On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the nursing department will host an Alumni Celebration Event during Homecoming Weekend. This event will celebrate the 35th anniversary for the baccalaureate nursing program and the 25th anniversary for the graduate nursing program at Bloomsburg University. There will be an open house in the Department of Nursing on the third floor of McCormick Human Services Center to start the festivities of the day. From 11:00am to 1:00pm the nursing department and student learning laboratory will be open to alumni. Different stations in the learning lab will be available, tours given and refreshments will be served during the open house.

Later that day the celebration will culminate with a reception and dinner. At 5:00pm, a reception will begin where faculty and alumni accomplishments will be showcased. Also, memorabilia from the past 35 years will be displayed so that alumni will be able to “travel down memory lane” recalling their years at Bloomsburg University.

Starting at 6:00pm, dinner will be served and there will be two guest speakers representing the 35 years of undergraduate nursing study and the 25 years of graduate nursing study at Bloomsburg University. In concert with the homecoming festivities, this alumni celebration is going to be a wonderful event that honors the profession of nursing and celebrates the accomplishments of BU nurses!

If you are a past or present faculty member or an alumnus, please register online at www.bloomualumi.com. Or, call at 1-800-526-0254 for any questions.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
Dr. Christine Alichnie

35/25 Years of Nursing Education: Join in the Celebration

The invitations have been sent for the anniversary celebration activities on the Saturday of homecoming weekend. 2009 marks two major milestones for the Department of Nursing and Bloomsburg University. The 35th anniversary of the baccalaureate program, which was instituted in 1974, and the 25th anniversary of the graduate program will be the focus of the day’s event. Programs will occur in McCormick Building, coupled with a grand dinner feast at Monty’s Place on the upper campus. Both programs are strong with an undergraduate enrollment of 320 and a graduate enrollment of 78. The first class of 12 graduate students enrolled in the cooperative nurse anesthesia option with Geisinger Health System was admitted for the fall 2009 semester. The graduate faculty is finalizing the concept paper to establish a Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) at Bloomsburg University. In addition to the above strategic plans, certification pass rates for graduate students remain at 100%.

The Department of Nursing continues to be very proud of the baccalaureate graduates and their pass rate on the national licensure examination. For the May Class of 2009, the rate is 94% which is significantly above the state and national percentages. Faculty has meticulously reviewed and revised the curricula for both programs. Our next national accreditation visit will be fall of 2011. Changes to course placement and restructuring of some courses will strengthen the program to meet the demands in the 21st century.

As to departmental achievements, I will highlight just a few examples. Several faculty have been tenured – Drs. Debra Sanders and Beth Culver. Likewise, Lori Metzger and Melissa Snyder are completing their doctoral degree requirements. Dr. Joan Miller went to England in August with a group of students to teach the Family Nursing Course. We continue to have this international experience annually. Lori Metzger also did a missionary health trip to Honduras. The pictures are wonderful. Drs. Fredda Massari-Novak and Deb Sanders were accepted to the Gerontology Institute sponsored by the Hartford Foundation. They will be teaching a values course in the spring 2010 semester on Gerontology Health Issues. Dr. Linda Cook continues to manage the SAMHSA Grant for Suicide Prevention on campus. Multiple faculty are engaged in conducting research and publishing. We also are hoping for several new additions to the faculty ranks. The first is a full time tenure track faculty as the Nurse Anesthesia Program Director who should be hired by May 2009. In addition, the department received a full time tenure track complement for the 2010-11 academic year. We will be advertising over this next year for that position with a specialty in adult health.

