Are we there yet? Yes, it is true: the long-awaited, much-anticipated completion of the College of Nursing building renovation is upon us! For some, the 18 months have flown by; for others, we have finally reached the end of a long and winding road.

Even though we are moving back, we definitely are not going back, as the relocation and renovation have transformed us in many tangible and intangible ways. We were launched into the technology age on a large scale out of necessity: Wimba, wiki, blog and instant messenger and Polycom all became part of our vocabulary. We learned new patterns of interacting and became acquainted with new neighbors at Royal Wood. We discovered new downtown eateries and created faculty activity groups for telecommuters. Faculty gathered in HSEB monthly for a networking lunch.

Our building has changed dramatically: it is light, bright and has breathtaking views on all sides! It is organized and efficient. It is environmentally sustainable and digital. It is technologically sophisticated and rich in learning resources. The first two floors are the student zones and the top three are for faculty and staff work. The Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center is an amazing learning and research environment. This virtual hospital learning environment is already generating a great deal of interest around the country.

The clutter clearing experience we underwent to move out of the building should make the process of moving back in that much easier. Still, we have a lot of work ahead of us—and with students arriving on Monday, August 23—a short period of time in which to make it happen! We will begin the process of relocating back into the building Monday, August 9 through Tuesday, August 10. However those first two days will be for the moving company only and it will be important to keep access limited until they have completed their work. Monday, August 16 will be a day to gather, explore and reclaim our space. Tuesday, August 17 will be an all-day faculty retreat with the remainder of the week designated for settling in, getting organized and preparing for the students’ arrival. The Development Office is busy preparing a number of activities throughout the fall to welcome faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors to our beautiful new space. More details on those activities to come.

Can’t wait to see all of you!

Maureen
Alumni News

Alumna Reflects on Role in Setting the Standard for Nursing School Accreditation

From the five cottages behind LDS Hospital that housed nurses, Katherine Brim (BSN, 1945) had a spectacular view of the Salt Lake Valley—and a short commute to the hospital where she held several positions between 1943 and 1946. After earning her bachelor of science in nursing degree from the College of Nursing, she set her sights eastward: to New York City. Inspired by the College’s first dean, Hazelle Macquin, who had studied at Columbia University, Brim moved to New York in 1946 and entered Columbia University to pursue graduate study.

Following the completion of her master of science in nursing degree, Brim returned to Salt Lake City and joined the faculty of the College of Nursing. With opportunities in nursing abundant, her stay was brief, and in 1954 Brim again ventured to the east coast: this time for a position with the National League for Nursing. Just two years into its merger with the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and the Association for Collegiate Schools of Nursing, the League had assumed responsibility for the accreditation of nursing schools in the United States; it sought Brim’s help in developing accreditation standards. “It was an exciting time to be at the center where major changes in nursing education were being initiated and implemented,” she says of her work with the organization. “The great thing about nursing education is that it is constantly evolving. Ten to fifteen years from now it will be different too.” Brim chronicled the League’s impact on nursing education in *A History of Diploma Programs in Nursing and the National League for Nursing: 1952-1987*, which was published in 1989.

In a 1993 open letter to her classmates, aptly named *My Story*, Brim acknowledged the importance of nursing throughout her life, writing, “Until 1985, when I retired from the League, my life primarily focused on activities associated with my career in nursing.” In an effort to make family the focus of her retirement years, Brim returned to Utah in 1989 and continues to live in Salt Lake City today. Over the years she has enjoyed service with the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, and the Women’s State Legislative Council of Utah. She also has volunteered at the Museum of Fine Arts at the University of Utah. A strong commitment to healthy aging motivates the active and engaged 90-year-old College of Nursing alumna to take a walk every day, rain or shine.

A 1940s image shows Brim proudly wearing her nursing uniform.

