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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

**Dr. Christine Alichnie**

**CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009: 35 YEARS FOR THE BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AND 25 YEARS FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM**

With the ringing in the 2009 New Year, the Department of Nursing will begin to celebrate two major milestones. The 35th anniversary of the baccalaureate program, which was instituted in 1974 and the 25th anniversary of the graduate program will have a dual celebration during Parent’s Weekend in the spring of 2009. Information will be forthcoming from the Alumni Office of the University. Both programs are thriving. Of particular note is the graduate program’s plan to admit its first class in the fall of 2009 for the nurse anesthesia option with Geisinger Medical Center. The graduate faculty members also are developing a concept paper to establish a Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) at Bloomsburg University. This program will need approval by the Pennsylvania State System for Higher Education Board of Governors. Although the process is long, we believe that the DNP program will be approved. Likewise, we are proud of the May Class of 2008 for a 96% pass rate on the national licensure examination and also of the graduate students for 100% pass rate on the national certification examination. During this academic year, both programs are having curricular reviews, since the next accreditation visit will be in the fall of 2011. With an emphasis on gerontology, the department has partnered with several other disciplines to create a career concentration in that field. All of our undergraduate students will be able to graduate, if they so desire, with that concentration listed on their transcripts. Your faculty members never stop with curricular innovations to meet the future nursing needs both regionally and nationally. So stay tuned for your invitation to celebrate your heritage and Alma Mater.

During the spring 2008 semester, the department hired a full-time Director for the Simulation Learning Laboratory and Coordinator for Continuing Education Programs in the regional nursing community. Tracy Golder is the person behind the SIM MAN. Her creativity and enthusiasm for computerized simulation learning scenarios have provided the students with an excellent learning tool. Another responsibility of Tracy’s is to coordinate continuing education programs for nurses throughout the area. The Department received PSNA Provider Status in the spring of 2008. With a full time person to coordinate our efforts, we have established programs for local facilities. In addition to Tracy, Dr. Mindi Miller joined us as an Associate Professor, tenure tracked faculty member in adult health nursing. Her background is quite diverse with a year long trip around the world in a sail boat. Hopefully, you will be able to meet her at the celebration event. Likewise, two faculty members have earned their doctorates: Dr. Debra Sanders and Dr. Elisabeth Culver.
We are so proud of their commitment to our program and higher education. On a personal note, Dr. Noreen Chikotas became a proud mom of Taylor Jude in the spring and has been off on a sabbatical leave since March. We will welcome her back to the faculty in January of 2009.

As alumni, we continue to encourage you to reconnect with the department through the annual university’s appeal process. Direct contributions to the department will support the programs and our initiatives throughout the year. The needs of the department are many. We have established a laundry list within the realm of simulation technology, faculty research and development, and international studies. The Department of Nursing is trying to meet the needs and challenges in these dire economic times. More and more students are applying to the university desirous to enter nursing. Last year alone, we received close to 1,000 applications for 75 slots. The reputation of the department rests with its alumni and their accomplishments. As always, feedback from our graduates is welcomed and encouraged. Over these 35 years, your suggestions only strengthened the program.

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**DR. LINDA COOK HEADS CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT BU**

Since receipt of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in September 2006, Dr. Linda Cook, RN, Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing, has served as Project Director for the Campus Suicide Prevention Program at Bloomsburg University. The overall mission of the project is to increase awareness and understanding of the effects of depression and other mental health problems on the student’s ability to function well and to recognize students who may be at risk for suicide. Numerous gatekeeper trainings and general education programs are offered through the Department of Nursing Wellness Center to advance this mission. In addition, public relations campaigns are offered throughout the year to increase the campus community’s knowledge of warning signs and how and where to refer troubled students for help. Efforts are being made to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health services. Thus far, approximately 700 university faculty/staff/ and students have received some type of training regarding suicide prevention. For more information about suicide prevention at BU visit the bloomu.edu website and type in Campus Suicide Prevention Program.

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**DR. MARGIE ECKROTH-BUCHER INVOLVED IN RESEARCH IN MEMORY CARE CENTER**

Dr. Margie Eckroth-Bucher was recently recognized for her research conducted in conjunction with James Siberski, M.S., assistant professor at Misericordia University. The most recent study is directed at determining how to better understand and treat older people who have memory problems and a decreased ability to think clearly. Research was conducted using “The Integrated Cognitive Stimulation and Memory Care Program” designed to test the effects of a specific set of mentally stimulating activities on a person’s ability to think, reason, remember, and make decisions. The study was funded through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the Deutsch Institute. Results of the study are expected to be disseminated in the upcoming months. Stay tuned!
DR. MARGIE ECKROTH-BUCHER WINS TALE OUTSTANDING
TEACHER AWARD

We are proud to share that Dr. Margie Eckroth-Bucher, Associate Professor in
the Department of Nursing, was one of two winners of the TALE (Teaching and
Learning Enhancement Center) Outstanding Teacher Award in May 2008.
The winners were nominated by the May graduates. Dr. Bucher was recog-
nized for her outstanding classroom and clinical teaching skills by graduat-
ing seniors. Congratulations are extended to her for her excellent work!

