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The Flame

Menonite College of Nursing



Illinois State University

2006 Homecoming Highlights



The Menonite Nurses Alumni Organization held its annual Awards Ceremony and Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, October 14th at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington.

Classes who celebrated a milestone reunion included: 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1981 and 1996. After the luncheon, the college held an open house at Edwards Hall, where alums and guests could visit the building and see demonstrations in the labs.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made Homecoming 2006 a success! Special thanks to Lynn Kennell and Dianne Clemens for hosting the luncheon and open house events.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2007, which will be **Saturday, October 13, 2007!** If you graduated in 1937,1947,1957,1967, 1982 and 1997 and would like to help with your class reunion, please contact Amy Irving at (309) 438-7418 or amirvin@ilstu.edu.



Call for third-party comments

Menonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University is preparing its self-study report for accreditation. The site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 through Friday, April 27, 2007. The college invites students, alumni, faculty and the practice community to provide written input into the deliberation of the evaluation team. Written and signed comments concerning the nursing programs will be accepted by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education until March 26, 2007. Please mail your comments to:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Attention: Ms. Sarah Jameson, Accreditation Assistant
One Dupont Circle, NW
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120

Message from the dean



Happy New Year!

This time of the year is full of celebrations. In this issue, we have focused on our wonderful alumni and their accomplishments. There was a great turnout at the Homecoming events this year. Laura (Cisco) Baue, class of 1981 and

1987, received the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award and Daphne (Burnett) Piercy, class of 1996 and 1999, received the 2006 Young Alumni Award during the Homecoming luncheon. Mildred (Neuhauser) Beeson, class of 1936, attended her 70th reunion, and brought a fabric design she made of the stained glass window. There were stories, displays, yearbooks and special memories that were shared during the weekend. Lori (Van Natta) Grosse, class of 1981, and some of her classmates met for their 25th reunion in New York City, and she wrote an article about her “changing shoes” throughout the years. Betty (Rosendahl) Wagner, class of 1948, sent us a photo of their class reunion, which they try to get together every year to celebrate. We encourage you to share your stories with us!

Illinois State University will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary this year, and there will be a kick off event on February 15th. Throughout the year there will be special events and celebrations. Mennonite College of Nursing will be hosting Naomi Judd as part of ISU’s 150th speaker event on November 8, 2007. More information will be announced later this year about this event.



We have an exciting year ahead of us – this spring MCN will have an accreditation site visit from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the first cohort for the accelerated B.S.N. sequence started in January, the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) sequence will be offered next year, the Expanding Teaching Nursing Home project has several events and speakers planned for 2007 and the Doctoral Program continues to grow.

Thank you for all of your continued support for Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. In this issue, we recognize The Paul Stoddard Endowment, which was established by Alma Stoddard in 2006 as a living memorial to her brother. I am honored that so many people recognize how important nursing is, and want to help support our programs.

Best Wishes!

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Welcome new faculty and staff

Lisa Marinelli, project coordinator for the Collaborating
Doctoral Program

Melissa Moody, academic advisor

Michele Spading, instructional assistant professor

Deb Stenger, instructional assistant professor

College events and updates

Announcing the Clinical Nurse Leader Sequence

Mennonite College of Nursing is please to announce a new sequence in their graduate program: Clinical Nurse Leader. The CNL is prepared as a generalist and functions primarily at a unit level as provider and manager of care at the point of care delivery. This sequence will start Fall 2007, with courses offered to support a part-time plan of study. MCN has partnered with OSF Saint Joseph Medical Center, BroMenn Regional Medical Center and Memorial Medical Center. For more information about this new sequence, please visit: www.mcn.ilstu.edu/current_students/graduate/cnl.shtml.

Collaborative Doctoral Program Updates

Student Highlights

Four students completed the first temporary course at Illinois State University, Qualitative Research Design, in the fall of 2006. Six students are enrolled in the second temporary course, Health Policy, scheduled for spring 2007. Marcena Gabrielson received a John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity pre-doctoral fellowship.

