



# College of Nursing

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## Dear College of Nursing Alumni and Friends,

The career accomplishments of our honorees at the recent 80th anniversary gala exemplify the outstanding faculty, graduates and partners of the College of Nursing. What these honorees and our SDSU College of Nursing leaders have accomplished has been achieved through risk-taking, vision, passion and care.

In the next 80 years, our vision is to prepare nationally recognized leaders across graduate and undergraduate education programs. Our inspired students will be educated in ways that assure high quality and evidence-based health promotion and health care, delivered through teamwork and brimming with innovation. Our research programs and partnerships will grow and be sustained over time. These long-term partnerships are essential to improving health and quality of life for rural and underserved populations. When we work in true partnership, priorities are mutual, solutions are co-created and health inequities are improved. We will continue to focus on the populations of people whose voices are unheard and whose lives are fragile due to the complex interplay of biological, social, behavioral, emotional, environmental and system-level factors.

All people deserve care that is centered on their unique needs and not what is most convenient or profitable for the health professionals involved in their care. The Affordable Care Act of 2010 outlines some new health-care structures and resulting opportunities for new roles. We will prepare graduates who play a central role in transforming the health-care system to create a more accessible, high-quality and value-driven environment. In order to seize this opportunity, the limitations of outdated practice regulations and health policies must be lifted, most notably for advanced practice registered nurses. Our faculty and graduates need to lead. They need to serve on boards and run for elected office. The time is now.

Our educational and research priorities will focus on prevention, early detection, chronic care management and quality of life. Registered nurses, advanced practice nurses and nurse scientists will work in teams to lead innovations that reduce health risks, assure that there are means and access to detecting health conditions early, and advance the science of quality, accessible and equitable care that truly meets population health needs while improving person-centered decision making and care.

Our graduates will keep thinking imaginatively and critically. We will keep educating, innovating and collaborating. We will prepare our graduates to ask the right questions. This bold vision will be realized with the support of our alumni and friends who inspire us with their excellence, their generosity and their shared vision. As our scholarship base, endowed chairs and professorships, research centers and Native American Nursing Education centers grow with the support of our alumni and friends, we will serve compassionately as we shape the future of nursing at South Dakota State University and prepare graduates who improve health and quality of life across the state, the region, the nation and the world!

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Fahrenwald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nancy Fahrenwald, Ph.D., RN, APHN-BC, FAAN  
Dean and Professor  
SDSU College of Nursing (BS, '83)

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## Cover photo:

The College of Nursing celebrated its 80th anniversary during the 2014-15 academic year. In addition to one of the first graduating classes, other groups of nursing students are shown from the past 80 years. To learn more about the gala and all of the activities, start on page 2.

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# Gala

*The College of Nursing's 80th anniversary gala recognized the impact South Dakota State has made on the field of nursing and health care since it started to provide the fundamentals—and much more—in health education in 1935.*

*Those fundamentals provided a basis of knowledge that helped countless graduates become nursing leaders and will continue to do so in the future.*

*State graduates have significantly impacted clinical practice, research, service to society and health system leadership as well as giving back to grow or develop the college itself.*

*The legacy of education, scholarship and service beats at the very heart of the College of Nursing.*





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1 Dean Nancy Fahrenwald addresses the attendees while associate dean Linda Herrick looks on.

2 From left, Doug Goodale, Gene Goodale, JoAnn Goodale, Stacey Tait-Goodale and Julia Goodale gather to recognize JoAnn's honor.

3 Jim Woster was the event's master of ceremonies.

4 One of the honorees, Erica DeBoer, center, and guests.

5 Diane and Col. Evan Renz (left) Dean Fahrenwald and Carl Fahrenwald (right) talk about the gala.

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1935 **80<sup>th</sup>** 2015  
ANNIVERSARY  
COLLEGE OF NURSING

# Gala





1 An 80th Gala place setting.

2 Dean Fahrenwald, right, and honoree Roberta Olson.

3 President and Marcia Chicoine.

4 Linda Kropenske, left, enjoys a laugh with honoree JoEllen Koerner.

5 Historical nursing uniforms were on display.

6 Luana Johnson, left, Judy Blauwet, center, and honoree Courtney Ehlers, right, talk about the event.

7 Roxie Foster, left, and Karen Billars Heusinkvled were among the honorees.

1900s



An early nursing class.

1952

Leaders in the nursing profession recognized that preparation of RNs should occur in a university setting with the arts and science courses foundational to the professional nursing courses.

1958



Nursing care planning conference.

Courses in arts and science were initiated for the completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing for those who were RNs from diploma programs.

1935



1940s

The first standard cohort graduates with a B.S. in nursing.

The College of Nursing adopted the use of the State Seal as its official nursing pin. All undergraduates receive this unique pin at the end of their program of study.

1956



1960s



## 1961



State had a nursery school and the college provided various clinical activities.



## 1969

A Title VIII Nurse Training Act grant, with the help of a Title I grant and state dollars, provided funds for the college's home, Wagner Hall.

The Phi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International starts at SDSU. The Phi chapter is the 19th organized chapter in the USA.

## 1961

South Dakota State College became South Dakota State University.

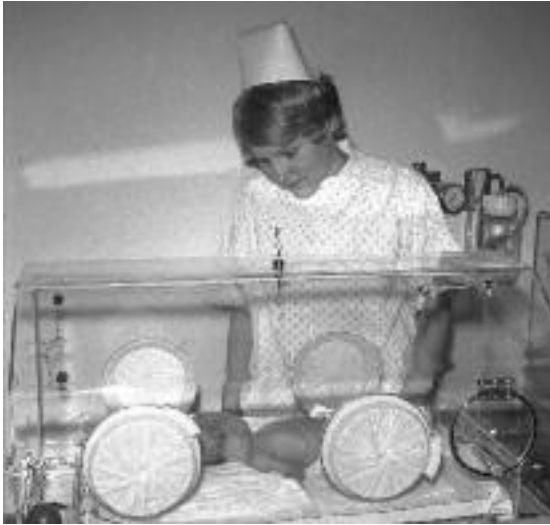
The College of Nursing received accreditation through the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission.

## 1964

The organizational structure of the College of Nursing consisted of the Department of Nursing, Department of Health Science and Department of Continuing Education.

## 1966

1971



A student views newborns at the Brookings Hospital.

1980s



1995



Mary Adams

The Deans' Distinguished Lecture commences. Mary Adams, who served as the college's interim dean, conceptualized the series.

Rapid City site opened with RN upward mobility classes.

1977

A Master of Science in nursing was initiated to prepare family nurse practitioners, nurse educators, nurse administrators and clinical nurse specialists.

1979

First cohort of M.S. students graduate.

1981

Rapid City site added baccalaureate and master's classes.

1989

## 2004



A Native American nursing education advisory board meeting in Pierre showed the collaboration between South Dakota State and various entities. Pictured are: front row, from left, Janet Lord, Susan Rosen, Tom Stenvig and Tish Smyer, all of SDSU; and LaVerne Parker, Indian Health Service. Back row, from left, Colleen Mann, SDSU; Joan Nelson, Oglala Lakota College; Priscilla Hovland, Flandreau Indian School; Lori Hendrickx, Doris Fiedler and Barbara Hobbs, all of SDSU; and Leonard Little Finger, Lakota Sioux elder.

## 2005



Nursing students will soon get their doctoral hoods for real after the Board of Regents approved the doctoral program in nursing. Dean Roberta Olson, left, and Janet Lord, head of undergraduate nursing, re-enact the ceremony for Tish Smyer, assistant department head in undergraduate nursing. The Ph.D. program prepares candidates as nurse scientists, who will serve as researchers, faculty members and health-care administrators.



The Sioux Falls campus was added for the new accelerated undergraduate option.

## 2002

The Clinical Nurse Leader role preparation specialty was added to the master's degree program.

## 2005

## 2007



SimMan, a state-of-the-art mannequin that allows nursing students to practice realistic patient care, was officially unveiled. Presenting SimMan in the Nursing Simulation Laboratory are: from left, Didem Koroglu, director of marketing and public relations at Brookings Health System; nursing students Tiffany Vermeer, Heidi Heinen and Kelli Bajema; Jan Clites, director of nursing at Brookings Health System; and Dean Roberta Olson.

## 2009



Wokunze scholar Robbie Ryan receives her star quilt from Dean Roberta Olson, left, and adviser Colleen Mann in Rapid City. Ryan and classmate Lema Shouldis were the last students to receive a degree under the Wokunze program, which was a Native American nursing education program. They also were in the first group of West River students to graduate after fall semester.



Barbara Condon was the college's first Ph.D. graduate

## 2008

The DNP program launched.

## 2009

## 2009



The initial class of master's degree students to pursue the doctor of nursing practice degree are: front row, from left, Jo Gibson and Kathy Zambo; second row, Jeanne Kleinhesselink and Kathy Schweitzer; third row, Bonnie Petersen and Deb Hickman; fourth row, Nancy Sarver and Michelle Van Wyhe; and fifth row, Laura Withorne-Maloney.

## 2015



Linda Herrick presents a white coat. The ceremony was initiated to welcome new nursing students to the major.

## 2010

First cohort of DNP students graduate. Seven students comprised the graduating class.

The Aberdeen site, located at Northern State University, was started to accommodate another cohort for the accelerated undergraduate option.

