In late 2010 the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in collaboration with AARP, initiated The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. The initiative builds on The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, a landmark Institute of Medicine (IOM) report that provided a blueprint for transforming the nursing profession to improve health care and meet the needs of diverse populations. Campaign for Action envisions a nation where every American has access to high-quality, patient-centered care in a health care system that engages nurses as essential partners in achieving success.

As the largest component of the U.S. health care workforce, nurses are integral to overcoming our current health care challenges. But there are neither enough nurses in practice nor enough with the advanced credentials and expertise that increasingly complex care requires. In some settings, nurses are not able to work to the full extent of their education and training, and in addition too few hold leadership positions.

To address these challenges fifteen state-based action coalitions were chosen from across the country to develop and pilot test a broad-based approach to engaging diverse stakeholders in the implementation of the IOM recommendations at the state and local levels. In addition to addressing issues in their own states, action coalitions will contribute to the overall Campaign for Action by developing and disseminating best practices. This past spring, Utah was selected as one of the initial pilot states charged with implementing the IOM recommendations.

The Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders and HealthInsight have joined forces to lead this initiative in our state referred to as the Utah Action Coalition for Health. The statewide campaign was launched April 6 with a press conference; over the past few months, we have been developing our organizational structure and indentifying the top priorities for our state which include the following IOM recommendations:

- Implement standardized Nurse Residency Programs
- Increase the proportion of nurses with BSN degrees
- Double the number of nurses with a doctorate
- Ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning
- Collect and analyze relevant data to mark progress toward these goals

As academic nurse leaders we will be partnering with chief nursing officers, health care organizations, private and public funders and community leaders to strengthen nursing education and create a nursing workforce prepared to meet the demands of diverse populations across the lifespan. Expanding interprofessional collaboration and leadership opportunities for nurses are key to transforming our care delivery systems by – leading change and advancing health.

Maureen
When Betty Evensen and Helen Bezant graduated from the Salt Lake County General Hospital nursing program in 1940, there were no online social networks to help classmates stay connected. Still, as graduate education and their careers took them in separate directions, the two stayed in touch, and over the years even attended the College of Nursing’s Decades of Caring alumni reunion together. On June 14, more than 71 years after the former classmates received matching cufflinks to mark their graduation from Utah’s flagship nursing program, Betty and Helen reconnected again: this time to tour the Annette Poulson Cumming Building.

As the two longtime friends took in the advancements in nursing education, they reminisced about their own entry into the nursing profession.

Helen was just 12 years old when her 32-year-old father died from a ruptured appendix leaving her mother a widow. A career in nursing represented opportunity: as a student in the three-year program, Helen received $7 per month plus room and board. “The girls in the dorm had a rule that first year students had to room on the fourth floor,” she recalled. “Each year as we progressed in the program we got to move down a floor.” For Betty, perks such as a sack lunch for nurses who worked the night shift and a half-day off each week were rare in a nation that was still recovering from the Great Depression.

Following graduation, Betty earned a master’s degree from the University of Washington in 1953 and went on to teach in Pocatello, Idaho. She later returned to Utah, working at a number of facilities including Shriners Hospital for Children, Cottonwood Hospital and Salt Lake County’s Immunization Clinic. Along her career path, Helen made stops at Utah Valley Hospital (now Utah Valley Regional Medical Center) Utah Power and Light and a private practice in Coalville.

While touring the Intermountain Healthcare Simulation Learning Center, Dean Keefee showed the ladies how nursing students are gaining experience through practice in the virtual hospital. As Keefee demonstrated how students learn to utilize medication dispensing units, Betty mused, “We did not have the medications that exist today, but then we also did not have the diseases we are seeing.” Asked what they did have that cannot be influenced by technology, Betty nodded toward Helen and replied: “We had great community.”
When Jill Fuller (PhD 1991) arrived at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, SD in 2003 to assume the position of chief nursing officer, the College of Nursing alumna had her work cut out for her: the hospital was experiencing a 65% nursing turnover rate on its medical-surgical unit. Today, thanks to her strategic and innovative leadership focused on improving quality and business processes while reducing the “hassle factor” for nurses, Prairie Lakes now boasts an average nursing turnover rate of 10%.

“Empowering frontline staff members is important because they are in a position to identify healthcare's many forms of waste,” said Fuller. Her approach earned her a nod from Health Leaders Magazine, which in 2007 cited her as one of 20 people who have made healthcare better, and, after nine years as CNO, a promotion to president and chief executive officer of Prairie Lakes Healthcare System.