Program Highlights

The Doctoral program curriculum was approved by MCN college council. Faculty doctoral program role development events included three mentoring sessions with Iowa. The most recent



Dr. Brenda Jeffers and Dr. Janet Specht

was a workshop lead by Janet Specht, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of Iowa College of Nursing. Dr. Specht shared her mentoring experiences with MCN faculty and led a discussion about developing an individual and college philosophy on mentoring doctoral students. Visiting Professor Ann Cary will collaborate with Dr. Jeffers and Dean Ridenour to teach Health Policy. Dr. Cary will be at MCN January 19 and May 4 for morning presentations and afternoon class. The Doctoral program will host Dr. Barbara Resnick on April 12, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. for a grant writing seminar for faculty.

Accelerated B.S.N. Sequence

In January of 2007, the first cohort of the Accelerated B.S.N. Sequence started the nursing program. Their schedule will consist of 4 rigorous 12-week sessions and they will complete the program in December of 2007.



2007 Accelerated cohort

The Expanding Teaching Nursing Home Project

The ETNHP held its first Community College Consortium on November 3, 2006 at Illinois State University. Community colleges with associate degree nursing programs and nursing homes in their region came together for a summit to address long term care issues, the nursing shortage, and the nursing faculty shortage. Pat Comstock, Vice President of Public Policy for the Illinois Health Care Association was a guest speaker.



Charlene Aaron, Project Coordinator, Pat Comstock, Sara Campbell, Associate Dean.

For more information on Mennonite College of Nursing's updates and events, please visit our Web site at:

www.mcn.ilstu.edu

2006 Homecoming Reunion Classes



Class of 1936 - 70th Reunion



Class of 1946 - 60th Reunion



Class of 1956 - 50th Reunion



Class of 1966 - 40th Reunion



Class of 1981 - 25th Reunion



Class of 1996 - 10th Reunion

Alumni Awards

2006 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient: Laura (Cisco) Baue, RN, B.S.N., M.Ed., NCSN



The 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Laura (Cisco) Baue, class of 1981 and 1987. Baue is a graduate of both Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing (class of 1981) and Mennonite College of Nursing (class of 1987). Currently employed as a school nurse by Unit 5 Schools, Baue began her nursing career at BroMenn Regional Medical Center where she was

a certified inpatient OB nurse, ASPO Certified Childbirth Educator, and coordinator of the childbirth education program. As an occupational nurse Baue and physicians Larry Dowden and John Whittington developed the employee health service at Nestle-Beich in Bloomington. Baue also administered the workers compensation program and chaired the plant's safety committee. She has worked as an Illinois Type 73 certificated school nurse for 19 years. Baue served K-12 students in the Eureka School district and K-8 students at Thomas Metcalf Laboratory School on the ISU campus. For the past 14 years, Baue has worked with ECE-5th grade students in Unit 5 Schools. In 2003 she completed a Masters of Education specializing in school nursing at Cambridge College, Boston, Massachusetts, and achieved National School Nurse Certification (NSCN).

During her tenure in Unit 5 Baue, PE teacher Pam Eaton, and LD Resource teacher DeeDee Lancaster, held the district's first "Aware Fair," now a district-wide

disability awareness program. Baue has organized student volunteer nurse helpers in her elementary schools to promote careers in nursing and has utilized a "Question of the Day" approach to enhance health education.

In 2004 she was awarded a Beyond the Books grant to teach first aid classes in 4th and 5th grades in two elementary schools. As a NASN scholarship winner for a train the trainer program, Baue presented "Managing Asthma Triggers" to school nurses from Bloomington-Normal. She has coordinated additional educational opportunities and networking activities for both Unit 5 and area school nurses. A strong advocate for the "Coordinated School Health Services" model of health care delivery in schools, Baue has conducted numerous employee wellness events and serves on her district's wellness committee.

