This is the fifth 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 BSN or MSN programs.

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**Distinguished Alumni Award:** The Professional Program in Nursing is pleased to announce Amy Wergin as the 2015 recipient of the Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is given annually to a UWGB nursing graduate for distinguished nursing scholarly achievement, service or leadership to the community and society and who models values of the nursing profession (e.g., caring, altruism, social justice).

Amy is a 1985 graduate who is currently the Health Officer for Manitowoc County and chairs the Wisconsin Public Health Association – Public Health Nursing Section. She has been a Public Health Nursing Manager for 28 years and has initiated community clinics, nutritional, fitness and tobacco-control programs. On the state level, she has lead data collection and reporting efforts used by healthcare providers. Congratulations!

**Scholarship Honors Dr. Kubsch:** The Mimi and Ken Kubsch Endowed Scholarship has been created to recognize Dr. Mimi Kubsch and her late husband. Mimi began her career in 1980 when hired to start a new RN to BSN program at UW-Green Bay. She has been instrumental in expanding the program ever since, making it adult-learner friendly and available online (BSN@HOME started for Wisconsin students in 1995; BSN-LINC in 2000 for students across the US). She assisted in starting our MSN Program in 2013. Mimi continues to teach and impact students at UW-Green Bay.

We are looking for gifts of any size to build the scholarship. Gifts made to the scholarship will be invested with the UW-Green Bay Foundation and investment income will be used to award scholarships to nursing students each year. One time donations or pledges collectable over installments can be made. To contribute, use the following link: [https://secure.qgiv.com/for/uowgb/restriction/MimiKubschEndowedScholarship/](https://secure.qgiv.com/for/uowgb/restriction/MimiKubschEndowedScholarship/)

Dr. Mimi Kubsch was the recipient of 2014 UW-Green Bay Founders Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Gifts at the following levels will be recognized in future issues of this newsletter:

- **Lead Gift:** Donation of $1000 or more
- **Gold Gift:** Donation of $500 or more
- **Silver Gift:** Donation of $250 or more
- **Bronze Gift:** Donation of $100 or more

The scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to Dr. Kubsch and her impact to the nursing program even after she retires. Consider making your gift to honor Mimi and assist in educating tomorrow’s nurses.
UW-Green Bay Celebrates 50 Years: Its 50th Anniversary this year! The university dates to September of 1965 when then Governor Warren Knowles signed legislation creating a new four year university in Northeastern Wisconsin. A number of events are planned throughout the year and alumni are asked to participate whether coming to campus or sharing from afar!

The university would love to hear your stories of why you chose UWGB; how your time as a student changed you; which faculty/staff member(s) shaped who you are today; etc. Please share your stories at: http://50.uwgb.edu/share-a-story/

For 50th Anniversary news and schedule of events, see: http://50.uwgb.edu/ . As an alumni, consider ordering shirts, mugs, and other commemorative items to join in the celebration.

MSN 1st Graduating Class: The new Master of Science in Nursing Leadership & Management in Health Systems (MSN-LINC) proudly announces the first graduates of the program in May 2015. Jason Mattson - Green Bay; Denise Gloede - Madison, WI; Roxanne Tienor - Suring, WI; Allison Reitzner - Neenah, WI; Martha Pettineo - Lake Bluff, IL; and Jacquelyn Bailey - Clinton, MD all graduated this month. Half of these nurses entered the graduate program as staff nurses and were offered and accepted new nursing leader or management positions in the final months before their graduation, while the others already had nursing leadership and management roles.

Two recent MSN graduates presented their MSN projects at the recent Wisconsin Public Health Association Public Health Nursing Conference held August 4-5, 2015. Martha Pettineo presented “Are Preparedness Measures Good Predictors of readiness for Disaster?” Roxanne Tienor (pictured below) presented “Rural Health: Effectiveness of Prevention Health Services in Farm Families using the “Kitchen Wellness” Model”.

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Interest in the program continues to grow. The program can be completed in two, three or four years (depending on when one enrolls). For more information about MSN-LINC, contact Program Director, Dr. Janet Reilly (reillyj@uwgb.edu), call 888-674-8942, or complete our web form.

Health Information Management and Technology 1st Graduates: Our other new program in Health Information Management and Technology also graduated its first class. In December 2014, Christian Krah became the first graduate of the new HIMT program. May graduates included: Nicholas Depies, Thomas Reese, Danielle Deterville, Mary Jaecklein and Kathleen Duerst. Academic Chair, Dr. Brenda Tyczkowski reports strong growth in the number of students enrolling in this degree program. For more information, contact her at: tyczkowb@uwgb.edu or see the program website.