## 2012



West River Nursing's first cohort of DNP students graduate. They are: front row, from left, Kimberly A. Mitzel-Oberloh; Cynthia A. Stock; and Laura M. Schirber; back row, from left, Patricia Shaver, faculty; Robin Peterson-Lund, faculty; Jean M. Cunningham; Audrey J. Bickerdyke; Ericka L. Privitt; Shirley Roddy, faculty; and Janice Conlee, faculty.

## 2015



# The first four-year class

*Nursing pioneers recall their training from a half-century ago*

*NOTE: This article originally appeared in a 2006 edition of the College of Nursing publication.*

**F**ifty years ago, 13 nursing students completed their schooling as the first four-year baccalaureate class at South Dakota State.

The Department of Nursing was established within the Division of Pharmacy in 1935 and remained within pharmacy until 1956, when it became an autonomous Division of Nursing. The move was taken in response to the trend of advancing nursing within the mainstream of higher education.

The 1955 and 1956 student nurses from South Dakota State as well as from Sioux Valley Hospital and Mount Marty College gather for a group photo at the State Mental Hospital in Yankton where the students did their psychiatric clinical. The class of '56 members include, front row, fourth from left, Carol (Sundstrom) Lovdahl; fifth, Marilyn (Dahl) Brose; and seventh, Lorraine (McKnight) May. Row two, fourth from left, Joanne (Bunde) Peterson; and eighth, Gretchen (Foster) Hatfield. Third row, far left, JoAnn (Green) Rheiner; and second, Beverly (Dunn) Spencer. Fourth row, far left, Leanne (Hammer) Hundley. Fifth row, second from left, Marjorie (Nelson) Desmond; and third, Carol (Scharffenberg) Jonas.

The standard baccalaureate program was established with a full curriculum in 1952 with 20 students.

This was a time when most nurses were educated in hospitals. "There were not a lot of degreed nurses at that time," said Carol (Sundstrom) Lovdahl. "I had a sister who was a three-year nurse who graduated from Sioux Valley Hospital [in Sioux Falls].

"She recommended that I go to a place that had a four-year program, that it was going to be the thing of the future."

So the Beresford student enrolled at State. Four years later she had her sheepskin and was working at the Madison hospital. Lovdahl also would work at a city/county health department in Colorado Springs, spend four years as a part-time nurse educator in Little Falls, Minnesota, and spend 20 years with the Little Falls school system teaching a medical careers class and working as the school nurse coordinator.

"My degree and education served me well. I was able to get into some nice jobs," Lovdahl said.

For Lorraine (McKnight) May, the daughter of the Brookings power-plant operator, taking nursing classes at State was a natural.

"I would see the nurses in the local clinic swishing around in their highly starched uniforms, and I always wanted to be a nurse. I had my appendix out at age 13. I liked the nurses swishing around in their highly starched uniforms and their caps," May, now of Tempe, Arizona, recalled.

"It was a new program. I enjoyed going to the different hospitals and working there. We had good training," said May, who was an associate professor in obstetrics at South Dakota State for her first two years after graduation and then worked in doctors' offices.

"Our four-year program was closer to five because we went during the summer. We went year-round."



Marge (Nelson) Desmond



Lorraine May



Gretchen (Foster) Hatfield



Dean Roberta Olson, left, joins with Carol (Sundstrom) Lovdahl at the university's 50-Year Club gathering at the Performing Arts Center on campus in June 2006. Lovdahl was one of 13 graduates of State's first four-year baccalaureate degree in nursing.

### Education on the road

The first two years of the baccalaureate program was on campus, then learning occurred at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls as well as Omaha, Minneapolis and various short-term clinical rotations elsewhere.

Most of the off-campus schooling was at Sioux Valley. Pediatrics was a summer spent in Omaha. There was a mental health rotation in Yankton during the summer between their freshman and sophomore years. The public health clinical location varied.

While at the various locations, students would live in nursing dorms that were a part of the hospital campus. May remembers an underground tunnel that nursing students took during the winter to reach Sioux Valley Hospital.

Studying together, rooming together and serving with one another on hospital floors created a close-knit bunch, May says.

They would go to the movies or out to eat, but social activities were not the mainstay of their lives. "We didn't really have a lot of time for fun. In Sioux Falls ... we slept most of the time [during free time] because we really worked," May recalled.

### Like a spouse with that coffee?

Marjorie (Nelson) Desmond remembers that before the nurses began their schooling in Sioux Falls, having coffee at the Jungle in Pugsley Student Union was a favorite activity. In fact, it was at one of those wooden tables there that Desmond met her husband, William.

"He used to be a waiter at the Jungle. He just saw me and it was love at first sight," Desmond said.

They were both sophomores then. The couple married right after college and Marjorie followed her husband through a 25-year career in the U.S. Air Force. They retired in Prattville, Alabama, where William was in the auto racing industry after leaving the military.

Desmond never did practice nursing, but she enjoyed the close bonds she had with fellow nursing students. "We were like a little sorority."

### Remembering Esther Erickson

Jeanne (Rush) Cutschall remembers that the classes were small and "very personal. Esther Erickson was the head of nursing. She was a teacher who became a nurse and then became a nurse educator. She was very important to the college at the time.

"She used to invite us all over individually to her house for dinners. That was a nice memory. It was a nice time for me."

Lovdahl remembers Erickson as a "very personable person."

Cutschall says Erickson "was like a friend. She was very excited about nursing. She loved nursing. She had some ideas that were probably ahead of her time. At the time, nurses had a hard time establishing themselves as separate from doctors and not working for doctors."

But Erickson taught, "We do nursing-care plans and doctors prescribe orders," which was then considered a radical thought, Cutschall said.

### Long hours, lasting memories

The students' schedule could also be considered radical, at least by today's standards.

"Back then, we were like slave labor," Desmond said of the nurses' off-campus training. "We worked from 7 a.m. to 12:30 [at Sioux Valley], would go to class, and would be back at 4. From 4 to 7, we would wash patients, give them their trays, get them back in bed, and check their vital signs."

The students lived in the nurses' home and ate at the hospital. Classes also were conducted at Sioux Valley Hospital.

Gretchen (Foster) Hatfield holds "wonderful" memories from being part of the first four-year baccalaureate class at South Dakota State. But she does agree, "We were in school all the time" with only a two-week summer break. "There wasn't a lot of time for fun."

But while doing her pediatrics clinical in Omaha, she met her future husband, Warren Hatfield. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in June with a trip to Hawaii.

Now there's time for fun.

*Dave Graves*

### The first graduates

The South Dakota State nursing program graduated thirteen members in the first four-year class. The members are:

- Joanne (Bunde) Peterson
- Delores Dawley
- Beverly (Dunn) Spencer
- Delores (Ehrenberg) Kruger
- Gretchen (Foster) Hatfield
- JoAnn (Green) Rheiner
- Leanne (Hammer) Hundley
- Carol (Johnson) Wahl
- Lorraine (McKnight) May
- Marjorie (Nelson) Desmond
- Jeanne (Rush) Cutschall
- Carol (Scharffenberg) Jonas
- Carol (Sundstrom) Lovdahl

# Gala Honorees



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*The South Dakota State University College of Nursing honored 30 individuals at its 80th anniversary gala April 10 in the University Student Union's Volstorff Ballroom.*

*Fifteen individuals received awards for their exemplary contributions to nursing and health care, while 15 others were honored and received awards for their prestigious careers and prior recognition as SDSU Distinguished Alumni from the College of Nursing. Not all of the honorees were available to attend.*

*"It is an honor to be able to recognize these individuals who have significantly impacted clinical practice, research, service to society, health system leadership, and growth and development of the College of Nursing," said Nancy Fahrenwald, dean of the college.*



## COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY WORK

FOR WORK WITH UNDERSERVED OR IMPOVERISHED POPULATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND BEYOND

### DOROTHY BROWN, B.S., RN



Dorothy “Dodie” Brown earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1965. Throughout her career, Brown focused largely on community health, home health care and hospice care.

Beginning in 1979, Brown worked as the administrator for the Pennington County Home Health Agency. She was instrumental in transferring the home health program from the Pennington County Home Health Agency to Rapid City Regional Hospital in 1983. In 1984, Brown developed the hospice program at Rapid City Regional Hospital and became the founding director for the Hospice of the Hills and the director of the Home Care Department—this hospice program was the first Medicare-certified hospice in South Dakota. She served in this role until retiring in 2008. Brown also played an integral role in the development and 2007 opening of the Auxiliary Hospice House at Rapid City Regional Hospital. As an advocate for home care and hospice care, Brown served in numerous associations and was a founding member of both the South Dakota Home Health Association and the South Dakota Hospice Organization. Brown served as both the regional director and the vice president for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice. Among other awards, Brown received the inaugural Home Care Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations—Council on Home Care in 2009 and is a member of the 2015 class of the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Brown continues to volunteer for the hospice program and is a trusted resource on home care and hospice care.

