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Scholarships & Awards *Program Booklet*



College of Nursing
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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ANGELA AND RICHARD STRAWN NURSING ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Angela and Richard Strawn are longtime supporters of our nursing programs through philanthropy and advocacy. Angela (BSN '65) is a graduate of the MSU College of Nursing. Her career in nursing has so far spanned over 50 years, spent mostly in nursing higher education and administration of nursing education programs. When deciding how to leave a lasting impact on the College of Nursing, Angie decided to provide fellowship assistance at the graduate level to nurses who desired to become future nursing faculty out of concern for the nursing faculty shortage.

This fellowship will be awarded to prospective or matriculating graduate students planning a career in nursing education. Preference is given to highly motivated students who demonstrate financial need and possess a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Carlos Anani, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Alex Hughes, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Jennifer Raab, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Rebecca Stiles, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NP SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients of the Behavioral Health NP Scholarship must be enrolled in the Nursing Practice or Doctor of Nursing Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Program and have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Mesha Farrington, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

C. RICHARD AND SUSAN M. HERROLD SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established to honor and encourage all those nurses who have improved our lives, and future nurses now studying at Michigan State University.

Reese Buhlman, Traditional BSN Student

CAPTAIN SEAN GRIMES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by his beloved family, this scholarship honors Captain Sean Grimes (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.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to MSU nursing students that are an Army Reservist, Army National Guard member, active Army soldier or honorably discharged veteran of these branches.

Michelle Gordon, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student
Ella Houting, Traditional BSN Student
Allison Johnson, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Jeffrey Stephenson, CNS MSN Student

CAROL J. LARSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kathy Bobay, College of Nursing MSN alum '94, established the Carol J. Larson Endowed Scholarship Fund after her mother, who taught her the importance of lifelong learning.

This fund is meant to assist PhD nursing students in lessening their financial burden.

Ibtihal Alnaimi, PhD Student
Orawee Changrueang, PhD Student
Esra'a Sawalmeh, PhD Student

CAROL ROBINSON BEALS ENDOWED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was 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 fund provides financial assistance to students on a basis of academic achievement. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.3 GPA. 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.

Michelle Gallegos-Gallegos, Traditional BSN Student
Jaidan Gumtow, Traditional BSN Student
Alex Milks, Traditional BSN Student
Adelaide Scholtens, Traditional BSN Student
Braylon Thelen, Traditional BSN Student

CHARLES E. AND HARRIET L. BADER ENDOWED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established by Shirley Bader Weis, a 1975 graduate of the MSU College of Nursing. She created this fund in honor of her parents to assist nursing students in their difficulties with the cost of attending college.

Jaidan Guntow, Traditional BSN Student

COLLEGE OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Alumni Association provides opportunities for alumni to maintain lifelong engagement with the College. This scholarship was established to demonstrate their commitment to the support and encouragement of future nurses in their pursuit of academic excellence.

Students considered for this award must be in good academic standing. Applications must include evidence of the candidate's involvement in community activities and demonstrated leadership abilities. Students who demonstrate financial need will be given preference.

Sarah Carlson, Traditional BSN Student
Danae' Fordham, Traditional BSN Student
Michelle Gallegos-Gallegos, Traditional BSN Student
Beau Gerst, Traditional BSN Student
Allison Johnson, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student
Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Gretchen Kulin, Traditional BSN Student
Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student
Cho Aye Zi, Traditional BSN Student

COLLEGE OF NURSING ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was created to commemorate the 75th anniversary of nursing education at Michigan State University. The goal of this scholarship program is to support deserving students in need, helping them realize their dreams of receiving a nursing degree from Michigan State University.

Orawee Changrueang, PhD Student
Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student
Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student
Joan Nakakande, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Rebecca Stiles, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

CONLON WEHRWEIN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Paul (SS 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 and member of core administration at the College. She has since retired after making a significant impact on the College. 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 GPA.

Alex Hughes, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Rebecca Stiles, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

DIANA ROUSH MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

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. Diana worked to make contact with clinical agencies, and always made it a priority to act 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 GPA.

Andrea Peake, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Jolene Shrewsberry-Gardner, Family NP DNP Student

DOROTHY AND EDWARD HERTEL SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy and Edward Hertel were Michigan State University alumni and long-term supporters of the University. Their daughter, Dr. Patty Peek, is a nurse practitioner and former full-time faculty member in the College of Nursing for forty years.

Patty and her husband Bill have established this scholarship to honor her parents and to acknowledge their lifetime commitment to Michigan State.

This scholarship will be awarded to a nurse practitioner student pursuing a doctorate in nursing practice who aspires to improve quality of care for underserved populations.

Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student

DR. CHARLES AND MARJORIE A. GLIOZZO ENDOWMENT FUND FOR NURSES AND CAREGIVERS

Dr. Charles A. Gliozzo gained experience as a prime observer of the importance of nursing after his wife Marjorie suffered a stroke in 2012. He was impressed with the loving care conveyed to her during treatment and recovery, and believes nurses and caregivers are the “backbone” to the medical profession.

