SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, September 28, 2012

KELLOGG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
BIG TEN ROOM B & C
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan
“It is a noble calling – the calling of nurses – but it depends on you – nurses – to make it noble.”

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, 1893
## Order of Ceremony

### Welcome and Introductions

KATHLEEN SCHWARTZ, CON BSN ’71  
Mistress of Ceremony  
Chair, College of Nursing Board of Visitors

### Welcome and Remarks

MARY MUNDT, PhD, RN  
Dean and Professor

### Dinner and Soft Music

THE GRAD TRIO

### Presentation of Alumni Awards

JUDITH FOULABAKSH, CON PhD ’06  
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association

### Presentation of Faculty Awards

GWEN WYATT, PhD, RN  
Professor

### Presentation of Dissertation Award

BARBARA GIVEN, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Director of the PhD Program,  
University Distinguished Professor

### Presentation of Student Scholarships

TERESA WEHRWEIN, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CON BSN ’72  
Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs

### Closing Remarks

MARY MUNDT, PhD, RN  
Dean and Professor

### Adjournment
Alumni Awards

Since 1972, the College of Nursing Alumni Association has presented accomplished nursing alumni with the association's highest honors of recognition: Distinguished, Service, and Recent Graduate Alumni Awards.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes nursing leaders who have attained the highest level of professional accomplishments, and/or has advanced the profession through practice, research, education, or administration. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

JUDGE PAULA MANDERFIELD, CON BSN ’79

Alumni Service Award

The Alumni Service Award recognizes alumni whose dedicated work and exemplary service have benefited society, and the profession of nursing. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

SHARON BUURSMA, CON BSN ’65

Recent Graduate Achievement Award

The Recent Graduate Achievement Award recognizes nursing alumni who graduated within the past 10 years and who have obtained a level of professional accomplishments including but not limited to: contributions to employer, history of promotion, military accomplishments, continued education, or published work. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

ELIZABETH KUZMA, CON BSN ’03, MSN ’08
Carol Barthel Spirit Award

Carol Barthel, MSN, RN, was a member of the College of Nursing community for only a few years; however, her impact on the faculty and students will long be remembered. After teaching courses on mental health and psychology for four semesters, cancer took Carol’s life on February 15, 2001.

This award is given to faculty and staff members who contribute positively to the climate of the College of Nursing by: encouraging others in their work, facilitating conflict resolution and a positive climate, promoting collegiality, mentoring others, exhibiting a positive approach to problem solving, supporting the development of others and strongly advocating for the College and University.

GEORGIA PADONU, DrPH, RN
Associate Professor

Billie Diane Gamble Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Excellence/Enrichment Award

Billie Gamble was a teacher and mentor in the College of Nursing for many years. Her contributions to the careers and lives of thousands of students will be long remembered.

This award, established by friends, colleagues, and former students of Billie, is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates sustained excellence in undergraduate teaching.

REBECCA LEHTO, PhD, RN, OCN
Assistant Professor
This year the College of Nursing is initiating a Dissertation Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize a graduate whose research demonstrates exceptional quality and significance to nursing.

M E L O D E E V A N D E N B O S C H, C O N P h D ’11
Assistant Professor
Endowed Student Scholarships

Carol Robinson Beals Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to honor Dr. Carol Robinson Beals (CON BSN '72). President of the Beals Institute, Carol is a medical doctor whose practice specializes in rheumatology. Today, the Beals Institute is an important healthcare provider for the state of Michigan.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students on a basis of academic achievement. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.3 grade point average. Preference is given to students who are permanent residents of a rural area in the state of Michigan. Residents from the greater Midwest are also eligible for consideration.

Jennifer Holbrook, BSN Class of 2013
Taylor Johncox, BSN Class of 2013

Helen Calder Endowed Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Ralph Calder, an architect who was involved in the design of 54 buildings on Michigan State University’s campus. He established this endowed scholarship in memory of his wife, Helen, with the intent of honoring the nursing care that she received while battling a long illness.

It provides financial assistance to students whose permanent residence is in the state of Michigan and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Kristi Harworth, BSN Class of 2012
Emily Roth, BSN Class of 2014
Heather Schramm, BSN Class of 2014
Katherine Withrow, BSN Class of 2013
College of Nursing Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

The Michigan State University College of Nursing Alumni Association provides opportunities for alumni to maintain lifelong engagement with the College.

This scholarship was established to demonstrate the College of Nursing Alumni Association's continuing commitment to the support and encouragement of future nurses in their pursuit of academic excellence. It provides financial assistance to students who maintain sound academic achievements and who have demonstrated leadership involvement in external community activities.