The brief examples listed above only scratches the surface of your faculty accomplishments as it relates to the numerous grant received, national and international presentations made, and community service delivered by your faculty. Through these activities over the past 35 years, the Department of Nursing continues to garner the reputation of being the “Center for Nursing Education Excellence” within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. That “claim to fame” also rests with our alumni and their accomplishments. As always, feedback from our graduates is welcomed and encouraged. Over these 35 years, your suggestions only strengthened the program. The faculty and staff continue to extend best wishes for a successful and productive career in nursing. Please stay in touch and send us your stories to share with your fellow alumni in the next newsletter. We thank you for your great works in the field of nursing and we hope to see you at our anniversary celebration during Homecoming Weekend.
In May 2009 three nursing graduates completed the rigorous requirements of the Bloomsburg University’s Honors Program. This is a record number of students from one class who have achieved this honor. The graduates included Krista Bond, Joanne Topper, and Maureen Dameron. The University’s Honors Program requires students to take five honors seminar classes and complete an Honors Independent research project. Krista Bond’s project was titled *The Correlation of Physical Activity of College Students with Academic Performance*. Her faculty mentor for the project was Dr. Linda Cook. Maureen Dameron’s project was titled *Patterns of Infection Control Among Registered Nurse Graduates from Bloomsburg University*. Joanne Topper’s research was titled *Knowledge Assessment of Teachers Across Pennsylvania Related to Common Health Concerns Found in the Classroom*. The faculty mentor for Maureen and Joanne was Dr. Annette Gunderman. We are very proud of the accomplishments of these three graduates from Bloomsburg University’s Department of Nursing class of 2009 and wish them well in their future nursing careers!
Cheri Rinehart, RN, BSN, NHA and graduate of the class of 1979 from Bloomsburg University, was the featured speaker for the April 19, 2009 induction of Theta Zeta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. Cheri’s inspiring speech was titled Lessons Learned on the Road from RN to CEO. Among her many accomplishments, Cheri completed a three year Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellowship. She currently serves as President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers. She is also a member of Theta Zeta Chapter, STTI. Her daughter, Amber Kroboth Le Cadre, is a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University’s BSN program (2007) and is a member of Theta Zeta Chapter, STTI, as well. Cheri and Amber are wonderful examples of the top quality nurses that graduate from our program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BU GRADUATES!

Ashley Derr, RN, BSN, CEN was one of the speakers at a Geisinger Health System continuing education program on Emergency Nurse Topics. Ashley, along with Adam Gajkowski, RN, ADN, will address the topic of Snake Bites and Treatment at the conference scheduled to be help on October 13, 2009 at the Henry Hood Center for Health Research in Danville, PA.

Bloomburg University’s Department of Nursing faculty member, Dr. Margie Eckroth-Bucher, PhD. RN and James Siberski, MS, Geriatric Care Manager Program, Misericordia University recently had their research published in the June/July edition of the American Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias. Their research was titled Preserving Cognition Through an Integrated Cognitive Stimulation and Training Program. Congratulations are extended to Dr. Bucher and Mr. Siberski for their outstanding work!
CHANDA RONK, RN, BSN- GRADUATE OF CLASS OF 2003 RECEIVES RESEARCH AWARD

Chanda Ronk, RN, BSN along with several nurse colleagues employed at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA were the recipients of the 2009 Theta Zeta Chapter of STTI Nursing Research Award. Their research project is entitled Evaluating the Bedside Methods Used by Critical Care Nurses to Determine Routine Placement of Oral and Nasogastric Tubes (OG/NG). Congratulations are extended to Chanda and her team. We are looking forward to learning of the findings of the study at a future STTI program. Chanda also won a prize for a research poster presentation and received special recognition as an outstanding nurse during the Nurses’ Week celebration held at GMC in May 2009. We are extremely proud of Chanda’s accomplishments as she strives to advance nursing practice and the image of nursing.