### KENDRA LONE ELK, B.S., RN



Kendra Lone Elk earned an associate degree in business administration from the Oglala Lakota College in 1993, and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1995. As a public health nurse and

a tribal health-care leader, Lone Elk has nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the health and well-being of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Lone Elk concentrated on a career as a public health nurse with Indian Health Service and, after 15 years, became a public health nurse for the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Lone Elk currently works as the Oglala Sioux Tribal Health Administrator and has been instrumental in leading the initiative to create an accredited home health program for the tribe. Lone Elk has dedicated her career to the health and quality of life for individuals and families who live on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

### JAMES SIDERAS, M.S., RN, MIFireE, CFO, CEMSO



James Sideras attended SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1997 and a Master of Science degree as a clinical nurse specialist in 2004. Sideras began his career as a staff nurse and

soon focused his efforts as a staff nurse in a critical care burn unit. Following these staff nurse experiences, Sideras became the division chief of Emergency Medical Services for Sioux Falls Fire Rescue. In 2011, Sideras was promoted to fire chief of

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue. He continues to serve in this role, providing a clear vision for the safety of Sioux Falls residents. During his time with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue, Sideras has implemented numerous initiatives focused on public safety, including developing a triage training program adopted statewide, developing a tactical medic program for Sioux Falls, and leading efforts to place more than 1,400 automated external defibrillators in schools, churches, public buildings and businesses throughout the region. He has spoken at medical conferences around the world, including the Chinese National Earthquake Response Agency. Sideras previously served as the president of the South Dakota Fire Chiefs Association and also served as a commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard Medical Command.

### THOMAS STENVIG, RN, Ph.D., MPH, NEA-BC



Thomas Stenvig earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wayne State University in 1971, a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawaii in 1976, a Master of Science

degree in nursing from South Dakota State University in 1991, and a doctorate in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001. Throughout his career, Stenvig has held positions within the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, the United States Public Health Service and Indian Health Service. He has been a faculty member within the College of Nursing since 2001. Stenvig is a leader in the profession, serving in various capacities within the South Dakota Nurses Association, the South Dakota Nurses Foundation and the American Nurses

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Association. He continues to engage both undergraduate and graduate students as active members of the community, leading community health clinical courses focused on refugee resettlement and readjustment and serving as project director for the “Wokunze Project—Baccalaureate Education for American Indians,” a grant funded by Indian Health Service focused on fostering Native American student retention, success and progression into advanced nursing degrees. Among other awards, Stenvig received the American Nurses Association Distinguished Member Award in 2010 and was inducted into the South Dakota Nurses Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

## HELEN ZEBARTH, B.S., M.Ed., FCN



Helen Zebarth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from South Dakota State in 1962 and a Master of Education degree in counseling from Boston University in 1977. She also earned a certification as a college health nurse in 2004. Zebarth worked as an instructor at the SDSU College of Nursing from 1968-1971. She has been a faculty member at Shenandoah University since 1979 and also worked as the director of the Wilkins

Wellness Center from 1987 until 2004. As director of the Wilkins Wellness Center, she focused her efforts on the mental health and physical health needs of students within the university. In 1981, Zebarth founded the Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester, Virginia, and, in 1985, she founded the critical incident stress debriefing team to debrief first responders after serious incidents in the region. Zebarth has been a parish nurse at her church for 18 years. She continues to teach courses at Shenandoah University, including courses in community health and grief and bereavement.

## IMPACT ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND ITS PROGRAMS

## BARBARA GODDARD, Ph.D., CNM



Barbara Goddard earned a nursing diploma from St. John’s School of Nursing in Huron in 1962. She added a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1966, a Master of Science degree in maternal-newborn health nursing and a certificate of nurse-midwifery from Yale University in 1968, and a doctorate in nursing with a minor in sociology from the University of Arizona in 1992. Her career included patient-care positions, leadership positions, consultant positions and teaching positions. Goddard spent 14 years as a faculty member with the SDSU College of Nursing, where she developed and taught numerous graduate courses, coordinated clinical sites for parent-child and family nurse practitioner graduate students, served on and chaired multiple College of Nursing committees, secured grant funding and

committed her time and effort to serve as a mentor to many students. Goddard, who died in 1996, was inducted into the South Dakota Nurses Association Hall of Fame in 2011.

## MARGARET HEGGE, Ed.D., RN, FAAN



Margaret Hegge earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1969, a Master of Education degree in guidance and counseling from SDSU in 1971, a doctorate of education in 1982, and a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1983. She spent 44 years with the SDSU College of Nursing, beginning as an instructor and retiring as a distinguished professor. During this time, Hegge served as either project director or project evaluator on more than \$5.4 million of national training grants received to develop and enhance graduate nursing

programs. She also served as project director for the South Dakota Board of Nursing’s Colleagues in Caring grant, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address the state’s current and projected nursing workforce needs. She has been recognized as a Florence Nightingale Scholar and has given more than 50 presentations on the topic across the country, as well as published national publications about her impact on the profession. Hegge has dedicated great effort to engaging in the work of the South Dakota Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. She chaired the American Nurses Association national steering committee to revise the ANA Code of Ethics, published in 2015. She received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Nurses Association in 2006, the Pioneer in Nursing Award from the South Dakota Nurses Association in 2011 and was inducted as a Fellow into the Academy of Nursing in 2012.

**LOIS TSCHETTER, Ed.D., RN, IBCLC, CNE**



Lois Tschetter attended SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1974 and a Master of Science degree in nursing in 1985. Tschetter earned a doctorate of education from the University of South Dakota in 2001. She has been with the

College of Nursing since 1983 and presently serves as assistant dean for undergraduate nursing. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Tschetter has served as project director on several grants focused on enhancing undergraduate nursing education, including the \$1.1 million Health Resources and Services Administration grant on simulation information technology enhancement to strengthen quality and delivery of rural nursing education. She has been an active member of the American Nurses Association and the South Dakota

Nurses Association since 1974. Tschetter has focused her clinical interests and service activities on promoting breast-feeding through community education and direct support to new mothers since 1997. She received the South Dakota Nurses Association's Nurse Educator award in 2007, the SDSU College of Nursing Outstanding Researcher award in 2013, and the 2014 South Dakota Nurses Association District Nurse of the Year.

## LEADERSHIP IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

**DARCY SHERMAN JUSTICE, M.S., RN, NE-BC**



Darcy Sherman Justice earned an associate degree in nursing from Presentation College in 1973, a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing through the RN Upward Mobility program at SDSU in 1987, and a Master of Science degree in health services administration in 1995. Sherman Justice has been the director of nursing integration at Avera McKennan Hospital since 2004 and held roles related to nursing staff development and continuing education in clinical practice prior to that. Sherman Justice is an advocate for RN education in the state and is influential in facilitating excellence in nursing care through relevant clinical placements for area schools of nursing. In relation to her responsibilities at Avera McKennan, Sherman Justice serves on the SDSU College of Nursing Dean's Advisory Council. She serves in similar positions on the advisory boards for schools of nursing at the University of South Dakota, Dakota Wesleyan and the University of Sioux Falls. Sherman Justice received the South Dakota Nurses Association Joy of Nursing award in 2009, the District 10 Nurse of the Year in 2010 and the Avera Friend of Nursing Award in 2012. She has been active in many nursing organizations and served two terms as the South Dakota Nurses Association president.

**KRIS GASTER, RN, M.S., CS, CNS**



Kris Gaster attended SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1982 and a Master of Science degree in nursing as a clinical nurse specialist in 1991. She became a certified nurse practitioner in 1994. Gaster began her career as an oncology RN and currently holds the position of assistant vice president of outpatient cancer services at the Avera Cancer Institute-Sioux Falls. Gaster was invaluable in leading the initiative to establish South Dakota's bone marrow transplant program and was an integral part of the team that planned the Avera Cancer Institute-Prairie Center. She has focused her efforts on quality, comprehensive cancer care that spans the spectrum of specialty services. Gaster previously served as the president of the Sioux Falls Area Oncology Nursing Society and served as a chair for the South Dakota American Cancer Society.

career, DeBoer has spent the majority of her time in the adult critical care setting in varying roles as crisis RN, clinical care coordinator, clinical educator and clinical nurse leader. DeBoer currently serves on the clinical informatics team at Sanford, managing hospital-based and enterprise projects. In conjunction with the clinical informatics role, she is dedicated to the implementation of the evidence-based practice projects to improve patient care and efficiencies in RN workflows. DeBoer has served as a temporary faculty member for the SDSU College of Nursing and the University of Sioux Falls School of Nursing. Her commitment to the profession is exemplified through her continued development of her own skills through certifications and through her willingness to assist in educating both students and other practicing nurses. She is an active member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, the Clinical Nurse Leader Association and serves on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing CNC Board. She is a clinical nurse leader ambassador and member of the Siouxland American Association of Critical Care Nurses. DeBoer was named the 2013 Sanford Patricia VanWyhe Nurse of the Year.

**ERICA DEBOER, M.A., CCRN, CNL**



Erica DeBoer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1997 and a Master of Arts degree in nursing as a clinical nurse leader from Augustana College in 2010. During her

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## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP

FOR SERVICE IN CLINICAL INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION

### **KAREN BILLARS HEUSINKVELD, DrPH, RN, FAAN**



Karen Billars Heusinkveld earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1967, a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa in 1970 and a doctorate of public health from the University of Texas

Health Science Center School of Public Health in 1980. Throughout her career, Heusinkveld's scholarship and service has focused on advancing the science of nursing care for cancer patients. Heusinkveld was awarded the University of Texas Chancellors Award for Excellence in Teaching and was selected into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers in 1996. In 1998, Heusinkveld was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing. She was named Professor Emerita at University of Texas at Arlington in 2005. She has published articles and book chapters and presented numerous papers on cancer nursing and health-care policy throughout her career. She continues to serve as an advocate for cancer education and research. Heusinkveld has been an active member of the Oncology Nursing Society,

the American Cancer Society and the Texas Cancer Council. She chaired the Oncology Nursing Society Committee that wrote and implemented the first National Oncology Nursing Certification exam. She also chaired the American Cancer Society Committee that initiated and implemented the National ACS Nursing Professorship. She received the American Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 and the American Cancer Society Federal Advocacy Achievement Award in 2014. Heusinkveld was a founding member and first chair for the Texas Nurses Foundation Nursing Oncology Education Program, which offers evidence-based cancer and nursing care continuing education for nurses at no charge.