ELIZABETH SCHILLING, BSN Class of 2013

John F. Dunkel Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the family of the late Dr. John Dunkel, Associate Professor of Pathology at the College of Medicine at Michigan State University. It recognizes the family's strong connection to the field of nursing and is intended to encourage baccalaureate-prepared nurses who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve their educational and professional goals.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students attending the College's MSN or PhD programs. In addition to evidence of research potential, recipients are selected on a basis of academic merit and must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

EMILIE DYKSTRA GORIS, PhD Class of 2013

Helene Fuld Health Trust Endowed Scholarship for Baccalaureate Nursing Students

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Recipients shall be undergraduate students in the Michigan State University College of Nursing Accelerated Second Degree Option Baccalaureate Program.

KELLY ALLEN, BSN Class of 2013
KRISTINE CRAWFORD, BSN Class of 2013
HOLLY STEWARD, BSN Class of 2013
Inspired by the attentive and caring nurses at the Michigan State University Oncology Center, this scholarship was established by Dr. Laurence Harmon, Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University. Dr. Harmon created this scholarship in loving memory of his wife, Inez, and his sister, Gladys.

This scholarship provides financial support to students who have completed at least two years of university academic credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 and who have the professional objective of becoming a registered nurse.

MEGHAN STICKLER, BSN Class of 2014
LAUREN WHITE, BSN Class of 2013

Janice and Alton Granger Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Janice Granger (CON BSN ‘80) is a valued member of the College’s alumni family and has extensive ties to the community and to the state of Michigan. She is a former member of the College’s Alumni Board and she currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Council, Board of Visitors. She and her husband, Alton (ENG BS ’54), have long been supporters of Michigan State University and the College of Nursing.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students with a preference that their work is focused in gerontology. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

CLAIRE MCDOWELL, MSN Class of 2013

Captain Sean Grimes Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Established by his beloved family, this scholarship honors Captain Sean Grimes (CON BSN ‘97) who was an exceptional student that graduated with honors from the College of Nursing. He was the recipient of a Distinguished Military Graduate Award from the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Sean enlisted in the Army to make a positive impact in the world. His life tragically ended on March 4, 2005 when his armored Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device during combat patrol in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Sean had been in Iraq for about six months when he was killed.

To help future students realize their dreams of becoming a nurse, this scholarship provides financial assistance to Michigan State University nursing students that are an Army Reservist, Army National Guard member, active Army Soldier or honorably discharged Veteran of these branches.

WENDY SANTIAGO, BSN Class of 2013

Inez and Gladys Harmon Endowed Scholarship

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MEGHAN STICKLER, BSN Class of 2014
LAUREN WHITE, BSN Class of 2013
Marjorie A. Holmes Graduate Nursing Endowed Scholarship

One of three endowments established by Marjorie A. Holmes (CON BSN ’60), this scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

NICOLE EHINGER, MSN Class of 2014

Rao and Joyce Kareti Nursing Endowed Scholarship

At the time that this scholarship was established, Joyce Kareti (CON BSN ’97) was a student in the College’s RN to BSN program. Dedicated to healing and care, Dr. Rao and Joyce Kareti are committed to healthcare and to helping students who, due to financial circumstances, may not be able to achieve their academic goals in nursing.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing their bachelor’s degree through the College’s RN to BSN option. Preference is given to students who are from ethnically underrepresented populations in the profession.

MARIA BALINGIT, BSN Class of 2013
DANH C. HONG, BSN Class of 2013

Helen M. Kelley Endowed Scholarship

Helen M. Kelley was a practicing registered nurse for 45 years. She believed that nothing would ever replace good bedside judgment, care, and the support of a dedicated nurse.

This scholarship was created by Helen’s sons and daughter-in-law, all of whom are Michigan State University alumni, in her loving memory. It provides financial assistance to students enrolled in good standing in the College of Nursing.

EMILY HOWE, BSN Class of 2014
BRITTANY LEWIS, BSN Class of 2013
Florence C. Kempf Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the legacy of Florence C. Kempf, who was the first director of the Michigan State University School of Nursing when it opened in 1950. She remained in that role until her retirement in 1964. Florence was instrumental in developing the educational framework for what is now the College of Nursing.

Established by Michigan State University nursing alumni and friends, this scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are in good academic standing.

LAUREL DIPUCCHIO, BSN Class of 2014
BRENDA HALLORAN, BSN Class of 2013

Elizabeth Blay Maison Endowed Scholarship

In 1962 Lorelei F. Rockwell graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University. Lorelei and her husband Wayne established this scholarship to honor the memory of her mother, Elizabeth Blay Maison, who was a devoted nurse that dedicated herself to the profession before transitioning from this life at the age of 53.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students of the College with preference to undergraduate students that have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing.