This fund provides support for students who are, or are dependents of, current or previous care providers with an expressed interest in a career at a nursing home, skilled nursing center or assisted living facility. Priority is be given to applicants who have at least one year of experience in a care facility.

Lily Campbell, Accelerated BSN Student
Paige Ellis, Accelerated BSN Student
McKenna Fitzpatrick, Accelerated BSN Student
Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student
Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student
Anna Ye, Accelerated BSN Student

DR. JOHN F. DUNKEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This fund 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.

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 GPA.

Lauren Beam, PhD Student

ELIZABETH BLAY MAISON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 1962, Lorelei F. Rockwell graduated with a Bachelor’s 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, a devoted nurse who transitioned 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.

Sarah Carlson, Traditional BSN Student
Danae’ Fordham, Traditional BSN Student
Michelle Gallegos-Gallegos, Traditional BSN Student
Qing Qing Gao, Accelerated BSN Student
Beau Gerst, Traditional BSN Student
Jaidan Gumtow, Traditional BSN Student
Ty Hirschenberger, Traditional BSN Student
Gretchen Kulin, Traditional BSN Student
Hope Lim, Traditional BSN Student
Alex Milks, Traditional BSN Student
Vidhi Patel, Traditional BSN Student
Gianna Pehar, Traditional BSN Student
Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student
Holly Romero, RN to BSN Student
Alyssa Scherer, Accelerated BSN Student
Keegan Schoendorf, Traditional BSN Student
Adelaide Scholtens, Traditional BSN Student
Braylon Thelen, Traditional BSN Student
Cho Aye Zi, Traditional BSN Student

FLORENCE C. KEMPF NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to honor the legacy of Florence C. Kempf, who was the first Director of 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. Created by Michigan State University nursing alumni and friends, this scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are in good academic standing.

Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student
Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Joan Nakakande, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student

FLORENCE NOTHSTINE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING

This scholarship was established by Leo Nothstine to honor his late wife, Florence Nothstine, and to encourage undergraduate and graduate students at the College of Nursing. Recipients should be a resident of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, or Kansas. This scholarship is intended to help students who have demonstrated the initiative to help themselves by working at least part-time while attending school and who have demonstrated financial need.

*Mesha Farrington,
Psych Mental Health
Danae' Fordham,
Traditional BSN Student
Loveleen Kaur,
Family NP DNP Student
DNP Student
Victoria Matovski,
Family NP MSN Student
Haylie Pohlman,
Traditional BSN Student
Cho Aye Zi,
Traditional BSN Student*

GEORGE AND MARGARET LORIMER PARSONS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Margaret Parsons (MSU Education alum) and her husband George were longtime supporters of Michigan State University.

This scholarship provides assistance to those 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.

*Alexa Andersen, PhD Student
Clare Bridgewater, Accelerated BSN Student
Krystal Buckler, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student
Reese Buhlman, Traditional BSN Student
Gazmend Duhanaj, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student*

*Anna Fasnacht, Family NP DNP Student
Danae' Fordham, Traditional BSN Student
Tyler Hebb, Accelerated BSN Student
Alex Hughes, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Stephanie Iden-Gallardo, Family NP MSN Student
Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student
Desirae Jones, Accelerated BSN Student
Nicole Kaatz, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student
Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Vanessa Landrum, Psych Mental Health NP Certificate Student
Lauren Latiff, Family NP MSN Student
Kylie Machacek, Traditional BSN Student*

*Isabela Martins,
Traditional BSN Student
Amy Montague,
Accelerated BSN Student
Aaron Pan,
Accelerated BSN Student
Arienne Patano,
PhD Student
Jamelynne Santamaria,
Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Jutamas Suwannawat,
PhD Student
Eva Manchanda Thakur,
Traditional BSN Student
Hesam Varpaei,
PhD Student
Lillian Wittman,
Accelerated BSN Student
Anna Ye,
Accelerated BSN Student*

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. Gilbert was a farmer, husband, loving father and grandfather. Leona Schumann had a long life as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Gilbert's battle with ill health raised concerns with Leona and their children about the adequacy of care that the elderly receive.

Student Thank-You

“Your generosity, along with knowing that you believe in my ability to become a registered nurse, motivates me to work even harder towards my goals. It has empowered me to believe that working hard is a very rewarding process and giving back to the community changes lives for the better.”

Clare Bridgewater
Accelerated BSN Student

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 elderly. This scholarship provides financial assistance to second or third year students within an advanced degree program with a focus on gerontology. Students shall be selected on a basis of academic merit with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Jennifer Stankevich, Adult Gero NP MSN Student

GLENN R. DEAN AND ANITA C. DEAN ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Anita C. Dean received her Bachelor of Science degree from MSU and served as a First Lieutenant in the Woman's Medical Specialist Corps during World War II. She taught at MSU from 1953-1981.