In 2004, Baue and Sue Mendez, RN, MSN, APN/CFNP, instructional assistant professor at Mennonite College of Nursing, presented "A Snapshot of ADD/ADHD in School," at the Marion McDowell Stafford Lectureship Series in Child and Family Health workshop at Illinois State University. Baue and other Unit 5 school nurses provide clinical sites for MCN Community Health students, and Baue has been preceptor for MCN RN students as well as Type 73 School Nurse Interns from UIC and National Lewis University. Her other community health interests include teaching CPR and Parish Nursing. Baue is a member of the Illinois and National Associations of School Nurses.

2006 Young Alumni Award Recipient: Daphne (Burnett) Piercy, MSN, APN, FNP

Daphne (Burnett) Piercy received the 2006 Outstanding Young Alumni award. Piercy received her B.S.N. degree in 1996, and her M.S.N. in 1999, both from Mennonite College of Nursing.

After graduation, Piercy worked at Eastern Illinois University in the student health service. Piercy dreamed of serving her community by opening a clinic in her small community. One day, Piercy and a co-worker, Lisa Shepherd, M.S.N., RN, brainstormed ideas about a clinic...on a napkin. (In 2006, Shepard completed the Post-Master's FNP program at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University.)

In their small town, they could not find a building that suited their needs for a clinic, so they acquired funding by borrowing money against their own homes and had a new facility built in Camargo, Illinois. In November of 2004, the clinic opened, and they now have over 800 patients.

Piercy was fortunate to have a collaborative physician who has his own family/surgery practice, and supports their clinic. Piercy and Shepherd have had to learn everything there is about owning a business – billing, insurance, facility management, records, government regulations, etc. Piercy truly serves the community. She is even known to make house calls to patients who are too ill to travel.

In addition to being a nurse practitioner at her own clinic, Piercy also is an instructor and advisor at Lakeview College of Nursing. She is also a member of the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nurses (ISAPN).



Changing Shoes

By, Lori Grosse, RN, Class of 1981



I had an experience the other day that carried me back to my childhood. I bought a pair of new shoes. After considerable meditation, I realized that my identity over the years has been reflected by my shoes.

As a young girl, I loved my soft, white, strappy leather sandals. I wore a similar pair every summer during the 60's until I was, unfortunately, too old for the style. I have many happy memories of swinging and singing in the sunshine in my sandals. My Keds were canvas tennis shoes in white, navy, or red with rounded white rubber toes. They were the quintessential child's play

shoes, perfect for running, jumping and playing hide and seek. The red ones were my favorites.

Soft, black leather ballet shoes, shiny, noisy black tap shoes, and excruciatingly painful, pink satin pointe shoes were worn while I developed skills in the fine arts. Becoming a dancer was never my destiny, but I enjoyed wearing the shoes and costumes for 8 years.

Black and white saddle shoes were popular when I was a very young child, and then again when the style made a comeback during junior high. Concurrently, I wore boys' tennis shoes. This one is hard to explain, but it was the early 70's. The girls who were "cool" bought their jeans, shirts and shoes in the boy's department. I've asked for forgiveness for denying my femininity. What were we thinking?

I purchased a pair of expensive, tan leather boots in 1977. They were all the more special because I bought them myself with the money I earned waiting tables. Man, I was stylin' in high school.

"Samantha" wore pumps on the TV show *Bewitched*. I always thought she was classy, so I bought a pair when I got married. They made me feel quite grown up. I couldn't wear them after my first child was born, though, because my feet "grew." It made me terribly sad, but I eventually recovered with intensive therapy.

Reeboks were the shoes of choice for the active work of early motherhood. I had other shoes, but the athletic shoes were worn out and replaced more frequently than any other variety during this period. It's hard to chase kids and dogs in Samantha's pumps. I don't know how she did it.