According to Maeona K. Kramer, PhD, APRN, faculty emeritus with the College of Nursing, who served on the faculty while Fuller was a student at the College of Nursing and has since followed her career trajectory in nursing administration, “Not only was Jill highly intelligent, but also she was assertive and self-directing without being officious.”

Despite the time and energy it takes to manage a complex health care system, Fuller has taught two graduate nursing courses at South Dakota State University, sharing her expertise in nursing administration, business and finance with nurse leaders of tomorrow. She has also published several journal articles about hospital work redesign aimed at reducing work intensity, returning nurses to the bedside, improving productivity and lowering cost as well as a health assessment textbook. Her team’s work has also been profiled in numerous healthcare publications.

“When I think about Dr. Fuller's career since her graduation from the University of Utah, one overarching thought comes to mind: As an administrator, she is a nurse's nurse,” said Kramer. “Dr. Fuller has administered in a way that allows nurses to excel in their work of taking care of people effectively. To me, this is what we, as nurses—wherever we work—are all about.”

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May 5, the College of Nursing’s convocation ceremony marked for undergraduate, masters and doctoral students the successful completion of their academic degrees from the College of Nursing. For Danette Lyman, who earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree, convocation represented the realization of a long-held dream to become a nurse; one she carried throughout twenty years working at Delta Air Lines and a position as an administrative assistant, faculty affairs at the College of Nursing.

When Lyman first came to the College of Nursing after retiring from the airline industry, she found her interaction with nursing faculty only increased her desire to become a nurse. “With every nurse educator, researcher and clinician that I met, my yearning became stronger to experience what they have experienced, contribute as they have contributed, and make an even larger impact for the better as they have,” she said. “I found myself vowing to emulate them.”

Lyman said the College of Nursing stood out to her among the area’s nursing programs for its strong reputation of offering thorough clinical time. “My clinical experience through the College of Nursing gave me a solid foundation and helped me gain confidence through practice,” she said. “I loved being able to shadow experts like Katie Baraki and glean from their knowledge.”

Currently working at Utah Hope Clinic, a free health care facility serving the underserved and uninsured in the Salt Lake area, Lyman is already in discussions with the clinic’s director about opening and operating a clinical day dedicated to pediatrics. “Florence Nightingale once said, ‘feelings waste themselves in words, they ought all to be distilled into actions, actions which bring results,’” Lyman said. “I have heard my calling for many years and now have the opportunity to step into action. It is finally my turn to throw open the doors and begin.”

Danette Lyman (right) poses with Dean Maureen Keefe after receiving her bachelor of science in nursing degree.
17th Annual Honors for Nursing Commemorates Most Trusted Profession

Tuesday, May 10 more than 500 nurses and supporters of nursing gathered at Little America Hotel for the 17th Annual Honors for Nursing. The celebration, a tradition of the College of Nursing’s Alumni Advisory Board, raised more than $29,000 for student scholarships while recognizing Utah nurses during National Nurses Week. Themed Nurses: Trusted to Care, the local event tied in with the theme of the national celebration which paid homage to nurses for repeatedly being voted the most trusted profession in Gallup Poll surveys.

Serving as emcee for the evening was Utah journalist Kimberly Johnson, who shared personal accounts of how she has put her own trust in nurses to care. “Trust is one of the greatest gifts we can give,” she said. “It is also one of the most enormous responsibilities we can assume, both in our personal and professional lives. For it is in our ability to manage trust effectively that we touch the lives of others and thereby transform our own.”

Throughout Honors for Nursing, video tributes of nurses chosen by Champions of Nursing and Friends of Nursing sponsors highlighted the myriad ways nurses impact and inspire our community. Glimpses of Caring offered excerpts from the individual nurse recognitions made by family, friends, colleagues and grateful patients. “Each and every one of you is here because you stepped in to care: for a frightened patient, a new student or an overloaded colleague,” said Johnson. “In doing so you gave someone a glimpse of your commitment to care.”

The evening culminated with the presentation of the Dare to Care Award to Judy Zone, founder and executive director of youth service organization Youthlinc. In her quest to create lifetime humanitarians, Zone has demonstrated that global change begins at home. Since establishing Youthlinc in 2009 she has engaged more than 1000 young Utahns to contribute 80,000-plus hours to service in their own communities — a prerequisite to their international service in some of the world’s most impoverished nations.