RECOGNIZING NEW INDUCTEES—2008
The new inductees for Theta Zeta Chapter are as follows:
The new 2008
Inductees to
Theta Zeta
Chapter were
challenged
with “Leading
Globally—
Vision
2020.”

Tarryn Adams
Krista Bond
Alexandra Budnyk
Jaclyn Cardell
Joy Louise Christian, RN, BSN
Katherenine Cronover
Maureen Damon
Jodi Gendron
Nicole Gockley
Kandace Gonzalez
Kaitlin Hicks

Tharon Holmberg
Seunghyo Hong
Khim Horton, PhD, BSc, RGN
Allison Hudock
Melindo Jo Johnson
Megan King RN, BSN
Amanda Kuhn
Laura Laboskie
Stacey Martz
Laura Musser
Penny Niedig

Cathy Reed, RN, BSN
Molly Renn
Stacie Riley
Kathryn Rosenow
Carmela Shiptoski
Hannah Skaggs
Adrienne Snyder
Melinda Spriggle
Susan Trainor
Kelly Weikert
Melissa Zimmerman

Congratulations!
Several of Bloomsburg University’s nursing faculty presented topics at the 39th Biennial Convention of STTI – the one and only international honor society for nurses held in Baltimore, Maryland in November 2007. Dr. Fredda Massari-Novak presented her research on transformational leadership in baccalaureate nursing students. Dr. Linda Cook presented on “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Addressing Mental Health Issues in College Students.” Dr. Joan Miller met with an international group to discuss “Good Work in Nursing.” Dr. Dorette Welk, faculty emeritus, presented, as well. Overall, the university had an excellent representation in this international event! In addition to several nursing faculty participating in the event, Katie Huff, senior nursing student, attended the convention, too. The Theta Zeta Chapter of STTI from Bloomsburg University was recognized with a Chapter Key Award- an award recognizing excellence in nursing excellence and scholarship.
What Is NIH, NINR and GPP?

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the nation’s most prominent biomedical research facility. A component of the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH is comprised of 27 Institutes and Centers in Bethesda, Maryland. Its annual budget from US taxpayers is approximately $28 billion. While more than 83% is competitively administered to academic researchers in university and hospital settings, another 10% supports ~6,000 independent scientists on the primary campus in Bethesda. NIH is synonymous with great scientific achievement—approximately 100 Nobel Laureates have been supported by NIH grants, contracts, and even employed directly on the main campus.

NIH’s primary mission is to improve health of Americans through discovery of ways to diagnose and treat rare and common disease. The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), one of the 27 Institutes and Centers, aims to help individuals, families, communities, and populations, by understanding health and illness across the life span. Through basic and clinical research, NINR’s focus comprises 4 areas: promoting healthy behaviors to prevent disease, improving quality of life for patients and caregivers, eliminating health disparities, and investigating factors that affect end-of-life care and events.

A key part of conducting science is mentoring graduate students and trainees who will one day become independent and productive scientists—ensuring continued strength and pace of new biomedical discoveries. In 2004, NINR partnered with nursing schools and launched the Graduate Partnership Program (GPP). A competitive and prestigious academic training mechanism for doctoral nursing students, 1-2 individuals are accepted annually in one of three specialty areas: genetics, symptom management, and end-of-life care. There are two phases of the program—coursework completion at the university (2 years), and dissertation research at NIH (2-3 years). Upon program completion, students receive a Ph.D. from one of the partnering schools of nursing. Most notably, dissertation research is completed in an unparalleled environment with respect to unique resource availability and NIH mentoring in sophisticated scientific methods.

My Path to NIH and NINR

My research interests started in my third year of Bloomsburg’s nursing program. I wanted to learn more about childhood asthma to help parents manage severe symptoms. Under the guidance of Mrs. Carol Moore, I completed an Honor’s Thesis that examined parental coping mechanisms in families with children who had moderate and severe asthma. After joining Sigma Theta Tau, graduating from Bloomsburg University in 1998, and publishing my research project with Mrs. Moore, I was accepted into a pediatric critical care internship at Hershey Medical Center. While working in the pediatric intensive care unit for 2 years, I developed a keen interest in an individual’s physiological response to disease.