My favorite shoes of all time were my fancy, shiny, black patent leathers. Those shoes were so cherished they were reserved for special occasions like shopping downtown and going to church. My mom showed me how to polish them with Vaseline and it truly wounded me when they got scuffed up or were outgrown. Waiting on a chair while the clerk at the shoe store brought several styles and sizes from the stockroom was something I eagerly looked forward to when my mom said it was time for a new pair.

I have fond memories of getting fitted for my patent leathers. I vividly recall the snappy way the clerk opened the boxes. He flipped the lids underneath them in one quick movement, and deftly removed the crinkling white tissue paper from around the shoes. As he placed the first enchanting shoe on my foot, the distinct essence and heavenly aroma of the leather surrounded me. I was instantly filled with the sensation of peace and perfection. The aura so entranced me that it could have, at that moment, served as light anesthesia for a minor surgical procedure. Today when I shop for shoes, if appearance, comfort and quality are equal, I will buy the pair that smells like my patent leathers, even if they are the most expensive ones. The totally encompassing sensory experience is practically priceless.

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I always longed to wear the sparkling clean, white leather shoes of the professional nurse when I was growing up. They were special shoes that teachers, mothers, sales clerks and librarians did not wear. White shoes set nurses apart. I wanted to be that special. When I graduated from nursing school I walked proudly across the church stage in my whites to receive my diploma. I diligently kept those shoes clean while I cared for the sick. They have been the most significant shoes of my life.

The required paper surgical shoe covers with elastic openings kept my revered nursing shoes free of germs and blood in the delivery and operating rooms during the 80's and 90's. I knew the special white shoes were under the covers, though. I felt them. They were a part of me.

My most recent purchase and the reason for this reflection was a pair of brown leather clogs, common street shoes. They are fashionable, comfortable and well made, but I grieved a little when I bought them to replace a pair of worn out nursing whites. Since nurses today wear multicolored scrubs instead of starched white uniforms, the white shoes of my earlier nursing days are no longer mandatory. I have resisted this freedom until now, being afraid that I might revoke my identity by changing shoes.

I have decided, reluctantly, that the essence of a nurse is not and has never been in the white shoes, stockings, uniforms and caps of yesterday. I don't much like it, but I've accepted it.



Pictured above: Pam (Rhoda) Norris, Carol (Duffy) Edwards, Susan (Schuler) Kaufman, Jane (Toomey) Poppe, Lori (Van Natta) Grosse, Barb (Blissard) Godlew and Penny (Waters) Rathbun.

When my friends and I meet this July in New York City for a 25th year reunion, I wonder what kinds of shoes we will wear. Regardless, there will be 8 friends getting together to reminisce for the first time since graduation from the Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing, in Bloomington, Illinois. We will celebrate our common identity as registered nurses along with our individual lives and experiences, and our shoes will not matter in the least.

Through this reflective experience I have discovered that our identities are inside each of us, firmly attached to our being. They are not found on our feet even though we may choose our shoes to represent our different roles.

Okay, I feel better now. That was a lot cheaper than prolonged therapy.



We want to hear from our Mennonite graduates!

Mennonite College of Nursing faculty, staff, alumni and friends love to hear wonderful stories about our graduates. Do you have a story about your nursing career you would like to share? What about an adventure or experience you've had that relates to nursing that may inspire others?

Please call Amy Irving at (309) 438-7418 or e-mail her at amirvin@ilstu.edu, to make arrangements to relate your stories. Who knows, your story may be one of the Alumni Chronicles included in a future issue of The Flame. We hope to hear from you soon!

Mennonite Nurses Alumni Organization

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Alumni notes



Class of 1948 Reunion

1948

Betty (Rosendahl) Wagner sent the above photo of the Class of 1948's reunion, which was held on September 8, 2006. Since their graduation, they get together every year for a reunion.

