



GHSO Alumni Newsletter

FALL 2020

NURSES HONOR GUARD

The Alumni Association is investigating starting a volunteer Nurses Honor Guard group. The Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses at the time of their death by performing the Nightingale Tribute at the funeral or memorial service. This service is similar to a military tribute and officially releases the nurse from their nursing duties.



The Nurses Honor Guard dresses in the traditional white uniform complete with cap and cape. The ceremony is brief; it takes about 5 minutes, and consists of reciting the Nightingale Tribute and laying of a white rose on the casket or next to the urn, symbolizing the nurse's dedication to the profession. After the Nightingale Tribute is recited, a triangle is rung after a roll call for the nurse. The nurse's name is called three times and the triangle is rung after each call of the name. After the roll call, the words are spoken that the nurse is officially released from their nursing duties. A lit Nightingale lamp is carried up at the beginning of the ceremony and is then extinguished and presented to the family with personal condolences made. More information on honor guards and pictures can be found on the internet and Facebook.

The Alumni Association would like to know what kind of interest we have in offering this service for Graham School of Nursing graduates. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering to serve in a Nurses Honor Guard or to sew capes for the group. The larger the volunteer list the better, as not everyone would be available each time your services are needed.

More discussion and plans for the honor guard will be on the agenda for the April meeting of the Alumni Association.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the honor guard or sewing duties, please email alumni president, Debbie McCarthy at: dmccar8927@aol.com

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IN SYMPATHY

*Class of 1953
Gertrude Schoon
June 15, 2020*

*Class of 1960
Sondra Rumler
June 16, 2020*

*Class of 1986
Carol Rutherford
September 10, 2020*

ALUMNI MEETINGS

The Alumni Association will not hold another meeting until 2021 in large part due to Covid restrictions.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1st, which will include a tour of the Canton Heritage Museum. They have a room devoted to local healthcare.

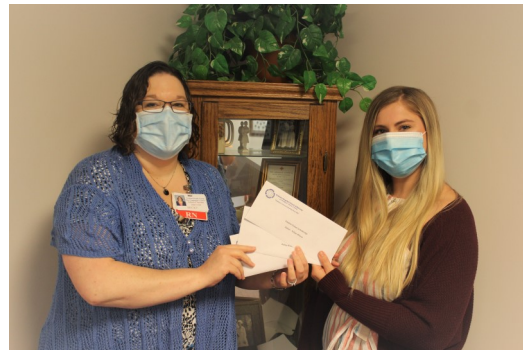
Watch the Graham School of Nursing and the Alumni Facebook pages for more information about the meeting in the spring.

ALUMNI DUES

The alumni organization has determined that the dues should be raised to \$15 per year. This is mainly due to the fact that the hospital no longer has a print shop for us to utilize and the newsletter must be sent out for printing at a cost.

Dues for the Alumni Association are paid annually in February. The dues go toward scholarships, memorials and other projects for the school if funds are available.

*Please send your dues made payable to
GHSON Alumni to:
GHSON Alumni
Attn: Cindy Brown
210 W. Walnut
Canton, IL 61520*



Rebecca Sherwood presenting awards to Selina Wilson

The 2020 Alumni Scholarship was awarded to junior student, Selina Wilson. As you can see, Selina was the recipient of several scholarships at the end of the school year. She also received a Student Senate Scholarship and the Wagner American Legion Scholarship. Selina is now in her final year with Graham SON.

Welcome New Instructors



Cristy (Herrick) Lafary, Class of 2012, is teaching freshmen students (NUR 110) this fall and will team teach in the spring at the senior level. Cristy continued her education after Graham earning a BSN, MBA, and MSN.! Prior to accepting a teaching position with the school, Cristy worked as the director of Graham's Extended Care Facility.



Jessica (Koehl) Moring, RN, MSN is a part-time clinical instructor this fall working with junior students in NUR 210. Jessica graduated from GHSON in 2010 and has worked for Graham Hospital ever since. Her experience is mainly on the PCU unit and recently accepted a position as a nurse educator for Graham Medical Group. Jessica earned her BSN and MSN from McKendree University.



Leesa Statler, BSN, MSN, graduated from OSF College of Nursing and completed her MSN through Chamberlain. Leesa comes to the school from her position as Infection Control Nurse for Graham Hospital. Her previous experience was on a peds intermediate unit at OSF and in the emergency department at BroMenn in Normal. Leesa is teaching junior level (NUR 210) students this fall and will join with Cristy in the spring at the senior level course (NUR 310).

Other School News...

This year has been challenging to say the least! After spring break, we finished the semester online with no in person clinical experiences. This fall, the school is using a hybrid format to lessen the amount of time students spend on campus and we are being creative in how we keep them socially distanced during that time. Theory is being taught on line with in person clinical and testing.

The hospital has several construction projects going on which includes a refacing of the entire outside of the building so that eventually all sections of the building will look the same. A remodel of the East Wing of the hospital is also taking place. The third floor of that area will house two new, larger classrooms, instructor offices, and common areas for the school.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

The school would like to include email address in our alumni database. We have some of your email addresses from the anniversary directory put together last year but would like to see if we could get more. This could be used to send the newsletter electronically in the future or for other alumni information and messages.

If you would like to share your email address with us, please send it to: lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org. Your information will be used for school purposes only. The only reason we would share your address or email is with some one from your class (for example to use for reunion invitations).

New Scholarship

The family of Gertrude Schoon (Class of 1953) is in the process of setting up a memorial scholarship in her name.

As Gert was instrumental in establishing the intensive care unit at Graham Hospital, the family has arranged for a memorial plaque to be placed in the unit. The family also donated a large curio cabinet to the school for displaying some of the historical items we have.

The school is thankful for all the alumni who remember us with special gifts.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

GHSON was unable to hold a graduation ceremony this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. First year membership dues for new graduates is a gift from the alumni association. Please welcome our twelve new alumni:

Leah Arnett, Canton
Jade Dean, New Holland
Dustin Cox, Rushville
Rebecca Ellsworth, Canton
Taylor Mineo, Canton
Hannah Monroe, Lewistown

Terra Pasley, St. David
Ashley Pittman, Galesburg
Rachel Salrin, Rushville
Caitlyn Thompson, Ipava
Emily Williamson, Rochester
Kaci Zander, Pekin

