We’re proud to present the fourth annual edition of our Alumni Newsletter. We want you to stay connected and informed about alumni, recent graduates, faculty and staff as well as news about your alma mater. Send us updates with your good news! Also, refer any RN’s who may be interested in our program. Students can enroll in the national online track from anywhere in the country!

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UW-Green Bay to Launch MSN: The faculty and staff are excited to announce that 22 students have been accepted to the new Master of Science in Nursing Leadership & Management in Health Systems Program beginning this fall semester. The program curriculum covers 34 credits in twelve online courses delivered over two years (six consecutive academic periods). Students will participate in practicum placements during the second year at sites close to their homes.

The average age of the new admits is 43 years. They originate from nineteen cities and seven states across the country with undergraduate degrees from six universities (including many UWGB Alumni).

For more information regarding the UWGB MSN Leadership & Management in Health Systems, go to the program website at: http://www.uwgb.edu/nursing/msn/ or email nursingmsn@uwgb.edu.

Distinguished Alumni Award: The Professional Program in Nursing is pleased to announce the creation of its Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is to be given annually to a UWGB nursing graduate for distinguishing her/himself in the nursing profession through scholarly achievement, service or leadership to the community and society s/he serves and who models values of the nursing profession (e.g., caring, altruism, social justice).

Letters of nomination (including self-nomination) should not exceed one page and be submitted in digital format to nursing@uwgb.edu by March 1 of each academic year. Nominations are reviewed by a selection committee. Alumni Award recipients will receive official recognition on the UW-Green Bay nursing website and in the Alumni Newsletter, an award certificate and an engraved pen.

Nurses Lounge Scholarship Awarded to MSN Student: The MSN admits participated in an orientation webinar on July 31. Vicki Huyser-Eatwell from St. James, MN won the drawing for a $1000 Scholarship from Nurses Lounge, a professional social network site for nurses and nurse educators across the US. Congratulations to Vicky!

Dr. Janet Reilly (l), Director of the MSN Program, draws Vicky Huyser-Eatwell’s name as the Nurses Lounge Scholarship recipient during the MSN Webinar, July 31, 2013. Jan Malchow (r), Manager of Student Outreach (with headphone), announced the winner in the webinar.
**Scholarship Donors Requested:** As an alumnus, consider making a scholarship gift named in honor of Distinguished Alumni Award recipients to be given to deserving students. If you or anyone you know may be interested in making such a gift, please contact Jan Malchow, Manager of Student Outreach at malchowj@uwgb.edu.

**Health Information Management & Technology (HIMT) Began Fall 2012**

In collaboration with three other UW campuses (Stevens Point, Parkside, and La Crosse), UW-Green Bay began a new program designed to prepare students for careers in health information. Dr. Brenda Tyckowski from our Nursing Faculty is the Program’s Academic Director. For more information, consult our website: [http://www.uwgb.edu/himt/](http://www.uwgb.edu/himt/).

Graduate Rebecca Gustafson attends the December 2012 commencement, pictured here with Dr. Christine Vandenhouten and “BONES” in the Nursing Offices prior to the ceremony.


**Congratulations to all of our graduates!**


**Nursing Education in the Northwoods**

“Northwoods” students practice health assessment skills. One core nursing course is offered each semester through a mix of face-to-face and Blackboard Collaborate onsite in the Rhinelander/Marinette areas.
Congratulations to our 2012-2013 Scholarship Recipients:
Gallagher Scholarship – LeeAnn Reinemann & Jenna Katers
Fleurant Family – Rachel Heckenkamp
Lorraine Noll – Rachel Norland-Flatten
Concerned Hearts Club – Lisa Bouchonville
Ruby Wolverton – Megan Schill


Alumni Updates: Thanks to those below who submitted news!

2013 Graduate Starrlene Grossman pictured with “Bones” promoting the campus theme “360 Degrees of Learning”. Starrlene, from Sycamore, IL, recently was hired by the Sheboygan Co., Health Department in WI following a glowing reference from her Community Health Practicum site in Illinois.