RECOGNIZING NEW INDUCTEES—2009
The new inductees for Theta Zeta Chapter are as follows:

Kay M. Blyler
Cindy J. Campbell, RN
Alicia H. Cooper smith
Jessica L. Hendrichs
Jessica L. Hudak
Lani L. Kishbaugh, RN
Amanda Mary Knouse
Jessica C. Lenig
Jessica M. Mowery
Whitney A. Peachey
Seth M. Reed
Joycelyn Rising
Amy M. Robinson
Lauren E. Shilling
Nicole R. Slatterback
Brittney R. Stauffer
Regina M. Steppe
Elizabeth A. Stewart
Allegra Stumbaugh
Kara Denise Taylor
Joanne E. Topper
Jeremy J. Vilcheck
Sarah Francesca Vito
Kayla R. Whitmoyer
Morgan Haley Wolf

Community Nurse Leaders
Matt Hackenberg, RN
Kathy A. Harris, RN
Candise Miller, RN
Joy Ellen Reaser, RN
Arthur Francis Richer, RN
Debra Ulrich, RN

Congratulations!
Add your classmates to your holiday card list and email Favorites!

Jacqueline Bencker, of 1324 Roudensbush Road, Quakertown, PA 18951, is currently a clinical nurse in the operating room of St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. Previously she was employed as a clinical specialist in oncology, a nurse manager in a neonatal intensive care unit and has worked in the nursery and pediatrics. She has a CNOR certification. Jacqueline would like to say a special hello to Concetta (Demangone) Oglesby, a great nurse and a true pride from Bloomsburg University.

Jane (Garger) Dolin, of 3229 Clear Stream Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052, is a certified Wound, Ostomy, & Continence Nurse. Jane also received her Master’s in Education with a concentration in Vascular Nursing/Wound Care. In addition, she is a certified school nurse. Since 2004, Jane has been a certified school nurse at Whitehall-Coplay Middle School. She’s been married to Mike Dolin since 1987 and has two sons, Jonathan who is 17 and Jacob who is 15.

Cindy (Fessler) Ebling, of 166 Schuykill Mountain Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972, is currently the RN who is managing the Protime Clinic Physicians Office in Pottsville, PA. From 1997 until earlier this year, she was a fulltime mom/homemaker. From 1984-1997, Cindy worked for the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA as a staff nurse in the MICU/SICU. In 1985, she married Ed Ebling and in 1993, they welcomed their first daughter Allison, followed by their second daughter Erin in 1997.

Donna (Feeq) Fehr, of 297 Hill View Road, Bernville, PA 19506, has been the director of Nursing for Maxim Healthcare Services in Reading, PA for the past 2 years. She was nominated as Clinical Director of the Year for 2009 and was recognized for her excellence in Clinical Leadership for 2009 as well. She has been working in Home Health Nursing since 1991. Donna has been married to her husband Tim for 22 years. Her son Nathan, 18, graduated from high school recently and is attending Lebanon Valley College this fall. Joshua, her other son who is 15, will be a sophomore at Conrad Weiser High School.

Janet (Stracka) Haines, of 2738 Rising Sun Road, Slatonington, PA 18080, is employed at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown, PA in the GI/Pulmonary Endoscopy Unit. This year, she obtained her CGRN Certification in Gastroenterology. Also this year, she was the recipient of the Ihrie Digestive Sciences Friends of Nursing Award. She has two daughters with her husband Jeffery, Lauren, age 13 and Marissa, age 6.

Tracy (Motyka) Martini, of 104 Borden Way, Lincoln University, PA 19352, is the clinical director at Replenish Cosmetic Institute. She graduated from Widener University in 2009 with an MSN in Nursing Administration. Tracy is married with two boys, ages 7 and 11.

Beth (Hogan) Quigley, of 390 Kerrwood Drive, Wayne, PA 19087, is a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She received her MSN, CRNP from the University of Pennsylvania as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. She received a post masters in education from the University of Pennsylvania as well. Beth runs her own business in which she reviews medical records. She is an expert witness in progress/upper contract with LWW. She is the coauthor of a new textbook titled Bate’s Physical Assessment which is geared towards undergraduate nurses.

Jill (Boone) Repoley, of 12 Cordell Drive, Stevens, PA 17578, is happily working as an Electrophysiology NP in Lancaster, PA. She was excited to teach at Cardio Rhythm in Hong Kong and the Heart Rhythm Society in Boston this year. Jill would love to reconnect with her classmates via email or facebook!