From the start of my internship, I found that understanding detailed molecular processes enabled me to provide greater levels of personalized care. For example, understanding fetal circulatory physiology helped me to predict blood flow patterns in a post-operative infant cardiothoracic patient. This knowledge improved my ability to best dose inotropic drug infusions, accurately titrate fluid and electrolyte levels, and preemptively adjust ventilator settings to maximize cardiopulmonary support. Often, acute decompensations were avoided by my knowing and recognizing molecular regulatory mechanisms and trouble-shooting them ahead of time.

In concert with my growing interest in the molecular basis of nursing care, I desired greater professional autonomy and knowledge. I also wanted to work for a pediatric tertiary care facility that was independent from an adult health care institution. I moved to Salt Lake City, Utah and worked for another 3 years at Primary Children’s Medical Center, before admission to the University of Utah’s College of Nursing in Fall 2003. The Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program further increased my interest in physiology as it applied to critical care principles, and my work in various critical care and oncology settings allowed me to quickly adapt to new environments. When a nursing professor discovered my profound interest in molecular processes, she recommended that I consider a Ph.D. Because I really enjoyed my advance practice coursework, I wanted to experience greater academic opportunities and enthusiastically started my doctorate.
From the very first doctoral course, I was captivated by the unrecognized and unknown. I found the idea of becoming a scientist in order to generate new knowledge to be very exciting. Furthermore, molecular biology and genetics was a novel area for nurses to apply their research interests. In 2004 I attended the NINR Summer Genetics Institute, an 8-week intensive genetics seminar. I observed how other nurses utilized molecular methodologies to explore concepts fueled by their clinical experiences and saw that nurse scientists were independently solving problems to enhance health and quality of life for populations of people. At this point, I knew I needed to return to NIH campus to take advantage of its unique training resources. In 2005 I was accepted as an NINR Graduate Partnership Program (GPP) scholar in genetics and after completing the requirements for my master’s degree and coursework toward my doctorate, I relocated to Bethesda, Maryland.

As an NIH Research Fellow, I have spent the past year and a half performing laboratory rotations to become familiar with a range of molecular scientific methods under the mentorship of Dr. Lawrence Brody, PhD a senior investigator in the National Human Genome Research Institute, and Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, MD, director of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. I returned to the laboratory of Dr. Brody in August of 2007 to begin dissertation research. My scientific interests are aimed at delineating genetic from environmental causes of complex, multi-factorial disease. With collaborators at John’s Hopkins University and the National Institute on Aging, I am currently investigating the role of genetic variation in Vitamin B12 metabolism and deficiency in a cohort of 800 elderly women. My work with NINR, Dr. Brody, and our collaborators is very special to me because it represents an emerging paradigm of nursing science. Thanks to NINR GPP, I will start my career by conducting research based from the most prestigious research campus in the nation.

I derive great purpose from becoming a nurse scientist as I am uniquely positioned to help many others. The breadth of my clinical background—in various subsets of pediatric, neonatal and adult settings—has afforded me a valuable life perspective in understanding how to best help and advocate for others. For me, this perspective came from identifying a common theme spanning 8 years of bedside care—the need to assist, calm, and empower others as they struggle through stress, critical illness, death, and suffering. As odd as it may seem, I view my current path similarly. While I step away from the bedside, I remain guided by my interest and love of molecular mechanisms underlying the patient’s response to the illness. My focus remains directed towards helping populations of ill patients, and in understanding and translating complex scientific concepts to students, peers in science and nursing, and leaders across disciplines for common good.

Through hard work and years of scholarly effort, my primary aims are to help the most people that I can while still being guided by this scientific intellectual challenge. At present, my comprehensive examinations are scheduled for May 2008, and I hope to have the Ph.D. completed by the end of 2009. At the conclusion of the doctoral degree, I expect to start a research fellowship to further develop the skills required to become an independent and productive scientist. In the meantime, I am enjoying the process and keeping the lessons of bedside care at the forefront of my scientific inquiry.
Add your classmates to your holiday card list and email Favorites!