### **JOAN PETERSON KUB, Ph.D., M.A., PHCNS-BC**



Joan Peterson Kub earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1973, a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Maryland in 1976, a doctor of philosophy degree from the Johns Hopkins

University's Bloomberg School of Public Health in 1992, and a master's degree in theology in 2008. She is certified as a public/community health nurse specialist. Kub has been a faculty member at Johns Hopkins University since 1986 and is currently an associate professor in the School of Nursing, with joint appointments in the JHU School of Medicine and the Bloomberg School of Public Health. She played an integral role in the development of the Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Public Health joint degree program at John Hopkins in the early 1990s and more recently assisted in designing a unique curriculum that enables students to focus on a MSN in public health nursing with a midwifery certificate. Her commitment to teaching and scholarship is evidenced by her receipt of the Johns Hopkins Alumnae Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005 and the Maryland Nursing Association Outstanding Mentor Award in 2006. Her research focuses on behavioral health, ethics and public health nursing interventions with vulnerable populations across the life span. Kub was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurses in 2014.

## PIONEER IN NURSING

PIONEER WHO HAS MENTORED AND HELPED IMPROVE THE PROFESSION

### **LOLITA BARTLING, M.S., BSNE, RN**



Lolita Bartling graduated from the Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing in 1950, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from South Dakota State in 1951 and a Master of Science degree in nursing from

the University of Iowa in 1965. She then earned a Master of Arts degree in nursing from the University of Iowa in 1965. Bartling began her career providing psychiatric care at the Yankton State Hospital and continued her career at the Brookings Hospital. After residing in Texas for several years, she returned to Brookings to become the director of nursing at the newly built Brookings Hospital. During this time, she also taught as an instructor in the College of

Nursing. Bartling served as a school nurse while teaching high school health courses and mentoring the Future Nurses of America Club at the Charleston High School in Charleston, Illinois. Bartling died in 1976. Throughout her lifetime, Bartling was an advocate for lifelong education and for women obtaining advanced education.

## EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

PRESENTED TO SOMEONE WITH 10 YEARS OF FULL-TIME SERVICE OR LESS IN THE PROFESSION FOR SERVICE, DEDICATION, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM.

### COURTNEY EHLERS, M.S., RN, CPN



Courtney Ehlers earned Bachelor of Science degrees in both chemistry and microbiology-infectious disease at SDSU in 2002 and added a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from State in

2005 through the accelerated nursing program. Ehlers, who earned a Master of Science degree in nursing from South Dakota State in 2014, began her career as a registered nurse in the pediatrics unit at Avera and was promoted to the role of resource nurse in the pediatric unit. In 2010, after only five years as a nurse, Ehlers was promoted into the role of manager of the pediatric/PICU unit. She now works as the

director of Avera's Women & Children's Services, where she is focused on using her leadership skills for clinical excellence. As an emerging professional in the field of nursing, she demonstrates her growing commitment to the profession through efforts to improve patient outcomes and as an exemplary mentor for others in the profession.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

THE INDIVIDUAL HAS ACHIEVED A LEVEL OF DISTINCTION FROM THE SDSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### SISTER DESIDERIA HIRSCH, MSNE, RN



Sister M. Desideria Hirsch graduated from the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Yankton in 1936 and was in the first class to graduate from Mount Marty Junior College in 1937. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in

nursing from SDSU in 1938 and a Master of Science degree as a nurse educator from Saint Louis University in 1949. Sister Hirsch served as both director and the first full-time instructor at the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing from 1938-1964 until the program was taken over by Mount Marty. Sister Hirsch, who was an integral part of that transition, taught at both Mount Marty College and the St. John's McNamara School of Nursing in Rapid City. During World War II, Sister Hirsch served in the Red Cross Nurse Aid Program and served as an instructor for the Red Cross Gray Lady service. She was a member of the South Dakota Board of Nursing and the South Dakota Nurses Association. Sister Hirsch was named South Dakota Nurses Association Nurse of the Year in 1961 and was

recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1968. She died in 1989.

### BARBARA REDMAN, Ph.D., RN, FAAN



Barbara Redman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1958, a Master of Education degree in nursing education from the University of Minnesota in 1959, and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Minnesota in 1964. She also holds honorary doctorates from Georgetown University and the University of Colorado, and has held fellowships at Georgetown University—Kennedy Institute of Ethics and at Harvard Medical School. Redman served as a staff nurse at the Brookings Municipal Hospital before going on to serve as an instructor, assistant professor and associate professor. She has since held deanships at the University of Colorado, the University of Connecticut and Wayne State University. She served as the executive director for the American Association of College of Nursing from 1983-1989. She also served as executive director for the American Nurses

Association from 1989-1993. Redman was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in 1978 and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1975.

### MAXINE WILCOX, RN, BSNE, FNP



Maxine Wilcox earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1954 and obtained advanced degrees in physical therapy in 1970 and as a family nurse practitioner in 1974. Wilcox established medical clinics in the Philippines in the 1960s, and nationally for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Indian Health Service during her career. In 1976, Wilcox was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest honor awarded in peacetime by the U.S. government—only the third woman to receive this award. She was also named honorary admiral of the Texas Navy. Wilcox retired as a commander from the U.S. Public Health Service—Coast Guard in 1980. Wilcox was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1982.

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## **DONNA ARLTON, Ed.D., MSN, RN**



Donna Arlton earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from South Dakota State in 1957, a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Colorado in 1967 and a doctorate of education from the University of Illinois in 1974. Arlton began her career as an RN in hospitals in South Dakota and Colorado and spent four years as a nurse in Tachikawa, Japan. Arlton has made an impact on higher education through roles as chair of the Department of Nursing and Health Care Management at Metropolitan State, dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Northern Colorado, dean of the College of Health and Human Services at the University of Northern Colorado and vice president for academic affairs at East Texas State University. In 1998, Arlton became the director for academic affairs at the Alliance for Higher Education, a consortium of colleges, universities and corporations in North Texas. In 2001, she became the academic vice president and provost at Samuel Merritt College. Arlton now serves as assistant vice president, director of human resources for Lite Machines Corporation. Arlton was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1993.

## **JOELLEN KOERNER, Ph.D., RN, FAAN**



Joellen Koerner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Mount Marty College in 1980, a Master of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1982, and a doctorate in human and organizational development from Fielding Graduate University in 1993. She has held positions as

a staff nurse and nurse manager. During her career, Koerner served as chief nursing officer and vice president of patient services at Sioux Valley Hospital. She then took a position as chief clinical officer for the health-care division of Simulis, a company focused on scenario-based simulation training. Koerner now works as senior vice president of Quality for CareSpan, a virtual primary-care clinic that serves remote and underserved sectors of society in the United States, Africa and Indonesia. Koerner, past president of American Organization of Nurse Executives, was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1993 and received the AONE Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. She was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in 1990. Koerner was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1993.

## **CAROL PETERSON, Ph.D., RN, FAAN**



Carol Peterson earned a nursing diploma from the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in 1960, a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1963, a Master of Education degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1964, and doctorate in higher education from the University of Minnesota in 1969. Peterson began her career as a private-duty nurse and a staff nurse in Minnesota and served as the nursing director and later vice president for research and evaluation at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis. In 1977, she became the dean and professor for the SDSU College of Nursing and remained in that role for 10 years. During her time with the college, Peterson helped develop and fund the RN Upward Mobility program, which increased access to higher education for nurses with a diploma or associate degree in nursing. She was instrumental in the

development, funding and accreditation of the Master of Science in Nursing program at SDSU, which was the first in the state. She was promoted to be the vice president for academic affairs at SDSU in 1987 and held that position until 2009. Peterson was the first woman in a permanent central administration position in the South Dakota Board of Regents system. She has been an active member of the American Nurses Association, the South Dakota Nurses Association and the International Council of Nurses. Peterson was recognized as a Distinguished Service Award recipient by the SDSU Alumni Foundation in 1995. She was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in 1974.

## **REBECCA NELSON, M.S., RN**

Rebecca Nelson earned an associate degree in nursing from Presentation College



in 1971, a Bachelor of Science degree in applied science from Sioux Falls College in 1983, and a Master of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1992. Nelson has held several positions in her career, such as staff nurse, head nurse, nursing supervisor and nursing administrator for critical care services. In 1997, she became vice president of patient services at Sioux Valley Hospital—now Sanford Health—and was soon promoted to president of the Sioux Valley Hospital USD Medical Center. She served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for the Sanford Health System until 2013. During her time at Sanford Health, Nelson played an integral role in joining Denny Sanford's vision for the Sanford Health of the future. She also was instrumental in the development and expansion of Sanford Health into North Dakota and Minnesota. Nelson was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2002.

**DIANA BERKLAND, Ph.D., RN**



Diana Berkland attended SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1972 and a Master of Science degree in nursing as a clinical nurse specialist in 1994. She also obtained a post-master's certificate as a family nurse practitioner from SDSU in 1993, and a doctorate in nursing from SDSU in 2014. Since obtaining advanced degrees, Berkland has served as a clinical preceptor for several universities in the region, including South Dakota State. In addition, Berkland took a role as adjunct faculty within the SDSU College of Nursing from 1992-99. Berkland has held several roles while at Sioux Valley Hospital—now Sanford Health—including staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner and director of the Center for Case Management. She now serves as chief nurse executive at Sanford Health. Berkland is an active member of professional organizations, including the South Dakota Board of Nursing and the South Dakota Center for Nursing. In 2002, Berkland received the Distinguished Service Award from the SDSU College of Nursing and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2006.