This fellowship is established by Anita to honor her husband, Captain Glenn R. Dean, who passed on October 9, 1950 in the military operations in Korea.

Recipients must be in good academic standing, and shall be selected with consideration for a high level of skill in health outcomes research related to individuals with families within the context of community-based primary care, faculty recommendations and documented scholarship activities.

Saleh Alkanfari, PhD Student

Jutamas Suwannawat, PhD Student

Allison Walsh, PhD Student

HAYES-TALLEY NURSE ANESTHESIA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Drs. Henry and Costellia Talley created this scholarship in honor of their respective mothers; Annie D. Talley and Sallie Lou Hayes. Henry and Costellia were both raised by single moms who supported their educational endeavors, while compromising their own dreams. Realizing the importance of education and the sacrifice their mothers made they created this scholarship to assist future generations in their educational endeavors.

This scholarship will support student(s) in good academic standing in the Nurse Anesthesia Program.

Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Rebecca Stiles, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

HELEN CALDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This fund 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.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students whose permanent residence is in the state of Michigan and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Clare Bridgewater, Accelerated BSN Student

Reese Buhlman, Traditional BSN Student

Evan Curnow, Accelerated BSN Student

Nina Dionise, Accelerated BSN Student

McKenna Fitzpatrick, Accelerated BSN Student

Danae' Fordham, Traditional BSN Student

Tyler Hebb, Accelerated BSN Student

Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student

Desirae Jones, Accelerated BSN Student

Alexis Karpenko, Traditional BSN Student

Hope Lim, Traditional BSN Student

Kylie Machacek, Traditional BSN Student

Amy Montague, Accelerated BSN Student

Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student

Anna Ye, Accelerated BSN Student

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.

The Helen M. Kelley Endowed Scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Nursing and are in good academic standing.

Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student

Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Sarah Carlson, Traditional BSN Student

Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student

HELENE FULD HEALTH TRUST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR BACCALAUREATE NURSING STUDENTS

This award is intended to encourage College of Nursing students that are enrolled in the Accelerated Second Degree Option Baccalaureate Program.

Clare Bridgewater, Accelerated BSN Student
Adrianna Brown, Accelerated BSN Student
Lily Campbell, Accelerated BSN Student
Evan Curnow, Accelerated BSN Student
Nina Dionise, Accelerated BSN Student
Paige Ellis, Accelerated BSN Student
McKenna Fitzpatrick, Accelerated BSN Student
Tyler Hebb, Accelerated BSN Student
Jayla Jarrell-Crawford, Accelerated BSN Student
Brenda Jarwan, Accelerated BSN Student
Desirae Jones, Accelerated BSN Student
Julia Konovalov, Accelerated BSN Student
Amy Montague, Accelerated BSN Student
Aaron Pan, Accelerated BSN Student
Weston Pfeiffer, Accelerated BSN Student
Brenda-Vanessa Sewavi, Accelerated BSN Student
Alissa Thompson, Accelerated BSN Student
Anna Ye, Accelerated BSN Student

INEZ AND GLADYS HARMON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Inspired by the attentive and caring nurses at the MSU Oncology Center, this scholarship was established by Dr. Laurence Harmon, Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Dr. Harmon created this scholarship in loving memory of his wife, Inez, and his sister, Gladys.

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

McKenna Fitzpatrick, Accelerated BSN Student
Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student
Alexis Karpenko, Traditional BSN Student
Kylie Machacek, Traditional BSN Student
Isabela Martins, Traditional BSN Student
Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student

JANET M. WENDORF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Janet “Jan” May Wendorf passed away on January 24th, 2017. Words can never fully describe Jan’s zest for life, country, friends, God and especially her family.

On several occasions, Jan played the role of hospice nurse for family members. Because she was not a nurse by trade, she had to educate herself on basic medical care, pain management and other skills that would help her loved ones live out their lives comfortably. Her actions, care, and compassion earned her the title of “honorary nurse.”

Over the 78 years of her life, Jan created a legacy of friends, gifts, and love, with her family as her greatest pride and joy. Committed to carrying on her work, Jan’s family created the Janet M. Wendorf Endowed Scholarship.

Preference is given to students who have demonstrated an interest in a nursing career in the area of caregiving.

Arienne Patano, PhD Student

JANICE AND ALTON GRANGER ENDOWED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Janice Granger (CON BSN '80) was a valued member of the College’s alumni family and had extensive ties to the community and to the state of Michigan. She was a former member of the College’s Alumni Board and served on the Dean’s Advisory Council, and Board of Visitors. Janice’s dedication to Michigan State University earned her several awards, including the MSU Alumni Association Outstanding Philanthropist Award in 2001, the MSU Alumni Service Award in 2004, and the College of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. A champion of compassion, education and nursing excellence, Janice passed away at the age of 90 in 2024.

