



GHSON Alumni Newsletter

WINTER 2021

UPDATES from the SON Director Becky Sherwood

ACEN visit: GHSON recently completed their ACEN visit for continuing accreditation. The visit was successful and the team shared many positive comments and feedback regarding the program, faculty, staff, students, and the governing organization. The report will be reviewed toward the end of January by the Evaluation Review Panel and then the final review is held in March by the ACEN Board of Commissioners. Once the final review is completed, the outcome will be shared with the school by the end of April 2022.

New wing: GHSON is proud to announce the addition of a new wing on third floor. The school, in anticipation of growing enrollment, has expanded on the third floor into the 59 building of the hospital. There are two larger classrooms, two adjacent multiple – purpose labs, five faculty offices, a faculty workroom, a storage room, a technology closet, student lounge, student locker room, separate restrooms for men and women with an attached mother's room. The new wing is currently waiting on the final installment of the audio-visual components in the classrooms and then inspection prior to occupancy. We are excited to move into the new space and hopefully this will happen in time for the spring semester of 2022.

The school's Covid journey:

GHSON students are amazing!! Challenged with a pandemic, they faced many obstacles successfully. Late spring 2020, the courses were flipped into an online learning format and video conferencing was utilized for theory while simulation clinicals commenced for the clinical experience. In fall 2020, the entire semester was set up in a hybrid format: theory was virtual from home while testing and clinical was in person. Spring 2021 returned to an in-person format for all parts of learning; however, quarantines from exposure forced multiple students to be at home for two-week periods at different times throughout the semester. Faculty rose to the occasion and made certain learning could happen both in the classroom as well as at home. Those that were unable to be in class continued using the online learning during quarantine and then made up the clinical absences once back on campus. Many of the changes have been challenging! Covid funds allowed the school to purchase a new learning platform called Canvas as well as several new technologies that benefit faculty and students.

This October, students, faculty, and staff that have not been vaccinated have to be tested weekly. We continue to have in-person classes and clinicals with the same quarantine procedures in place.

Change in the School Office Manager position:

Lynne Waldrop, our Office Manager, has moved to South Carolina. We were extremely happy for her dream to come true, but sad because she did so much for the school and the Alumni Association. We miss her a lot!

Currently, Lynne's duties are being shared. I (Sue Livingston) am maintaining the Alumni Office and doing some school office work. I usually work 2-3 days a week. There is always someone that answers the SON phone every date except holidays.

Congratulations to the Classes of 2020 and 2021!

2020

Leah Arnett – Canton
Jade Buck – New Holland
Dustin Cox – Browning
Rebecca Ellsworth – Canton
Taylor Mineo – Canton
Hannah Monroe – Lewistown
Terra Pasley – St. David
Ashley Pittman – Galesburg
Rachel Salrin – Rushville
Caitlyn Thompson – Ipava
Emily Williamson – Farmington
Kaci Zander – Pekin

2021

Allison Boyd – Canton
Lisa Doubet – Cuba
Jessica Gravitt – Canton
Abigail Hootman – Cuba
Kayleigh Kemper – Canton
Melanie LeRoy – Canton
Brittany Passmore – Farmington
Alicia Romine – Canton
Faith Shores – Canton
Jacqueline Wilhelm – Bryant
Selina Wilson – Canton

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) 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 (309-647-5240 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

Change in Officers for 2022:

President – Sue Livingston
Vice President – Regina Cox
Secretary – to be announced
Treasurer is still 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

Class of 1955

Betty Thompson Frank
May 6, 2021

Class of 1956

Ruth Williams Gunion
March 3, 2021

Class of 1956

June Brieher Dupre
August 10, 2021

Class of 1959

Bernadine Geier Williamson
June 23, 2021

Class of 1960

Gloria Sprinkle Carroll
March 3, 2021

Class of 1963

Gloria Harvel Stockman
April 6, 2021

Class of 1973

Jeanne Ems
May 4, 2021

Class of 1985

Teresa Morgan
June 19, 2021

Please let Sue Livingston or Sember DeRenzy (School Office) 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.

I know that the Class of 1960 met this summer in Pekin.

Also, if you have changed your address in the last year or two, please let Sue Livingston know at slivingston@grahamhospital.org or 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***

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 or through our website (309) 647-4086

Or

www.grahamschoolofnursing.org

Upcoming Dates to Note:

2022

***April 7 – Alumni Meeting, 6 pm
May 13 – Tentative Graduation
June 2 – Alumni Meeting, 6 pm***

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**