**DEB SOHOLT, M.S., RN**



Soholt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota in 1978 and a Master of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1990. She began her career as a staff nurse and has worked as nursing faculty, staff development coordinator and nurse manager. In 1990, Soholt became the director of the medical division at Avera St. Luke's, before accepting a position as director for Women's & Children's Services

with Avera McKennan in 1992. She was promoted to director of women's health in 1999 and continues to serve in this role. She served as president for the South Dakota Board of Nursing and president for the South Dakota Nurses Association. In 2012, she was elected as South Dakota State Senator for District 14. Re-elected in 2014, Soholt serves as Senate Majority Whip. In 2002, Soholt was given the South Dakota Nurses Association Pioneer in Nursing Award and, in 2004, the Avera Health Nursing Excellence Distinguished Service Award. Soholt was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2007.

**ESTHER PRESZLER, M.S., RN, CNP**



Esther M. Preszler earned an associate degree in nursing from Presentation College in 1973. After that, she attended SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1988, a Master of Science degree in nursing in 1995, and a post-master's certificate as a family nurse practitioner in 1998. Preszler has held positions as a charge nurse, head nurse and clinical nurse specialist in rural hospitals around the state. She was also the first perinatal nurse clinician at Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen. In 2004, Preszler and her husband opened the Roscoe Family Care Center to provide primary care to the area's rural residents. She also arranged for physicians in Aberdeen to provide specialty clinics at the center and used part of building to open a wellness center. She currently serves on the South Dakota Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Nursing Committee. Preszler has demonstrated her commitment to the rural residents of South Dakota and has been recognized with the South Dakota Perinatal Association Pioneer Award, as well as the American Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses South Dakota Nurse of the Year Award. She was also inducted into the South

Dakota Nurses Association Hall of Fame. Preszler was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2009.

**JOANN GOODALE, RN, M.S., CCM**



JoAnn Olson Goodale earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from South Dakota State in 1959 and a Master of Science degree in rehabilitation administration from DePaul University in 1987. During her career, Goodale progressed through positions as staff nurse, assistant head nurse, instructor of in-service and hospital supervisor while at Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital in Arlington, Virginia, and Kettering Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio. In 1981, Goodale began her career in nurse case management for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Peoria, Illinois, and worked in that role until 1993. Goodale then became program director for the Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria. Goodale spent 10 years in Illinois as a certified case manager nurse, specializing in working with catastrophic injured patients, retiring in 2014. Goodale was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2011.

**JILL FRANKEN, M.S., RN**



Jill Franken earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1983 and a Master of Science degree in administrative studies from the University of South Dakota in 2004. Early in her career, Franken held positions as a staff nurse, nurse manager and nurse case manager. From 2000-10, she was the assistant director/public health manager for the Sioux Falls Health Department/Falls Community Health. She currently serves as the public health director for the City of

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Sioux Falls after an appointment by Mayor Mike Huether. As health director, Franken has been instrumental in many initiatives to provide access to health services, promote a healthy community and prevent chronic and communicable diseases. She has led significant expansion of health services available to underserved and vulnerable populations in the community, strengthening of family day care programs, development of school-based health services in Sioux Falls, assuring the provision of high quality emergency medical services in Sioux Falls, as well as development of Live Well Sioux Falls aimed to improve the health of the community at-large. Franken was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2012.

## **ROBERTA OLSON, Ph.D., RN**



Roberta Olson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1964, a Master of Science degree in nursing from Washington University in St. Louis in 1968 and a doctorate in

organization and administration of higher education from Saint Louis University in 1984. During her career, Olson worked as a staff nurse before obtaining positions in nursing education. While at the Saint Louis University School of Nursing, Olson progressed through the ranks to department head, and then took a position as associate professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Kansas School of Nursing. She took a similar position at the University of Texas-Houston before returning to SDSU. During her 19 years as dean, Olson led the college through a time of transition in nursing education. She facilitated the launch of the Doctor of Philosophy in nursing program and the launch of the doctor of nursing practice program—both programs are the first and only in the state of South Dakota. Olson also worked to build College of Nursing sites in Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Aberdeen and

fostered partnerships with Sanford Health, Avera Health and Rapid City Regional Health to create new models of nursing education. Olson has been an active member of the American Nurses Association, the Midwest Nursing Research Society and the South Dakota Nurses Association. She served as president of the South Dakota Nurses Association board of directors from 1997-2001. Olson received the South Dakota Nurses Association President's Award and Distinguished Service Award in 2007, and was recognized as a SDSU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2013. The American Association of College of Nursing honored her with the 2014 Sr. Bernadette Armiger Award.

## **ROXIE ROMNESS FOSTER, Ph.D., RN, FAAN**



Roxie Romness Foster earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1967, a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Colorado in 1981, and a Ph.D. in nursing from the

University of Colorado in 1990. Foster has become a recognized expert in the assessment and treatment of children's pain through efforts focused on practice, research, education and policy development. She has held numerous roles during her career, including staff nurse, home care nurse, instructor, assistant clinical professor, assistant research professor and professor. In 2010, she became the director of the doctorate program at the University of Colorado, and, in 2011, also served as interim chair for the Division of Adult and Senior Health. From 1991-2009, Foster also served in the following roles at the Children's Hospital Colorado: co-director for Pain Consultation Services, Endowed Chair of Pediatric Nursing, and vice president for Nursing Research and Education. In 2012, Foster was named Professor Emerita at the University of Colorado. In retirement, she serves as the

editor-in-chief for the Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing. Foster was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in 2000, and was recognized as a 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

## **MICHAEL RELF, Ph.D., RN, ACNS-BC, AACRN, CNE, FAAN**



Michael Relf earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SDSU in 1988, a Master of Science degree in nursing administration in health services from Georgetown University in 1991, and a doctorate

in nursing science from Johns Hopkins University in 2001. Relf began his career as a staff nurse and as an officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserve Component. He has held various roles during his career, including critical care clinical nurse specialist, nurse manager and associate medical administrator/director of nursing. Relf has been a visiting professor at the Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and at the University of Zululand in Kwadlangezwa, South Africa. He serves as associate professor with tenure and the associate dean for global and community health affairs at the Duke University School of Nursing. Relf has focused his scholarly efforts on nursing education and global health and has made substantive contributions to the advancement of the psychosocial understanding of HIV/AIDS and building the domestic and global nursing workforce to care for those with HIV/AIDS. A member of the American Nurses Association, the American Public Health Association and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, among other associations, he was awarded both the Spirit of Nursing Award and Frank Lemendola Achievement Award for Nursing Leadership in HIV Care by the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. Relf was inducted as a Fellow by the Academy of Nursing in 2008 and was recognized as a SDSU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2014.



# Class of 1965 looks to create class gift



The college's class of 1965 recently celebrated its reunion when the College of Nursing held its 80th anniversary gala. While one of its members was honored during the event, the class also decided on a way to honor the college.

The class initially thought of making a donation for equipment or classroom technology. However, a meeting caused that idea to change to create an endowed scholarship for a South Dakota native entering one's junior or senior year.

"I'm sure we'll discuss further when we have another reunion in two years," said Dorothy 'Dodie' Brown.

Brown, who was recognized at the event for her efforts in community and society work, enjoyed how the reunion's timing with the anniversary gala gave her and the other members in attendance a different look of the campus.

"We got to see how the programs have developed and were able to go into the simulation labs as a part of our tours," she said. "The tour gave us a really good perspective on where nursing education has been and where's it going. Besides being a trip down memory lane, it was a wonderful opportunity to share our personal career paths with our classmates. It's hard to believe it's been 50 years."

While Brown was honored, she believed any of her classmates could have been recognized.

"We had long careers in nursing and did significant things in various leadership capacities," Brown said. "We have a real appreciation in health education as our education provided a good fundamental basis of knowledge that helped us become nursing leaders."

**COL. ELIZABETH JOHNSON**



Retired Col. Elizabeth Johnson carried a few things from her time at State into her 30-year military career and now into her own classrooms.

“All of the professors throughout my time at SDSU

expected you to do well, expected exceptionalism, but yet were very caring and available,” said Johnson, who earned a bachelor’s degree in 1982 and a master’s in 1992. “We were accountable for our learning and they wanted you to be successful—good qualities to carry me throughout my career.”

Her military career saw her earn awards and decorations which include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with one oak leaf cluster) and the Expert Field Medical Badge. She served at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center, Fort Benning, the 14th Combat Support Hospital and in Iraq.

After retiring as the commander of the Fox Army Health Center in Alabama, Johnson returned home to Iowa. She currently works as adjunct faculty member at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. In addition to being active with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter, she does return to State to talk to the students in nursing and ROTC.

“When I retired, I was hoping I would have an opportunity to be part of nursing education somewhere, somehow,” said Johnson, noting she thought of that when earning her master’s. “I taught a few years for the Army’s Operating Room Nurse course.

“I wanted to be back in some facet of education so I started getting in touch with local deans and directors of nursing,” she continued, “Northwestern was interested and had a need. Its approach and values were appealing to me so I accepted the offer. It’s really been quite gratifying. It’s fun to be around the students and watch them grow and learn.”