**Stacy McIndoe Balderston**, of 3678 Crossfield Lane, York, PA 17406, works at York Hospital in NICU in York, PA. She and her husband, Timothy, have 3 children: Mia, 8, Seth, 7, and Trey, 6.  
(Get Stacyb2@comcast.net)

**Carolyn Reed Bortz**, of 1303 Doe Trail Rd., Allentown, PA 18104, received her MSN from DeSales University in 1990 and is currently a Doctoral Candidate at Widener University. She works at Northampton Community College as the Dean of Allied Health and Sciences. Carolyn and her husband Ron have 2 sons: Stephen, a sophomore at Bloomsburg University and her youngest son, Scott, is a senior at Parkland High School.  
(Get cbortz@northampton.edu)

**Sally Toole Cavanaugh**, of 21 E. Merritt Street, Plains, PA 18705, is married to Christopher and they have three children ages 16, 14, and 8.

**Sarah Langan Davis**, of 16601 Mosswood Drive, Hamilton, VA 20158, obtained her MBA from Marymount University. She is a Certified Disability Management Specialist, Case Manager, and Life Care Planner. Sarah is the President/Owner of Dulles Medical Consultants in Hamilton, VA. She has 3 children: Tara, 12, Katie, 11, and Matthew, 9.  
(Get sarahdavis@anent.com)

**Kathy Loeper Good**, of 166 Davis Bridge Road, Bernville, PA 19506, is currently working as the Trauma Nurse Case manager at the Level 2 Trauma Center at the Reading Hospital & Medical Center. Her son Christopher is an Aerospace Engineering major at Penn State University as well as a member of the Army National Guard.  
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**Anne Murtoff Hawbaker**, of 30 Eastwick Lane, Carlisle, PA 17015, has nearly 10 years of experience in Medical-Surgery Nursing. Last year she taught 3 semesters of Clinical at the Harrisburg Area Community College in the LPN & RN program. Today Anne works part time in Long Term Care and is also an Infusion Nurse for Alpha-1 patients. She is married with 2 children ages 16 and 20.  
(Get awesomeannern@comcast.net)

**Lynn Davis Lansdowne**, of P.O. Box 332, Mount Pocono, PA 18344, earned her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988. Lynn completed her PHD candidacy from Rutgers University and is currently a Certified Senior Human Resource Professional. She is the Vice President of Human Resources at the Pocono Health System in East Stroudsburg, PA. In October 2008, Lynn and her husband, David, will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary! They have two daughters: the oldest, Chelsea is 16 and her sister Ashley is 14 years old.  
(Get lansdown@ptd.net)

**Pamela Gauker Lynn**, of 390 S. Tenth Street, North Wales, PA 19454, is currently employed as an instructor at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, PA. She earned her MSN with a concentration in Nursing Education as well as a Gerontology Clinical Specialist in 2000. She has recently completed several publications on the fundamentals of nursing. She has two daughters: Jennifer, 21 and Anna, 19.  
(Get pam_lynn@comcast.net)

**Colleen Chism McGuire**, of 1005 S. Highridge Court, Anaheim, CA 92808, graduated from UCLA in 1993 with a MSN, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Oncology. In 2000, she started a Hereditary Cancer program educating, counseling, and providing clinical management for high risk & genetic predisposition patients/families. She is currently living in sunny California with her husband of 20 years, Rick, and her two daughters Kelsey (17) and Caitlin (14).  
(Get docmcguire@aol.com)

**Donna Albrecht Reese**, of 6500 St. George Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112, is a certified School Nurse at Central Dauphin School District in Harrisburg. Donna is also a Family Nurse Practitioner and also received her MSN. Donna and her husband Steve have two daughters: Jessica is a Health Teacher in Charlotte, NC and Lindsey is a High Risk OB RN in Tampa, FL.  
(Get npdlr28@comcast.net)
Jennifer Beck Reese, of 25 Harrogate Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036, is a RN Educator at the Learning Institute and Pinnacle Health System in Harrisburg, PA. She is certified as a cardiac-vascular nurse and was awarded the PHS Nursing Excellence-Facilitator of Learning Award in 2008. Her son, Derek, graduated from Geneva College in 2008 with a degree in biology and a minor in journalism. Her other son, Kiel, is a 2nd class midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, majoring in systems engineering. Jennifer and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2007 with a memorable trip to Montana. (reesehunters@att.net)

Joanne Zimmerman Rogers, of 368 Yucha Road, Elysburg, PA 17824, received her MSN, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health in 1995. Joanne is a certified Nutrition Support Nurse and is a specialist in the Center for Nutrition and Weight Management. She received the Nightengale Award-Advanced Practice in 2006. She has two sons (20 & 22) and celebrated her 25th Anniversary with her husband Doug. (jrogers1@ptd.net)