Janice and her husband, Alton (ENG BS '54), established this scholarship to provide financial assistance to graduate students with a track in gerontology preferred. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Ghada Alderwish, Adult Gero DNP Student

JOHN A. SANDIN, II AND DR. JOHN A. SANDIN, III ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Marguerite (Sandy) DeWitt and her husband Richard worked at MSU for most of their careers. Sandy tended to sick students as a nurse in Olin Health Center. John worked in facilities and was an avid Spartan.

Sandy established the John A. Sandin, II and Dr. John A. Sandin, III Endowed Scholarship in loving memory of her brother and his son. As a former nurse, nursing students hold a special place in Sandy's heart. She hopes that anyone receiving this scholarship will practice their profession with compassion, excellence, and integrity. Recipients shall be students enrolled in the College of Nursing.

Krystal Buckler, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student
Reese Buhlman, Traditional BSN Student
Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Mesha Farrington, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student
Joan Nakakande, Psych Mental Health DNP Student
Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student
Rebecca Stiles, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

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.

Katelynn Clark, RN to BSN Student

JULIE RAINES DINGERSON NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by Julie's family in recognition of her nursing career. She spent 30 of her 41-year career in the field of Public Health Nursing, where she enjoyed working with MSU students in their Community Health rotation.

Julie and her family wish to remove financial barriers for academically talented students in the ACCESS program, with a preference to students from Benton Harbor where Julie grew up.

Ericka Lopez, Traditional BSN Student
Sydney Sabol, Traditional BSN Student

KATHLEEN NOWICKI SCHWARTZ AND MICHAEL SCHWARTZ ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Kathleen is a member of the College of Nursing BSN class of 1971, as well as the MSU College of Business Executive MBA class of 1985 and has held various management positions in nursing and hospital administration. Her husband, Michael, served in the U.S. Army and has held faculty appointments in Universities as well leadership roles at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and BCBS of Michigan.

Kathy and Mike established an endowed fund in the College of Nursing to enhance the excellence of the College, and have funded a student commons in the Bott Building for Nursing Education and Research. In addition to their financial support, Kathy and Mike are very passionate about giving back through volunteerism. Kathy has remained heavily involved in MSU alumni engagement efforts as well as other community activities, while Mike has served on many local and state health agency boards.

The recipient of this scholarship shall be enrolled in the PhD program with a desired interest in becoming a nurse educator.

Erin Heavilin, PhD Student
Bayan Oleimat, PhD Student
Pardis Soroush, PhD Student

KRYSTAL K. OWENS "YOU'RE NOT ALONE" SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Krystal Owens grew up in Detroit, Michigan. As a young child, her goal was to be the first person in her family to earn a college degree. However, life experiences beginning in high school significantly altered her living out her college experience dreams. Eventually realizing that she wanted to assist other students in navigating college, she earned her BS in Social Work, then went on to MSU to earn an MA in Student Affairs Administration. Krystal began her career at Southern Methodist University, then transitioning to the Michigan State University College of Nursing where she now serves as the Director of Student Affairs.

Supporting underrepresented populations is personal for Krystal, and she fervently expresses to all her students, "You're not alone."

Recipients must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in nursing with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. They must be a first-generation college student, demonstrate financial need, or be an individual who exhibits leadership skills in the face of adversity or who have overcome significant obstacles as indicated in a personal statement, an active participant of the ACCESS program or future successor program, or a student who had demonstrated a commitment to enhancing diversity in the nursing workforce.

Danae' Fordham, Traditional BSN Student

Justin Hooks, Post-

Master's DNP Student

Nicole Kaatz, Psych

Mental Health NP MSN

Student

Gretchen Kulin,

Traditional BSN Student

Ericka Lopez,

Traditional BSN Student

LINDA J. SPENCE ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Linda J. Spence's career at the College of Nursing spanned more than 40 years. She served on the committee that developed the initial Master's degree program as well as the committee that developed the PhD program. She participated in the implementation of the PhD program and remained committed to the need for more well-prepared nurse researchers.

This scholarship will provide assistance to a Traditional PhD student who has completed their first year or a fast track student who has completed their second year of PhD coursework.

Haifa Almalki, PhD Student

Autumn Ashley, PhD Student

Arienne Patano, PhD Student

Kornkanya Pengpala, PhD Student

Hesam Varpaei, PhD Student

MARJORIE A. HOLMES GRADUATE NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Marjorie Holmes is a graduate of the College of Nursing (CON BSN '60). Her intent was to establish a fund for graduate students to relieve the financial anxiety created by the increased expense of pursuing an advanced degree.

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 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Emily Kososki, Nurse

Anesthesiology DNP

Student

MARY B. MCCARTNEY ENDOWED STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship honors Mary Browder McCartney, Assistant Professor Emeritus for the College of Nursing. Mary 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.

Student Thank-You

"I am deeply grateful for your investment in my education and future. I am committed to making a positive and profound impact on my patients and in healthcare; your donation has made that attainable. I am committed to honoring your generosity by giving back to students and my community. Thank you for making a difference in my educational journey."

