



OVH/Trinity School of Nursing Alumni Association Newsletter

Fall 2024

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is my honor, as the Alumni President, to welcome our new TSON graduates to our alumni community. As recent graduates, you have joined a network of dedicated and accomplished nursing professionals who have walked the same halls, faced the same challenges, and shared the same commitment to excellence in healthcare.

I encourage you to take an active role in this alumni community. Honestly, I wholeheartedly implore you to consider being an active member because our membership is dwindling and our founders need the next generation of TSON graduates to lead us into the future.

We will be forever indebted to the extraordinary and greatest generation of nurses who blazed the path of excellence for our school and founded the OVH/TSON alumni association - They ignited this alumni torch, they kept the fire lit and they continue to carry it....now it's our turn.

They need us to come together to ensure Melissa and her faculty have support to not only survive but THRIVE for another 100+ years.

I agreed to accept the alumni Presidency in honor of my mother and the other charter members of the alumni. Regrettably, I did not attend a meeting while she was living because I was always "too busy" - twice a year! Too busy! - she was busy too - working, caring for many people in our family and community but she found time - she prioritized her alma mater and her beloved profession. The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." - Stephen Covey

Let's make our beloved Alma Mater our priority now and for years to come!

Kindest Regards,

Andrea Hale
Alumni President



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NEXT MEETING DATE

October 16, 2024 | 5:00pm at Starkdale Presbyterian Church

Meetings are always held on the 3rd Wednesday in April and October as a covered dish dinner.

Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends and great food!

From the Dean's Desk...

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

I cannot believe the summer has passed and fall is upon us! 2024 has been quite the year for the School of Nursing beginning on January 4, 2024 when Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) experienced a Federal Raid which unfolded right before our eyes! The following months were those of uncertainty, in addition to not knowing if we would need to move or not, we were faced with securing a new college partner for the college courses that are part of our curriculum. We were fortunate that Belmont College was willing to work with us and we transitioned seamlessly to their course offerings. In June, Hospital Administration decided it was best for us to move prior to the start of the fall semester. So in August, we packed up the School and we moved to the Trinity East Campus. We are exclusively housed on Towers 8 and 9. We started the fall semester here on August 19th with 20 new students enrolled.

We will host an Open House sometime in the spring. All are invited to attend. The date will be announced on the School of Nursing's website. Hope many of you will come to see our new space!

The School of Nursing's new website can be found at www.trinityson.com. The Alumni Newsletter can be accessed by clicking on the News tab at the top of the page, the Alumni Newsletter will be an option in the dropdown box. If you do not have internet access to view the Newsletter and would prefer to still receive it via the U.S. mail, please return the bottom of this letter to:

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The long awaited new units on the Trinity West Campus are now scheduled to open sometime in early October. Faculty and students will assist moving patients onto the new units. The new units are spectacular! Faculty and students are excited to provide quality nursing care on these state of the art nursing units. Trinity Health System and the School of Nursing remain committed to providing excellent care for the patients in our Community.

Hope to see all of you at the October 16th meeting!



Melissa Hassan MScN, RN
Dean, Trinity Health System School of Nursing

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Our president, Andrea Hale.



Blanche Williams



Patty Milosevich



Left: Christine Radivoj, Nurse Practitioner.
Works at Wintersville Express Care

Right: Melissa Hassan, Dean of students at
Trinity School of Nursing



**Judy Owings serving a delicious bowl of
soup that she made**



**Front: Debbie Methiau—Melissa Hassan;
Back—Donna Dubetz, Kristen Fisher**





Left: Michele Kuczyski
Right: Sharon Elliott
Sitting: Char Biacco



Donna Yohe, daughter of Martha Jane Brondos, brought her mother to the meeting. Donna said that she enjoyed the dinner and meeting as well as meeting her mother's friends.

Martha Jane graduated in 1945 and was mentor and instructor to many of us. She served as head nurse in delivery room for many years





General information

Just a reminder—dues are still \$10.00 per year. These dues help build our treasury, so we can continue awarding scholarships.

The school of nursing has had to move their school site again.. It is now located in Trinity East (old OVH). The students do not seem to mind, because they know they will receive the same top-notch education no matter where the school is located.

Our alumni organization has done well since we organized in 2008. However, it is disappointing when no new faces care to join.

Our meetings are always held at the Starkdale Presbyterian Church in the fellowship Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of April and October. We start with the meal and then the meeting where there is a lot of discussion and talk. At the last meeting in April, officers were elected. They are President-Andrea Hale, Vice President-Patty Milosevich, Treasurer-Char Biacco, and Secretary—Carolyn Westfall.

If you would like to place a memorial such as the one below, to honor a nurse, doctor or friend, send your request to me, Blanche Williams at 301 Williams Blvd, Wintersville, OH 43953. Write what you want the memorial to say along with \$10.00.



In memory of my Head Nurse, Imogene Hellock , class of 1945, who served OVH with professionalism for over 30 years. She dedicated the last 24 years of service to the Pediatric department.

Ruth Ann Allaway, Class of 1974, honors her Head Nurse for her dedication and leadership.

**“The future of
this republic is in
the hands of the
American voter.”**

-DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



Here in the United States, usually only 60 percent of eligible voters vote during presidential elections.

Is that you??


Is voting important? Does everyone have a responsibility to vote? When you are eligible to vote, will you?

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

Know your candidate—read, watch the news both positive and negative. Make your decision and go to the polls.



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