Lisa Dellinger Smithgall, of 7 Blackberry Court, Johnson City, TN 37604, earned her MSN from the University of Tennessee in 1995. She has many accolades including being the Vice President of the Women’s and Children’s Services (Mountain States Health Alliance), a certification as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Administrator Advanced (CNAA). Lisa is currently enrolled at East Tennessee State University in the Philosophy of Science in Nursing Degree Program. She married Kent Smithgall (Bloomburg Class of ’81) in 1984 and they have two children Erin 23, and Sean 20. Lisa and Kent have recently become Grandparents with the birth of Nicholas who is 4 months old. (TNSmithgall@comcast.net)

Eileen Storm, of 2375 Ironville PK, Columbia, PA 17512, is a certified Nephrology Nurse, Clinical Head Nurse, Hemodialysis at Penn State, and M.S. Hershey Medical Center. Eileen has a daughter and two sons in college. (estorm@psu.edu)

Lisa Brooks Zeglen, of 921 Thorne Drive, West Chester, PA 19382, currently works at Crozer Chester Medical Center in the PACU. Lisa is married to Ed Zeglen (Class of ’82) and they have two daughters in high school. (lbz919@verizon.net)

Lisa L. Blankenstein Bahn, of 7704 Paradise Heights, Abbottstown, PA 17301, received her School Nurse Certification in 1999. In 2003, she received her MEd in Health Education from Penn State University. (bahnl@sgasd.org)

Julie Burkhart Beck, of 9 Appletree Circle, Wrightsville, PA 17368, works full-time as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at York College of Pennsylvania. She is also a part-time staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Lancaster General Hospital and a Nurse Extern Facilitator during the summer months at Lancaster General Hospital. Julie received a D.Ed from Penn State University in 2005, and became a Certified Nurse Educator in 2007. Julie has been happily married for nineteen years to her husband Joel, and has two children, Ryan (age 14) and Adrienne (age 11). (jabeck@ycp.edu)

Jennifer Laurer Boonie, of 57 Firestone Lane, Beaver Springs, PA 17812 COME BACK TO THIS ONE

Eileen Mulhall Ciborowski, of 1725 West Independence Street, Coal Township, PA 17866, is currently employed at Mountain View Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation as a Utilization Review/PPS Coordinator. She was previously employed at Geisinger Medical Center and the Shamokin Area Community Hospital. Eileen is living in Coal Township, Pennsylvania with her husband Robert and her children, Sean (age 17) and Megan (age 14). (lilmo66@msn.com)

Michele Yanney Crawford, of 336 Reynolds Hill Road, Muncy, PA 17756, is employed at Evangelical Community Hospital as a staff nurse in the operating room. In June of 2008, she received her Certification Nurse Operating Room (CNOR). Michele is married to Andrew Crawford, and they just celebrated their nineteenth wedding anniversary. They have a daughter, Miranda (age 15) and a son, Samuel (age 11). Michele likes to spend her “fun” time quilting, beading, and camping with her family.
Nancy Salvadore Einwechter, of 1458 Woodview Road, Yardley, PA 19067, works as a staff nurse at Abington Memorial Hospital in the operating room. She has been working there for nineteen years with a brief hiatus to a surgical center. Nancy is married and has twins, Adam and Hannah, who were born on September 29, 2001. (apenje@msn.com)

Donna Golden Forster, of 1191 Hunters Road, Mohnton, PA 19540, has been employed by the Reading Hospital and Medical Center for the last eighteen years. She has been happily married for twenty years to her husband Daniel, and they are very grateful for their son Timothy, who is a junior at the University of Delaware. (djdm@comcast.net)

Heather Cochrane Gustafson, of 4114 Dara Circle, Collegeville, PA 19426, received her MBA from St. Joseph’s University in 1996. She is currently working part-time in preventative/complementary health and wellness, where she teaches yoga, meditation and Reiki. Heather has been married to Bob Gustafson for nearly eighteen years. They have two sons, Layne (age 11) and Shay (age 7). (heathg@comcast.net)

Cindy Harris, of 467 State Route 93, Orangeville, PA 17859, received her MSN and Nurse Practitioner Certification from State University of New York, Binghamton in 1991. From 1991-2002, Cindy worked as a Staff Nurse Practitioner in the Student Health Center at Bloomsburg University. Since 2002, she has been the director of the Student Health Center at Bloomsburg University. Cindy will celebrate her 32nd wedding anniversary this year. She has two children and three grandchildren. (lharris@bloomu.edu)

Christine Sloat Hayes, of 119 Vista Drive, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, works in the ICU/SOU at Evangelical Community Hospital. (chayes@dejazzd.com)

Diane Murtin Kilker, of 849 Blythe Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 1994 with her MSN and Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification. She is manager of Adverse Experience Reporting at Merck and Company. Diane and her husband Tom have three children, Molly (age 11), Patrick (age 9), and Mari Kate (age 5). (diane.kilker@merck.com)

Diane Sweppenheiser Kitts, of 321 East Front Street, Danville, PA 17821, has retired from Care Management at Geisinger Medical Center.