Paige Ellis

Accelerated BSN Student

Sheridyn Hansen, Traditional BSN Student
Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student
Kia McDowell, Traditional BSN Student
Madelyn Meredith, Accelerated BSN Student
Amy Montague, Accelerated BSN Student
Claire Pfeiffer, Accelerated BSN Student
Ariana Renedo, Traditional BSN Student
Adelaide Scholtens, Traditional BSN Student
Alexis Wolas, Traditional BSN Student
Anna Ye, Accelerated BSN Student

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, and 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 standings and have 3rd year status as an undergraduate student or entering into or matriculating through an accelerated nursing program.

Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

NANCY ANN MULRENAN AGENTS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Long remembered for her dedication to the field of nursing and unyielding commitment to the pursuit of excellence, this scholarship was established in the memory of Nancy Ann Mulrenan Agents (CON BSN '69) who passed unexpectedly in 1994.

It provides financial assistance to deserving students in the College's RN to BSN program who have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Katelynn Clark, RN to BSN Student

RAO AND JOYCE KARETI NURSING 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 is committed to healthcare and to helping students who, due to financial circumstances, may not be able to achieve their academic goals in nursing (along with his late wife, Joyce).

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

Katelynn Clark, RN to BSN Student

RETIRED FACULTY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Originally named the Irene Lynch Scholarship, the Retired Faculty Endowed Scholarship was created in 1993 by Irene Lynch, Louise Brouillette, JoAnn Westrick and Gabriele Kende - all retired College of Nursing faculty. This scholarship was established to honor retired faculty who dedicated their lives to the education of nursing students.

Recipients shall be in good academic standing. Financial need may be considered. This award is intended to support students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals.

Grace Demas, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

ROBERT AND ANNETTE KONUPEK COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The education Robert Konupek received at MSU was fulfilling and played a major role in his personal and professional development. His wife, Annette, is an Indiana University College of Nursing graduate who spent her career as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Over their marriage, Annette came to love MSU as much as Robert. Due to Annette's career and the couple's passion for First Responders, the fact their company supplies frontline fire response equipment, and especially in the wake of the recent pandemic, Robert and Annette wish to support the education of future nurses by establishing the Robert and Annette Konupek College of Nursing Scholarship Endowment.

This fund will allow deserving College of Nursing students the opportunity to share and experience the magic of MSU.

Preference for students who plan to work in Pediatrics, Public Health, or are enrolled in the Nurse Practitioner Degree program. Priority may be given to other College of Nursing students if needs are met in the preferred areas. Michigan state residency required.

Marie Adkins, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

SERGEANT LEONARD BERNARD GRAHAM III NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established by his beloved parents, this scholarship honors USMC Sergeant Leonard Bernard Graham III whose goal was to attend the Michigan State University College of Nursing. Leonard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2008 to make a difference in the world. He served in Afghanistan and received many citations for his bravery. Leonard always cared about the needs of others before his own. His life ended tragically on September 20, 2013.

To help keep Leonard's dream alive, this scholarship will provide financial assistance to a Michigan State University College of Nursing student. Priority will be given to a student who is an active Marine, reservist, or honorably discharged veteran of any armed branch.

Brendan Corey, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student
Michelle Gordon, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student

Ella Houting, Traditional BSN Student

Allison Johnson, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

Nicole Kaatz, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student

Jeffrey Stephenson, CNS MSN Student

TAMMI THERESE STROHMAIER SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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.

Reese Buhlman, Traditional BSN Student

VERMEESCH REGNIER NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Joe and Carol Vermeesch in honor of their parents (Joseph and Esther Vermeesch, and Earl and Angeline Regnier). It was through the encouragement of their parents that Joe and Carol were able to pursue their goal of a college education. Carol is passionate about nursing education and has inspired students in the undergraduate nursing program at Michigan State University College of Nursing since 1996.

This scholarship intends to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students in the College of Nursing who demonstrate financial need, have maintained a 3.3 or higher GPA and have demonstrated leadership involvement while at MSU.

Beau Gerst, Traditional BSN Student

Hope Lim, Traditional BSN Student

WILLIAM AND ANGELINE KEEHNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

William and Angeline Keehner valued education and saw it as the key to a rewarding life even though they did not have the opportunity to pursue higher education. Bill worked for Ford Motor Company and Angie was a homemaker. They loved to travel, spend time with their family and friends, and they contributed to their church and community. Through their sacrifice, all three of their children received graduate degrees; two of them are nurses. Their children established this award to honor their memory and thank them for their love and support.

The scholarship is awarded to a nursing student who aspires to be an excellent clinician, leader, educator, or researcher.

Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student

WILLIAM AND MARGARET ALBRETS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Bill and Margaret Albrets, and provides financial assistance to undergraduate students in the MSU College of Nursing who demonstrate financial need and who have maintained a 3.0 or GPA.

Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student

WILLIAM G. STUCKLE AND MARION E. STUCKLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN NURSING

Established by the late William G. and Marion E. Stuckle in appreciation for the quality healthcare that nurses throughout the world provide, this fund offers financial assistance to nursing students who are in good academic standing.

Alexa Andersen, PhD Student

Clare Bridgewater, Accelerated BSN Student

Lily Campbell, Accelerated BSN Student

Sarah Carlson, Traditional BSN Student

Nina Dionise, Accelerated BSN Student

Gazmend Duhanaj, Nurse Anesthesiology

DNP Student

Anna Fasnacht Family NP DNP Student

McKenna Fitzpatrick, Accelerated BSN Student

Danae' Fordham, Traditional BSN Student

Tyler Hebb, Accelerated BSN Student

Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student

Alex Hughes, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Stephanie Iden-Gallardo, Family NP MSN Student

Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student

Desirae Jones, Accelerated BSN Student

Nicole Kaatz, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student

Alexis Karpenko, Traditional BSN Student

Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Vanessa Landrum, Psych Mental Health NP

Certificate Student

Lauren Latiff, Family NP MSN Student

Kylie Machacek, Traditional BSN Student

Isabela Martins, Traditional BSN Student

Amy Montague, Accelerated BSN Student

Joan Nakakande, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

Aaron Pan, Accelerated BSN Student

Arienne Patano, PhD Student

Jamelynne, Santamaria, Nurse Anesthesiology

DNP Student

Jutamas Suwannawat, PhD Student

Eva Manchanda Thakur, Traditional BSN Student

Hesam Varpaei, PhD Student

Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student

Anna Ye, Accelerated BSN Student

Student Thank-you

“Learning about your son's story, his service, his dream to pursue nursing at Michigan State, and the legacy he left behind moved me deeply. While I did not have the honor of knowing him, I feel a powerful connection through our shared paths: the call to serve our country and the passion to serve others through Nursing. I am humbled and inspired to carry forward the vision he had.

Please know that your support reaches far beyond financial assistance. It empowers Veterans like me to pursue purpose-driven careers, shaped by service and compassion. I am determined to make a difference in the lives of others, just as your son (Sgt. Leonard Bernard Graham III) hoped to.”

Brendan Corey

Nurse Anesthesia DNP Student

Annual Scholarships



COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The mission of the College of Nursing 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.

Recipients must demonstrate sound academic achievement and leadership involvement in community service activities.

Krystal Buckler, Psych Mental Health NP MSN Student
Gazmend Duhanaj, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Justin Hooks, Post-Master's DNP Student

Julia Jezak, Traditional BSN Student

Desirae Jones, Accelerated BSN Student

Alexis Karpenko, Traditional BSN Student

Loveleen Kaur, Family NP DNP Student

Emily Kososki, Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Student

Joan Nakkakande, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

Arienne Patano, PhD Student

Haylie Pohlman, Traditional BSN Student

Eva Manchanda Thakur, Traditional BSN Student

Lillian Wittman, Accelerated BSN Student

CVS FOUNDATION MSN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund was founded in an effort to reduce the nationwide shortage of Family Nurse Practitioners. It provides support for College of Nursing students in pursuit of their master's-level education.

Students eligible for this award must be in good academic standing, be interested in a career as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and intern/volunteer his or her time with an organization that supports underserved populations. Part of scholarship dollars are to be awarded to fluent speaking bilingual students.

Victoria Matovski, Family NP MSN Student

DEAN CARPENTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dean Carpenter received his NP degree through the College of Nursing, after time in the Navy and extensive experience in the St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department. With a family and going to school full-time, Carpenter struggled with the heavy tuition costs of the NP program and sought council from an academic advisor.

From there, he received a scholarship that allowed him to finish the program in 2002. Carpenter began his work as a nurse practitioner at the University of Michigan Health System, and with the NSO Tuminai Center. Through a series of community programs, NSO provides critical service, medical outreach and housing assistance to adults in the city of Detroit. His work at NSO consisted of providing acute medical care to the homeless, but Carpenter also provided and facilitated donations such as clothing, shoes, and socks to the less advantaged.

Sadly, Carpenter passed away on August 17, 2019. In honor of his lifelong commitment to serving the less-advantaged, Rhonda Carpenter and the family established the Dean Carpenter Memorial Scholarship at the College of Nursing at MSU to preserve his legacy. The recipient of this scholarship will be a nurse practitioner student with a preference in serving economically vulnerable populations. Through his community advocacy and impact on patient lives, Dean Carpenter serves as a model for Spartan Nurses.

Joi Watts, Psych Mental Health DNP Student

DR. BARBARA PIEPER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Drs. David and Barbara Pieper established this scholarship in recognition of Barbara (Datres) Pieper's BSN education at MSU (1970) that began a nursing career that she cherished. Besides excellence in course experiences, she had the opportunity as an undergraduate student to participate on Dr. Barbara Given's nursing research. She pursued an MSN (1971) and PhD (1980) in nursing from Wayne State University, Detroit.