1956

Congratulations to **Sally (Givens) Young** and her husband, Lynn, on celebrating their 50th anniversary in September! They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

1962

Mary (Thornton) Farney retired from BroMenn Home Health Services in 2006. Her 42 years of service include her first position as a scrub nurse for eye surgery, in cooperation with Gailey Eye Clinic, head nurse of the surgical unit at Mennonite Hospital, staff nurse with BroMenn Home Health Services, staff supervisor for Home Health and Manager of Home Health Care.

1969

Charla (Wyse) Roth recently became a PhD candidate at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She is currently an adjunct faculty at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

1972

Linda (Wilson) Johnson was the recipient of the Leadership Award from BroMenn Regional Medical Center in 2006. Linda is the director of Emergency/Trauma Services at BroMenn Regional Medical Center.

1975

Kathy (Clausen) Middleton received the Award for Mentoring from BroMenn Regional Medical Center in 2006. Kathy is a Hospice nurse at BRMC.

Peggy (Halsema) Reinhardt currently works at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on the heart and lung floor. She and her husband, Kenn, have 4 children.

1976

Karen (Voelker) Fahey currently works at the Loyola University Medical Center. She received CORLN-Advanced Certification in Otorhinolaryngology. In 2005, Karen received her B.S.N. degree, and in 2006 she received her M.S.N. degree in Adult Nurse Practitioner, both from Loyola University.

1977

Cindy Patterson earned certification in nursing administration from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Since 1997, Cindy has been a nursing operations manager and special projects at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

1979

Karen (Roop) Magers was appointed by the Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria as a member of their Community Advisory Board. Karen is director of the Bloomington Eye Institute for Gailey Eye Clinic in Bloomington.

1980, 2006 (M.S.N.)

Congratulations to **Sandi (Compton) Scheidenhelm** and her husband, Kurt, on celebrating their 25th anniversary in October! Sandi currently works as the director of professional practice at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

1981

Congratulations to **Kathy (Van Lue) Neitz** and her husband, Joe, on celebrating their 25th anniversary in September! Kathy currently works as an RN at BroMenn Health Care in Normal.

1983

Maureen (Dougherty) Pimley completed her B.S.N. at Loyola New Orleans. After Hurricane Katrina, Maureen was forced into doing something she planned to do in the future – travel nursing. She is now back in the New Orleans area helping rebuild the city.

1992

Theresa Lee was nominated by her peers at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, and was named Emergency Nurse of the Year for the central Illinois region at the 10th Annual Emergency Response Recognition Banquet in Decatur, Illinois.

1994

Amy (Pond) Markgraf is currently working at Rockford Urological Associates and is also taking graduate level classes at Northern Illinois University. While reading a journal article, she was excited to see the author reference Eileen Fowles' (former Associate Professor at MCN) research!

1996

Cynthia Evans married Keith Eimer on August 26, 2006. Cynthia is employed as a registered nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

1996

Christine Zimmerman graduated with a Master of Science in Anesthesiology from Barry University in Miami, Florida in May 2006. Christine is employed as a CRNA by Anesthesiologists of Greater Orlando, an anesthesiology group practice with a special emphasis on Obstetric Anesthesia. She is currently residing in Orlando, Florida.

1997

Holly (Bunton) Farley graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing Education from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville in December 2005. She accepted a faculty position at Olney Central College in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Holly and her husband, Chad, live in Newton, Illinois with their two sons, Cole (age 5) and Ross (age 3).

Ashley (Hughes) Neal and her husband, Jim, welcomed Drew Robert Neal on December 20, 2005. Drew joined his brothers Trever William (age 6) and Samuel Ryan (age 3). Ashley is a nurse manager of Orthopedic surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

1997 (B.S.N.) & 2002 (M.S.N.)

Jennifer (Budd) Frank welcomed a new son, Asher Thomas, on July 21, 2006. He was welcomed home by his two older brothers, Christian James (age 6 ½) and Micah William (age 3). Jennifer is employed by Springfield Clinic as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Occupational Medicine.