Allison Reitzner (2015 MSN) did a poster presentation about her “Polices, Procedures, and Document Management” MSN project at the Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Conference in May 2015. Allison is joined in the photo by her MSN committee: Becky Hovarter, MSN Faculty, Kurt Eggebrecht, Health Officer for Appleton, Allison, and Nancy McKenney, Health Officer for Menasha. Allison commented “I have learned so much about so many different fields of healthcare just from talking with other classmates. While I have never worked in these fields, I feel as though I have a better understanding and have learned unique leadership skills and characteristics from engaging with peers”.

Christian Krah of Green Bay accepts the first bachelor’s degree in HIMT at December ceremony.
Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Fall 2014 BSN Graduates: Kristin Abbs, Alyssa Adams, R. Maureen Artez, Theresa Ashby, Cheryl Bauer, Allison Bauer, Emily Beard, Connie Belcher, Jessica Bickler, Anjali Bircher, Jessica Bostwick, Heather Boucher, Lyndsay Brecka, Jennifer Changamveetil, Theresa Choi-Kim, Barbara Clendinning, Jennifer Danforth, Tricia Drake, Nicole Drees, Amel Elshaier, Samantha Everard, Jolene Finger, Holly Hajny, Candice Herman, Nancy Herrmann, Sara Johnson, Kimberly Kasten, Jenna Katers, Susan Lawrence, Carrie Lemke, Tammy Lobner, Donna Majewski, Tamara Marie Marshall, Staci Maves, Sarah Moore, Barbara Oliff, Heidi Olson, Cornelia Pintescu, Alicia Rajewski, Holly Seaver, Christopher Taber, Megan Temple, Sara Tharaldson, Erin Thomas, Kurt Thomas, Angela Viceau, Michael Wales, Malinda Wohlrabe and Candace Zilisch.

BSN graduate Amel Elshaier, pictured with her daughter at the December graduation, someday hopes to promote stronger nursing education in Egypt, her native country.


BSN student Callie Gramm (MN) works with teens in Brazilian schools, teaching on Sexually Transmitted Disease prevention during a spring 2015 trip lead by Dr. Janet Reilly.

Alumni Updates: Chuo Xiong (2000) was named the Director and Health Officer of the Brown County Health Department in Green Bay this year. Congratulations.

Jason Mattson (MSN 2015; BSN 2006) was selected as the recipient of the prestigious Carol & Robert Bush Excellence in Nursing Award for Bellin Health System in February. Congratulations.

Sarah Schmitz (2015) was named Clinical Manager of Employee Health Services at Gundersen Health System in West Salem, Wisconsin. Congratulations.

Ashley Tremel (2015) shared a favorite recipe (and brought it to class) – her Peanut Butter Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies which can be made into individual cookies or pressed into a pan to save time:

1 c butter (or apple sauce), 1 c peanut butter, 2 c brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp baking soda, 1 ½ c flour (or extra cup of oatmeal), 3 c of oatmeal (or 4 c if omitting flour), 1 bag chocolate chips
  - Cream butter (or apple sauce) and sugar, add eggs and vanilla

Travel Courses: Dr. Chris Vandenbouwen will be taking students for the 6th consecutive year to Cuernavaca, Mexico January 4-18, 2016. Application deadline is 10-1-15.

Drs. Susan Gallagher-Lepak and Heather Herdman will be leading a trip to London to learn about the UK health system during Spring Break, March 11-19, 2016. Application deadline is 10-30-15.

Dr. Janet Reilly is planning a trip to Slovakia during the summer of 2016. Details are being finalized and should be available later this fall.

Some trips are available to alumni. All trips offer opportunities for credit. For more information, see UWGB International Studies.
Visitors from Brazil:

Profa. Dra. Maria Márcia Bachion from Brazil, pictured in center with Drs. Susan Gallagher-Lepak (l) and Heather Herdman (r), visited campus during January. Dra Bacion is conducting Post-Doctoral research with Dr. Herdman.

Also visiting from Brazil in December were Dra Camila Takao Lopes and Dra Agueda Calvalcante both of whom were conducting Doctoral research with Dr. Herdman.