SHANNON INMAN, BSN Class of 2013
RACHEL LIM, BSN Class of 2013

Judge Paula Manderfield Endowed Scholarship

Paula Manderfield (CON BSN ‘79) worked as an RN part-time while attending Michigan State University to complete her bachelor’s degree in nursing. When she entered law school, she continued to support herself by working as a nurse. Although known today as Judge Manderfield, Paula remains connected and has always held the belief that nursing is a noble and honorable profession.

This scholarship was established by Paula and her husband, David M. Gilstrap, with preference that it will provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the College's RN to BSN program.

LISA RYAN, BSN Class of 2013
Mary Milner-Estes Endowed Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late Mary J. Milner-Estes (CON BSN ’64) whose career in nursing spanned more than 30 years. She began her career as head nurse at Pontiac State Hospital. In 1969, she graduated from Wayne State with a master’s in teaching and went on to work at the Veterans Administration Hospital where she served in the capacities of Assistant Chief Nurse and Chief of the Nursing Services throughout the country. She also served on faculty at both Wayne State and Michigan State Universities. In retirement, Mary married her childhood friend, David Estes, loved to travel, remained active with the MSU Alumni Association, the College’s Alumni Association and her church.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Nursing, who are in good academic standing and have third year status as an undergraduate student or entering into or matriculating through a graduate or accelerated nursing program.

Morgan Bowen, BSN Class of 2013

Mary B. McCartney Endowed Scholarship for Study Abroad

This scholarship honors Mary Browder McCartney, MA, RN, Assistant Professor Emeritus for the College of Nursing. Mary has long held an interest in international student exchange activities. In 1991 she was appointed the College’s Director of International Activities and Programming and received the 1994 Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University.

Established by Mary and her husband, James, this scholarship is awarded to students who are enrolled in the College’s baccalaureate, baccalaureate completion for registered nurses, or master’s in nursing programs. Preference is given to students in the London study abroad program. Students in other study abroad programs are also eligible for consideration.

Philip Kodesy, BSN Class of 2014

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This scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Nursing, who are in good academic standing and have third year status as an undergraduate student or entering into or matriculating through a graduate or accelerated nursing program.

Morgan Bowen, BSN Class of 2013
George and Margaret Lorimer Parsons
Nursing Endowed Scholarship

An educator for more than 40 years, the late Margaret F. Lorimer began her teaching career in elementary education in 1934. She also taught at secondary school, junior college and university levels in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and Michigan. Margaret earned her bachelor’s degree in English at Park University, her master’s degree in English-education at Northwestern University and her doctorate degree in education from Michigan State University. She and her late husband, George Parsons, were longtime supporters of Michigan State University and have established two other scholarships at the University in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Education.

Established through a charitable bequest, this scholarship provides financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in the College of Nursing who are in good academic standing and have a minimum of third year status as an undergraduate student or are matriculating through a graduate or accelerated degree option program.

BRITTANI BRENNER, BSN Class of 2012
PANARAT CHENCHOB, PhD Class of 2013
DAWN FRAMBES, PhD Class of 2016
JENNIFER MARSH, MSN Class of 2013
MEGAN MULRENIN, BSN Class of 2013
MEGAN PAGEKOPF, BSN Class of 2013
KATHRYN READING, BSN Class of 2014
KELLY RYDER, BSN Class of 2013
SARA VANDER ZWAAG, MSN Class of 2013
VICKI VOSKUIL, PhD Class of 2016
YULIYA VRETTOS, MSN Class of 2014
ZACHARY WESTVEER, BSN Class of 2014
RACHEL ZAHM, BSN Class of 2014

Retired Faculty Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor retired faculty who dedicated their lives to the education of nurses. Recipients are selected based on good academic standing.

LAUREN SABATOWSKI, BSN Class of 2014
Diana Roush Memorial Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of a beloved member of the College of Nursing community, Diana Houghtaling Roush (CON BSN '75), who passed away on August 1, 2005. In 1991, she became a faculty member in the College, fulfilling a number of responsibilities, including the leadership role of Clinical Placements Coordinator. She was described as quietly working behind the scenes, making contact with clinical agencies and always functioning as an advocate for students.

This scholarship is eligible to prospective or matriculating graduate students majoring in nursing education. Preference is given to highly motivated candidates who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing by possessing a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

DEBRA BATTERBEE, MSN Class of 2013

Gilbert and Leona Schumann Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Barbara Given, Michigan State University College of Nursing, University Distinguished Professor, to honor the lives of her parents, Gilbert and Leona Schumann. It was Gilbert Schumann, who died on April 18, 1993, who inspired the creation of this scholarship. Gilbert was a farmer, husband, loving father, and grandfather. Leona Schumann died on September 3, 2007, after several years of declining mobility. She had a long life as a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Gilbert’s long battle with ill health raised concerns with Leona and their children about the adequacy of care that the elderly receive. It is for this reason that the Gilbert and Leona Schumann Scholarship will always be awarded to nursing students who exhibit a commitment to the care of the elderly.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students enrolled in the College’s MSN or PhD programs. Students are selected on a basis of academic merit with a minimum 3.5 grade point average, and evidence of research potential. The students’ research work must focus on gerontology, specifically chronic disease.