Julia Poduszlo Light, of 58 White Pine Drive, Hershey, PA 17033, is ACLS certified. She has been working at Hershey Medical Center for twenty years, and is currently working PRN at Hershey Medical Center. Julia married Fred Light in April of 1992. They have three children, Jeffrey, Madison, and Mayson. (jfmmlight@verizon.net)

Christine Pellman Long, of 1150 Jill Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036, works part-time as a substitute nurse for the Derry Township School District. She also works part-time with Penn State College of Medicine in the Standardize Patient Program. Jill and her husband Tom have two children, Ethan (age 14) and Greta (age 12). (tceglong@mac.com)

Kelly Kern McMenamin, of 402 Eldon Drive, Broomall, PA 19008, is an Evening/Weekend Coordinator with the Homecare Network. She has been in the Main Line Health System under the Thomas Jefferson University System for twenty years. Kelly has been married to her husband Andrew since 1994. They have two children, Kelsey (age 10) and Sean (age 8). (kamcmenamin@msn.com)

Linda Fox Mertz, of PO Box 171, Bernville, PA 19506, holds a Hospice Certification for five years. (lmertz1515@yahoo.com)

Lisa Ney O’Donnell, of 537 Norristown Road, Horsham, PA 19044, is working as a per diem nurse on a PCU. She is married with three children, Ryan (age 6), Paige (age 5), and Daniel (age 3).

Annette Louise Shermeyer Parker, of 112 West York Street, PO Box 303, Biglerville, PA 17303, is a part-time clinical nurse at York Hospital, York, Pennsylvania. She married Chris Parker in June 2000, and they have two children, Gavin and Drew. (ParkerC43@embas@gmail.com)

Kim Zakrzewski Schooley, of 40 Hilkert Road, Danville, PA 17821, is a Certified Pediatric Nurse. She works as a Children’s Hospital Float at Geisinger Children’s Hospital, Danville, Pennsylvania. (taxlsaver@aol.com)
Amy Heathcote Sitler, of 126 Fox Hollow Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815, is currently enrolled at Bloomsburg University in the Nurse Practitioner Program. She is also working at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. Amy and her husband Bob have been married for 18 years and have 3 children. Megan and Becca are both 15 years old and her step son, Chris, is married and currently in his 4th year in medical school in Florida. (cmb1112@hotmail.com)

Valeric Stella Bahner, of 2563 Ogden Ave. Bensalem, PA 19020, is an appointed committee member to newly established Bensalem Township Veterans Affairs Advisory Board. Valeric earned her Clinical Associate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and CRNP at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She has been married with two children, 14 year old Chris and 5 year old daughter Alexis. (vstellaNP@aol.com)

Robin Buck Tannous, of 1269 Butternut Lane, Macungie, PA 18062, has earned her RN, BSN, and CNOR and is a member of AORN. She is currently working at the Lehigh Valley Hospital. She married Patrick Tannous (Bloomsburg Class of 1988) and together they have 3 children: Nate 15, Derek 13, and Leah 8. (askrobin@ptd.net)

Kelly Hollenbach White, of 1120 Old Post Road, Perkasie, PA 18944, is currently employed by Merck & Co., Inc working in Clinical Research Operations as a Patient Recruitment Specialist. She develops and implements the strategy and tactics to target patient population segment across a variety of therapeutic areas for investigational products. Kelly earned her MBA in 2004 and is currently pursuing a MSN in Clinical Research from Vanderbilt University. Kelly and her husband Ed, spend most of their time between their homes in Perkasie and in the Poconos. (Kelly-white@merck.com)

Kristen Bertoli Zulkosky, of 1108 Greens Ave. Landisville, PA 17538, obtained her MSN from Villanova University in 1994 and is currently seeking a PhD in nursing education program from the University of Northern Colorado. She is working at Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences as a Nursing Instructor. (natb30@comcast.net)

PLEASE NOTE:
Due to “technical difficulties” the class of 1993 will be added in an addendum to this newsletter, so keep watch for the update! Thank you!
Melissa Strome Alexander, of 106 Shawnee Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815, received her WCC degree in 2003 and is currently a certified Wound Care Nurse at Bloomsburg Health Care Center. Melissa married Drew Alexander in 2000 and have 2 children: Matthew 7 and Jillian 5. (assilemellorts@verizon.net)