1998

Sonya (Stanton) Russo graduated with a Master of Science from the University of Illinois – Chicago in May 2006. She will be joining the practice of Dr. Lawrence Gratkins and Laura Graham, CNM, WHNP at Obstetrics and Gynecology II Ltd. in Normal, as a Certified Nurse Midwife and Womens Health Nurse Practitioner. She previously worked as a staff RN in labor and delivery for 9 years. She will be doing deliveries at BroMenn Regional Medical Center and OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington/Normal.

1999

Christie (Brady) Rocke and husband, Shannon, welcomed a new daughter, Hallie in September of 2005. They also have a 4 year old son, Austin. Christie currently works at Illinois Heart and Lung Associates in Bloomington.

2000

Deirdre Welsh married Eric Noshay on May 6, 2006. She is a nurse manager in the neonatal intensive care unit at Rush Medical Center in Chicago.

2001

Yvette (Conerly) Glenn, M.S.N. received the Secretary's Award Excellence in Nursing – Expanded Role RN (local and VISN level), and was accepted into a VISN leadership program and applied to a PhD program in Organizational Development. She continues to be a part of the National Standardization – Wound Care Committee.

2003

Lisa (Clark) Mengarelli and husband, Ben, adopted a baby boy on May 30, 2006. His name is Dominick ("Nick") James and his birth date is May 23, 2006. Nick is their first child. Lisa is a school nurse in District 87, Bloomington.

2004

Tasha Gilbert married Toby Dunn on June 30, 2006. She is employed as a full-time nurse for a plastic surgeon's office.

2006

Megan Thompson married Devin Shelton on June 17, 2006. She is currently employed as a registered nursing in cardiology at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

In memory...

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of the following alumni:

1938

Marie (Mishler) Hieser, passed away on November 26, 2006.

1948

Imogene (Starr) McCastle, passed away in July of 2006.



Attention: Graduates of the Classes of 2006 and 2002

In April 2007 you will receive a letter from President Bowman inviting you to participate in the Annual Alumni Survey. The information that you provide to the University through this survey is used to help continue to improve the educational experience at Illinois State. Participants will be eligible for a chance to win **Two Roundtrip Airline tickets on AirTran Airways courtesy of the Central Illinois Regional Airport**. So mark your calendars – April 2007 Complete ISU Alumni Survey!

Progress Notes

We welcome updates from alumni for *The Flame* publication. We want to know about your activities, career news, family news and other significant activities. Please fill out this form and return to: MCN at Illinois State University, Attn: *The Flame*, Campus Box 5810, Normal, IL 61790-5810, or e-mail Amy Irving at amirvin@ilstu.edu. Thank you for sharing your news!

FIRST NAME	MAIDEN NAME	LAST NAME
CLASS YEAR	E-MAIL	DATE
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PRESENT OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER		
NEWS/COMMENTS		

Awards nomination form

_____ Distinguished Alumni Award _____ Outstanding Alumni Award _____ MNAO Service Award

NOMINEE'S NAME _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS _____

REASONS YOU SUPPORT THIS NOMINEE _____

YOUR NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ DATE _____

Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
Return nominations to: MCN at Illinois State, Attn: Alumni Awards, Campus Box 5810, Normal, IL 61790-5810



Happy New Year!

As we prepare to publish this edition of The Flame, Illinois State University is preparing for its celebration of 150 years of Educating Illinois. Over the years, the University has grown and added many new programs, and we are pleased that Mennonite College of Nursing continues to thrive at ISU, and we are excited to share in this year-long celebration. We hope all of our alumni know that we welcome you to be a part of the many activities and events that coincide with the 150th celebration. If you are unfamiliar with the speakers, go the ISU homepage: www.ilstu.edu where you will find links to the up and coming events and speakers. It will be fabulous!