April (Showers) Royer, of 150 Blackwood Lane, Douglassville, PA 19518, is employed at Advanced Skin Care in Wyomissing, PA 19610. She has three children, Stephen, Jeffrey and Eric.
Cathy (Murray) Sarra, of 211 Sunrise Rd, Reading, PA 19606, is currently a staff nurse at Spring Ridge Surgi Center. She received a school nurse certification. She married Scott Sarra, class of 1984. They have two children: Kristin, 19 years old and Eric, 17 years old. Kristin is a sophomore at PSU and Eric is a senior at Exeter High School.

Terri (Dyer) Snyder, of 182 Middle Road, Catawissa, PA 17820, is currently employed as a certified school nurse in the Shamokin Area School District. Besides keeping very busy at the elementary school, she also coordinates health services for the school district. In August, her oldest son Nathan, who is scheduled to graduate from BU this December with a degree in business, married Kaitlin Clark. Another wedding is being planned for May 1, 2010 for her oldest daughter, Erin, who graduated from BU in 2006 with a degree in Elementary Ed/Special Ed, is marrying DJ Spoits. In June of 2010, her youngest son, BJ will graduate from high school. Her youngest daughter, Kaitlyn, is a junior biology/pre-med students at Elizabethtown College. Terri celebrated her 27th wedding anniversary with her husband Bryan in June of 2009. (tsnyder@indians.k12.pa.us)

Debra (Blose) Torcivia, of 6626 Mine Drive, Macungie, PA 18062, is a flight nurse with Lehigh Valley Hospital MedEvac. She is a CCRN. (dtorcivia@hotmail.com)

Christine Ardell, of 57 Lexington Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, is employed at Penn State Hershey Medical Center as a Certified Wound, Ostomy, & Continence Nurse. She is beginning the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Millersville University this fall. (duckey6@verizon.net)

Penny (Boblick) Barcavage, of 194 Fairview Street, Carlisle, PA 17015, is a 2002 graduate of Penn State, with a MSN, CRNP, NNP. (nursebarc@yahoo.com)

Lisa (Diefenderfer) Horan, of 3323 Cotton Press Street, Raleigh, NC 27614, is a CFNP at Wake Teen in Raleigh, NC where she provides medical care to 10-24 year old patients. She is a Sprint Triathlete. In April of 2009, she divorced her husband. Lisa has three children ages 10, 12, and 14. (horanisa@nc.rr.com)

Holly (Zimmerman) Lin, of 71 Sherwood Drive, Glastenburg, CT 06033, received her MSN, ACNP-CS from the University of Pennsylvania. She is working as a critical care nurse practitioner at Hartford Hospital, in Hartford, Connecticut. She was married in 2005 and has one daughter, who was born in 2006. (holly67@cox.net)

Kathy (Selgrade) Rhoades, of 42 Manor Circle, Palmyra, PA 17078, is the research coordinator at Hershey Medical Center. She is also a substitute school nurse at the Palmyra Area School District. In 1991, she married Bill Rhoades. They have one child, Sydney Elizabeth who was born on 5-31-99. (KRhoades@HMC.PSU.edu)

Scherry Tibbins Moore, of 1001 Penns Drive, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, works for the Selinsgrove Center Department of Welfare as an RN Supervisor.