Born in the small mining town of Dividend, Utah, Class of 1945 alumna Katherine Brim now resides in downtown Salt Lake City.
Washington, D.C. Area Alumni Connect Through Alumni Tea

In March, College of Nursing alumna Ansilene Ozberkmen (BSN, 1957) hosted fellow alumni living in the Washington, D.C. area at her Fairfax, Virginia home for an afternoon tea. “It was the perfect opportunity to bring together a diverse group of alumni who share not only the same city but also a desire to reconnect with their alma mater,” says Dean Maureen R. Keefe, RN, PhD, FAAN, who was in the D.C. area for the annual American Association of Colleges of Nursing and attended the alumni gathering.

The event was such a success, attendees are now planning a second alumni event, to be hosted at the Children’s National Medical Center, where Eileen Engh, MSN, RN BC, CPN (BSN, 1982) is a manager in the Department of Nursing Research and Quality Outcomes.

Are you interested in connecting with fellow alumni in your area? Contact the Development Office at (801) 581-5109.

Alumni Advisory Board Seeks New Members

Membership on the College of Nursing’s Alumni Advisory Board offers the chance to have an integral role in engaging the college’s network of more than 6,000 alumni while building professional relationships within the nursing community. The Board sponsors and participates in several events throughout the year such as the Lamp of Learning ceremony which welcomes new students to the College, the Decades of Caring class reunion series, and the annual Honors for Nursing nurse recognition event.

The board is actively seeking new members to help establish and foster interrelationships among alumni, students, faculty and the community. To learn more, contact Alumni Advisory Board President Ben Becker at ben.becker@imail.org.
Region’s Nurses, Nursing Students Gather for Nightingale Centennial Observance

One hundred years after her death, Florence Nightingale, revered as the founder of modern nursing, remains a powerful source of inspiration to the nursing profession. On February 23, 2010 more than 200 nurses and nursing students from throughout the state gathered to commemorate Nightingale with a lecture by renowned researcher, educator and author Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, titled How Our Past Can Energize Our Future: Florence Nightingale, and Integral and Holistic Nursing. The event to remember Nightingale’s life and work during the centennial of her death was presented by the University of Utah College of Nursing, Brigham Young University College of Nursing and Intermountain Healthcare, and took place at The Tower at Rice- Eccles Stadium. Additionally, 10 of the state’s nursing programs partnered to make the lecture available via live web cast. Acknowledging Nightingale’s commitment to public and personal health, Governor Gary R. Herbert proclaimed February 21-27 Florence Nightingale Recognition Week in Utah.

Examining the ways in which Florence Nightingale approached nursing as a spiritual practice and her life calling, Dr. Dossey challenged audience members to revisit what led them to enter the field of nursing. “Florence Nightingale called her work her must,” she said. “I ask you, what is your must in nursing?”

While Nightingale reportedly made just four public appearances between the ages of 37 to 90, she was strategic in her efforts to engage key individuals and the media to advance the profession through her prolific writings. In this way Dr. Dossey advises today’s nurses to look for ways to utilize technology, such as making evidence-based practice available online, to expand interaction among nurses and the nursing community.

For occupational health nurse expert Dianne Stewart, RN, MS, COHN-S, who has worked in the field for 30 years and is a member of the College’s Alumni Advisory Board, Dr. Dossey’s lecture proved renewing. “The holistic approach to nursing combined with the history of Florence Nightingale brought together the past, present and future of the profession and provided a practical look at where nursing has been, where nursing is and opens up endless possibilities of where it can go,” she says. “I find that I have been thinking frequently of Florence—if she could make such a difference, then so can I.”

Dr. Dossey’s lecture can be viewed in its entirety at:
http://nursing.utah.edu/seminar_series/archives/bullough_lecture.html
16th Annual Honors for Nursing Takes Celebration of Nursing Statewide

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 more than 500 nurses and supporters of nursing gathered in the Little America Hotel Grand Ballroom for the 16th Annual Honors for Nursing. The celebration, hosted by the College of Nursing Alumni Advisory Board, raised an unprecedented $30,000 for student scholarships while for the first time honoring nurses from as far as St. George to Brigham City during National Nurses Week.

Throughout the evening, video tributes of nurses chosen by sponsors at the Champions of Nursing and Friends of Nursing levels highlighted the myriad ways nurses impact and inspire their communities. Glimpses of Caring offered excerpts from the individual nurse recognitions made by family, friends, colleagues and grateful patients in appreciation of the unsung heroes in the room.