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As the 2010-11 Academic Year came to a close, the College of Nursing bid farewell to several longtime faculty members. Though they are embarking on retirement plans or new professional endeavors, all have left an indelible imprint on nursing education at the U.

**Penny Brooke, APRN, MS, JD** - Penny has been at the College of Nursing 37 years, joining in 1974 as an instructor. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1979, to associate professor in 1988, and to professor in 1998. She has authored numerous books, book chapters, journal articles, papers, and reports as well as participated in many manuscript and abstract reviews. Following her retirement, Penny will be appointed Professor Emeritus in the College of Nursing.

**Marianne Fraser, RN, MSN** - Marianne came to the College in 1997 and taught courses in community health/home care theory, history/health policy, community health clinical, and community health home care nursing. She has also been involved in the development of multiple new courses. Marianne will continue supporting the mission of the College of Nursing through an adjunct faculty appointment.

**Diane Kelly, RN, MBA, DrPH** - Diane joined the College of Nursing faculty in 2004 and was actively involved in developing the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Program at the University of Utah, serving as the CNL Program Director from 2007-10. The third edition of her text, *Applying Quality Management in Healthcare: A System Approach*, will be published this fall. The text has been adopted in both health services administration and nursing programs.

**Linda Mabey, APRN, DNP** - After 16 years at the University of Utah, Linda, who has taught undergraduate and graduate nursing students the art and science of psychiatric nursing, has accepted a teaching position with Brigham Young University.

**Diana Thurston, PhD, RN** - Diana joined the College of Nursing 18 years ago as an assistant professor. She is a much sought after presenter on the topics of Epidemiology, Influenza, the outbreak of Tularemia, infectious diseases, pertussis, small pox, and many other topics relating to public health. Diana will continue to support the College and activities in Ghana through an adjunct faculty appointment.

**Claudia Trayner, MS, RCN** - Claudia served on the College of Nursing faculty for 23 years and worked with students in Community Health in rural Tooele County for more than a decade. She also utilized her background with the Salt Lake Valley Health Department to place students in underserved areas in the Wasatch Front and to work with students during their final semester in their Capstone preceptorship.
May 25, Professor Patricia Murphy, CNM, DrPH, FACNM received one of midwifery’s most prestigious honors when she was announced as a recipient of the 2011 Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award from the American College of Nursing Midwives (ACNM) Foundation, Inc. Murphy and fellow recipient Shirley Okrent, CNM, FACNM were honored with the award, which recognizes exceptional leadership in pioneering the midwifery profession, during the American College of Nurse-Midwives 56th Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Antonio, Texas.

“Patricia Murphy is a renowned midwifery researcher, educator, and journalist whose achievements demonstrate her expertise in reproductive health and contraception,” said ACNM Foundation President Jan Kriebs, CNM, FACNM. “I am thrilled to honor [her] achievements with the Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award.”

The award took Murphy, who learned she had been selected only as her name was announced, by surprise. “To be honored as an ‘unsung hero’ for contributions to the profession and to the midwives who have meant so much to me over my three-decade career is both exciting and humbling,” she said. “That it is for my work in family planning and reproductive health is an acknowledgment of the many ways midwives contribute to women's health, even if they are no longer attending births. I am grateful that such contributions are recognized.”

As the holder of the Annette Poulson Cumming Presidential Endowed Chair in Women's and Reproductive Health, Murphy has had a significant impact on the inclusion of contraception in midwifery education. She has authored numerous publications and is a peer reviewer for several health journals, has been a principal or co-investigator on numerous studies of contraception and has been a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health for over 20 years. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

“That it is the Dorothea Lang award is very special,” added Murphy. “Dorothea was my first employer as a newly graduated midwife, and my early mentor who set the expectation for giving back to one’s profession.”
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**Publications**


Gurtcheff SE, Turok DK, Stoddard G, Murphy, PA., Gibson M, Jones KP. Lactogenesis after early postpartum use of the contraceptive implant: a randomized controlled trial. Obstet Gynecol 2011; 117(5):1114-1122

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**Presentations**


Brooke, P., “Trustee Responsibilities.” Western Regional Trustee Symposium, June 8-10, 2011, Omaha, NE.


Caserta, M., “Aging Well – A Reachable Goal.” Keynote Address, Annual Conference of the Utah Association of Educational Office Professionals, UT, March 12, 2011, Salt Lake City, UT.

Caserta, M., “Healthy Aging.” Invited presentation, California State University, San Bernardino, June 2, 2011.