Congratulations to Dr. Anna (Ledvina) Christian DNP, FNP-BC, AACC for being recognized in the summer of 2012 publication of the Wisconsin Chapter – American College of Cardiology for her DNP project. Anna is a 1997 graduate of our program and is currently employed with Affinity Heart, Lung and Vascular Center in Appleton, WI.

Shari (Johnson) Van Straten (2001) wrote in that she is an orthopedic nurse practitioner with Prevea. Shari had gone to UWO for her MSN-FNP after graduating from UWGB. She recently married and is very happy with her career! Congratulations on your marriage and a successful career!

Margaret Swan Shulman (2003) wrote that she graduated with a post-master’s certificate in Health Care Informatics from Drake University in December of 2012. She reports, “The solid foundation I received at UWGB helped me further my education. Congratulations Margaret!

Carol Miles (2006) reports that she has opened In Home Foot & Nail Care in the Eagle River, WI area. Carol and her partner, June Wedell provide clinic and home visit services for foot and nail care. Carol graduated from the UW-Eau Claire foot and nail class in addition to her UW-Green Bay BSN. Congratulations on the new business.

Carol also reports that she continues her volunteer efforts in Viet Nam. The University of Medicine in Ho Chi Minh City just graduated their 2nd MSN class. It is the only MSN program in the country. We are proud of Carol for the positive contributions she is making.

Osahon Kings Enodumwenben, a 2012 alumnus, has been accepted into the DNP – FNP Program at East Tennessee State University and will be starting classes this August. Congratulations and best wishes!

Karalyn “Kara” (Meitner-Yaun) Adam, also a 2012 graduate, has been accepted into the University of South Alabama BSN to DNP Program. Kara’s track will be in Adult/Gero Primary Care with a sub-specialty in nursing education.

Alumni Kara Adam and husband, Iddi in Ghana.

Kara and husband, Iddi Adam were married on June 9 and celebrated their ceremony on a beach in Iddi’s native Ghana. Congratulations on your wedding and much success in the DNP program.
Faculty News: Dr. Brenda Tyczkowski has been promoted from a Lecturer position to an Assistant Professor and was named Academic Director of the new Health Information Management & Technology Program.

Dr. Janet Reilly has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Reilly has also been named Director of the new MSN Program.


Dr. Vandenhouten coordinated a faculty teleconference with our partners at the Universidad Nacional de Tumbe in Peru. She also led her 4th travel course trip studying health care systems in Mexico.

Dr. Mimi Kubsch has co-authored a study, “Political Participation of Students in Health-Related Majors and Factors Influencing Participation” with Drs. Gallagher-Lepak and Vandenhouten and UWGB alumnus Crystal Malakar. She also has been working on another study with Drs. Reilly and Tyczkowski and UWGB alumnus Raelynn Jakkola entitled, “Emotional Intelligence and Nursing Leadership Styles Among Nurse Managers”.

Dr. Mary Jo De Villers co-authored an article on “Moral Distress and Avoidance Behavior in Nurses” in the Nursing Ethics Journal November 27, 2012 edition.

Nursing Advisor, Sharon Gajeski serves on an advisory board at College of Menominee Nation (CMN) overseeing a grant providing services and educational skill building support to the participants enabling them to become a CNA, LPN or RN.

Rebecca Hovarter, long time ad hoc instructor, has been added to faculty as a Lecturer. Becky most recently has served as the Public Health Director of Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department in WI and previously worked with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as a Public Health Nurse Consultant.

Cynthia Van Dyke has been added to staff as a new Practicum Coordinator/Advisor. Cindy has served in a variety of nursing roles including in-patient Psych and AODA, case management and parish nursing. She most recently was on an EPIC Implementation Team at Bellin Health in Green Bay, WI.

Dr. T. Heather Herdmam has received a Researcher position at UWGB. Dr. Herdmam is the CEO and Executive Director of NANDA, International. Her career in nursing includes a variety of appointments in higher education and distinguished research. She will be working collaboratively with Nursing Chair,

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