“In their daily work nurses are focused on caring for other people,” says Alumni Advisory Board President Benjamin Becker, (’03 BS, ’06 MS). “Honors for Nursing is a time for us to celebrate and care for them.”

The evening culminated with the presentation of the Dare to Care Award to College of Nursing alumna Lisa Bagley, MSN, RN, CRRN (BSN, 2000) a founding member of—and ongoing volunteer for—medical rehabilitation non-profit Healing Hands for Haiti. Bagley has traveled to the poverty-ravaged nation annually for the last 12 years to help save and improve the lives of disabled children and adults through rehabilitation and education. Through educating and training patients, clinicians and caregivers on rehab medicine, she works with the organization’s corps of volunteers to create a better chronic living environment for disabled patients, often reintegrating them into school and the workplace so they can lead productive lives.

Bagley, the nursing director of Intensive Medicine at Intermountain Medical Center, credits her volunteer service with keeping her focused on the most important role of a nurse, stating, “It is caring about the patient and their family members, and what happens to them. Our ability to impact their care and their very personal life experience is the foundation for what we do.”

Sponsor support makes it possible for proceeds from Honors for Nursing to be directed to nursing student scholarships. A special thanks to our Champions of Nursing and Friends of Nursing:

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Friends of Nursing

Jane and John Coats, DDS; Suzanne and Aaron A, Hofmann, MD; Intermountain Healthcare; Julia and Hugh West, MD; Judy and John Zone, MD
A full house gathered at Kingsbury Hall May 6 as 269 nursing students were awarded degrees from the College of Nursing. For many students, the evening marked their entrance into the profession of nursing. For others, the milestone represented the advancement of their education in a specialized area of health care.

From the talented group of students nominated by faculty to speak during the program, graduates Kathleen Lofley (BSN) and Rieneke Holman, RN (MSN) were selected to reflect on student life and the path ahead. In her remarks, Lofley encouraged members of the Class of 2010 to approach nursing in much the same way she was once advised to interact with nature. “I was told to leave a campsite better than I found it,” she said. “This lesson is a large part of my personal philosophy of nursing: I am trying to leave each person better than I found them.” Holman, whose father died unexpectedly in October, credited the supportive faculty with helping her persevere. “At times I was not sure how I was going to finish the semester, let alone the program,” she told the audience. “The faculty in their wisdom of seeing the cycle of life repeated, helped me to finish successfully.”

Chosen by students to carry the banner in convocation and commencement ceremonies were faculty members Alexa Doig, PhD, RN and Katie Baraki, RN, MS. Also receiving honors was Deanne Williams, RN, CNM, MS, FACNM, a 1980 graduate of the Parent Child, Nurse-Midwifery Program. Williams received the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her 30-year career spent improving the content and quality of women's health care with a particular focus on expanding access to nurse-midwifery care. She was nominated by a team of her peers, and ultimately selected by members of the Alumni Advisory Board to receive the award.

“We have been given more than an education; we have been given responsibility. Our responsibility is to change the world,” graduating student Kathleen Lofley tells fellow graduates.
Mother of Five Says Nursing is a Family Value

It is a proud moment for any parent to be in the audience when their child earns an academic degree. In the case of mother-son team Laura and Matthew Thomas, the College of Nursing’s recent convocation was markedly significant: both were among those earning nursing degrees. After 20 years as a registered nurse, Laura was awarded her master’s degree with a family nurse practitioner specialty. Sitting just three rows away, son Matthew, a dialysis tech with University of Utah Hospital, was receiving his bachelor’s degree.

For Laura, becoming a nurse practitioner is the realization of a long-held dream she vowed to follow only after seeing her five children off to college. From the rural town of Hurricane, Utah, which has just one high school, her children went on to become alumni of universities such as Oxford University and Harvard University. Another graduated with a master of public health degree from Idaho State, and her youngest is in the nursing program at Dixie College.

