

GHSON



ALUMNI

Spring, 2019

GHSON Partnership With Mennonite College of Nursing at ISU....

In the fall of 2018, Graham Hospital School of Nursing entered into a partnership with Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Bloomington that offers two ways for GHSON graduates to continue their nursing education by earning a BSN. This partnership was initiated by ISU as a way to work with other Illinois nursing educational institutions to advance nursing education throughout the state. Currently, GHSON is one of eight institutions partnering in this completely online RN-to-BSN program. There are two options for Graham students: the Dual Admission/Pathways and the Dual Enrollment Program. GHSON students can begin in either of these programs beginning Fall of 2019.

The Dual Admission/Pathways option allows Graham students to be “pre-admitted” into the RN-to-BSN program at ISU while they are still completing their junior and senior years at GHSON. When students apply for this program, they choose a full- or part-time option, and ISU “pre-admits” them to their program, reserving them a spot in the program. After students graduate and pass NCLEX, they begin their course of study at ISU. When students apply, they can choose to begin the fall right after they graduate and pass NCLEX, or they can delay their start date up to two years. Once they begin the course of study, students will complete their BSN in three semesters (fall, spring, and summer) if they choose full-time enrollment or five semesters (fall, spring, fall, spring, and summer) if they choose part-time enrollment.

If students choose the Dual Enrollment Program, they would begin to take ISU online classes during their senior year at GHSON. Upon graduation from GHSON, they would take NCLEX over the summer and then continue taking ISU courses full-time for one year, thus completing their BSN one year after graduating from Graham. Again, all courses would be online.

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GHSON ALUMNI UPDATES....

Class of 1975... Dr. Carol Wilson has announced her retirement in May of 2019, as Dean of the Leach College of Nursing at the University of St Francis. She has served as Dean since 2004. As Dean she managed the Joliet and Albuquerque campuses, including the renovation and opening of a new building for Albuquerque.

Class of 2013... After 11 years in long term care, **Christine Lindsey** recently accepted a position at Unity Point Methodist Pekin on the intermediate floor.

Class of 2013... **Elizabeth (Happ) Campbell** welcomed a baby boy (Nohl) in February, 2018.

Class of 2016... **Erica Halverson** was recently honored by Emergency Physician Staffing Solutions at Unity Point Proctor with the Shooting Star Nursing Award. Congratulations Erica!

Class of 2017... Congratulations to **Tessa (Hanlin) Schiffer** on her marriage June 9, 2018.

Class of 2017... **Audrey (Springer) Jockisch** welcomed a baby boy (Ellis James) November 28, 2017.

Thanks for sharing your news with us!

In Sympathy

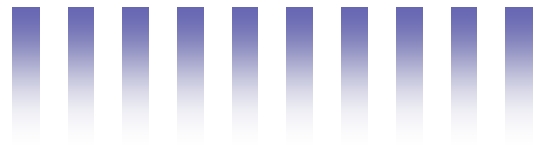
*Class of 1947
Marjorie (Melgreen) Ubell
December 25, 2018*

*Class of 1950
Norma Bryant
September 19, 2018*

*Class of 1968
Madelyn Carol Agnoletti
January 15, 2019*

*Class of 1991
Kathryn Price
December 30, 2018*

*Class of 1992
Christina Heaton Stubbs
February 2, 2019*



HOW DO YOU REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT ?

We get calls weekly asking how to request a transcript. There are several ways to go about this.

1. Print off the "Transcript Request Form" from the School of Nursing website:
www.grahamschoolofnursing.org. Complete the form and mail it to us with the \$5.00 fee.
2. Email Pam Ritter, pritter@grahamhospital.org, with your information (name, year your graduated/attended, and address) along with where you need the transcript sent. Mail your \$5.00 payment or call the hospital cashier at 647-5240, ext. 2221, to pay over the phone.
3. Stop by the school office to complete a request form.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



Plans for the 110th Anniversary Celebration of GHSON are being finalized.

The date has been set for Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the American Grille banquet room in Canton, Illinois. The venue will provide a buffet style meal. Cost for the event is \$20 per person. Invitations with more information will come out at a later date.

The next alumni meeting is April 4 and all are welcome! The Alumni Association meets 4 times a year: September, November, February, April and June. Meetings are always on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

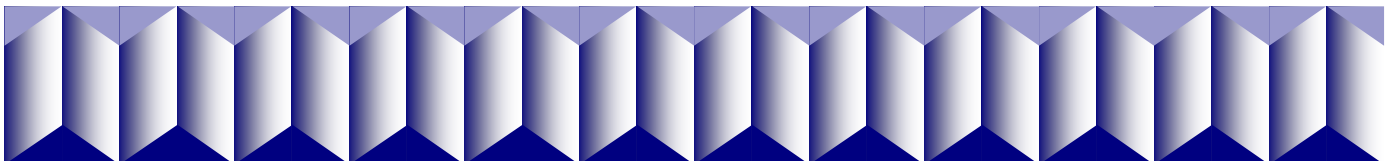
Join the Alumni Association!

You do not have to be local to be a member. Dues are \$10 annually paid in February. If you missed that deadline, its not too late to send in your dues!

Your dues support memorials, the annual scholarship and milestone celebrations for the school.

***Please send your dues made
payable to GHSON Alumni to:***

**GHSON Alumni
210 W. Walnut
Canton, IL 61520**



Partnership With ISU Continued....

ISU sees this venture as a true partnership. They have been accepting students into the Dual Admission Pathways since Fall of 2015 and began the Dual Enrollment Program in Fall of 2018. They are hosting three meetings this spring, offering a chance for the partnering institutions to meet key members of ISU's program and each other. The first meeting was held February 25, and GHSON's director, Sue Livingston, and two members of the Graham faculty attended. ISU representatives shared information about the programs and solicited input from the attending partners on ways to engage and meet the needs of the partners' students.

Nursing is an ever-changing profession, and though GHSON graduates continue to find positions in a wide variety of settings, there are many who choose to further their careers by pursuing the RN-to-BSN option. GHSON is excited to be one of the early schools to join this group of forward-thinking nurse educators advancing the options for nursing education. Though there are many RN-to-BSN options available to GHSON graduates, the ISU program offers our students the unique option of an essentially guaranteed admission to a high quality nursing school that, like Graham, has a 100-year history of offering nursing education here in central Illinois.

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