Thank you Alma Stoddard, for creating the Paul Stoddard Endowment in your brother's memory. Alma chose to establish this endowment to honor her brother, and by doing so will help perpetuate the education of caring nurses who provide excellent clinical care.

Thank you to all who made year-end contributions to Mennonite College of Nursing. Thank you to MCN faculty and staff who, for the surprised our administrators with their generous year-end contributions in their honor.

From the director of development

Thank you to those who sent in matching gifts. These are gifts that are matched by employers who have matching gift programs. Employers match gifts according to their policies, sometimes 1:1 sometimes 1:2. If your employer has a matching gift program, send along a matching gift form provided by your employer along with your gift, our staff will process your request.

Thank you to our corporate and foundation supporters who remind us continually that together we can make a much bigger difference in our community and our world than if we work apart.

Year end was also a time when we received several memorial gifts. Thank you, especially to the families, friends and classmates of Hallie Stenger, Jean Deneen, Jeff Flesher, Marie Hieser and Imogene Starr. Thank you for choosing to remember your loved ones by helping nursing students become exceptional nurses. May they follow in the footsteps of the beloved nurses who came before them.

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The Paul Stoddard Endowment

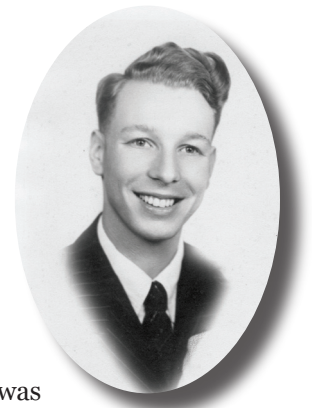
The Paul Stoddard Endowment at the Mennonite College of Nursing was created by Alma Stoddard in 2006 as a living memorial to her brother, Paul. Alma and Paul were very close as children. Alma admired her older brother, and they shared common interest, especially music. One day when they were young and leaving church, Alma recalls a woman saying to her children, "Why can't you be like the Stoddard children? They never fight or argue."

As children, the Stoddards were taught to share and save. Each week they received a weekly allowance of a penny for each year of their life. For example, at six years of age, they received six cents a week. The six cents were divided into three banks – spend, save and give.

Paul and Alma were born and raised in Southeast Nebraska. Paul was interested in the work of the church and considered entering the ministry. Music was a very important interest in his life, and both he and Alma played the clarinet.

He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, where Alma chose to follow. Later he attended Peru State Teacher's College. During high school and college, Paul was a leader of the young people of the church. He was the choir director and sponsor of the Youth Group. He was known to get along with everyone, the older people in the community as well as the youth.

Paul suffered from a chronic disease while in college and in spite of diligent care by his mother and medical professionals at the Mayo Clinic, he died at the age of 24. Because he died so young, Alma chose to establish this endowment to honor him, and to help others live a long and healthy life.



Mark your calendars!

Mennonite College of Nursing Events

Thursday, February 1

3rd Annual Long Term Career Fair
10 a.m.
Bone Student Center

Tuesday, February 20

State Farm Lab Celebration
9 a.m.
Edwards Hall

Wednesday, February 28

First Annual Evidence-based Practice Conference:
Shoot for the Stars: Catching a Vision for Evidence-based
Practice in Clinical & Academic Settings
8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center

Thursday, April 12

MCN Scholarship Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Thursday, April 12

Expanding Teaching Nursing Home National Speaker Event
5 p.m.
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Tuesday, April 24

MCN Candlelighting Ceremony

Friday, May 11

MCN Commencement
Braden Auditorium, Bone Student Center

Saturday, October 13

MNAO Awards Ceremony and Alumni Luncheon
Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington

Thursday, November 8

Marion McDowell Stafford Lectureship Series in Child and
Family Health
Featured Speaker: Naomi Judd
7:30 p.m.
Braden Auditorium, Bone Student Center

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