With all five children attending college, Thomas turned her attention to her own nursing career. The College of Nursing’s Distance Learning Nurse Practitioner Program option allowed her to remain in her hometown where she could continue working in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at nearby Dixie Regional Medical Center while earning her degree. “Who would think a woman from a small town like Hurricane could get her master’s degree from the U without having to leave home,” she muses. “I couldn’t have done it any other way.”

Also helping to make Laura’s education possible was the John and Nellie Drummond family, which provided scholarship assistance to the working mom. “The fact that the Drummonds didn’t know me but chose to help me pursue my dream of becoming a nurse practitioner astounds me,” she says. With several job interviews lined up, Thomas is eager to put the knowledge that she has acquired to work as a family nurse practitioner in a rural clinic. She also hopes to someday be in a position to provide scholarship support for someone else along their own path in nursing. “I can think of nothing more rewarding than giving a stranger a hand up in life, in the same way the Drummonds did for me.”
Unprecedented $7.3M Research Grant To Help Faculty Investigate End-of-Life Care

A dynamic $7.3 million program project research grant focused on end-of-life care has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Cancer Institute, and brings an unprecedented level of research funding to the University of Utah College of Nursing. The five year project, *Enhancing End-of-Life and Bereavement Outcomes among Cancer Caregivers*, is the collaboration of a research team that includes eight College of Nursing faculty members.

Led by Kathi Mooney, PhD, RN, FAAAN, who has been named the 2010 Oncology Nursing Society Distinguished Researcher for her extensive work in the field, the project was developed to address the difficult transitions for caregivers providing care at home for a dying spouse or partner and then continuing through the bereavement transition to widowhood. It involves three interrelated research studies plus a shared core for participant recruitment, data collection and analysis.

Jane Dyer Inducted Into the American College of Nurse Midwives

Assistant Professor Jane Dyer, PhD, CNM, FNP, MBA, who directed the Nurse Midwifery and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program for nearly a decade, was formally inducted into the American College of Nurse Midwives during the Academy's 55th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC June 13, 2010.

Under Dr. Dyer’s leadership, the Nurse Midwifery Program achieved and maintained a prestigious ranking of 8th in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*. With a philosophy that one need not have to cross state lines in order to have "international experiences" of caring for women, she has actively involved faculty and students in the lives of immigrants to Utah, while also building education and service experiences with women from around the world. "Jane's commitment to the underserved includes not just her patients but also future midwives from disadvantaged and rural backgrounds who struggle to achieve the goal of joining our ranks," says Professor Patricia Murphy, CNM, DrPH, FACNM, who was among those to nominate Dr. Dyer for the honor. "She is with all women, and so models the spirit of midwifery to her colleagues, her students, and her associated professionals in the College of Nursing and around the state."
Faculty Farewell

In June, the College of Nursing bid farewell to several longtime faculty members. Thank you to the following individuals for helping to further the mission and vision of the college:

Becky Burrage
Mary Duffy
Sandra Haak
Liz Harald
Lucy Leaver
Geeta Maharaj
Ginger Marshall
Holly Martin
Holli Martinez
Shahnaz Moezzi
Alice Parkinson
Nancy Staggers

Friday, June 18, 2010 faculty and staff gathered in Alumni Hall at HSEB to honor retiring faculty members. From left: Shahnaz Moezzi, Sandra Haak, Liz Harald and Becky Burrage.

News from the 2010 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Conference

Assistant Professor (Clinical) Penny Kaye Jensen, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FAANP assumed her role as president of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners during its national conference, held June 23-27, 2010 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Dr. Jensen says she began to understand the need for improved access to health care early in life, having grown up on a Wyoming ranch homesteaded by her Danish great-grandparents. “Health care services were still very limited in our small mountain valley during my youth,” Dr. Jensen says. “Many elderly individuals wouldn’t have access to care if NPs were not practicing independently in these remote areas.” Dr. Jensen, who served as the AANP’s Utah Representative before being elected to the Board of Directors, where she has served for the past six years, will hold the position of president through the June 2012 annual membership meeting.