When contemplating entering the nursing field, her parents—Verdell and

Marian, 1958 State graduates—encouraged her to get a bachelor’s degree. Due to their encouragement and her comfort level when visiting Brookings, Johnson chose to attend SDSU.

It was at State that Johnson joined ROTC, setting the stage for her U.S. Army career.

“I guess I can blame that on parents again,” Johnson joked. “I’d been there a couple of weeks and my dad suggested I talk to ROTC guys. He said ‘just try it. If you don’t like it, you don’t need to stick with it.’ I went over there, tried it and liked being part of the organization. I realized the military offered some opportunities I might not otherwise have and there were a lot of educational opportunities to specialize in different aspects of nursing. It was another great group to be associated with in college, so I stuck with it. When you’re young and starting out, those things are appealing.

“My career was a great opportunity to be involved in directing patient care and taking care of great Americans and their families,” she continued. “It was an opportunity to grow in leadership and education—a great combination of leadership, education and providing care.”

**DARCY SHERMAN JUSTICE**



While not working on a college campus, Darcy Sherman Justice plays a major role in nursing education. Sherman Justice ’87 is the director of nursing integration at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health

Center. As Avera McKennan’s liaison with the area’s nursing colleges, she works with those institutions to schedule clinical experiences, observations and preceptorships. In addition, Sherman Justice assists with Avera McKennan’s orientation program for new nurses, manages the summer student professional development program and

assists in identifying nurses who would be excellent adjunct faculty members.

After receiving an associate degree, Sherman Justice was working in Rapid City when she was inspired by her nurse manager to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

“She really encouraged me to get my bachelor’s degree,” Sherman Justice said. “She led by example by going to school to get her master’s degree. She saw leadership talent in me that I didn’t necessary see in myself.

“A group of us had a desire to complete our bachelor’s degree,” continued Sherman Justice, noting the reputation of South Dakota State’s associate to bachelor’s Upward Mobility program. “A number of us took classes at the School of Mines as this was before online classes. When we completed our classes, we then went to Brookings to graduate with the other BSN students.

“A highlight was when the whole group of us from Rapid City walked across the

stage for graduation in Brookings,” she said. “We were married and had children so, being able to have our family watch us graduate was pretty powerful.”

Since she had already been working as a nurse, leadership education was a key component for Sherman Justice in pursuing her bachelor’s degree. The degree also allowed her to gain experience working in communities, learn the differences in community health and acute care nursing and the importance of research.

Sherman Justice worked in education at Rapid City Regional Hospital before moving to Sioux Falls in 1990. Since starting at Avera McKennan, she added a master’s degree in health-care administration and is nationally certified as a Nurse Executive from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and has been working with staff development and continuing education initiatives, programs and projects.

## DAGNY STAUB



South Dakota State College's nursing program was only a few years old when Dagny Valgren enrolled after growing up on the family's farm at Valley Springs near Sioux Falls.

In 1935, at the request of the South Dakota Nurses' Association, a department of nursing was established within the Division of Pharmacy. In the beginning, it was a five-year program with Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls furnishing three years of clinical experience.

Valgren entered the program in the fall of 1937 at age 22. She graduated in 1942 with five other classmates. Today, she lives in Sterling, Illinois. Dagny Staub turned 99 in 2014 and is the oldest living graduate of the College of Nursing.

In a conversation with her son, Frans Rechkemmer, Staub said, "After finishing high school in Valley Springs, South Dakota, I was not sure what career I wanted to go into. Some of my friends decided to pursue a

career in nursing. I thought it sounded interesting and my friends were so enthusiastic. I decided to also pursue a career in nursing."

She remembers, "I didn't stay in a dorm because I couldn't afford it. My friend (and classmate June Wagener) and I stayed at a home in Brookings. The family I stayed with had two boys who were also students at South Dakota State. Each year my friend and I would live at a house with a family until we graduated."

Valgren said the program was academically challenging.

"The main thing I remember was the long hours I studied after classes. There was not much time to relax between the residencies and studying at night."

She was a member of nursing club, which held weekly meetings.

### First job—\$720 per year

She transitioned from being a student nurse at Sioux Valley Hospital to a full-time nurse, where she earned \$720 per year.

In 1943, she was promoted to assistant supervisor. A year later she was promoted to junior assistant superintendent of nurses.

Valgren entered Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., in 1947 and spent the next three years earning a degree in Christian service. In 1950, Valgren became an instructor at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In November 1950, Valgren married Marlin Rechkemmer at the pastor's home in Rock Island. They moved to Highland Park, Ill., where her first child was born and Dagny was a homemaker. Her second son was born in 1957.

In summer 1962, the Rechkemmers moved to Sterling, Ill., where her husband would work the next 20 years as a school administrator.

### 'Thoroughly enjoyed teaching'

"While in Sterling, I returned to work and was the coordinator of the LPN program at Community General Hospital between approximately 1963 and 1968. Then I taught health occupations at the Whiteside Vocational Center in Sterling until I retired along with my husband in 1982," Staub said.

She added, "I thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of my students and loved them all. I enjoyed watching them as they pursued their careers in nursing. I also enjoyed being around the other wonderful educators."

## MARGARET KROPUENSKE



There is hardly a position in a hospital or clinic that Margaret Kropuenske does not feel at home in. Kropuenske started as a medical assistant before obtaining associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, the latter two

degrees coming from State in 2007 and 2011, respectively.

"I feel I could take—from all of the experiences I've had—a patient from the waiting room and pretty much assist them to the end of their appointment and feel comfortable with the whole process," said Kropuenske, noting she's worked in acute care, ambulatory, emergency and even information technology during her career.

Kropuenske was recently named Sanford Health's clinic director for the pulmonary medicine and infectious disease clinics. She previously served as the clinical supervisor for Sanford's clinics in pulmonary medicine, infectious disease, diabetes and thyroid, and molecular imaging.

"This is an absolutely new role to me," she said. "I've been learning a lot. I enjoy it. It's working with the physicians to manage their clinics, to manage their schedules, to help troubleshoot or problem-solve any issues they might have. I also have the opportunity to work with administration—my vice president and the other vice presidents throughout the system."

That's a change for Kropuenske who liked the patient interaction when entering the field as a medical assistant and working for a gastroenterologist. That position helped her choose nursing as a career and the varied positions.

"I'd always been a natural-born leader and was always the person people would come to," she said. "It was kind of a natural process for me to take that path. My education and all of the experience I gained at the various positions were good starting points to start a formal leadership role."

"I'm thinking about the bigger picture," Kropuenske continued. "What goals do I have for the registration staff, nursing staff? What opportunities can I provide the physicians to assist in building their practices? I want to be able to know their workflows, know their processes and be able to assist—if they have an issue with the electronic medical records, for example—go in and be able to help them troubleshoot or know who to call or who to interact with. As a leader, that's a good strong point because you're engaging with your staff, not just the physicians, but everyone."

## MARY LEEDOM



Making the most of an opportunity could be one way to describe the health-care career of Mary Leedom.

After receiving her nursing degree from State in 1981, Leedom started in the intensive care unit before moving into

management roles in patient care, quality, case management and medical staff. Now serving as the assistant vice president for perioperative services at Avera McKennan, she oversees a wide variety of areas.

Her responsibilities include the main operating room and the Avera Surgery Center as well as the pre and post departments for both surgical sites. Additionally, she is responsible for the

outpatient endoscopy area, preadmissions and sterile processing. With a staff totaling more than 300, they treat nearly 14,000 patients yearly.

"It's a big department," she said. "It creates challenges every day but it's fun to learn new things all of the time."

"I have always been interested in leadership and different leadership opportunities kept presenting themselves to me," continued Leedom. "I never dreamed I would be in surgery but you never know what opportunities come your way."

While surgery was not in Leedom's plans, she was drawn to the life-saving aspect of being a nurse.

"I initially loved the idea of being able to make a difference in someone's life," she said. "The sicker they were, the more interesting they were to me."

That attraction to helping individuals has carried over to her children, two of whom

received nursing degrees at State and are also working at Avera. Another works as a physical therapist at Avera while her fourth child is an attorney.

"I think nursing has been a great career," said Leedom. "I think there's a lot of opportunity, a lot of variety in the role of nursing. You can do so many different things in your career. I always encouraged my children to get into health care"

"I always encourage people to enter the SDSU nursing program because I think they have got a great program," she continued. "I had a great foundation there. I think that strong science background has really helped me throughout my career in whatever roles I've had. I credit SDSU for that. I think you're in an environment that's big enough for a lot of opportunities but at the same time, it's small enough to be personal."

## VERNA SCHAD



Retirement is not an option for Verna Schad '71. Despite a nursing career that saw her spend nearly 30 years with the Indian Health Service, she can't stay away from the profession.

"Actually, I'm trying to retire," Schad said.

"But to me, retiring is just cutting back. I still work three days a month at the Faith Community Clinic, precepting a few nurse practitioner students and caring for some patients who still want to see me. I enjoy those days tremendously."

In addition to her work in Faith, she does temporary assignments as a family nurse practitioner in Delta Junction and Skagway, Alaska.

Her introduction to nursing came when she was an exchange student in Webster, New York, a suburb of Rochester.

"I took care of a neighbor's young daughter when she worked as a registered nurse," Schad said. "She was a diploma nurse working on her baccalaureate degree. All she had to read in her house was the American

Journal of Nursing, so I started looking through those journals. I thought, 'This is kind of interesting.' The more I talked to her, the more I became interested in nursing."