Jill Noll, 10054 Lasalle Blvd., Huntington Woods, MI 48070. (jillnoll@yahoo.com)

Joshua Ruopp, of 209 W. Locust St., Enola, PA 17025, is a nurse anesthetist at West Shore Endoscopy Center in Camp Hill, PA. He is divorced and is the father of three daughters. (RuoppJ@yahoo.com)

Catherine (Spencer) Tweedie, of 768 W. Philip Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460, is a case manager for Main Line Health. In 1997, she married Scott Tweedie. Together, they have two boys, Matthew age ten and Ethan age eight. (four.tweeds@verizon.net)
Jennifer (Blum) Clements, of 74 Francis Meyers Road, New Britain, PA 18901, works in an outpatient surgery center, where she often works with oral and maxillofacial surgery. Here, she is an RN doing Pre-Op, surgical assisting, some anesthesia and post-op discharge care. In January of 2007, she got married. Jennifer lives in New Britain with her husband and two dogs. (mollytubby@aol.com)

Tracey (Schalles) Eddinger, of P.O. Box 56, Cambra, PA 18611, is employed at Geisinger Medical Center. She is a staff nurse on a Med/Surg/Telemetry unit. Currently, she is certified through ANCC in Med/Surg, Nursing. Tracey has been married for 18 years to her husband Craig. She has two beautiful children, Kiersten who is 10 and Shane who is 5. (traceyedd@epix.net)

Myra (Stackhouse) Golomb, of 147 Eyer Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815, is a certified school nurse for the Bloomsburg Area School District’s Elementary Schools. (mgolomb@bloomsd.k12.pa.us)

Elizabeth (Godlewsky) Hendricks, of 432 E. Randall St., Baltimore, MD 21230, is employed as Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at The Johns Hopkins Hospital Pre Operative Evaluation Clinic. She married George Hendricks in September 2005. They have a son Cater who is 3 years old.

Kathleen (Elliot) Holtz, of 3205 Lester Place, Philadelphia, PA 19154, is currently working in an outpatient surgical care center in the pre-op/PACU area. She has been married for 11 years to her husband Curt and has two children, Allyson who is 9 and Jack who is 7. (K17RN@comcast.net)

Christine (Hoffman) Hudson, of 135 Hoffman Lane, Northumberland, PA 17857, is working as a medical transcriptionist for Spheris. She has been married for almost 13 years with three children. (wjhudson@prolog.net)

Amy M. (Strzelecki) Jaslar, of 715 Woodland Road, Sugar Notch, PA 18706, is employed by McKesson Health Solutions (a fortune 13 company) as a community based RN. She is a disease management nurse for Access Plus of Pennsylvania who reaches out to the community of Luzerne County by home visits instead of telephone calls. Prior to taking this position in October of 2007, she was employed by Hazleton General Hospital in obstetrics and was a certified childbirth educator and grief counselor for the unit. Amy married to Michael B. Jaslar in 1996. Her daughter Paige Victoria was born 6/4/99 and her son Nathan Michael was born 5/6/03. (mapnjazz@ptd.net)

Kathleen T. (Earley) Rine, of 65 Clark Road, Danville, PA 17821, is a nursing instructor at the Danville Campus of Thomas Jefferson University. She passed the NLN exam in June of 2009 and is a certified nurse educator. Kathleen is the grandmother of two children, Benjamin who is 5 and Samantha who is 3. (Kathleen.rine@jefferson.edu)

Dawn Marie (Anastasia) Romano, of 131 Old Meeting House Road, Auburn, MA 01501, obtained her MBA in Healthcare Administration from St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia in 2006. Currently, she is the executive director of Vanguard Health Systems at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, MA. She is a member of the American Heart Association of Central MA Board of Trustees. (romano21@verizon.net)

Lisa (McCarty) Scalise, of 1163 McKelvey Lane, Blue Bell, PA 19422, is working as a home health aide supervisor for North Penn VNA. She serves as the on call supervisor one week and one weekend per month as part of a position at North Penn VNA. Lisa began working on her graduate degree in 1999 and hopes to return to school when her baby gets a little older. She was married on 3/24/07 to Anthony Scalise. Lisa gave birth to her son Anthony Raffaete Scalise on 11/12/08. Her son Alexander Reed Hartzog will turn 10 on 12/8/09. This summer, she hired a Bloomsburg University nursing student to work as a home health aide. (lisascalise@comcast.net)