Instructor (Clinical) Ann Maruri, APRN, MS, CPNP received the 2010 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence. This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner in each state who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice. Maruri was nominated for the recognition by the mother of a patient whom Maruri had diagnosed with Epidermal Nevus Syndrome with Hypophosphatemic Rickets, a very rare skin condition.
**Presentations**


**Deneris, A.** “Preventing HPV Diseases.” 35th National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Denver CO, July 16, 2010.


**Morse, J.M.** “Publishing Truths and Strategies for Success.” Editor’s panel discussion. Western Institute of Nursing Conference, Glendale, AZ, April 16, 2010.

**Morse, J.M.** “Qualitative Health Research: Do We Have a Subdiscipline?” Keynote address at Qualitative Health Symposia, 6th Congress of qualitative inquiry, University of Urbana-Champaign, IL, May 25, 2010.


**Pepper, G.A., Wong, B.** “Mechanisms of Medication-Related Falls in Older Adults.” Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Western Institute of Nursing, Glendale, AZ, April 2010.

**Recent Publications**

**Barnett, G.V., Hollister, L., & Hall, S.** (2010). Use of the standardized patient to clarify interdisciplinary team roles. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1016/j.ecns.2010.01.004


Staggers, N. Reed A. Gardner award for faculty excellence in teaching, mentoring and service to informatics. This is a student-nominated award across Biomedical and Nursing informatics.

**Awards and Recognition**

Dyer, J. inducted into the American College of Nurse Midwives as one of the 2010 new fellows during the 55th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., June 13, 2010.

Edelman, L. selected as one of nine 2010 – 2012 John A. Hartford Claire M. Fagin fellows. This $120,000 fellowship supports two years of full time advanced research and leadership training for doctoral prepared nurses committed to careers in academic geriatric nursing. The Fellowship Award term begins July 1.

Edelman, L. re-elected to a second 5-year term to the American Burn Association Multicenter Trials Group Steering Committee where she served as secretary. (April 2010-April 2014.)

Edelman, L. received a Certificate of Recognition from the University of Utah Center for Disability Services for “distinguished and exemplary service to students with disabilities” on April 29, 2010.

Flattes, V. awarded the Excellence in Education award from the Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, April 2010.


Jensen, P.K. Appointed to the United States Veterans Affairs, Office of Academic Affiliations Primary Care Medical Home Academic Subcommittee 2010-2012.

**Grants**

Clark, L. (PI), & Pett, M., Chambless, C., & Johnson, S. (May, 2009) “Yes we can!” Overweight Reduction and Healthy Lifestyle Improvement Program for Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. Funding Incentive Seed Grant Program. Grant amount: $22,400.

Gibson, M., Evershed, S., and Chase Cantarini, S. were awarded a $3000 University Group Teaching Grant by the University of Utah Teaching Committee. The title of their project is “Integration of Health Literacy in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs.” Funds were allocated for travel expenses to the Institute for Healthcare Advancement's Health Literacy in the Real World: Programs and Solutions that Work conference held in Irvine, CA May 6-7, 2010.

Poynton, M. is the principal investigator of a study funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) titled “Supporting Continuity of Care for Poisonings with Electronic Information Exchange.” Grant amount: $272,662. Project timeline 3/01/2010 - 2/28/2012

Calendar Highlights

Monday, 8/16/2010 - Faculty & Staff Housewarming Luncheon
12:00 to 2:00 p.m., CON 2600

Tuesday, 8/17/2010 - Fall Faculty Retreat
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., CON 2300

Monday, 9/6/2010 - Labor Day Holiday
No Classes

Thursday, 9/9/2010 - Lamp of Learning
6:30 p.m., ASB 220

Friday, 9/10/2010 - College Council
1:00 to 3:00 p.m., CON 2300

Friday, 9/17/2010 - Faculty and Staff Family BBQ, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., College of Nursing

Monday, 10/11/2010 - Saturday, 10/16/2010
Fall Semester Break, No Classes

Friday, 10/22/2010 - College Council
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Appointments Advisory Committee 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. CON 2300

Thursday, 10/7/2010 - Decades of Caring Alumni Reunion, College of Nursing

Thursday, 11/4/2010 - College of Nursing Grand Opening/Reception & Tours
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., College of Nursing

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