"However, both she and the family I was staying with insisted that I pursue a baccalaureate degree," said Schad, who originally planned to teach English. "It was either Augustana College or South Dakota State. Having to consider costs, I applied to South Dakota State and was accepted into the class of 1971, which was my graduating class four years later."

Following graduation, she started in the intensive care and coronary care unit at Yankton's Sacred Heart Hospital.

"Being chosen for this position was an honor and actually unheard of for a new graduate," she said. "Coronary care units were just being established in rural South Dakota and the Brookings Hospital offered a coronary care course for RNs and allowed senior nursing students to attend. Choosing to do that was probably one of the career-changing decisions I made ... it gave me a head start in the area of coronary and intensive care which affected my entire career."

After one year at Sacred Heart, she started working with Indian Health Service

and was able to teach other nurses about coronary care concepts and arrhythmia recognition. Schad started as a staff nurse before serving as a nurse manager, quality assurance coordinator, nurse consultant for hospital, working in ambulatory care and public health nursing and finally as a family nurse practitioner.

"Being a family nurse practitioner with Indian Health Service in Eagle Butte and Prairie Community Health in Faith and Eagle Butte has been so fulfilling over the past 20 years," she said. "You cannot imagine how rewarding it is to have a patient tell you that no one has ever explained their disease or medications in a way that they understood before. Patients put their trust and their lives in your skills, knowledge and care. One of my patients in Faith must have frustrated the cardiology specialists in Rapid City. When they suggested a medication change or a procedure, he would always say, 'I'm not doing anything until I talk to Verna.' Additionally, the time spent precepting nurse practitioner students allows me to 'pass on' the knowledge I have accumulated, to share the joy I experience with my patients and to demonstrate both the art and the science of health care."

## MEGAN (PARK) KLENTZ



Just a few weeks into her freshman year at State in 2003, Megan (Park) Klentz was deployed to Iraq. Having already completed emergency medical technician-basic training as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard, Klentz '10 was

thrust into being a full-time caregiver. "My first three months in Iraq were an eye opener," Klentz said. "I was the sole medic for more than 150 soldiers, acting not only as their sick call medic, but also providing emergency/trauma care."

At the end of her deployment, Klentz served as a flight medic on medevac with the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I flew more than 200 soldiers from the front lines to combat hospitals throughout Iraq. These experiences led to my calling as an emergency room nurse," said Klentz, who

is in her 13th year in the military. She is a captain, case manager nurse in the S.D. Army National Guard.

To get the training and education needed, Klentz returned to State, where her father, Randy Park '76, had been a member of the football and wrestling teams.

"I grew up cheering on the Jackrabbits and the SDSU nursing program was one of the most competitive programs," she said. "I also knew I would get a great education at SDSU.

"The nursing professors were great examples. One of my best memories at SDSU is of professor Lori Hendrickx," Klentz continued. "She was so professional and a great role model. She had so many inspiring stories and had worked with about every kind of patient. She was a well-rounded nurse and her passion for nursing amazed me."

While taking classes, Klentz worked as an EMT on the ambulance and took shifts in the emergency room at Brookings Health System. Following graduation, she was an

emergency room nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

Klentz then took a position in the Sanford Emergency Department in Sioux Falls and in October 2012, started working in Sanford's intensive care unit. She recently became a charge nurse in the Sanford Emergency Department.

Despite the adrenaline rush of being in the ER, Klentz has a career change in mind. She was recently accepted into Saint Mary's University of Minnesota School of Nurse Anesthesia and will start May 2016. She would like to work as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, preferably in a rural area of South Dakota.

"The emergency room was my number one choice going into nursing school," Klentz said. "I love trauma and was able to get a full experience with emergency medicine in Iraq. I also thrive in high-stress situations, which makes the ER a perfect fit for me but I look forward to the next challenge."

## MORGAN BUSHFIELD



The thought of being a nurse came at an early age for Morgan Bushfield. In fifth grade, she wrote an essay on why she wanted to be a nurse. Winner of the South Dakota State University College of Nursing's first contest in 2002,

what Bushfield wrote then still plays a part in her work in the orthopedics/neurology department at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

"The best part about nursing was helping people who were hurt or sick and help them get better," Bushfield recalled from her essay. "I then went into the different kinds of nurses and how a nurse can go so many places in their career.

"It really hasn't changed much for me. The best part about being a nurse is that you can go so many different directions. You can go on in your studies, be a nurse practitioner, an anesthesiologist or a DNP, or stay in the same realm with pediatrics or cardio," she continued. "It's great to have the flexibility and help and meet so many people."

While Bushfield, a December 2013 graduate, has thought of becoming a nurse practitioner, she really likes her current role.

"I want to stay a nurse and get more experience. I'm still pretty new and want to get more skills before thinking about what's next," she said. "I would love to be a nurse practitioner but it's not appropriate to do it quite yet. I want to stay where I am so I can grow. I really do love being a nurse."

That love caused Bushfield to throw herself into her studies at State.

"I heard SDSU produced the best nurses," Bushfield said. "My first couple of years, I was really into studying the entire time—which was really good for my GPA. I lived in Mathews and Caldwell and met all of my friends my first year at Mathews.

"While SDSU is bigger than others for class size, it's small enough to get to know everyone in my class," continued Bushfield, who hails from Hitchcock. "I enjoyed it a lot and met a lot of great people."

Her connection to State runs through the family. Her father, Mark, is a 1975 graduate while her brother Adam graduated in 2009 and sister, Melissa graduated in 2012.

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### Kay Foland

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# Faculty and Student Awards and Honors

## Faculty Awards and Honors (2015)

**Arends, Robin** — South Dakota State Representative, American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**Foland, Kay** — College of Nursing Teacher of the Year

**Isaacson, Mary** — College of Nursing Outstanding Researcher, South Dakota State.

## Faculty Awards and Honors (2014)

**Arends, Robin** — Future Leaders Fellowship – Inaugural Class, American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**Arends, Robin** — Faculty Policy Intensive Fellowship, American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**Arends, Robin** — Academic and Scholarly Excellence Initiative, South Dakota State.

**Behrens, Betty** — Civil Service Employee of the Month Award, South Dakota State.

**Burdette, Linda** — Academic and Scholarly Excellence Initiative, South Dakota State.

**Fahrenwald, Nancy** — Fellow, American Academy of Nursing.

**Foerster, Becka** — Joy of Nursing Award, South Dakota Nurses Association.

**Foerster, Becka** — Academic and Scholarly Excellence Initiative, South Dakota State.

**Forbes, Amy** — Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty Scholar, Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

**Gibson, Jo** — Nursing Practice Award, South Dakota Nurses Association.

**Gibson, Nicole** — (2012-2014). Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar, Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare.

**Mennenga, Heidi** — College of Nursing Teacher of the Year, South Dakota State.

**Mennenga, Heidi** — Academic and Scholarly Excellence Initiative, South Dakota State.

**Minton, Mary** — College of Nursing Faculty Award for Excellence, South Dakota State.

**Olson, Roberta** — St. Bernadette Armiger Award, American Association Colleges of Nursing.

**Peterson, Meghan** — Professional Staff/CSA Award for Excellence, South Dakota State.

**Tschetter, Lois** — District Nurse of the Year, South Dakota Nurses Association.

## Student Awards and Honors (2015)

**Taylor, Kelly** — Student Policy Fellow, American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**Bickerdyke, Audrey** — Student Policy Fellow, American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**Hernandez, Ruth Ann** — Student Policy Fellow, American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**Hinsch, Kelli** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Hinsch, Kelli** — Summer Experience Program, Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students.

**Runge, Rebecca** — Schultz-Werth Undergraduate Research Award, South Dakota State.

**Schmidt, Kimberly** — Internship, United States Department of Veteran's Affairs.

**Wangness, Brittany** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Wangness, Brittany** — Phi Chapter Research Award, Sigma Theta Tau.

**Yusafi, Nadia** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Student Awards and Honors (2014)

**Anderson, Jennifer** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Bickerdyke, Audrey** — Phi Chapter Research Award, Sigma Theta Tau International.

**Braun, Olivia** — Selected Baby-Friendly Practices and Feeding Outcomes in the First Six Hours of Life—Schultz-Werth Writing Award for Undergraduate Research, South Dakota State.

**Hinsch, Kelli** — (2014-2016). Jonas Veterans Healthcare Scholar, Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare.

**Hruby, Rebecca** — Summer Experience Program, Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students.

**Hruby, Rebecca** — AANP Grant Program, American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**Kittelsrud, Julie** — (2014-2016) Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar, Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare.

**Kittelsrud, Julie** — Summer Genetics Institute Selected Participant, National Institute of Nursing Research.

**Nerud, Kimberly** — South Dakota Nurses Foundation Scholarship Recipient, South Dakota Nurses Foundation.

**Nursing Student Association** — Board of Regents' Organizational Leadership Award.

**Saufley, April** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Schmidt, Kimberly** — Summer Experience Program, Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students.

**Sengos, Joni** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Wineland, Jessica** — Summer Experience Program, Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students.

**Wineland, Jessica** — Internship, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.



## 18th annual Nursing Deans' Distinguished Lecture

Keela Herr



“Providers often have attitudes about whether pain is real and merits treatment. Patients are often very stoic when it comes to discussing pain. Then there is the issue of how do you assess pain, particularly in those who can't self-report.”

Keela Herr, an international expert on pain assessment and management,

It's a pain getting older.

That often-heard lament usually is made in self-deprecation, but for millions of older adults and those who care for them, it is serious business.

