From Bedside to Office

Celebrating Alumni

Who Are Amazing Administrators

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**Annual Spring Dinner**

The annual spring dinner will be held Friday, April 26 at Skyland Pines. Join the class of 1963 as we honor our alma mater, the friendships we established and the service we provided to the community. Please plan to attend and join the fun. The cost of this year’s event is $25.

To reserve your spot, please complete and return the form on page 11 by April 5. Remember to bring your memorabilia to share! We need your help to keep our memories alive!

For more information, please contact Aultman College at 330-363-6347.
The President’s Address

President Crowl

Every child has been asked the question “What do you want to be when you grow up?” If those childhood aspirations came true, we would be overrun with firemen, singers, astronauts and movie stars. As those kids matured and prepared for college, they had to select a major. Their career plans were a bit more realistic, but only slightly better at predicting their future.

In the previous issue of Connection, I introduced a series of feature stories describing the many different career paths taken by Aultman College graduates. In this issue, you will read about three leaders who learned their healthcare skills here before beginning planned careers in direct patient care. But as happens to so many of us, their career paths led them to positions as administrators.

Talking with these successful graduates, you sense that they are rightfully proud of what they’ve been able to achieve. They take very seriously the tremendous opportunity they have to improve the level of care for patients and the success of their organizations.

But at the same time, each of them reveals a bit of sadness at having left direct patient care behind. As Diana Boyd, vice president of nursing at Union Hospital said, “The higher up you go, the less you get that regular feedback that you are appreciated … the smile from a patient who you helped make more comfortable or less fearful.”

As you read about the interesting turns taken in the careers of our alumni, it points out how there may be career surprises in store for all of us. The women described in our feature story are all doing things very different than what they ever expected, but they are clearly excelling at what they do. They continue to enhance the lives of patients, staff members and the community.

In each of our lives, doors will close and others will open. Many of the non-traditional students currently enrolled in our programs are reinventing themselves and charting new life courses.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Crowl, President
Members of the twelfth graduating class of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences were awarded the Associate of Science in Nursing degree at the Dec. 14 commencement ceremony at R.G. Drage Career Technical Center in Massillon. Leading the graduates in their march and carrying the college’s ceremonial mace was Mary Cook, faculty member with the longest length of service to Aultman College. Student speaker James Lillard and keynote speaker Ed Roth, president and CEO of Aultman Health Foundation, delivered inspirational speeches of encouragement to graduates.

The Pinning Ceremony for December 2012 nursing graduates was held prior to graduation at R.G. Drage. The program included the recognition of James Lillard as the December 2012 Division of Nursing valedictorian. Creative expressions were presented by Dan Albrecht, Corey Meeks, Zach Perv, Bonita Lackey, Jordan Beitzel, and Lora Kenney. 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 the ideals of one of the world’s most well-known nurses, Florence Nightingale.
May Graduation to Honor all Students

The upcoming graduation ceremony in May will mark the first time radiography students will graduate with an Associate Degree from Aultman College. This milestone marks the first time that two associate degrees will be conferred in ceremony. Faculty and staff have been preparing and are excited to honor all of our graduates as health science professionals!

Weird Science!

Second Annual Science Showcase Provides an Evening of Fun and Learning

More than 30 students crowded classrooms to participate in Aultman College’s Science Showcase on Nov. 5. The Science Showcase provides an opportunity for students in anatomy and physiology, chemistry and microbiology classes to illustrate what they have learned in their coursework through poster presentations. “The addition of anatomy and physiology really rounded out the showcase,” said Dr. Jean Paddock, chemistry professor and chief academic officer for the college. Jen Hillyer, anatomy and physiology professor added, “Anatomy and physiology students were glad to be included and present their scientific findings on the diseases they studied.”

Topics covered in the presentations included:
- Investigation of chemical elements
- Elements and their implications in medicine
- Study of various diseases
- Antibiotic resistant bacteria

The posters were evaluated by judges from the hospital and college. Winners in each category received a cash prize.