Denise Shope, of 31 Erin Drive, Danville, PA 17821, is currently employed as a healthcare risk consultant for the firm Riggs, Counselman Michaels & Downes Inc. She completed her master’s degree in Health Care Services Administration at Marywood University. She is a certified professional in Healthcare Risk Management. Denise is married with two children, Katie who is 18 and Gabriel who is 12. (dmshope@gmail.com)

Kelly A. (Fegley) Thier, of 156 New Philadelphia Road, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, continues to work at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA on a medical/surgical unit. This unit also specializes in seizure monitoring. Kelly has added a CMSRN certification (Certified Medical Surgical RN). She plans to obtain a Master’s degree in the near future and begin teaching. Kelly and her husband are happily caring for a 37-acre hobby farm including Alpacas. They continue their regular travels. They recently went to Ireland in May of this year, and have remained happily married for 17 years. (kthier@thethiers.net)
Karen (Reed) Witkoski, of 212 Montana Drive, Kulpmont, PA 17834, has spent much of her nursing career focusing on home health and hospice. A little over a year ago, she became a case manager for GHP. Karen really enjoys the opportunity to get to know her patients and their families. She has been married for 15 years to Jeff and has four children: Madelyn who is 10, Reed who is 7, and twins Katie and Rachel who are 4. Karen thinks that working full time and being a mom to four is pretty hectic, but she wouldn’t trade it for the world! (witkoski@ptd.net)

Donna J. (Kramer) Woodling, of P.O. Box 148, 250 Boston Road, Picture Rocks, PA 17762-0148, is the manager of patient care of a 32 head cardiopulmonary step down unit at Susquehanna Health in Williamsport, PA. She received her MSN in Health Administration from St. Francis in May of 2009. She has had her ANCC-Med-Surg. Certification from December of 1991 until the present. Donna has three children. One is an AD-RN, another is a BSN RN and the third is a Green Beret-Army. She has four grandchildren as well, three girls and one boy. Donna is planning on sitting for ANCC Certification Nursing Administration in November of this year. (djwoodling@comcast.net)

Carol (Meckley) Wurster, of 4711 Pleasant Valley Road, Cogan Station, PA 17728, is a self-employed Certified Massage Therapist. She specializes in lymph drainage therapy and is a reconnective healing practitioner. (cwurster3@verizon.net)

Michael Achuff, of 9 Stayman Lane, Sewell, NJ 08080, works at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his Emergency Nurse Pediatric Certification. His first son Braden Michael was born on 5-18-06 and his second son was born on 5-12-08. His wife is expecting a baby in late March, 2010. Michael hopes that everyone from the Nursing Program Class of ’94 is doing great! (michaelachuff@hotmail.com)

Robin (Heintzelman) Adams, of 272 H and A Drive, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853, works as a CRNP in OB/GYN at Geisinger Health System. She is currently enrolled in Thomas Jefferson University’s DNP program. Robin is married to Michael. She has two children, Brandon, age 11, and Jordan, age 5. (radam1@geisinger.edu)

Todd M. Bower, of 88 Penny Lane, York, PA 17402, graduated from Drexel University’s Nurse Anesthetist Program in 2008. He is employed by Anesthesia Associates of York. Todd was married in 2002 and has a son, Brennan, who was born in December of 2003. (propofol88@msn.com)

Teresa (Kolodzieski) Gaston, of 7002 Whitworth Way, Charlotte, NC 28270, earned her MSN in administration from the University of North Carolina at Camp Hill in December of 2005. She is happily married with two children. (teresagaston@gmail.com)

Tina (Butz) Gergits, of 1749 Mauch Chunk Road, Allentown, PA 18104, is currently a stay-at-home mom who works part time as a clinical supervisor at Maxim Health Care. She is the instructor of flu orientation, running flu clinics out in the community. Tina won the Friends and Family award in 1998. In 1995, she married fellow Bloomsburg Nursing alumni, Charles Gergits. They have two beautiful girls, Katie who is 6 and Julie who is 3. (charlesgergits@rcn.com)

