

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
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Duquesne University  
School of Nursing  
Alumni Association

Early in the year, I began to write this report. As I head towards completing my third and final year as President, I want to thank Dean Glasgow, the Alumni Board, the Nursing Administration, Nursing Alumni, Nursing Faculty and Student Nurses for the opportunity to collaborate, execute and grow the Alumni Association. I also would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Kate DeLuca for her insightful collaboration, mentorship and diligence. Together, we have increased the association's visibility, its relevance and presence, both on and off the Duquesne Campus.

Accomplishing our goals has meant increased and varied communication. Given that our Alumni range from 22 to 82-years-old, we strategically utilized multiple social media platforms, traditional USPS, and the Alumni website to stay connected. Thank you to Leah Cunningham who wrote our first DU Nursing Alumni newsletter (February 2020).

[https://duq.edu/assets/Documents/nursing/alumni/\\_PDF/January%202020%20Alumni%20News%20\(1\).pdf](https://duq.edu/assets/Documents/nursing/alumni/_PDF/January%202020%20Alumni%20News%20(1).pdf)

We continue to fund the \$50K DU SON scholarship. In addition, our Alumni By-Laws have been updated and made available for the asking. Meghan Jones, RN, BSN, Alumni Board member, wrote an article "UPMC Care for Employees" and Debra Correa, CRNP, AOCNP, NP-C, wrote "I've Always Wanted to Be a Nurse" for the *The Scope*, the nursing student magazine. [December 2019](https://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/nursing/student-resources/publications)  
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Weeks after I commenced writing, I needed to update this report. Globally, medical professionals are challenged to navigate the overwhelming COVID-19 pandemic. Headlines abound. Testimonials detail the difficult and unending efforts those on the front line are enduring. Being a medical professional demands training, empathy and dedication and now more than ever.

You can read the personal stories of Duquesne Alumni nurses, who are actively participating in caring for COVID-19 patients during this pandemic. Their work is commendable!

<https://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/nursing/alumni/celebration-of-duquesne-nurses>

I am proud to be a DU SON graduate and even more honored to be a part of the Alumni Association Board. Our legacy continues with Eileen Crossey as our new Board President. We invite you to share information about your lives and careers ([www.myduquesne.duq.edu/infoupdate](http://www.myduquesne.duq.edu/infoupdate)) and Alumni news (marriage, births, promotions, in memoriam) via email ([alumnonline@duq.edu](mailto:alumnonline@duq.edu)).

Now, more than ever, we are grateful for your support, loyalty, and commitment.

Sincerely,

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## Patricia Schlicht Endowed Nursing Scholarship



In honor of Patricia Schlicht, who lost her battle with cancer on April 7, 2019, the Patricia Schlicht Endowed Scholarship was created. Patricia (Patty) was the quintessential embodiment of a Duquesne University Nursing Alumni. She served over 10 years on the Duquesne University Nursing Alumni Association Board and Board of Governors. Patty delved into projects with enthusiasm, and worked tirelessly to promote the success of the Alumni Association. She regularly attended Alumni Homecoming Champagne Brunches, fund raising dinners, nursing graduations and networking events. Patty served to develop the minds, hearts and spirits of nursing students and alumni.

Patty's legacy is to become involved, fight for what you believe in and never give up. Her scholarship is valued at \$76,941.87. The first allocation will be awarded in 2020-2021. To make a donation in support of the Patricia Schlicht Endowed Scholarship, visit the Nursing Alumni Association online.

## Alice C. Feehan Endowed Student Resource Fund



At their 50-year reunion in the fall of 2018, graduates of Duquesne's School of Nursing class of 1968 decided to establish a Student Nurse Resource Fund in the name of Professor Alice C. Feehan.

Professor Feehan, N'41, GN'45, was a nursing faculty member for 35 years. Many remember her because as Director of the Basic Nursing Program and Associate Professor of Nursing Education she probably interacted with every basic student enrolled between 1942 and 1977. Several of her former students have fond memories of her kindness, generosity and offers of help in times of trouble or need.

The scholarship fund will provide the Duquesne School of Nursing Dean with the means to offer financial assistance to a student for non-tuition expenses such as textbooks, lab fees, transportation and other expenses that might not otherwise be available. Even students who have received scholarships often need help with other necessities and ancillary expenses. As of March 31, 2020, the fund has a balance of \$18,615.00 and needs to reach \$25,000 for a full endowment. It is hoped that there are other Duquesne School of Nursing graduates who will want to contribute to the fund in remembrance of Professor Feehan or to help future nursing students at our treasured *alma mater*.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Alice C. Feehan Fund. If you would like to donate, please contact Mary Francis Dean, Esquire Assistant Vice President for Major/Planning Giving and Donor Relations at [deanm1@duq.edu](mailto:deanm1@duq.edu) or 412.396.4272.

## Financial Overview

Current balance is \$6,547.13.

### 2019-2020 Alumni Income

\$ 555.00	2020 DU Alumni Spring Clothing Sale
\$ 220.00	Sale of DU Alumni Jewelry
\$ 700.00	Sale of raffle, mugs and jewelry at Homecoming Brunch
\$ 1,000.00	Donation from Heritage Valley Health System on Day of Giving
\$ 2,060.17	DU Day of Giving
\$ 1,390.00	Alumni Association Dues and Donation
\$ 3,450.17	Total Year Gifts and Pledges DU SON Alumni Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund

### 2019-2020 Alumni Expenses

\$ 750.00	Three \$250 Sister Louise Grundish Distinguished Alumni Awards
\$ 50.00	Memorial Donation for a DU Nursing Student
\$ 100.00	Donation to Camp Raising Spirits in memory of Karen Kmetz
\$ 745.24	Hosted Annual Alumni Homecoming Champagne Brunch
\$ 225.00	CareTemp Touch Free Thermometer for Duquesne Simulation and Learning Ctr
\$ 500.00	Pledged to McGinley Rice Symposium—The Face of a Person
\$ 182.06	Snacks for HESI Testing for DU Nursing Students
\$ 181.57	Office and Discretionary Expenses (Stationery, Mailings and Printings)

\*Please note \$2,765.27 was disbursed from the DU SON Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund and awarded to two DU Nursing Students. The Fund's balance is \$56,498.53.