Aultman College
Faculty and Staff
Celebrate National Wear Red Day

February 1, 2013 marked the 10-year anniversary of National Wear Red Day, the annual kick off to the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women campaign. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease still kills more women than all cancers combined. Members of the Aultman College team showed their support by dressing for the occasion. “It is our responsibility as women and as educators to raise awareness,” said Vi Leggett, vice president at the college. “Heart disease is our number one enemy.” If you would like more information, or to find out if you are at risk for heart disease visit Aultman.org/heartaware to participate in Aultman Hospital’s heart risk assessment.
Faculty and staff worked tirelessly preparing for several accreditation visits that took place in the fall of 2012. The Ohio Board of Regents, The National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission and the Higher Learning Commission had site visits to our campus and the college was both pleased and challenged with the visit results. "We did receive a recommendation for continuing accreditation from the HLC as well as permission to begin offering a BSN completion program," said Rebecca Crowl, college president. "In this crucial period before beginning such a large endeavor, we have to temper our excitement and focus. There is still much work to be done, our request is now pending Ohio Board of Regent's Chancellor Approval."

President Crowl did extend special thanks to all alumni and students who participated in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit Nov. 12-14. Representatives of the HLC toured college facilities, observed courses, and spoke with students, faculty, and staff, along with board and community members. "We absolutely could not have reached our goals without the support of our alumni," noted President Crowl. "The surveyors had such wonderful things to say about them and their commitment to their alma matter. "

Construction has come a long way since the kick-off to the Door to Discovery campaign in 2011. Now in its third year, the campaign has produced a fully functioning anatomy and physiology lab and another fully functioning lab that both chemistry and microbiology are currently using. However, there is still work to be done! The immediate plan is for construction on a third lab to be completed. "The college's commitment has not changed and remains commited to building campus-based science facilities that will allow us to integrate laboratory learning with a strong health sciences focus," said College President Rebecca Crowl. "Through community partnerships and quality degree programs, our goal is to ignite an interest in science and provide our area's health care industry with well-qualified graduates for years to come." Donations to the "Door to Discovery" campaign may be made online at www.aultmanfoundation.org. Please select Aultman College as the designee and type "Door to Discovery" in the "Other" field. Pledges can also be given directly to the Aultman Foundation or by contacting Vi Leggett. For more information about naming opportunities that still exist or if you have questions about the campaign please do not hesitate to contact Vi at 330-363-6183.
Members of the Aultman College Student Nurse Association (ACSN) represented the college well at the Ohio Nursing Students Association (ONSA) convention held October 26-27 at The Ohio State University College of Nursing. ONSA is the state chapter of the National Student Nurses’ Association and the parent chapter of the ACSNA. All members of the ACSNA are eligible to attend the convention.

The convention was titled “Ohio Nursing Students Shooting for the Stars” and attracted more than 60 nursing students from across the state. Convention activities included networking events, educational breakout sessions, an exhibit hall, a bone marrow drive, and elections for next year’s ONSA board of directors. Friday evening also featured the Brain Bowl competition, a favorite among convention attendees. The Brain Bowl pits school teams against each other to answer questions modeled after the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Two Aultman College teams participated in the Brain Bowl, with one team holding on for second place.
Campus Accomplishments

Dr. Jean Paddock named Chief Academic Officer

Aultman College welcomes Jean Paddock to the role of Chief Academic Officer. After a long process, the search committee chose Dr. Paddock, who formally accepted the position in December. Paddock has been a member of the Aultman College faculty since 2007, where she has worked as a chemistry instructor, as well as the director of the general education division. Her hard work and great attitude will complement the college and our students in her new role. Great job Jean!

Jo Ann Donnenwirth, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC

Congratulations to nursing faculty member JoAnn Donnenwirth, who was invited to deliver the induction address at the Malone University Pi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau induction ceremony. Ms. Donnenwirth's talk was entitled "Peripartum Cardiomyopathy." The Pi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International is Malone University’s nursing honor society.

Radiography Program Director, Robin Williams named in Ohio

Congratulations to Robin Williams, director of the Radiography Program, for being named one of Ohio’s Excellent Educators. Williams was featured in Ohio Magazine’s Excellence in Education edition in December 2012.

Robin Williams, M.B.A., R.T., (R)

Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Robin Williams is Aultman College’s Associate of Science in Radiography program director and was instrumental in the program’s progression from certificate to degree-granting. Her experience and passion for imaging education provide her radiography students with an ideal learning environment. Robin currently holds associations with the American Registered Radiologic Technologists and the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists. She is an invaluable asset to Aultman College.
Christine Jurovcik Named Nursing Student of the Year

For the fifth straight year, an Aultman College student was named Ohio Nursing Student of the Year at the Ohio Nursing Student Association Annual Convention. Christine Jurovcik took home the honors. She was nominated by Student Life Coordinator, Courtney Coleman and ACSNA President, Kimberly Daniels for her character, her potential in the field of nursing and her contributions to the ACSNA.

