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President's CORNER

Sitting down to tell you about all of our 2016 news, I found myself challenged simply to recount our exciting past successes. Why? Because so many of the good things that happened in 2016 at Baptist College are connected inextricably with exciting opportunities yet to come in 2017.

Just as the faculty carefully designed the overall curriculum to reflect those “building blocks of learning,” we rely on the past to help us build our future. Sometimes it is learning how to do something better, or a new discovery that propels us to even greater aspirations of learning.

Perhaps our most exciting news is we are well on our way to implementing our first graduate program at the College – a BSN-DNP nurse practitioner program in the area of adult-gerontology acute care. The program will prepare graduates to work in a fast-paced, acute care setting and provide care to patients with complex treatment plans. The faculty will be busy in 2017 preparing to welcome the first cohort of students in January 2018. (Read more about the program in this issue.)

Congratulations to Dr. Anne Plumb, dean, Dr. Cathy Stepter '92, acting chair of the BSN-DNP Program, and to the entire nursing faculty for addressing the future needs of patients by beginning this program.

In 2016, we welcomed many new students, celebrated the graduation of more than 250 students, and expanded our team with some very talented and committed faculty and staff. You will meet several of these new faces in the following pages.

Gratitude continues to be a dominant theme as we reflect on the achievements of the past year. With an enrollment of more than 1,000 students, Baptist College of Health Sciences continues to grow with your support of our mission. My sincere thanks to each person who has touched our students by giving your resources, time, and recruitment efforts

We awarded more than \$1 million in student scholarships. Our annual scholarship luncheon is always a highlight, as students share their stories about why they want to become health care professionals and how your support helps them realize their dreams. We were inspired by Ruth Reyes, alumna from the Class of 1966, who so eloquently expressed gratitude for her education and how she is “paying it forward” by encouraging the next generation.

This issue of Alumni News reflects the new brand identity for the College that began in 2016 with the launch of a new website and the introduction of the College's blue colors. When Baptist Memorial Health Care updated its logo colors, our College leadership decided it was an ideal time to align our brand with the Baptist system brand. As such, in March 2016, we left our purple and green behind and adopted the Baptist blue colors for our logo and other brand assets.

Looking back, I have no doubt 2016 was a wonderful year. Looking ahead, I feel even more optimistic about all the possibilities waiting for us in 2017.

Warm Regards,

Betty Sue McGarvey, PHD, RN
President

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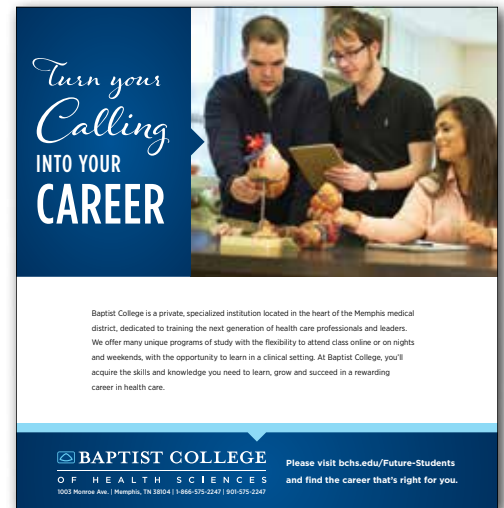
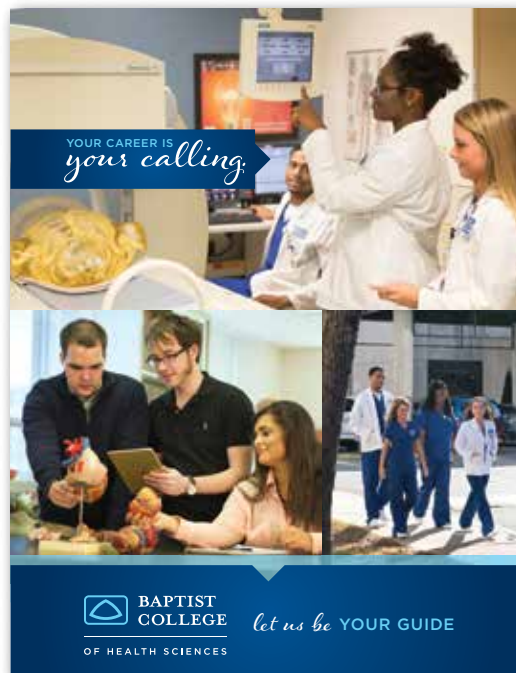
BAPTIST COLLEGE APPROVED FOR FIRST GRADUATE PROGRAM