Dr. Pieper integrated scholarship, teaching, and clinical practice by having a university-clinical appointment. Her research, publications, and clinical practice focused on chronic wounds and their care in persons who inject drugs. Like many students, Dr. Pieper was first generation to graduate from college. She received a tuition scholarship to attend MSU and understands how critical scholarship money is.

The scholarship is awarded to a recipient based on satisfactory progression towards completion of a BSN degree in the College of Nursing, enrolled in the ACCESS program, entering the senior year of college and has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

Ericka Lopez, Traditional BSN Student

JAMES E. AND PATRICIA A. OESTERREICHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

James Oesterreicher established this scholarship for worthy and capable students enrolled in the College of Nursing. Preference is given to those who reside in the state of Michigan and demonstrate financial need.

Kia McDowell, Traditional BSN Student

KNOWING DIVERSITY'S ESSENTIAL (KDE) SCHOLARSHIP

Kendra Elam (BSN '04) established this fund in an effort to support worthy and capable students who are enrolled in the College of Nursing's ACCESS to education program. In 2010, the College began expanding opportunities for diversity and inclusion initiatives, resulting in the need for a new academic specialist. Over her years as a nurse, Kendra has engaged in a great deal of research regarding underserved and disadvantaged populations. She has guided and mentored dozens of students from underserved populations within the College of Nursing.

The ACCESS program provides assistance to students through educational and financial resources, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a BSN degree and registered-nurse licensure.

It is Kendra's hope that the presence of KDE scholarship recipients will serve as a reminder of how essential diverse voices are in the healthcare community.

Sydney Sabol, Traditional BSN Student

LEHTO-MILLER FAMILY PHD STUDENT AWARD

This PhD fund was established by Drs. Rebecca Lehto and James Miller.

Dr. Lehto's clinical experiences as an oncology nurse sensitized her to the multifaceted challenges that patients with cancer face, problems that contributed to later research direction that focuses on cancer adaptation. Together with her husband, Dr. James Miller (Engineering Professor Emeritus at University of Michigan), they wish to promote the enrollment and continuing support of nurses pursuing their PhD.

PhD students in the College of Nursing who have indicated an interest in research that relates to oncology or chronic illness adaptation including but not limited to mental health, end of life, and palliative care issues will be eligible for this award.

*Alexa Andersen,
PhD Student
Autumn Ashley,
PhD Student*

SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Susan V. Lucken, BSN '83, enjoyed a rewarding 30-year nursing career at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

This annual scholarship is awarded to upper-level BSN students who are Michigan residents with a 3.4 GPA. It can be renewed for one additional year as long as the student remains in the program and meets all qualifications.

*Evan Curnow, Accelerated BSN Student
Eva Manchanda Thakur, Traditional BSN Student*

VISITING NURSES FUND

The Visiting Nurses Fund, managed by the Capital Region Community Foundation, was established to help defray the costs of education and certification of nursing students, especially in the field of homecare.

Lillian Whitman, Accelerated BSN Student

Alumni Awards





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

Inspired by her grandmother, a certified caregiver, Pamela Jones, BSN '93, MSN '07, decided on a career in nursing while in seventh grade. The influence from her grandmother never faded, prompting Jones to become a two-time College of Nursing alumna.

After completing her bachelor's degree, she began her nursing trajectory as a staff nurse on the optical medical-surgical unit. Interested in taking on leadership roles, she became a unit manager in a long-term care facility for a few years before shifting gears into radiation oncology at then-Beaumont Hospital, which is now part of Corewell Health.

Jones returned to MSU to pursue her family nurse practitioner MSN. Upon graduation in 2007, Beaumont Hospital created a nurse practitioner position specifically for her. In her new role, Jones participated in a community outreach initiative where providers for common cancers and chronic diseases offered free screenings in the community to underserved populations in Detroit.

While in her master's program, Jones had a clinical at the Michigan Institute of Urology (MIU) in Troy, MI, which she enjoyed. When a nurse practitioner role opened at the clinic, she sprang at the opportunity to return and has remained there since.

At MIU, Jones guides advanced prostate cancer patients through their treatment plans. Although not always easy, she finds it rewarding to see her patients experience a better quality of life and longer life expectancies through treatment. Jones' service to the others does not end with her role at MIU. She serves on the health ministry of New Providence Baptist Church in Detroit. Jones has previously co-led initiatives such as back-to-school immunization events and community health panels, which often focused on health concerns that disproportionately impact Black communities. Jones has also participated in panels as a prostate cancer specialist.

Since college, she has been a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA), an international organization founded over a 100 years ago by college-educated Black women with the mission to encourage unity, community service, and the pursuit of higher education. Jones helped establish the Farmington Hills chapter of AKA in December 2024. Their initiatives have included mentoring middle school girls to grow their confidence and self-esteem and adopting a school to provide meals for students facing food insecurity to take home over the weekends.

According to Jones, service is a part of who she is. She believes everyone has a responsibility to contribute to their community in some way. Jones' dedication to serving her patients and community perfectly encapsulates the Spartan Nurse spirit.