Lynne L. Housman, of 319 W. Walnut Street, Valley View, PA 17983, is employed as a Medical-Surgical Nursing Coordinator at Schuylkill Health School of Nursing. Her current certification is in Nurse Education, CCNE. (zooman@epix.net)

Charlene J. Kalinoski, of 1505 Mohawk Street, Coal Township, PA 17866, has been a nurse manager at Shamokin Hospital Outpatient Specialty Clinics since 1998. Charlene and her husband Stan, have a son, Cody, and daughter, Caycee. (the4kfamily1@aol.com)

Garrick Karns, of 508 Landis Road, Harleysville, PA 19438, is practicing as a CRNA at Lehigh Valley Health Networks in Allentown, PA. He has a wonderful 3 year old son named Jacob.

Lisa (Koscrolek) Kriney, of 14 Lark Lane, Perkasie, PA 18944, graduated with her MSN as an Adult Nurse Practitioner form Villanova University in 1999. She is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner at Central Backs Specialist in Gastroenterology. (LKriney@comcast.net)
Suzanne Myers, of 906 Rte. 113, Sellersville, PA 18960, works in the Maternity Department of Grandview Hospital. She is married to Sean. Her children include Morgan who is 12, Madison who is 10, Gabrielle who is 8, Grace who is 5, and Isaac who is 1. (suemyers4@comcast.net)

Nancy M. Powers, of 56 Avon Ave., Bloomsburg, PA 17815, is continuing her certification as a Hospices/Palliative Care Nurse. She volunteers for Maria Hall Hospice/CMHHS. Nancy also works per diem for Bucknell and BUP in the Student Health Center. She also certifies nurse's aides for Red Cross testing. In addition, she has contracts for private care. Nancy is married to Dr. Gerry Powers. She and her husband travel all over Pennsylvania and are often called to Washington, D.C. and Chicago. They especially enjoy trips where they get to connect with their two out of state children and their families. One of their children lives locally with their family. They have three beautiful granddaughters. (geraldpowers@hotmail.com)

Kristy (Richards) Thompson, of 2523 Pond View Dr., West Chester, PA 19382, has worked for Main Line Health outside of Philadelphia for the past 13 years. She has also worked as a staff nurse in Labor & Delivery, been a Clinical Nurse Educator for OB, and is currently the Clinical IS Educator. In this role, she is responsible for teaching the new higher level computer class, creating and distributing all of the education for clinical documentation, medication administration, and order entry programs. Kristy received her MSN in Nursing Education in 2000 from Villanova University. In 1996, her stepfather adopted her and in effect, her name changed. Kristy is still single, but enjoys playing with her Scottish Terrier named McGee and traveling. (boatdrink0114@verizon.net)

Tana (Vitale) Young, of 101 Sunflower Circle, Landisville, PA 17538, is working for the Preventive Cardiology Coumadin Clinic in York. She has been married for 13 years to Shannon Young. Tana has a daughter, Emily who is 9 years old, and a son, Ethan who is 5 years old. (tana@adprintinc.net)

Stacie (Allen) Beaver, of 225 West Penn Street, Muncy, PA 17756, is currently employed at Susquehanna Health System in the Family Medicine Residency Center as an RN. In 2002, Stacie married Brian Beaver. Together, they have two sons, Braden, age 4, and Caleb, age two. (brbeaver@windstrem.net)

Jill (Berkhimer) Clark, of 118 Lynwood Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078, is working in a long term care facility as an Infection Preventionist/WOCN/ Staff Education. She completed the Wound Ostomy Continence Program (WOCN) in 2007. Jill was married in 2004 to Casey Clark. She has a daughter, Mackenzie Mae, born 9/8/05, and a son, Owen Garret, born 8/15/07. (jclark@lvbh.org)