Baptist College received approval from the Tennessee Board of Nursing to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. We expect the first students to begin the post BSN to DNP Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program in January 2018.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice will offer nurses with bachelor's degrees the opportunity to become nurse practitioners and gain knowledge in leadership, technology, health policy, health systems and more. The program gives nurses a chance to advance their careers and develop additional skills. And it further enhances the educational options Baptist College can offer its students and the community.

Since its founding in 1912, Baptist College's mission has been to educate and prepare health care workers for a career of healing others. The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree is another way the College can achieve that mission. Our students can rest assured they will receive a higher education tied to a higher purpose.

For more information about the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, please visit www.bchs.edu/DNP or contact the acting graduate program chair, Dr. Cathy Stepter '92, at cathy.stepter@bchs.edu or 901-572-2505. For application and admissions information, please contact the graduate program admissions officer, Chris Cotton, at christopher.cotton@bchs.edu or 901-572-2465.



BAPTIST COLLEGE LAUNCHES NEW BRAND CAMPAIGN

Since 1912, when the Baptist School of Nursing opened its doors, the College has had a close affiliation with the Baptist Memorial Health Care system. So when the system's senior leadership team updated the Baptist Memorial Health Care logo colors, our team at Baptist College of Health Sciences was thrilled to be asked to join in revising and aligning our College's

brand with BMHC's brand, including the adoption of the new Baptist blue colors for the College logo and other brand assets.

We also launched a new campaign called, "Your Career is Your Calling," which expresses the emotional connection to health care as a profession that many of our students experience.



2016 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

The annual alumni reunion weekend was held on June 3-4, 2016. Approximately, 120 alumni participated in the reunion, with the Class of 1966 celebrating its 50 year anniversary. The weekend kicked off at the Memphis Zoo Zambezi River Hippo Camp for a night of networking and mingling with friends. The safari theme of the weekend was “Rejoin Your Herd.”

On Saturday, a luncheon was held in the College’s auditorium. Kay DeKalb Smith, often referred to as the “Christian Carol Burnett,” entertained guests as the featured speaker. Each year, Baptist College presents special awards to alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or demonstrated exemplary service to the College.

Save the date for the 2017 Alumni Reunion June 2-3, 2017

Who did it? Join us Friday, June 2 at 6 p.m. in the Baptist College of Health Sciences Assembly Hall for a signature Masquerade Murder Mystery Dinner and silent auction, where intrigue and fun take center stage. Tickets are \$40 per person, and the proceeds benefit the Ambassador Council Centennial Scholarship. Please RSVP early - limited tickets available.

Enjoy spending time visiting with friends and alumni at the luncheon to be held at noon on Saturday, June 3 in the Baptist College of Health Sciences Assembly Hall. This event is free, but RSVP is required.

To RSVP, please visit bchs.edu/AlumniReunion or call 901-572-2593.

Nursing Class of 1978 (1) Graduates and spouses from medical radiography, nuclear medicine technology, and diagnostic medical sonography classes.(2) The 2016 Service Award was presented to Denese Schumaker, '60 (Nursing), past president of the Alumni Association (3). The 2016 Young Alumni Award was presented to Courtney Caccimisi, '10, (Diagnostic Medical Sonography) (4).



SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Baptist College held its annual scholarship luncheon to recognize the 2016-2017 academic award recipients. This event is a celebration for the students who received a scholarship and an opportunity for the students and the College team to express appreciation to the donors. A total of 168 students, who benefited from \$1,005,250 in awards for the current academic year, were honored for their academic achievements.