Tracy Fritz Arthur, of 1834 W. Congress Street, Allentown, PA 18104, worked for the past six years as a staff nurse on a plastic/vascular surgery unit. Tracy has since moved to an interventional cardiology unit. On April 12, 2006, Tracy and Charles Arthur got married at the Tropicana Resort in Las Vegas, NV. (tracy_fritz@hotmail.com)

Amy Graham Beron, of 1111 Ridge Road, Langhorne, PA 19053, is currently working for a busy family practice in Bensalem, PA as a Nurse Practitioner. Amy completed her MSN degree in 2004 at LaSalle University and became AANP certified in 2005. She married her husband Brian and they have one daughter, Julia 4, and are expecting their second child in January 2009. (amybrn@verizon.net)

Christine Harder Bischoff, of 11116 Hendrix Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116, is employed at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania working in Trauma Critical Care. She is a certified transplant nurse (CCTN) and an advanced trauma certified nurse (ATCN). Timothy is also pursuing a degree in Healthcare Administration at the University of Pennsylvania. He married Rebecca in October 2002 and they have two daughters: Caroline, who was born 1/2006, and Katherine, who was born in 2/2008. His wife is an RN practicing on a transplant unit at the same hospital pursuing a degree as a clinical nurse specialist. (cbisch75@comcast.net)

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Staci Paddock Ferrario, of 123 Olde Field Drive, Oxford, PA 19363, is a registered nurse at Christiana Care Health Systems in Newark, DE and has worked there for the past 7 years. Staci married her husband Joe in July 2004 and have one daughter, Gianna Rose Ferrario (2/2007). (stacipaddock@hotmail.com)

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Jennifer Erb Herrold, of 348 Penn Avenue, Elysburg, PA 17824, received her MSN, CRNP – Adult Health from Bloomsburg University in 2005. She currently works at Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing as a full-time psychiatric mental health nursing instructor. She as two daughters, ages 10 and 4. (jennynp@verizon.net)

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Kelly Dunkle Raup, of 150 Church Street, Catawissa, PA 17822, is a Nurse Specialist at Hematology/Oncology Department. She married Rick Raup in May 1999 and together they have one daughter, Emilia, who is 6 years old. (karaup74@yahoo.com)
Christine Hritzko Resele, of 357 Columbia Hill Road, Danville, PA 17821, is working in neonatal intensive care unit at Geisinger Medical Center. She has been married for 10 years to Ron Resele and has 2 children: Julia 8 years old and their son Nicholas, 6. (roncheis@ptd.net)

Kendra McCabe Rooney, of 217 East Bacon Street, Pottsville, PA 17901, is currently working for a Youth Partial Hospitalization Program in Pottsville as a Psychiatric Nurse. Kendra married Chris on August 26, 2006 and welcomed their first child, Brogan Michael, into the world on January 3, 2008. (kmpottsville@yahoo.com)

Lisa Gladis Rosati, of 2331 Silvano Drive, Macungie, PA 18062, is employed at Lehigh Valley Hospital Burn Center as a staff RN/Core Charge Nurse. She got married in 2001 and has two children, ages 4 & 2, and has a 3rd child on the way. (Lrosati@ptd.net)

Christy Reed Rupp, of 1816 Woodcove Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, is a unit coordinator in the emergency department at UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh. Christy married in September 2004 to Brad Rupp, a City of Pittsburgh Paramedic. (bloomrn98@verizon.net)

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Teresa Goodspeed Stone, of 448 Daughtery's Run Rd, Williamsport, PA 17701, is a Cardiovascular Health Consultant for the PA Department of Health in Williamsport. She also obtained her Masters of Business Administration in 2006 from Bloomsburg University. She got married in 2002 and has had two children: Sydnie 3 and Jillian 1 years old. (testone@state.pa.us)

Catherine Strang, of 74 Ember Lane, Horsham, PA 19044, is currently working in Women and children with high risk antenatal, gynecological and breast surgery patients. She was re-certified in Med-Surg nursing and working towards Magnet status. Catherine is currently engaged and is due to be married in March 2009. (nursecath@aol.com)

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Katie VanNote Barrett, 4709 Wolcott Hollow Road, Athens, PA 18810, worked on a telemetry unit until December of 2007 and also obtained her ANCC Medical – Surgical Certification. Today she is working in the Cardiac Catherization Lab at Robert Packer Hospital and is married to her husband Kelly (married September 1, 2007). (ktv13@hotmail.com)

