the average for all occupations.

(L- R) Robin Williams, Barb Griffin, Sherri Cole and Bonnie Link reveal the new Radiology Lab, located in Aultman Hospital's Radiology Department. The Lab will be used to train future Associate of Science in Radiography students.



Condolences



Our deepest sympathies to the families of:

Margaret Barbour
(Class of 1962)

MaryLou Barnard
(Class of 1957)

Jacqueline Dodez
(Class of 1951)

Sara Evans
(Class of 1938)

Dorothy Graham Means
(Class of 1952)

Gloria Kouth
(Class of 1956)

Linda Coffey Olsen
(Class of 1976)

Linda E. VanVoorhis Smith
(Class of 1969)

Evelyn Skelley Stuart
(Class of 1934, last surviving member)

Frances Kopriznik Willaman
(Class of 1947)

Shirley Zimmerman
(Class of 1948)

December Marks **6th** ACNHS Graduation

It was cold outside, but hearts were warm as the 6th graduating class of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences participated in commencement ceremonies on Dec 19 at R.G. Drage Career Center in Massillon. Leading the 26 graduates in their march and carrying the College's ceremonial mace was Mary Cook, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award in May 2009. Student speakers Kristen Young and Raychel Sepeda left the audience both amused

and inspired with their recollections of their Aultman College experiences and the significance of completing the first steps of their nursing education. Graduates and guests listened as Edward J. Roth III, president and CEO of Aultman Health Foundation, delivered a moving commencement address challenging graduates to recognize the opportunities they have as nurses to turn small moments into great moments through caring. Following the ceremony, graduates

were welcomed as alums at a reception sponsored by the Aultman College Alumni Association. Graduates, friends and family enjoyed cupcakes and beverages while celebrating the happiness of the occasion. The December 2009 graduating class have already shown themselves to be dedicated Aultman College alums by raising \$500 for the 1892 campaign and adding a leaf to the Giving Tree.



Alumni members welcome new graduates.



Graduates Sarah Tallman, Chris Stutzman and Jennifer Zaytzeff celebrate at the Aultman College Alumni Association reception following the ceremony.



Qiana Wallace is congratulated by President Rebecca Crowl.

December Pinning Celebrated

The Pinning Brunch and Celebration for December 2009 graduates was held the morning of commencement in the Aultman Morrow House Education Center. The program included the recognition of Erica Lynn Kish as the December 2009 Division of Nursing Valedictorian. Nursing philosophy and creative expressions were presented by Michelle Newman, Katie Gaddis, Raylene Hoskinson, Jayna Lennington, Deanna Tuggle, Megan Weisburn, Qiana Wallace, and Chris Stutzman. The Pinning Ceremony is a time-honored nursing school tradition that marks the culmination of the initial journey of professional nursing education and the student's pledge to carry out to ideals of one of the world's most well-known nurses, Florence Nightingale.



They'll Remember **OUR** Name!

Thanks to assistance from the Aultman Alumni Association, Aultman College students made a lasting impression at the Ohio Nursing Students' Association convention in Dublin, Ohio last Fall as the men's team claimed the 2nd Annual Brain Bowl championship title and Katie Denslow, president of the Aultman College Student Nurse Association (ACSNA) was named Ohio Nursing Student of the Year.

"There were students from all over the state and a lot of them said 'Where's Aultman College?'" said Katie. "By the time we left, they all knew us!"

The "boys' team", as they called themselves, knocked out the defending champs from University of Toledo, along with teams from 11 other schools, to claim the Brain Bowl title. Team members Corey Bukovitz, Jonathan Sidle, Chris Stutzman, and Michael Shimp earned a perfect score during the last two rounds of the competition, sealing their victory. "Many of the other teams were from

Brain Bowl champions Corey Bukovitz, Chris Stutzman, Michael Shimp and Jonathan Sidle display their trophy.



Katie Denslow displays her Ohio Nursing Student of the Year award.

four-year programs, such as Case Western Reserve University, and they couldn't believe we beat them," said Katie. "They were all saying we must have a really good program."

The Brain Bowl consists of five rounds of 10 NCLEX-type questions. "We didn't really do any extra preparation for the Brain Bowl," said Michael. "Our answers

were based on the things we are learning in our classes."

The "girls' team", consisting of Katie, Tina Robbins, Kristen Young and Molly Schuster, also performed well, making it into the semi-final round. "We got to see what gentlemen our guys are," said Katie. "Our two teams wound up being in the same elimination round and the guys told the judges they weren't going to compete against us. The judges ended up letting both of our teams move on to the next round."

"We are very proud of our students for representing Aultman College so well and so thankful to the Alumni Association for their help in sponsoring our students' attendance at the convention," said President Becky Crawl, '75. "We hope all students take pride in this victory and the confirmation of the quality of the



nursing degree program at Aultman College.”