Two Students Elected To Ohio Student Nursing Association (OSNA) Board

During this year’s OSNA convention, Christine Jurovcik and fellow student, Thadd Chastain ran for office positions on the ONSA Board of Directors. After delivering speeches, Jurovcik was elected as Legislative Director and Chastain was elected as Nominations and Elections Director. Both students joined the ONSA Board for the organization’s annual retreat the first weekend of December.
It used to be relatively easy to envision how we would spend our working years. Just two generations ago, our working grandparents would probably spend their entire career at the same company and work within the same area or department. Some aspired to move into leadership positions, but their career path was relatively straight and easily followed. Today’s career paths are full of twists and turns. Few people stay in a job or company long enough to earn those once-treasured 40-year service awards. A more volatile economy combined with a more mobile lifestyle have created a constantly shifting career landscape. We often find ourselves employed in roles that we never would have imagined.

The last edition of Connection featured Aultman College graduates who had moved on to positions as educators. This edition showcases graduates who’ve transitioned into healthcare administration, and are finding great satisfaction in the roles they play.

**Recalling Their Education, Planning Their Careers**

Diana Boyd ('79), Chris Donato ('89) and Wendy Gotschall ('91) had different goals in mind when they were training for their healthcare careers. Donato graduated from the School of Radiography. It was a field that interested her and she’s clearly excelled in. She stayed close to that field her entire career and today is executive director of Aultman Imaging Services.

Boyd, vice president of nursing at Union Hospital, saw nursing as “a great job for someone like me who wanted to get married, have kids and, because it was so flexible, travel around a bit. Nursing wasn’t something I had an intense interest in. I was never a candy striper and really never stepped in a hospital until nursing school. But fortunately I really liked it and enjoyed caring for patients. Being a bedside nurse was really all I aspired to.”

Gotschall entered Aultman College with the short-term goal of working as an ER nurse, but knew at the time that her longer-term goal was to be an educator. After some experience in the classroom, though, she realized it wasn’t where she wanted to be. After five years in the ER, she began a succession of positions leading to her current role as vice president and chief operating officer of outpatient facilities for Aultman.
All of the women agree that school was a tough but wonderful experience. Boyd recalls the camaraderie of the students. “You got through everything together,” she says. “We all freaked for tests and practiced for clinicals at the same time. There was a lot of moral support from one another.”

**Patients First and Always**

Working with patients seems to be something that becomes part of who you are. All three of the now-administrators say they routinely call on their past experiences decades after providing direct patient care.

“I really draw on my nursing skills when doing strategic planning. I am always thinking about how it will affect the patient,” says Boyd.

“I use my nursing experience when making decisions related to patient care,” Gotschall agrees. “You need that underlying knowledge. There are so many things related to processes, policies, quality and more - all that comes from your nursing knowledge.”

When asked what she misses most about nursing, Boyd instantly answers, “The patients. I round on them now, but I miss helping them, making their pain better, making them smile. There are lots of rewards to bedside nursing. The higher up you go, the less you get that regular feedback that you are appreciated.”

**Still Making a Difference**

Most people who provide direct patient care get enormous satisfaction from helping their patients. Losing that direct contact with patients seems to be the thing that the administrators miss most. However, they realize that they now play a larger role.

“As an administrator, I feel like I can make a bigger difference than I ever could have if I were focused on the clinical aspects,” Donato says. “I can make a difference not only for the patients, but also for the staff and the entire Aultman organization. It’s rewarding to help individual patients, but at my current level I feel that I can have a much bigger impact on overall patient care.”

“Part of what makes a nurse a nurse is that we like to be challenged,” Gotschall believes. “We like to find new and better ways to help people and do things. I still do that as an administrator but in a different way. My role now is to support everyone who does anything related to delivering care in our outpatient facilities.”

“It’s a different focus,” Boyd agrees. “I can still make things better for our patients, but I have to depend on other people to actually provide the care. They may do it differently than I would have, but you have to let them grow, hone their skills and do things the way they think is best. My job is to ensure that the quality of care is there.”

**Always Growing**

These three Aultman graduates found themselves moving through positions that their original schooling hadn’t trained them for. But each of them prepared for advancement by continuous learning, and they credit Aultman for giving them opportunities to expand their knowledge and skill.

“Aultman provided me with a wonderful start,” Donato says, “and now it provides me, and all of our employees, with so many chances for growth and advancement. I left Aultman for a while and gained experience at other organizations, but by far Aultman is the best place to work.”