Clark, L., “Improving the Health of Persons with Disabilities through Research and Practice.” Symposium Overview. In L. Clark (Symposium Organizer), presented at the Annual Western Institute of Nursing Conference, April 2011, Las Vegas, NV.


Deneris, A., “Midlife Women's Health Assessment Clinic.” Podium presentation, American College of Nurse Midwives, May 27, 2011, San Antonio, TX.


Eldredge, A., Clark, L., “Resilience among parents of young adults with intellectual disabilities.” Poster presentation, Western Institute of Nursing Conference, April 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

Jensen, P.K., “In-Office Keys to Success: Medical Management of Erectile Dysfunction.”
Coloplast Men’s Health Strategic Direction Series, March 2011, Minneapolis, MN.

Jensen, P.K., “What Do We Expect from Today’s Students as They Apply to Graduate Programs?” American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals 2011 Conference, April 2011, Salt Lake City, UT.


Murphy, PA., Kern S., Bellows BK., “Effects of St. John’s Wort on the Pharmacokinetics of Levonorgestrel in Emergency Contraceptive (EC) Dosing.” Western Institute of Nursing, April 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

Penney, D. S., “Somali refugees' descriptions of mental illness.” Poster presentation Western Institute of Nursing, April 12-16, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.


Pepper, G., “Do You Doodle?” Sigma Theta Tau Geriatric Nursing Leadership Academy, February 2011, Scottsdale, AZ.


Young J., Oderda L., Asche C., Pepper G.A., “Antipsychotic Medications and Risk of Falls Leading to Hip Fractures in Older Adults.” Poster presented at the University of Utah Center on Aging Research Retreat, February 2011. Salt Lake City, UT.

### Awards and Recognitions

**Baraki, K., Hanberg, A., and Kelly, D.**, received the Robert E. Fox Award for Transforming Clinical Instruction.

**Bergstrom, L.**, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Nurse-Midwives at the annual meeting, May 2011, San Antonio, TX.

**Brooke, P.**, received the Bennion Center Continuous Service Award.

**Doig, A.**, selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar.

**Grant, M.J.**, selected to become a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.


**McCance, K.**, 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Utah College of Nursing, May 2011.

**Mooney, K.**, Received the University of Utah’s Distinguished Mentor Award in April 2011. The award recognizes University of Utah faculty who effectively guide graduate students and postdoctoral scholars throughout their professional training.

**Morse, J.**, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Urbana, IL.


**Roberts, L.,** Gulliver, B., Fisher, J. and **Cloyes, K.**, are recipients of the Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health Best Article Award given annually. The awards were presented May 25, 2011 at the American College of Nurse Midwives 56th annual Meeting and Exposition, San Antonio, TX.

### Grants

**Chase-Cantarini, S., Krahulec, M., & Madden, C.**, University of Utah Group Teaching Grant ($3200) for Developing a Standardized Patient Program in Clinical Simulation. (Project Dates: Fall 2011 – Spring 2012.)

**Linder, L.**, St. Baldrick’s Foundation Supportive Care Research Grant ($45,063) to develop a tool that will give adolescents with cancer a means to communicate the symptoms they are experiencing from their own unique perspective. (Project Dates: July 11, 2011 - June 30, 2012.)

**Sward, K.**, R21 awarded from NICHD ($274,979).

1R21HD061870-01A2 Translating an Adult Ventilator Computer Protocol to Pediatric Critical Care. Principal Investigators are Sward and Christopher Newth, MD, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. This study is being conducted within the NICHD Collaborative Pediatric Critical Care Research Network and evaluates the changes that are needed in a computer protocol for mechanical ventilation management to make the protocol acceptable for use in pediatric ICU. (Project Dates: March 2011 to Feb 2013.)
August - October 2011
Calendar Highlights

Monday, August 15 - Tuesday, August 16

Fall Retreat
CON 2400
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 19

RN to BS Program Orientation
CON 2300
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 22

Fall Semester 2011 Begins

Monday, August 22 - Friday, August 26

PhD Program New Student Orientation
Contact Melissa Pederson (801) 585-1671

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday, No Classes

Friday, September 23

College Council
CON 2300
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

Lamp of Learning
Auditorium, Aline Wilmot Skaggs Biology Building
6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 21

Alumni Day!
CON
Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Student Advisory Committee 5K
Jon M. Huntsman Center
Registration at 7:00 a.m.