Joshua Winowiecki

Recent Graduate Achievement Award



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The Recent Graduate Achievement Award recognizes an alum of the College of Nursing who graduated within the past 10 years and who has obtained a level of professional accomplishments including but not limited to: contributions to employer, history of promotion, military accomplishments, continued education or published work.

Joshua Winowiecki, DNP '24, had always had an affinity for science and helping others. He grew up around nurses and noticed the way they demonstrated these values, so a path toward nursing was an easy choice. After earning an associate degree from Henry Ford Community College in 2007, Winowiecki spent nearly two decades in various roles at Henry Ford Hospital: in surgical ICU as a bedside nurse, charge nurse, and unit educator and as a trauma coordinator and clinical quality facilitator.

Upon earning a BSN, he wanted to build on the momentum and pursue his dream of becoming a clinical nurse specialist. Winowiecki was drawn to the specialty where he would be able to implement changes that would support nurses and improve healthcare systems, while staying connected to bedside care and advanced practice. He began his CNS DNP at MSU, drawn to the opportunity to earn his doctorate directly after his BSN.

Since completing his DNP in 2024, Winowiecki has become an integral part of the CNS program at MSU. He is preparing the next generation of clinical nurse specialists as an assistant professor, while also serving as a co-faculty advisor to the MSU LGBTQ+ Allies Student Nurses Association. In addition, he is the inaugural director of the Center for Practice Transformation. The center bridges the gap between academia and clinical practice, providing resources to nurses and healthcare systems so they can deliver high-quality, evidence-based care.

In partnership with Henry Ford Health, he has launch a multi-site journal club initiative that brings nurses together across campuses to translate research into practice. He is also working collaboratively to strengthen a culture of evidence-based nursing and improve patient safety across clinical settings. In parallel, he is partnering with system leaders to evaluate the scope, equity, and impact of Henry Ford's virtual care programs.

In July, Winowiecki and collaborators launched NPATHS (Nursing Program for Advancing Training in Health and Social Determinants), a nationally recognized, National Institutes of Health funded training program for nurse scientists to incorporate health equity and social determinants of health into their research. The inaugural cohort include 14 scholars from across the U.S.

His scholarship also explores how artificial intelligence can ethically and equitably support nursing education. In addition to presenting strategies for advanced practice nurses to use AI effectively, he reviews manuscripts on AI in nursing, investigates its use in simulation and virtual reality environments, and studies how AI-enhanced teaching and learning strategies impact student outcomes.

Throughout all areas of Winowiecki's nursing practice, inclusive and equitable nursing is at the forefront. Although it has only been a year since he graduated from his doctoral program at the College of Nursing, he has exemplified what it means to be a Spartan Nurse time and time again and shows no signs of slowing down.



Deborah Lee

Distinguished Alumni Award



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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes an alum of the College of Nursing who has advanced the nursing profession through professional accomplishments and commitment to nursing education, practice and research. Recipients must have demonstrated leadership and influence in their support of nursing and the college.

Deborah Lee, MSN '10, PhD '20, fell in love with nursing, finding it to be the perfect balance between patient connection and her aptitude for science. Lee spent the first 15 years of her career in the emergency department, starting as a bedside nurse and later as a nurse manager. Ready for a new challenge, Lee enrolled in the family nurse practitioner master's program at the MSU College of Nursing, becoming a proud Spartan Nurse in the process. Later, she even encouraged her sons to attend MSU.

After earning her MSN in 2010, she worked as a nurse practitioner in Kalamazoo, MI for several years before setting out to educate the next generation of nurses. She became faculty at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, where she earned her BSN, and began teaching in the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner program in 2013.

When the time came for her to pursue her PhD, the decision to return to MSU was an easy one. While in her doctoral program, Lee researched pediatric oncology under Professor Gwen Wyatt. She noted how much she valued the mentorship and advice of Wyatt.

Lee continues to teach at the U-M School of Nursing. Since 2018, she has also served as the Director of the Clinical Learning Center (CLC). She implemented a simulation training program at the CLC, which utilizes virtual reality headsets that allow students to practice independently after being pre-trained by faculty. They can perform procedures as many times as necessary to feel confident. The training program has resulted in an increase in students' precision and competency. It has been adopted by the U-M School of Dentistry and the U-M Medical School.

For the past two years, Lee has also traveled with U-M NP students to Bangkok to gain experience working in the emergency department and critical care of Siriraj Hospital. This study abroad opportunity was launched after Lee visited several MSU PhD alums from her cohort in Thailand.

As faculty and the director at the CLC, Lee has made it a priority to create a compassionate learning environment where students feel comfortable seeking guidance and growing their skills. According to Lee, this learning philosophy was modeled after her experiences with MSU Nursing faculty. Time and time again, Lee has demonstrated what it means to be a Spartan Nurse through her innovation, leadership and compassion.

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