Boyd also continued to pursue advanced education, earning her BA in management in 1988, her MBA in 1993 and her BSN in 2009. Admitting that she “tends to get bored,” Gotschall also took advantage of the many opportunities she was given to grow, learn and develop new skills. While working in her first job in the ER, she completed her Bachelor of Science degree, went from that straight to her master’s degree and is now working on her doctorate.

**Playing a Larger Role**

Although direct patient care is no longer part of their jobs, each of the administrators finds opportunities to get face-to-face with patients. They seem most animated when talking about these opportunities to see and help patients directly.

“Just because I don’t practice at the bedside doesn’t take away from the fact that I am a nurse,” Gotschall says. “I still think of myself as a nurse first.” In fact, she admits that she would be glad to return to her original role as an ER nurse someday. But, like her fellow administrators, realizes that she plays a larger and more influential role in her current position.

As Donato sums it up, “It is not always an easy job, but it makes me feel good to be part of the executive team and to focus my energy on helping patients in bigger ways. It’s nice to know that I make decisions that will affect the hospital for years to come.”
Letter from the President of the Aultman College Alumni Association

Tina Biasella

Greetings alumni and friends!
I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and has had an excellent beginning to 2013! I was not able to attend the 12th commencement of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences in December, but I am grateful to those alumni who came to support the graduating class on behalf of the Alumni Association. Join me in extending well wishes to the newest alumni members as they begin their careers.

Can you believe all of the exciting things happening at our alma mater? After a tumultuous ending to 2012 with one accreditation visit after another, great news returned on all fronts. While there is still work to be done, we have received a recommendation for continuing accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and have been given permission to begin offering a BSN completion program. I was so proud to hear the HLC surveyors compliment our alumni. We all have so much to be proud of. The pride and dedication to the college’s mission of educating exceptional health care professionals shone in those who participated in the site visit. We hope that you will continue that commitment as we move forward into our next chapter of meeting our mission. It is not always an easy task to meet the educational needs of our world, but adding a BSN completion program positions the college well to not only meet, but exceed those needs. We would love for you to be a part of it all! If you are interested in participating on the alumni board or if you have ideas on how we might better serve our alumni, we would like to hear from you. If you have not been to the Aultman College campus in a while, I invite you to stop by to see all of the new developments.

Please stay in touch with your alma mater and do let us know what you’re up to these days. Best wishes.

Meet Your New Alumni Coordinator

Sheri Storlie

After a search and interview process, the college has named Sheri Storlie to the role of alumni coordinator. Sheri is a current college staff member who divides her time between external and internal affairs. She works diligently with the Aultman College Community Education (ACCE) program as well as with admissions. “Sheri was a natural choice,” commented Vi Leggett, vice president of external affairs. “Sheri is innovative and hard-working: just the type of person we need assisting our alumni.” Sheri has been with the college almost three years and recently graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in organizational management from Malone University. “I am very excited to step into the role as alumni coordinator,” said Storlie. “I look forward to fostering new relationships and rising to the challenge of coordinating such a vital group as our alumni.”
Phone-A-Thon to Benefit 1892 Campaign will run in April

It’s that time of year again, when the alumni association reaches out to past graduates in support of the annual campaign. “The first night is always really difficult and awkward,” said Vi Leggett, vice president of external affairs. “Especially for those helping make the calls for the first time, they are so nervous talking to the first few alumni. However, they soon settle in and enjoy sharing their stories and hearing from our alumni.” Leggett continued by saying, “It is certainly our hope that our graduates will contribute during our annual appeal, but being courteous to the callers and engaging the students who are calling is always an extra treat.” Donations to the 1892 Campaign are directed to scholarships for Aultman College students.

Save me a seat at the annual spring dinner!

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Will you be dining with us? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Please note there is dinner charge of $25)

Select the main course you desire for your meal: ☐ Chicken ☐ Scrod ☐ Steak ☐ Vegetarian

Would you like to make a donation to the 1892 campaign? ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ $25 ☐ $10 ☐ Other_________