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Carrie Baier Umini, of 2007 Gap Road, Allenwood, PA 17810, is currently a staff nurse at the Williamsport Hospital on a neurovascular medical-surgery unit. In the next few months, Carrie plans to move to the Harrisburg Area to become a travel nurse. She married her husband in 2005 who recently graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is currently enrolled at the Harrisburg Area Community College to become a Harrisburg City Police officer. (carriern@windstream.net)
Christina Bilo Felten, of 1892 Strong Road, Quakertown, PA 18951, graduated from the MSN program in 2007 at Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. She is a certified nurse midwife in Allentown, PA and a member of the Midwives & Associates. She married Matthew T. Felten in 2005, finished his active duty service in the US Navy in 2007, and they are expecting their first baby this December. (Christina.felten@yahoo.com)

Amy Hart Yurasits, of 134 Cold Stream Court, Emmaus, PA 18049, is currently at Lehigh Valley Hospital, in Allentown, PA, as a CWOCN in Enterostomal Therapy Department. Amy was married to Kevin Yurasits on September 19th, 2008. Kevin is a 2002 graduate of Bloomsburg University, with a Computer Science Degree.

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Melissa A. Crossley Landau, of 802 Foye Road, Sunbury, PA 17801, is employed at Evangelical Community Hospital in Obstetrics. She completed the Clinical Ladder level four. Melissa was married to Stephen Glenn Landau on June 5th, 2004. She has a daughter, Evangeline Kate Landau, born November 5th, 2007. (mlandau@evanhospital.com)

Dana Lesh, of 3808 Centerfield Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109, has been employed as an RN at Hershey Medical Center in the Emergency Department/Shock Trauma. From 2003 to 2005, she worked in Neurosurgical Intensive Care at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Dana is ALS, PALS, and Trauma certified. (dmlesh23@hotmail.com)

Angela Greco Lombardo, of PO Box 143, Ebervale, PA 18223, is currently pursuing her masters in nursing. She is the owner of the Nursing Staffing Agency PRN Health Care. Angela was married in 2002. She has two and a half year old twin daughters, Anna and Sophia, as well as a daughter named Alena, born June 6th, 2008.

Jennifer Moyer, of 54 Meadows Lane, Haverford, PA 19041, worked in the Lehigh Valley Hospital Neuro unit for one year. She was then employed by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in North Carolina for two years. Currently, Jennifer is employed by Grand View Hospital in the ER, and she loves it. She is also a certified massage therapist, working in nursing homes with geriatric clients. Jennifer recently bought a home in Wilmington, North Carolina. (jenmoyer4@hotmail.com)

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Michelle Chicora, from the class of 1996, works as an Infection Control Nurse for Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. She has been in this position for the past 8 years and is certified in infection control. Michelle is available to speak on Infection Prevention and Control topics. (mchicora@gsrmc.com)
The Sigma Theta Tau Good Work in Nursing Global Community is committed to learning how nurses around the world consider themes central to good work in nursing. Good work in nursing is defined as work that is scientifically effective, socially and morally responsible, and personally satisfying. Themes associated with good work include beliefs and values, responsibility, loyalty, mentors and role models, and excellence. The Good Work in Nursing Global Community launched a pilot study in the US this year. Four universities are studying the usefulness of a toolkit to encourage students to think about what it means to be a good professional and do good work. The Good Work Toolkit® consists of eight chapters addressing major themes associated with good work. Using a case study approach, students reflect on the experiences of people in a variety of professions who experience challenges to the good work they strive to perform. As students reflect on these cases, they begin to consider the challenges they may experience in nursing. These reflective exercises may prompt development of strategies to meet these challenges and thus promote retention of excellent nurses in the profession. The second phase of this research will involve international research. Investigators from several countries will meet at Yale University in July to begin planning the next phase. This research is also affiliated with the Good Work® Project at Harvard University. Anyone interested in learning more about the Good Work Project can visit the Good Work Project web site www.goodworkproject.org. This project is under the direction of Dr. Howard Gardner from the Graduate School of Education. He has been supportive throughout the development of the Good Work in Nursing Project. With the globalization of nursing, it is important to study the phenomenon of good work in nursing from different cultural perspectives. The Sigma Theta Tau Good Work in Nursing Global Community hopes to develop strategies to assist nurses in different cultures who attempt to do good work despite the challenges they encounter.
In the next issue of the newsletter, we would like to feature alumni who are practicing in several specialties and each newsletter we'll feature others. Please consider emailing a story about your practice experiences (mamick@bloomu.edu) or writing one to send (anytime) if you practice as a Nurse Anesthetist, School Nurse, Nurse Midwife, or Nursing Faculty. We will also have a practice section for all other stories that we receive, so please send those too! The richness and diversity of the experiences of our alumni is amazing and we'll enjoy reading about them!