



GHSN Alumni Newsletter

SPRING 2023

UPDATES from the Graham Health System

Graham is doing well. The Convenient Care located in the GMG has outgrown its space and is completing the project to move Convenient Care into the old Family Video Store (Chestnut & N. Fifth Street). Plan is to open in July. There will be space for three providers with an onsite pharmacy that will be open seven days a week, from 7 am to 7 pm.

Graham Health System has signed a contract to staff Knox College's Student Health Center with a Graham APP for 33 weeks a year.

The Macomb GMG is expected to open this June and the Galesburg facility is growing. Graham has acquired land for a 13,000 square foot GMG Clinic and multiple specialty practices/X-Ray, Ultrasound/Dexa/Mammography, etc. Plan is to open September 2024.

Graham has added a new front entrance to the current one. The best explanation is to say that the entrance now has a double set of sliding glass doors which provides more space and protection from the weather.

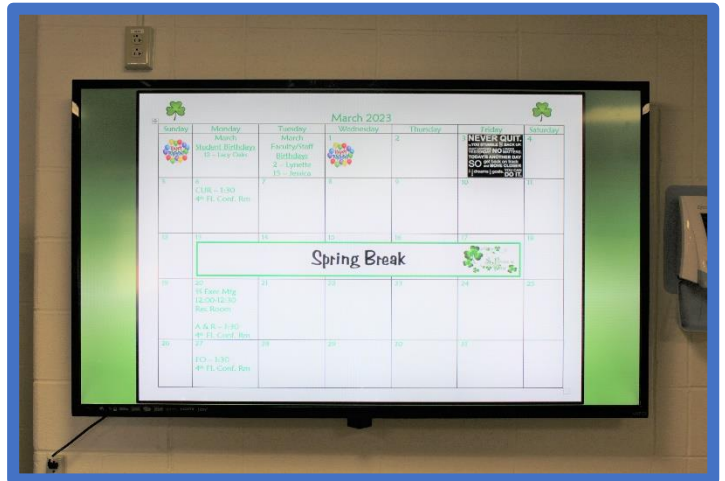
Graham Hospital completed their TJC (The Joint Commission) accreditation survey which went well.

News from the School

The school has new signage on the side of the hospital building that faces east. This is the picture of the freshman class standing below the sign. Everyone was excited to see the school's name in big letters with our emblem.



The school also has two new large TV (monitor screens) that can be used to post announcements, schedules, etc. Most people refer to these screens as media screens that constantly roll messages, pictures, and whatever you want displayed. One is located next to the elevator on third floor across from the School Office. It replaced the old bulletin board and looks so professional! The other one is located across from the double elevators on third floor.



Everyone is busy preparing for the end of the school year and graduation. The Alumni Association continues to provide a scholarship each year to a student that meets our scholarship criteria. The faculty reviews student applications for scholarships during Faculty Organization meeting the last week of April.

Graduation for the Class of 2023 will be held on Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeland Community Church located at 2075 N. Main Street in Canton (building next to Walmart).

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 Shelby Ireland (sireland@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

News and Happenings!

Regina Cox (Class of 1991) received her doctorate in education. Congratulations Regina! Regina teaches our Community Class at Graham and is Vice President of the Alumni Association.

Tonja Huff, Class of 2008, joined the ADN program at Spoon River College as a full-time faculty member this spring. Her nursing experience includes working in surgery, obstetrics, and geriatric care. Congratulations Tonya!

Jennifer Huls, APP (Class of 2011) has been hired by Graham Medical Group for the ENT unit. Congratulations Jennifer!

I am sure that there are many graduates advancing their education and/or assuming new positions. Since I retired from the school and just work in the hospital gift shop, I don't hear as much news. We want to hear from you! Please send news, celebrations, continuing education, class reunions, etc. to alumni@grahamhospital.org or sderenzy@grahamhospital.org

Summer Plan:

I am planning to start a Facebook page for the Alumni Association in June with some help from Shelby Ireland, Coordinator of Student Affairs, who has much more experience than me setting up pages.

This page will **not replace** the Alumni section of the School's website. I see it as a quick way to communicate with Alumni members and share information or pictures on an informal basis.

I am also planning to do a July newsletter that will include graduation since this newsletter is being sent out prior to May. The summer newsletter will focus on updating our alumni database as we continue to lose addresses because forwarding orders have expired. It does not seem like the post office forwards mail as long as previously. I think that cutting down to 2 newsletters a year has made the forwarding issue worse. We will see if sending 3 newsletters throughout the year helps.



IN SYMPATHY

2/4/21

Corrine Nelson
Class of 1961

7/11/22

Nina Hurt Wyatt
Class of 1957

10/08/22

Blanche Record Swedlund
Class of 1950

1/11/23

Joan Howe Marshall
Class of 2003

12/10/22

Helen Boots
Class of 1954

3/8/23

Janet Ginther Motsinger
Class of 1966

3/18/23

Rosemary Fleming McKee
Class of 1963

Please let Sue Livingston or Sember DeRenzy (School Office) know of any of our graduates that have passed away.

Alumni Sweatshirts:

We still have sweatshirts left to sell. Of course, the price has increased as well as postage. The shirts are navy blue with white lettering. We have included a picture.

Sizes currently run medium through 3X. Our company has been having difficulty getting smalls in all types of shirts so we are not listing small as an option at this time. Shirt price is \$25 for sizes medium through XL, XXL is \$26 and XXXL is \$28.



Difficult to determine exact shipping prices as done by zip code.

Shipping for most states would be \$10. Exceptions are coastal states like California, Florida, and Alaska.

If you live close to Canton, you are welcome to come in and try on our sample sizes.

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

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 (309) 647-4086 or through our website www.grahamschoolofnursing.org



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Upcoming Dates to Note for 2023

- April 6 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**
- June 1 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**
- September 7 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**

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