Join us at Skyland Pines
3550 Columbus Road N.E., Canton

Friday, April 26, 2013

5 p.m. Registration & Cocktails • 6 p.m. Program Begins

Please share some of your fondest memories of your days at Aultman

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Please return your completed form by April 5, 2013, along with your payment (if applicable), to:
Aultman College Alumni Association • 2600 6th Street S.W., Canton, OH 44710
Kathy Tschiegg ('78), founder and CEO of Central American Medical Outreach was recently awarded with the inaugural General Health Worker REAL award. Tschiegg was one of several honorees presented with the award at the first Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summit in California on Jan. 14. The conference was sponsored by the Masimo Corp. and was attended by former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Presenting sponsors included the Medtronic Foundation, Merck Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The REAL Awards honor health care workers in the United States and around the world, and recognizes the life-saving work they perform every day. The awards recognized nine honorees for their exceptional service in health care, and were presented during the popular entertainment awards season. Much like the People's Choice Awards, the REAL Awards give people the ability to nominate and vote for deserving individuals in the health care field while turning attention away from celebrating movie and music entertainers. The REAL Awards seek to honor the admirable and lifesaving work of dedicated individuals worldwide.

Tschiegg said she had been nominated for the award in the field of non-general health care by Melissa Beard, a friend of hers living in North Carolina. Tschiegg said she was notified she would be receiving the honor on the Thursday before the convention and was told Clinton would be presenting her with the award. In fact, Tschiegg said, Clinton did not actually present the award, although he was on stage and spoke about the REAL recognitions. She said that after she received the award, Clinton came backstage to congratulate her and pose for photos.

Tschiegg said CAMO, founded in 1993, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in May. She noted the organization is providing about 250,000 health care services each year to those in need in Honduras. She noted the organization is instrumental in saving about 150 newborns a year, who otherwise would have died without the aid provided by CAMO. The organization developed a system for the delivery of sustainable quality health care for the poor in Honduras and other areas of Central America. “We need support for help in taking care of disastrous infrastructure issues and child safety,” Tschiegg said.

Tschiegg said CAMO will hold a 20th anniversary open house at its Orrville facility on May 19 so area residents can get a better understanding of the organization’s mission.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Congratulations To:
Elizabeth Moore ('76) who was married to Michael in April 2012.
Stephanie Nussbaum ('10) who married Bryon Jones in April 2012.
Amy Lemire ('11) who was married in October 2011. She and her husband, Eli Stepanovich also welcomed Mason Eacho Stepanovich in February 2012.

Condolences:
Aultman College extends deepest sympathies to the families of:

Mary Marcia (Gnagy) Egger ('46)
Virginia (Beck) Hazard ('51)
Mary "Betsy" (Kitzmiller) Theken ('58)
Sharon (McDermitt) Cowan ('59)
Lois Marie (Schneider) Lutsch ('59)
Judith (Dilworth) Breit ('68)
Anna (Untch) Stanek ('60)

Stay Connected Alumni!

Alumni, are you looking for ways to check in with other alumni or to get news on your alma mater? There are several opportunities for you to connect and stay in touch.

- Become a fan of the Aultman College Alumni Association on Facebook! You will see photos, updates, alerts and information about all things alumni.
- Visit our website, www.aultmancollege.edu. It is packed with updated information and news!
- Write us! Contact Sheri Storlie, alumni coordinator, if you would like to be put in touch with other alumni from your class, update us on how you’ve been or get involved with the alumni association.
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  Canton, Oh. 44710
  330-363-1178
- Join the alumni association! Membership is free and participation is fun! Check out the ‘Alumni Events’ section of your Connection for meeting and event information.
Calling All Alumni!

Several events are scheduled and we want you to mark your calendars!

Alumni Association Meetings: 2013
April 26, 2013 50-Year Dinner Meeting
May 28, 2013 / 5 p.m. / Founders Room

May Graduation
Join us in celebrating our newest graduates Saturday, May 11 at the RG Drage Career Technical Center. Ceremony starts at 10 a.m.

Annual Spring Dinner
Mark your calendars NOW for a celebration at Skyland Pines Friday, April 26, 2013. Join the class of 1963 as we honor our alma mater, the friendships we established and the service we provided to the community. Please plan to attend and join the fun. To save your seat, complete the form on page 11. The cost of this year’s event is $25. For more information, please contact Vi Leggett at 330-363-6183.

Spotlight On History
The alumni association is proud to present Sally Whiston, who specializes in bringing women in American history to life. Sally will be at the college Thursday, August 22. Alumni are invited to join us for lunch and Sally’s presentation of The Unsinkable Molly Brown. Registration for the event is $10 and includes lunch at 1 p.m. The spotlight on history will begin at 2:30 p.m. Contact Vi Leggett to register at 330-363-6183.

Upcoming Events …
Look for details about special alumni events the alumni association will be planning for the spring of 2013. Stay tuned...