



# GHSON Alumni Newsletter

SPRING 2022

## UPDATES from the SON Director, Becky Sherwood

**ACEN Visit:** GHSON is proud to announce continuing accreditation status through 2029 from ACEN Board of Commissioners.

**New Wing:** GHSON initiated occupancy of the new wing in Spring 2022. The Senior class thoroughly enjoyed the new space. Due to some additional small revisions, the freshmen class will move to their new classroom in Fall 2022. The unoccupied classrooms in the original portion of the school will be converted into new specialty classrooms for Psych and Community. The larger space will allow both specialties to have a simulation lab at the back of the room so that all four specialty courses will now have their own simulation spaces beginning Fall 2022.

**New Technology:** A new learning management system (LMS) called CANVAS was introduced at the start of Fall 2021. The system has shown a great variety of improvements with course building. The LMS aligns with SRC where the majority of students complete general education courses providing them with slightly less learning when they come in as freshmen. It has been a positive change for the school and we will continue to utilize it to improve the program. Coming this fall will be a Committee Central Course where the student body can track committee meetings, agendas, and summarized minutes, not to mention communication within the school. In addition, the school also instituted a new testing software that will be moving all courses to online testing beginning Fall 2022. Technologically speaking, the program is advancing with focus on NCLEX prep!

**Our New Normal:** We transitioned back to the traditional in-person format for Spring 2021. Although we were back on campus, there were many changes that took place limiting group sizes and offering no large gatherings. Fall of 2021 reflected this continued regiment for in-person learning. As a result, we saw the lack of bonding and mingling between class levels which seemed to weaken the support system for all students. Spring of 2022, after Spring Break, GHSON opted to have a few functions that allowed students to be together again. The cohesiveness was instantly felt amongst faculty, staff, and students alike bringing us to the realization that we have to find ways to get everyone together for fall 2022 and create a new normal. We can socially distance, wear masks, and keep as many activities outside to hopefully bring the student body back together again. Student morale is of the utmost importance in nursing school!

Change in the School Office Manager position:

Sember DeRenzy is our new Office Manager and she still does Word Processing for the school as well as many other tasks. We are so happy to have Sember as our new Office Manager. She can be reached at 647-5240, ext. 4086 or the direct line at 647-4086, 5 days a week

Congratulations to the Classes of 2022!

Britny Baker.....	Canton, Illinois
Jaimie Beal. ....	Adair, Illinois
Ashley Bertelsen. ....	Lewistown, Illinois
Jordan Black. ....	Chillicothe, Illinois
Jenna Bowman.....	Rushville, Illinois
Whitney Corman.....	Avon, Illinois
Ashley DeMay. ....	Trivoli, Illinois
Jana Eveland.....	Canton, Illinois
Tiffany Hall. ....	Vermont, Illinois
Erin Hauber. ....	Canton, Illinois
Jessica Kinsel. ....	Canton, Illinois
Cris Meacham. ....	Canton, Illinois
Schreen Ogden.....	Lewistown, Illinois
Nicole Scheerer.....	Canton, Illinois
Elizabeth Tefera. ....	Macomb, Illinois
Caitlin Thrasher.....	Lewistown, Illinois



**Transcript Requests....**

We get many calls asking “What do I have to do to request a transcript?”. There are a few ways to go about requesting a transcript:

1. Print the transcript request form found on the school’s website. The form can be found under the Quick Links tab on the top bar menu or the Alumni tab at the bottom of the home page. Fill out the form and mail to us with the \$5.00 fee.
2. Email Pam Ritter ([pritter@grahamhospital.org](mailto:pritter@grahamhospital.org)) with your request. Be sure to include the year you graduated and where you need the transcript sent. You may mail your \$5.00 or pay by phone with the hospital cashier (309-647-5120 ext. 2221).
3. Stop by the school office to fill out the request form and pay the fee. Transcripts typically are mailed out within 1 or 2 days of the request.

### Alumni News

We do not have a large color printer for the newsletter until the new one for the SON is delivered so you will be getting this newsletter in black and white.

If you would like to receive an email version of the newsletter rather than receive one in the mail, please let one of the officers know.

You can also send us mail now to the Alumni Office:

Alumni Office  
Graham Hospital School of Nursing  
210 W. Walnut Street  
Canton, Illinois 61520

### Officers for 2022:

President - Sue Livingston  
Vice President - Regina Cox  
Secretary - Brenda Gregory  
Treasurer - Cindy Brown

We continue to provide our Memorial table, when possible, for visitations and celebrations of life. We are working on a project to give families a memorial poem called "She (He) Was There" with a white artificial rose as a keepsake.



### **IN SYMPATHY**

*Please let Sue Livingston know of any of our graduates that have passed away.*

News and Happenings!

We want to hear from you! Please send news, celebrations, continuing education, class reunions, etc.

- At the April 7th meeting, it was decided to not hold regular meetings in November.
- We added \$250 to the Edna Geiger Memorial Scholarship each year. The student recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship.
- The class of 1972 is planning their 50-year reunion on Tuesday, June 28 at American Grille.
- Erica McCombs, Class of 2008, has accepted the Clinical Safety Facilitator for Cox Health in Monett, Missouri. She also completed her BSN and is in the middle of her MSN.
- Ted Shirley, Class of 1993, has written about his experiences with Covid called "My Covid Journey".

Also, if you have changed your address in the last year or two, please let Sue Livingston know at [alumni@grahamhospital.org](mailto:alumni@grahamhospital.org) or [slivingston@mymctc.net](mailto:slivingston@mymctc.net).

People we no longer have a current address for are:

Joy Foster - Class of 1953  
 Margaret Marshall - Class of 1960  
 Debbie Heineke - Class of 1980  
 Sandra Palma - Class of 1981  
 Debra Savage - Class of 1984  
 Del Forman - Class of 1987  
 Lisa Kaufmann - Class of 1992  
 Lynn Black - Class of 1993

Jana Peterson - Class of 1994  
 Christy Welch - Class of 1994  
 Vicki Edwards - Class of 1995  
 Tonya Jones - Class of 2000  
 Lori Miller - Class of 2003  
 Kaitlyn Hamor - Class of 2014  
 Ariel Oliver - Class of 2015  
 Erica Halverson - Class of 2016

If anyone knows the home address or email address for these listed above, please send that info to Sue Livingston at [alumni@grahamhospital.org](mailto:alumni@grahamhospital.org) or [slivingston@mymctc.net](mailto:slivingston@mymctc.net).

**ALUMNI DUES**

*Dues for the Alumni Association are \$15 per year 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**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Upcoming Dates to Note for 2022**

**June 2—Alumni Meeting, 6 pm  
 September 1—Alumni Meeting, 6 pm**

**Refer a student to GHSON**

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. Prospective students can request information by phone (309) 647-4086 or through our website [www.grahamschoolofnursing.org](http://www.grahamschoolofnursing.org)

**NOTE:**

*We have decided not to hold a meeting on November 3rd. We would not meet again until April 2023.*

*Meetings are being held in the SON 3rd floor living room. Call (309) 647-4086 for more information on any of these events.*