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# College Update: High-fidelity simulation

Students begin semester with new mannekins, immersive reality

The College of Nursing is making substantial advancements in its simulation teaching by adding high-fidelity mannekins, virtual reality spaces, and immersive reality spaces. Thanks to partners in simulation innovation, the college now hosts the largest immersive reality teaching space in the nation.

Check out what our students are up to in the reimagined simulation space!



## Meet innovators of MSU Nursing simulation



**Janice Granger**  
*BSN, 1980*

Mrs. Granger's commitment to MSU Nursing led to the creation of the Janice Thompson Granger Nursing Learning Center in 2001. It provided the space necessary for students to reach their full potential through simulation learning.

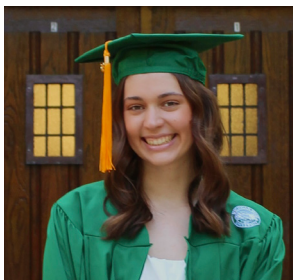


**Nancy Grosfeld**  
*Social Science, 1965*

Mrs. Grosfeld found nursing after seeing the care Spartan nurses had for patients. Her gift to MSU nursing is providing new simulation equipment for the Learning Center that will prepare more students for the new frontier of healthcare.

# BSN graduate earns Board of Trustees Award

Megan Lebbie completed nursing degree with 4.0 GPA



Megan Lebbie, BSN '23, earned the Board of Trustees Award during the Winter 2023 graduation ceremony. This award is given to MSU students who maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA through their academic program.

Lebbie never intended to keep a 4.0 through nursing school. She took each class and challenge small pieces at a time. Lebbie pushed herself to do her best in every class, especially later on in her program.

"I tried not to put a lot of pressure on myself because I knew I didn't need to have a 4.0 GPA," said Lebbie. "I know that I'd still get a job and I'd still get into grad school without a perfect GPA."

Clinical courses in her junior year almost ruined the streak. Nevertheless, Lebbie continued to perform at her best. Her dedication paid off when she received a 4.0 for her Nursing 5 courses. She knew she could keep her 4.0 through graduation after that semester.

Lebbie found a community with her fall cohort. While her graduating class was smaller than a traditional spring class, the students became close friends as they neared December. Lebbie got to know every person in her cohort before her final semester.

"When we were officially done, we all went to one of our classmate's houses, and we all spent time together. We celebrated the end of nursing school, and it was really fun," said Lebbie.

Lebbie secured a residency in women's health at Novant Health. The North Carolina facility will prepare her for roles in postpartum health, labor and delivery, and high risk pregnancies. Lebbie will select a priority out of these concentrations to guide her graduate school selection. She plans on pursuing a certified nurse midwife degree.

Lebbie recommends creating a balanced schedule to succeed academically. She followed strict boundaries between her free time and studying time to stay mentally well.

"You have to have specific time where you're not even going to think about school or studying to decompress," said Lebbie. "That's important for your mental health and physical health as well."

Although Lebbie is ready to take on her nursing career, she is grateful for the balance of the College of Nursing. "Every single professor has been helpful in teaching in a way that makes us understand. Thank you, MSU."



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**BSN Pin Fund**

Total funds raised

**\$4,554**

Total participants

**37**

Next Giving Day

March  
**12**  
2024

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## Alumna named to National Menopause Foundation's Medical Advisory Committee

Nancy King Reame, BSN '69, looks to represent underserved areas on committee assignment



Dr. Nancy King Reame, BSN '69, has built a career around menopause and reproductive nursing research. With this nomination to the newly formed National Menopause Foundation, Reame can continue to promote patient advocacy for those most vulnerable.

Reame has collected several accolades in her over 40 years of research. Specializing in reproductive neuroendocrinology, she has authored and co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed medical publications related to women's health conditions. She holds the position of Mary Dickey Lindsay Professor Emerita at Columbia University's School of Nursing.

Reame maintained connections to the MSU College of Nursing through her service on the CON Alumni Board. She served during Dr. Mary Mundt's tenure as dean of the college. Reame also holds positions on the American Bone Health Medical and Scientific Advisory Board, using her personal health experience as a guiding principle of her involvement.

The National Menopause Foundation (NMF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering education and advocacy for people experiencing menopause. Founded in 2019, the organization aims to develop communities for people experiencing menopause and all the stages that come with it. Claire Gill, CEO and founder of NMF personally recruiting Reame to join the NMF's Medical Advisory Committee.

"Claire explained that she wanted a free-standing patient education organization, something that wasn't available for menopause yet," said Reame. "She's a dynamic person and a great advocate for patients."

Reame is proud of how far nursing research has come in recent decades. She entered the field in an era when nursing was not recognized as a valuable research field. Today, nursing research is arriving at a growth phase that allows more opportunity for up and coming researchers.

"Now is a perfect time to find what you are passionate about to stick with it," said Nancy when asked for advice to new researchers. "Find yourself a mentor and don't let go of that passion."

For more information on the National Menopause Foundation, visit [nationalmenopausefoundation.org](https://nationalmenopausefoundation.org)

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