TRACY DEKOEKKOEK, PhD Class of 2017

Tammi Therese Strohmaier Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Tammi Therese Strohmaier was a junior in the College of Nursing who was killed in a car accident in 1998 at the young age of 21. Though her time here was tragically cut short, Tammi left an important legacy, which included: community involvement, excellence in sports, and high academic achievements.

To honor her memory, friends and family of Tammi established this scholarship. Preference is given to undergraduate students who have achieved academic excellence and have contributed to their community through service.

LISA PIERCE, BSN Class of 2013
William G. and Marion E. Stuckle Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late William G. and Marion E. Stuckle in appreciation for the quality healthcare that nurses throughout the world provide. It offers financial assistance to students who are in good academic standing.

AMANDA DISANTO, BSN Class of 2014
CHRISTINA EROYAN, BSN Class of 2014
JILLIAN GORMAN, BSN Class of 2013
ALEXANDRA HILEMAN, BSN Class of 2013
HAILEY MACKAY, BSN Class of 2014
RACHEL PETERSON, BSN Class of 2013
ALICIA RINCON, BSN Class of 2013
ALEXANDRA TRICOZZI, BSN Class of 2013
ALEXANDER TRUDEAU, BSN Class of 2014

Conlon Wehrwein Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Students

Paul (BS BS '70) and Teresa (CON BSN '72) Conlon Wehrwein are graduates of Michigan State University as is their son Eric (BUS BA '01, AL BA '01) Conlon Wehrwein. In 2001, Teresa returned to Michigan State University as a faculty member and currently serves as Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs. When determining how to make this lasting gift to Michigan State University, the couple was significantly concerned about the growing nursing faculty shortage in Michigan and the nation.

This scholarship is eligible to prospective or matriculating graduate students planning a career in nursing education. Preference is given to highly motivated candidates who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing by possessing a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

MEGAN MILLER, MSN Class of 2014
Annual Student Scholarships

William and Margaret Albrets Nursing Scholarship

This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

Recipients shall be undergraduate students in the College of Nursing and will be selected on the basis of financial need and a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Sarah Aberasturi, BSN Class of 2013

Harold C. and Helen E. Buckler Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the grandparents of Kristin B. and Gilbert D. Padula. It was Helen E. Buckler who inspired this scholarship through her long nursing career in Southeast Michigan. Kristin has fond memories of her grandmother who was at her mother’s side when she was born and was there throughout her life.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to a student from Southeast Michigan (Macomb, Oakland, or Wayne County) who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Justin Gilliam, BSN Class of 2012
Jourdin Jaaska, BSN Class of 2013
Mallory Miller, BSN Class of 2013
Megan Ross, BSN Class of 2013
College of Nursing Scholarship

The mission of the College of Nursing at Michigan State University is to enhance the health of the community by providing excellence in nursing education, research, and practice that will advance the profession of nursing and serve as an advocate for optimal healthcare for all people. The College currently enrolls more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students. Its more than 80 faculty members represent a diverse blend of leading scholars and distinguished healthcare professionals who bring real world experience to the classroom.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree from the College of Nursing. Recipients must demonstrate sound academic achievement and leadership involvement in community service activities.

KELLY ADAMS, PhD Class of 2015
DENISE BERRY, MSN Class of 2013
JONATHAN DECK, BSN Class of 2012
TERI HOLWERDA, PhD Class of 2013
JASPER MUKWADA, MSN Class of 2014
JENNIFER PIERICK, BSN Class of 2013
BRETT TOLPA, BSN Class of 2012
DEMAREE WELLS, BSN Class of 2014

Helene Fuld Health Trust Annual Scholarship for Baccalaureate Nursing Students

This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

Recipients shall be undergraduate students in the Michigan State University College of Nursing Accelerated Second Degree Option Baccalaureate Program.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IS THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE HELENE FULD TRUST SCHOLARSHIP FOR BACCALAUREATE NURSING STUDENTS. THIS SPECIAL AWARD GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE ACCELERATED SECOND DEGREE PROGRAM UPON ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM.
Dr. Terry Viau is the Associate Dean for Support Services of the College. She is dedicated to eliminating the barriers that prevent students from participating in higher education and has established, with her husband, the Terry Brennan and Robert Viau Endowed Student Scholarship. This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving baccalaureate students who have demonstrated financial need.

JASMIN KOENKE, BSN Class of 2013
SHELBY OTTER, BSN Class of 2014
The College of Nursing gratefully acknowledges the many contributors who make these scholarships and awards possible.

THANK YOU!