Keela Herr, an international expert on pain assessment and management, addressed “Quality Pain Care for All Older Adults” when she spoke April 9 at the Volstorff Ballroom for the 18th annual Nursing Deans' Distinguished Lecture. Herr was the featured speaker at the following day's 25th annual Nursing Research Symposium, also in Volstorff Ballroom.

Herr, a professor and associate dean at the University of Iowa College of Nursing, said the goal of her 30-minute talk was to “increase the awareness about the problem of pain in older adults in all care settings.” As society ages, the importance of the topic will grow, she said. Her focus will be addressing the current state of practice and directions for the future.

“There are many challenges in assuring comfort for older adults” that future and current health-care providers must be aware of, Herr said.

Part of the challenge is attitudes. “Providers often have attitudes about whether pain is real and merits treatment. Patients are often very stoic when it comes to discussing pain. Then there is the issue of how do you assess pain, particularly in those who can't self-report,” Herr said. These issues must be addressed through increased knowledge, she said.

During more than 25 years of work in this area, Herr said “great gains have been made in research in identifying and assessing pain and in providing a foundation for intervention approaches.

“However, there is still a big gap in translating information learned from new research to consistent use in

practice. Basic education for the care provider, as well as for patients and families, is, of course, important. Plus there must be strong leadership in the organizations where providers work.

“If the leadership isn't committed to quality pain care, the resources needed won't be provided. The barriers are multilevel.”

Another pitfall that providers must be prepared for in treating pain is to not create more problems as a result of adverse responses to medication treatments. “What is safe and effective for older people?” asked Herr, who has been at Iowa since 1987.

### A well-respected researcher

During that time she has been principal or co-investigator on 22 research projects totaling more than \$11 million that focused on the problem of geriatric pain.

Among her career distinctions are selection for the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Gerontological Nurses Association (2012) and as a Fellow with the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Program, the American Academy of Nursing and the American Geriatric Society.

Nancy Fahrenwald, an established nurse researcher and the dean at SDSU, said Herr is a “fantastic” speaker whose message was pertinent to students in any health-care field as well as those who are already practicing.

The Deans' Distinguished Lecture began in 1996 with contributions from Helen K. Grace and the Kellogg Foundation, four former deans of nursing and then-dean Roberta Olson. The endowment provides interest on an annual basis that is used to bring in a nationally known speaker who speaks on research in nursing.

Dave Graves

# College of Nursing

ranked 18th among the nation's best online nursing schools

South Dakota State University's College of Nursing was recently ranked 18th among the nation's best online nursing schools by [affordablecollegesonline.com](http://affordablecollegesonline.com) and 58th among the nation's best nursing schools by U.S. News & World Report.

"These honors recognize the outstanding students, faculty and programs that have been developed at South Dakota State since the college started in 1935," said Nancy Fahrenwald, the college's dean. "Like health care, we have made many advances in that time. One way has been by creating, expanding or modifying programs and delivering education via online programs."

South Dakota State was ranked 18th in the [affordablecollegesonline.com](http://affordablecollegesonline.com) rankings, which researched and analyzed more than 2,000 not-for-profit institutions across the

country. To be considered, schools were required to offer a bachelor's degree or higher, at least one fully online bachelor's degree program and must be a nonprofit institution.

Then, [affordablecollegesonline.com](http://affordablecollegesonline.com) scored the schools on the following categories: count of online bachelor's degrees available; student-faculty ratio (undergraduate); six-year graduation rate; online degree coverage/breadth (associate, bachelor's, master's, doctorate); job placement for graduates; acceptance rate; loan default rate and proprietary peer-based value rating.

Forty-seven schools made the final list. State's RN Upward Mobility program was highlighted as an online RN to BSN

program for associate and diploma nursing graduates.

In the U.S. News & World Report rankings, 503 nursing

schools with master's or doctoral programs accredited by either the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing were surveyed. The ranking was based on 13 criteria, including quality assessment, student selectivity and achievement, faculty resources and research activity.



## Dean Nancy Fahrenwald

One of the 30 most influential deans of nursing in the United States



Mometrix named South Dakota State University College of Nursing Dean Nancy Fahrenwald one of "The 30 Most Influential Deans of Nursing in the United States."

Fahrenwald, who became dean in August 2013, is 13th on the list. Mometrix, which is in its first year of ranking deans, based the rankings on the NCLEX pass rate for first-time takers, National Institutes of Health funding, awards and other rankings.

South Dakota State graduates have recorded an average pass rate in excess of 90 percent on the NCLEX in the past 10 years.

The national pass rate average currently is 81.8 percent.

In addition, Fahrenwald's ranking was aided by her recent induction as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in advanced public health nursing and has focused her work on American Indian and rural health, cancer decision-making and tobacco cessation. Fahrenwald has been the recipient of numerous university, state, regional and national awards and honors, and has contributed to more than 10 publications in the last two years.

"This honor recognizes the efforts by my predecessors and the outstanding students at South Dakota State," Fahrenwald said. "I am fortunate to work with talented faculty

who push our students to be the best they can and that is shown in our NCLEX scores."

**For the entire rankings, visit <http://mometrix.com/blog/the-30-most-influential-deans-of-nursing-in-the-united-states/>.**

### Patricia “Tish” Smyer



Former associate professor Patricia “Tish” Smyer, who served at SDSU from 1998 to 2006, died Jan. 26, 2015, at her Las Vegas home. She was

one day short of her 66th birthday.

At SDSU, she served as coordinator of the RN Upward Mobility program and was assistant head of undergraduate nursing as well as being a member of the graduate faculty. Smyer also co-wrote the Wokunze Project proposal, from which SDSU received a \$1.5 million Indian Health Service grant for 2003-08.

In 2002, she received the award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology from State.

Also in 2002, Smyer was honored as a Fuld Fellow by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for

leadership in academic nursing programs. Her work with the online teaching Native American Elders Series won awards in 2005 and 2006.

She left SDSU in June 2006 to become assistant dean for academic affairs in the school of nursing at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. After a year, she was promoted to professor and associate dean and held that position at her death.

She served as president of the Nevada State Board of Nursing from 2011 until a few days before her death. She was appointed to the board by the governor in 2008 and reappointed again in 2012.

At UNLV, Smyer oversaw academic programs, led the school in the preparation of federal training grants and served as a resource to faculty in the teaching mission of the university.

Prior to coming to SDSU, Smyer spent four years at Montana State University. She had 16 years of nonacademic nursing experience, including work in Guam and Western Australia.

Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial service was held Feb. 21 in Las Vegas.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Ret. Cdr. Theodore Franklin Smyer, U.S. Navy, of Brookings; three daughters, Katherine (Jeremy) Clancy, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Deborah Smyer, of Ventura, California; and Sarah (Zack) Olson, of Fargo, North Dakota; her mother, Jean Ferguson; four siblings and four grandchildren.

### Audrey Ann (McDonald) Cornish

Audrey Ann (McDonald) Cornish '60 died Oct. 11, 2014, at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa, after a battle with lymphoma.

Cornish, 76, of Sioux City, was a graduate of Sioux Falls Washington High School. In 1991, she earned a master's degree in educational psychology and counseling from the University of South Dakota and worked in community nursing and later as a counselor at Family Services in Sioux City.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, James Cornish,

who died in 2003. Survivors include two daughters, four grandchildren and a sister.

### Carol Lee (Roelofs) Creson

Carol Lee (Roelofs) Creson '60 died Oct. 23, 2014, in Norman, Oklahoma, where she had lived since 1971.

Creson grew up on a farm at Chandler, Minnesota. After graduating from State, she enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a nurse in Europe. There she met her future husband, Robert F. Creson, who was an officer with U.S. Army Europe. He retired from the Army in 1970 as a colonel.

In 1971, he was selected to set up and manage the Transportation Safety Institute of the U.S. Department of Transportation in Norman. Carol worked in labor and delivery for Norman Regional Hospital from January 1981 to February 2009 and assisted in the delivery of hundreds of healthy babies.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Stacey Tait-Goodale

Eight decades of vision, inspiration and leadership met past with the future of the SDSU College of Nursing when the College commemorated its 80th anniversary with a Gala event April 10. It was an evening filled with passion for SDSU nursing, evident through excitement for the college's next 80 years, memories, photos, historical information, memorabilia and the recognition of 30 of your fellow nurses and their distinguished careers. To all of you who participated—thank you for making the event such a special occasion.

Thirty SDSU nurses were recognized at the Gala for their illustrious careers and accomplishments, but with nearly 7,500 nursing alumni, we know they are just the tip of the iceberg. With that said, we want to hear from you! Share your stories. What did you accomplish because of your nursing education? Who did you impact because of your nursing career? Who impacted you during your training or throughout your career? You may be featured in a future story or recognized at a future event.

We all know the stories of nursing shortages. In fact, you've seen it, felt it and lived it. As the need for nurses continues to grow, so too, does the need for nurse educators. To address the growing faculty shortage, we've created the “Touched by a SDSU Nurse Fund.” This fund supports nurse educators by providing faculty education and development, work release

time, seed money for grants, salary competitiveness and programmatic and research initiatives.

We are asking for gifts in support of the “Touched by a SDSU Nurse Fund” in celebration of the 80-year history of the College of Nursing and its next 80 years. We are asking for gifts in celebration of you; in celebration of nurse educators; and in celebration of future nurses.

Annual gifts and estate gifts help underwrite the college's future. Our gift-planning experts can help you determine which strategy might work best with your situation.

Your education can lead you down paths you never dreamed possible. We challenge you to give back to the program that set you on a course for an AMAZING career in the best profession ever—NURSING!



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