## 2019-2020 DU SON Alumni Association Membership:



The Duquesne University School of Nursing has more than 8,000 alumni. Today, our Association has an enrollment of 88 members who stay connected to one another and the school through various activities. Yearly membership dues of \$40 help fund student support initiatives and alumni networking activities. Annual membership runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Membership forms are available online at [duq.edu/nursing](http://duq.edu/nursing). You may also request to have a membership application mailed to you.

## 2019-2020 Alumni Events:

### DU SON Alumni Spring Clothing Sale

Our May 2019 Clothing Sale had a wide variety of items such as tote bag, aprons, baseball caps, t-shirts, and jackets for women and men. The sale was offered to the parents/families of new graduates, graduates and our Alumni. Our profit was \$555.00.

Our May 2020 Sale was cancelled due to closures of non-essential businesses by the CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

We are looking forward to a successful Sale in May of 2021. Our clothing and accessories are a great way to support the Nursing Alumni Association, show your school spirit and make wonderful gifts for new graduates.



## **2020 DU SON Alumni Association Homecoming Brunch**

On Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, we welcomed 49 guests to our Homecoming Brunch in the Power Center. We had 12 No Shows, 5 student nurses and 1 walk-in. The new location was a delight to all who attended the Brunch. The room was spacious and filled with warm and lively conversations.

Our guests were greeted with aromas of a delicious brunch and tables filled with raffle items. Alumni Board members donated raffle prizes, which included a fashionable purse and necklace, gourmet wine and cheese basket, organic skin care basket and many more items. PSNA Representative Melissa Dang donated a Spa Basket.

Dean Mary Ellen Glasgow talked about the progress and new initiatives taking place at the School of Nursing. Melissa Dang spoke about the significance of joining the PSNA and being politically involved and knowledgeable about health care issues. Rosanna Henry, RN, MSN, Director of the Learning and Simulation Center, talked about the importance of simulation as a teaching strategy for student nurses. Rosanna showed a video about the Learning and Simulation Center. Many Alumni were amazed at the level of advanced technology offered at the Center. Simulations help nursing students to learn hands-on clinical skills, improve their critical thinking skills and develop clinical decision-making skills in a safe environment. Sister Louise Grundish gave a blessing before we enjoyed a delicious brunch.

Our Brunch ended with the announcement of the raffle winners and plans being made by several Alumni to get-together in the near future.





**Our next Homecoming Brunch is Saturday, September 26, 2020. We look forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Class of 1970.**



## Donation to DU Learning and Simulation Center

With the increase in nursing enrollment and high usage of equipment in the DU Learning and Simulation Lab, Rosanna Henry, MSN, RN, Director of Learning and Simulation Center, requested Alumni support to replace certain equipment. Technologies and methodologies are changing rapidly in nursing but the need for meaningful learning and providing safe patient care relies on using simulation as an important teaching strategy.

On December 3, 2019, the DU SON Alumni Association Board approved the donation of \$225 for the CareTemp Touch Free Thermometer for the DU Simulation and Learning Center. This thermometer is an important clinical screening tool to quickly assess if a patient has an elevated temperature or not.



## School of Nursing Alumni Association Jewelry



In 2012, Leah Cunningham presented the idea of selling Alumni jewelry as a fund raising method. Leah contacted an artist and eight items (silver bead, dove charm, nursing cap charm, Christmas ornaments, key fob, glass jewelry beads, book markers and wine stoppers) were designed and custom made. To date, total jewelry sales are \$14,425.00 and profit is \$7,535.00. Please visit the Alumni site to purchase our jewelry on-line and support our association.

## **The DU SON Alumni Association Board:**

Terri Tunick, RN, MSN, *President*

Leah Cunningham, RN, MNEd, *Immediate Past President*

Mary P. Smith, RN, BSN, CDE, CCM, *Secretary*

Eileen Crossey, RN, BSN, MEd, *Treasurer and DU Alumni Board of Governors Representative*

## **Members at Large:**

Michele Buraczewki, RN, BNS, MSN, CEN, CCRN

Jamie Clarke, RN, MSN, FNP-BC

Kate DeLuca, EdD. MBA, *DU Nursing Administrator Representative*

Kay Dieckmann, RN, BNS, MSN, *Membership Committee and Bylaws Committee*

Meghan Jones, RN, BSN

Joshua Kohl, RN, BSN

Aimee McBroom-Harrison, RN, MSN, CNRP

Amy Morgan Shultz, RN, BSN, MSN, CRNP, CLC

Sharon Munson, RN, BSN, MEd

Ginny Pavlick, EN, BSN, MEd, *Membership Committee*

Leigh Anne Rethage, RN, BSN, *Public Relations Committee*



Missing from the photo are Jamie Clark, Kate DeLuca, Kay Dieckman, Joshua Kohl, Meghan Jones, Aimee McBroom-Harrison, Ginny Pavlick and Amy Morgan Shultz. Former Alumni Board member Sister Louise Grundish is included in our picture.