Priscilla (Kreider) Cooney, of 38 Dale Drive, Mountain Top, PA 18707, works as a nurse in oncology in a private office. She has her oncology nurse certification OCN. Priscilla just graduated from the University of Scranton with her MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She was married in 2002. (pak5576@yahoo.com)

Stephanie (Gill) Kedersha, of 104 MacArthur Dr., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, is working per diem on a Same Day Surgical Unit at Englewood Hospital. She worked for 7 years on a Cardiac Stepdown Unit as Care Manager (Charge Nurse). Stephanie is married to Chris Kedersha. They have three little girls, Kayla 6, Samantha 4, and Juliana 16 months. (kedershal@verizon.net)

Toni Kreski, of 124 Cherokee Lane, Danville, PA 17821, in an RN in the NICU at Geisinger Medical Center. This year, she has had two new granddaughters!

Cynthia R. Lewis, of 389 East County Road, Drums, PA 18222, is a CRNP for Geisinger. She previously did CRNP work for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at USP Lewisburg, FCI Schuykill, and Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA. She has been ANCC certified since 1999. Cynthia has been married for 36 years to Gordon Lewis, Jr. and they have four grown children: Major John Lewis, USAF; Dr. Jennifer O’Connor; Mrs. Melanie Truschinski; Lt. Michael Lewis, USAF. (lewis389@ptd.net)
Shannon (Tracy) Slabinski, of 1021 E. 4 ½ Street, Berwick, PA 18603, is currently employed by Geisinger Medical Center in the peri-op department. She is also currently enrolled in the University of Scranton’s MSN Nurse Anesthesia Program. She will graduate in 2012. Shannon married Jeff in October of 2001. She has three sons, Seumas age 14, Sullivan age 7, and Rowan age 5. (shan.slab@verizon.net)

Shelly (Cleveland) Reeve, of 104 Springfield Road, Aldan, PA 19018, opened her own business, Technology Exposure, in which she serves as a Healthcare IT Consultant. She received her MS in Nursing Informatics. She is also board certified in Nursing Informatics. Shelly married her husband Stuart Reeve in November of 2001. She has a daughter, Emily age 5, and a son, Tyler age 1½. (stushellyreeve@hotmail.com)

Kasie (Kiersnowski) Schwartz, of 122 Huckleberry Lane, Duryea, PA 18642, completed her MBA at Wilkes University on May of 2007. She was promoted to Professional Development Trainer at Merck & Co. Inc. Here, she is responsible for training new and incumbent hospital representatives. Kasie moved into a new home and adopted her dog named Dude in May of 2008. (kasie_schwartz@merck.com)

Nicole (Cooney) Tomek, of 368 Phillips Street, Hanover Twp., PA 18706, is a Certified School Nurse in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Nicole has a son, Mason who was born in 2006, and a daughter, Sophia who was born in 2008. (nictomek@yahoo.com)

Danielle Klinger graduated from the BSN program in December 2005

THETA ZETA CHAPTER ESTABLISHES A “DISTINGUISHED NURSE COLLEAGUE” AWARD

 Theta Zeta Chapter will begin a new award in the upcoming year of 2009-2010. It is entitled the “Distinguished Nurse Colleague” award. The award has been established to recognize outstanding nurses who exhibit excellence in nursing practice, education, and/or research. The criteria and application process have been carefully developed the Awards Committee. The awards criteria and application forms will be available for members to access on the Department of Nursing website under Theta Zeta Chapter. All members of Theta Zeta are encouraged to submit an application for a nurse who exhibits the qualities of professionalism that STTI represent. If you have questions about the process, contact Dr. Sheila Hartung at shartung@bloomu.edu. Checkout the Department of Nursing website http://departments.bloomu.edu/nursing/- Sigma Theta Tau tab for application and description.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE BOYER BUILDING?

The former Department of Nursing (Boyer building), more recently used as student housing along with a next door sorority house, was demolished to make room for 10 townhouses for 60 students.
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT ISSUE!

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!