Ten Aultman College students were sponsored by the Aultman College Alumni Association and Aultman College to attend the convention. The students who attended are active ACSNA members. “We had more students attend than any other school,” said Katie. According to both Katie and Michael, one of the highlights of the convention was an NCLEX review and strategy session, taught by a nurse practitioner, as well as the opportunity to just hang out and network with other college students.

“It was a really good atmosphere,” said Michael. “I basically went because I knew it would look good on my resume to be part of a trade organization. But I ended up getting a



Aultman College students attending the ONSA convention were (left to right) Ashley Mace, Molly Schuster, Chris Stutzman, Tina Robbins, Katie Denslow, Danielle Rollins, Jonathan Sidle, Michael Shimp and Corey Bukovitz.

lot out of the convention that will help me in school and in my career.”

The keys to the boys’ team victory? “I think we worked really well as a team,” said Michael. “If there was

something we were unsure of, we talked it over until we came to a consensus. Hopefully it will be good preparation for what we will be doing as part of a health care team.”

PLEASE RESERVE A PLACE FOR ME AT THE

Annual *Spring* and *50-Year* Dinner

Please return this completed form by April 15, along with your payment (if applicable), to:

Aultman College Alumni Association
P.O. Box 80836 - Station C
Canton, Ohio 44708-0636

Name _____ Class of: _____

Address _____

Will you be dining with us? Yes No *(Please note there is a meal charge of \$24.)*

Don't forget to complete and share some information using the other side of this form!

Skyland Pines

3550 Columbus Road NE
Canton, Ohio

April 23, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Registration & Cocktails

6:00 p.m.

Dinner is served

Select the main course you desire for your meal:

- Chicken
- Scrod
- Strip Steak
- Vegetarian

Alumni Notes

Class of 2009

Odell Johnson works as an RN in the emergency department at Parma Community Hospital. He has completed his ACLS and PALS.

Class of 2007

Amanda Anthony and **Justin Hamilton** are now married. Both are nurses at Aultman. Amanda works in Labor and Delivery and Justin works in SICU.

Megan Carrick is now Megan Dixon after marrying Ryan Dixon in a November wedding in Akron, Ohio.

Class of 2006

Alyssa (Raines) Beery is the MDS Coordinator at Apostolic Christian Home.

Class of 2005

Denise Broemsen obtained her CEN certification in October 2007.

Class of 2003

Kristopher Young lives in Scottsdale, AZ. He earned his MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner with a subspecialty in Palliative Care on December 12, 2009, from the University of Alabama - Birmingham. He was preparing for national boards at press time.

Class of 1979

Susan (Scott) Jamiel works on an independent contract with the State of Oregon providing in-patient psychiatric medical services to chronically mentally ill patients while maintaining a part-time psychiatric private practice. She is a past faculty member in the graduate psychiatric nurse practitioner programs at Washington State University and Oregon Health & Sciences University and is an active presenter and researcher.

Class of 1975

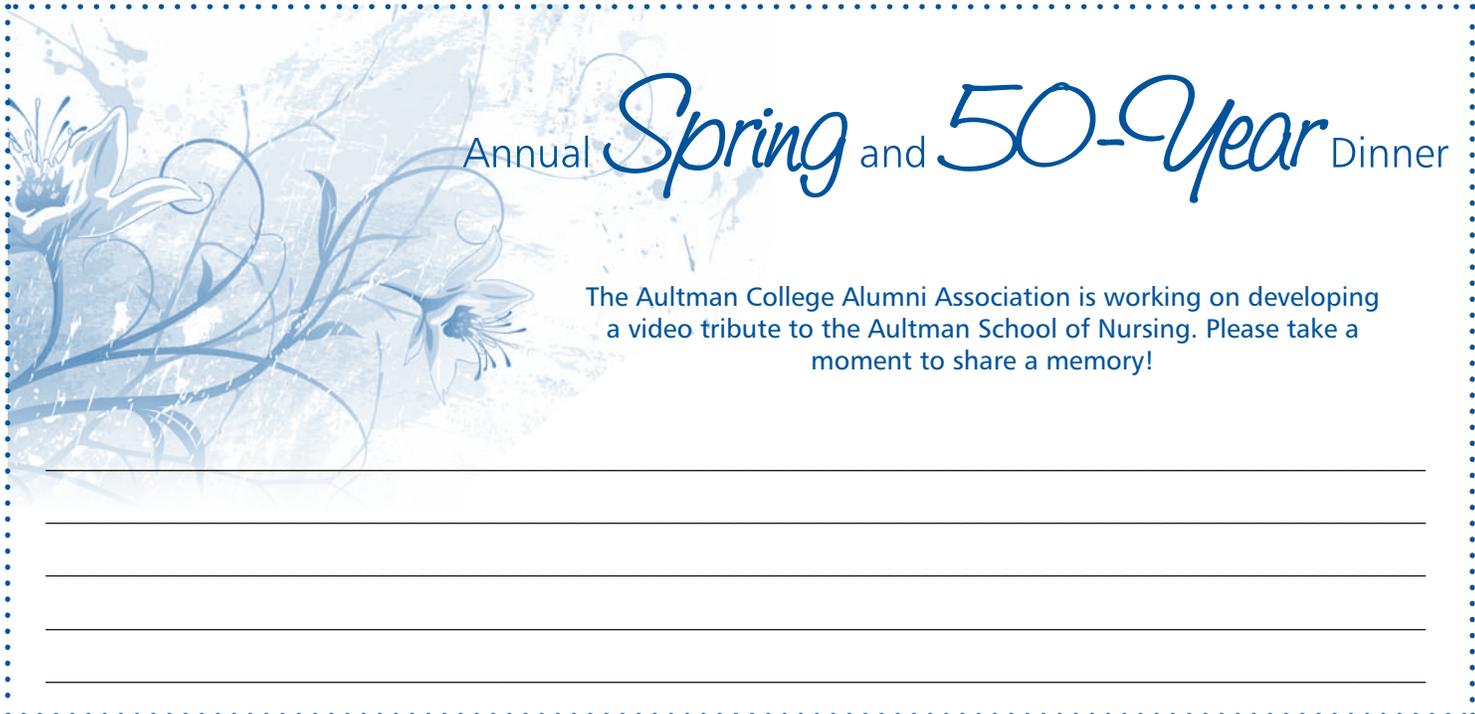
Dawn (Adams) Hanna is presently a patient care specialist in the OR for Plastics

