



GHSON Alumni Newsletter

FALL 2015

Congratulations Class of 2015



Row 1: Class Officers: Kaila Spahn, treasurer; Kelsey Pasley, vice-president; Alicia Snyder, president; and Molly Bauman, secretary

Row 2: Karen Wilcoxon, Reanna Peacock, Shawnale Brown, Holly Skelton, and Ariel Oliver

Row 3: Stacie Sprout, Lauren Breedlove, Allison Guerra, Tina Howell, Cassandra Smith, and Brittany Keeler

Row 4: Christina Schlitt, Shannon Davison, Angela Thewlis, and Kaitlyn Kiefer

2015 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

ALAINA KELLER

Alaina was a freshman student last year when she received her scholarship at the annual Recognition Banquet in May. She is a native of Canton and the daughter of Crystal Keller and Jim Keller. Alaina has an alumni family member: her great aunt, Lorene Werry McMunn (Class of 1939), who passed away in 2015. Alaina has an interest in Hospice care.

IN SYMPATHY

*Class of 1933
Frances Brasel
October, 2014*

*Class of 1938
Eva Jacobs Moorhouse
February 2, 2015*

*Class of 1939
Lorene Werry McMunn
February 27, 2015*

*Class of 1948
Shirley Jones Rittenhouse
March 25, 2014*

*Class of 1950
Darlene Collins
January 9, 2015*

*Class of 1951
Lorraine Griffith
November 11, 2014*

*Class of 1952
Evelyn Sherwood Williams
February, 2015*

*Class of 1995
Tana Azbell
April 3, 2015*

*Class of 1998
Holly Kinsel Dillman
January 9, 2015*

SON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Graham Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is active and looking for interested members to join us at our meetings. Meetings are held in February, April, June, September and November on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Graham Hospital. Our purpose is to support communication among the graduates of Graham Hospital School of Nursing and Associate Registered Nurse members and to promote nursing education by active involvement of its members.

Each meeting includes an educational presentation. This past year we had presentations on medicinal plants, social networking and nursing, and a tour of the new Wound clinic. Topics for the rest of 2015 are as follows:

Sept. 3, 2015: Health and Wellness Connection of Fulton County presentation by Missy Kowolski
Nov. 5, 2015: Graham Wellness Center presentation by Andy French

The alumni provide a \$500.00 scholarship every year to a Graham Hospital School of Nursing Student. A memorial display is also available for set up at the funeral home for our alumni.

Current alumni association officers are:

President Debbie McCarthy
Vice president Sue Livingston
Secretary Linda Haynes
Treasurer Mary Jane Mathews

2015 Alumni Dues!

*Dues for the Alumni Association are \$10 per year paid annually in February.
New graduates receiving their first year membership free.
Please send your dues made payable to GHSON Alumni to:*

Mary Jane Mathews
21014 E. Shelby Road, Lewistown, IL 61542

ALUMNI UPDATES...

Class of 1972... Barb (Johnston) Darling retired in January of 2015 after 42 1/2 years with the Riverside Healthcare System in Kankakee, Illinois. She currently works as an adjunct professor in the PN and RN nursing programs at Kankakee Community College.

Class of 2010... Rebecca Burget recently started a new position as Admissions Coordinator for the 2300 Physical Rehab Unit at OSF Medical Center. She is also working on her MSN and plans to graduate in May of 2017.

Class of 2010.... Jessica Hagie Prather was married to Derek Prather in January of 2011. They welcomed their first child, Noah Allen, in November of 2014.

Thanks for sending us your update. Keep them coming! We want this newsletter to be more about our alumni. Please send us information about what is happening in your life—new jobs, educational pursuits, awards, marriages, babies, etc.

**Please send your alumni update information to:
Lynne Waldrop, GHSON, 210 W. Walnut, Canton, IL 61520
or by email lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org**

Connect With Alumni Online...



Have you checked out our School of Nursing Facebook page lately? Search for Graham School of Nursing on Facebook and like our page to see what is going on. The page includes announcements of what is currently happening at GHSON and we also have begun posting pictures from our historical collection.

Join the new GHSON alumni group on Facebook too...

Search for Graham School of Nursing Alumni and request to join the group!



We also have a presence on LinkedIn. If you are not already a part of LinkedIn, join by going to <http://www.linkedin.com/home?trk+hb> home.

After you have joined LinkedIn go to: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid+5016072&trk=group> name and click to join the GHSON group.

Graham Hospital Services

Continue to Grow...

New at Graham Hospital since our newsletter last year is the Wound Clinic. The clinic started seeing patients in early 2015 and the volume of patients has exceeded expectations. Patients previously had to travel to Springfield, Peoria, or Galesburg for this service.

Ground has broken on an addition to the Graham Medical Group building. The new addition will house outpatient services such as physical therapy (including a therapy pool) and cardiac rehab.

Plans are also underway to give the Skilled Care Unit at the hospital a facelift. Work will start during the fall.

This year Graham Hospital was recognized as one of the 100 SafeCare Hospitals in Healthcare Quality for 2014.

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a nurse?

Alumni who refer a prospective student that is then admitted to GHSON will receive a \$25 gift card. Tell them to mention you when they request information about the school so we know who referred them. They can request information by phone, email or through our website.

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Transcript request forms can be found on our website. Each transcript costs \$5.00 and requests should be directed to Mary Kepple.

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