Faculty News:
Dr. Mary Jo De Villers retired from our Nursing Faculty at the end of the Spring Semester. Our thanks to Dr. De Villers for her many contributions to the program during her time at UWGB. Congratulations and best wishes!

Drs. Susan Gallagher-Lepak and T. Heather Herdman, in conjunction with NANDA-International, Inc. completed the development of “Nurscope”.
Leveraging technology to make patient assessments more efficient and effective is the driving force behind the development of this new nursing clinical decision support e-tool using the NANDA-I nursing diagnosis terminology. The decision support e-tool (app), now available through the Google Store and the Apple Store, was funded by a grant through WiSYS (WiSys Technology Foundation, Inc.) and funds from NANDA-I.

Dr. Brenda Tyczkowski was part of a task force assembled by the Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives (W-ONE), to publish a toolkit on evidence-based nurse staffing. The first piece of the toolkit is a presentation for use in hospitals in transitioning from opinion to evidence in nurse staffing decisions. The tool is available at http://w-one.org/toolkits.

Dr. Tyczkowski was also selected to participate in the ASG (Actions, Solutions, Growth: University Partners) “ASG Best in the Show” project. The project brings educators from a number of universities in North America together to share online learning initiatives. Listen and learn about Tyczkowski’s online teaching experiences on her page of “Best in Show”.

- In separate bowl, combine flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. (If you omit the flour, just combine salt, pwd and soda, not oatmeal)
- While mixing, add into butter and sugar, add oatmeal and chocolate chips. For cookies, bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes (48-50 cookies); for bars – bake for 17-20 minutes.

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2014-2015 Scholarship Recipients:
Gallagher Scholarship – Kristin Leeming & Shelley Corey
Ruby Wolverton Memorial Scholarship – Debbie Zakierski
Loretta Wells Scholarship – Hannah Utter (MSN), Brianna Jenkins (MSN), Laura Caelwarts (BSN) and Carrie Zellner (BSN)
Concerned Hearts Club Scholarship – Paula Bake

Congratulations to our 2015 Sigma Theta Tau-Kappa Pi Inductees: Those inducted to this nursing honor society include: Renee Antonio, Theresa Ashley, Emily Beard, Deo Bolando, Tamia Chapple, Joan Coleman, Amel Elshaier, Holly Hajny, Jennifer Johnson, Tmara Marshall, Dawn Shaffer, Christin Strong, Lisa Szepanski, Ashley Tremel and Angela Vieau.

For more information or to join, contact Sharon Gajeski at gajeskis@uwgb.edu or click here: http://kappapi.nursingsociety.org/kappapichapter/home/

Program Accreditation Yields Positive Results: The Professional Programs in Nursing completed an accreditation site visit from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) March 2-4 as a step in the process of reaffirmation of accreditation for the BSN program and initial accreditation for the MSN program. Four site visitors were on campus reviewing documents and meeting with nursing students, faculty, community members, and various university departments. The evaluators reported highly positive findings at the site visit exit summary meeting. Their site visit report will be forwarded to CCNE for review and the determination of approval of accreditation is anticipated by October.

The Commission on Health Informatics and Information Management granted accreditation to the Health Information Management & Technology Program in April. The program is a collaborative with three other UW schools and UW Extension.
Drs. Brenda Tyczkowski, Christine Vandenhouten, Mimi Kubsch, Janet Reilly and BSN graduate Raelynn Jakkola along with Dr. Gaurav Bansai from the UWGB Cofrin School of Business presented their research on emotional intelligence and leadership styles in nurse managers at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Master’s Education Conference.

Dr. Heather Herdman was keynote speaker at the International Conference on Nursing Knowledge – From Concepts to Translation, held in Porto, Portugal. Herdman presented a lecture on “Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice” to nurses from 22 countries. Dr. Herdman and Dr. Susan Gallagher-Lepak also presented a pre-conference, “Knowledge translation in nursing.”

Dr. Susan Gallagher-Lepak was promoted to Professor from Associate Professor.

Dr. Heather Herdman was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure from Assistant Professor.

Scholarship Donors Requested: As an alumnus, consider making a scholarship gift to the Mimi and Ken Kubsch Scholarship or any of our other Nursing Scholarships. 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.

We want to hear from you:
Can we help you with a:
- Graduate school reference?
- Transcript?
- Question about MSN-LINC?

Please tell us of your professional accomplishments including:
- New jobs
- Publications
- Successes at work
- Education after graduation
- Awards or recognition
- Family updates

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