and Ophthalmology. She is currently working on the Cerner Surginet project to change the EMR in Surgery to the Cerner product.

Cynthia Sievert graduated with her MSN in 2008 and joined Aultman College as an adjunct faculty member for the 2009-2010 academic year. She has also earned her CCRN certification.

Class of 1973

Jerilynn (Bunofsky) Leckrone has spent the past 30 years working in every psychiatric nursing position from staff nurse to Director of Nursing at The Neuropsychiatric Facility at The Ohio State University Medical Center. She retired in 2003 and since then has become passionate about breast health awareness and early detection. Jerilynn has created and designed a very engaging and friendly BSE teaching tool. Her company is Know the Feeling Now. Ltd. and the teaching tool is the Breastology Bag. You can learn more about her teaching tool at Breastologybag.com



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AULTMAN SCHOOL OF NURSING UNIFORM BECOMES A PERMANENT PART OF HISTORY

Make a date with your fellow alums to visit *The Stark County Story* exhibit at the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum. Featured in the exhibit is a full Aultman School of Nursing student uniform donated by Janice (Dolvin) Materna from the class of 1953. "I first put the uniform together for our 50th anniversary dinner in 2003," said Janice. "We had 21 out of 28 classmates attend and everyone was so tickled to see it. Afterwards, I took it home and thought 'now what am I going to do with this?'"

Fortunately, fate soon intervened as Janice learned that that McKinley Museum was seeking Stark County memorabilia from the 1950's for an exhibit they would soon be opening. "It was a wonderful donation," said Kim Kenney, museum curator. "The uniform was complete from cap to shoes. It was a fabulous addition to the health care component of our display."

The Stark County Story, which opened in Sept 2009, is a permanent exhibit located on the second floor of the museum. "We have had a tremendous response," said Kim. "Attendance has increased every month."

"Aultman College is proud of its Aultman School of Nursing roots and thrilled to be part of this



exhibit," said Vi Leggett, chief external affairs officer. "We have been educating nurses to care for this community since 1892."

The uniform consists of several pieces, including a dress, bib, apron, cuffs, collar, shoes and cap. "It took us about ten minutes to put a uniform together," said Janice. "We always did it the night before our shift."

Janice, who is retired from the North Canton Medical Foundation, has visited her uniform at the museum display several times. "My son came down from Akron to see it," she said. "He told me, 'Mom, you're famous!'" She feels very honored that her uniform is part of

permanent piece of Stark County history. "I got tears in my eyes the first time I saw the display," said Janice. "I'm just so proud to be a graduate of the Aultman School of Nursing."

William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum

Hours:

Monday – Saturday
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Noon – 4 pm



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1892 Campaign In Full Swing

Thank you to all alumni who donated to the Annual 1892 Campaign through our phone-a-thons in November and March. Calls will be made again in April to finish out the school year. Year to date for the 09-10 school year we have raised more than \$12,600. If you receive a call from a student, please take the time to talk to them about their classes and any of your Aultman School of Nursing or College of Nursing experience! Watch for a full listing of scholarships provided in the July issue of Connection.

Save The Date

August 18, 2010

Tee It Up Fore Aultman College!

2010 Annual Women's Golf Outing
Wilkshire Golf Course