The program included four student speakers - Taylor Jones, Stephanie Schultz, Kristin Smith, and Brianna Walters who each shared the story of their journey to the College, dreams for their careers and expressed gratitude for their scholarships (1). Ruth Reyes, Class of 1966, spoke about the importance of giving back and the many reasons she gives to the College (2). Morgan Arthur, recipient of the Susan Thomason and BMHC Foundation scholarships, and Susan Thomason. (3) Anita Vaughn and Alonzo Wooten, recipient of the Anita Vaughn and St. Joseph Hospital Scholarships.



Respiratory Care



Radiation Therapy



Nuclear Medicine Technology



Medical Laboratory Sciences

ALLIED HEALTH WHITE COAT CEREMONY

On Sept. 22, the division of Allied Health held its fourth annual White Coat Ceremony for students entering the clinical phase of their programs. A White Coat Ceremony symbolically marks a student’s transition from pre-clinical preparation to professional-level coursework and focuses on the professional standards expected of those in patient care careers. Fifty-six students, representing Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy and Respiratory Care, were cloaked in white coats by their respective faculty representing the six Allied Health programs at the College:

Twelve Diagnostic Medical Sonography students; seven Medical Laboratory Science students; 20 Medical Radiography students; six Nuclear Medicine Technology students; six Radiation Therapy students; and five Respiratory Care students.



Diagnostic Medical Sonography



Medical Radiography



COMMENCEMENT AND PINNING CEREMONIES

The 29th and 30th Baptist College of Health Sciences commencement ceremonies were held on April 14, 2016 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., and Dec. 15, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Millington, Tenn.

During the April ceremony, diplomas were presented to 125 graduates: one associate of science degree in pre-health studies, 51 baccalaureate degrees for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and 73 Bachelor of Health Sciences diplomas. In December, diplomas were presented to 136 graduates: 121 earned the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, eight received the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree and seven earned the Associate of Science Degree. The December ceremony honored graduates from both August and December 2016.

The Pinning and Recognition Ceremony is a nursing school tradition that marks the graduate's rite of passage into the nursing profession. During the ceremony, graduating Student Nurse Mentors, National Student Nurses Association officers, Presidential Ambassadors, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inductees were also recognized.

In 2016, 180 nursing graduates were honored at three pinning and recognition ceremonies.



FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JULIE LASLEY, program chair of Medical Radiography and Radiation Therapy, published an article, "Cognitive Apprenticeship Strategies in Clinical Education," in the January 2016 issue of *Radiation Therapist* and successfully defended her dissertation titled, "Service Learning Experiences of Radiation Therapy Alumni," on June 16, 2016. She graduated from Northcentral University with a Ph.D. in Education, with a concentration in curriculum and instructional design. Lasley co-authored an article with Dr. Megan Trad from Texas State University in *Radiation Therapist*, Fall 2016 Volume 25, Number 2 entitled "Moving Your Manuscript from Idea to Publication."

DR. DAVID ROSENTHAL, professor and chair of Health Care Management, co-authored a textbook titled *"Statistics for Health Care Management and Administration – Working With Excel"* (3rd Ed., 2016). The book is available from Jossey-Bass/Wiley Publishers.

DR. CATHY STEPTER, associate professor of Nursing, learned her abstract, "Peer Learning through Collaboration," was accepted for paper (oral) presentation at the 12th Annual Faculty Development Workshop at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, Ky., that was held on May 16, 2016. An abstract from **DR. KIM ENNIS**, associate professor of Nursing, titled, "Problem Based Learning: Care of the Pregnant Patient", was also accepted for paper (oral) presentation at the workshop.

DR. DEBORAH SWEENEY, associate professor of Nursing, was inducted into the Shelby County Drug Court Hall of Fame in December 2015.

CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of philosophy & religion, presented an "Introduction to the Ethics of Biomedical Research," to the graduate Biomedical Engineering Seminar at the University of Memphis on Friday, April 1, 2016.

DR. JANET HEATH, professor of Mathematics, and **DR. LUCIA VANDERPOOL**, associate professor of Computer Information Science, gave a

presentation titled, "Pathways to Student Success and Retention," at the 2016 Innovative Educator Conference, held at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., on March 18, 2016.

DR. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, College president, began her term as president of the Memphis Rotary Club. McGarvey chaired a substantive change accreditation visit Oct. 18-20, 2016 at the Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte, N.C.

TAMEKA GOODEN, instructor for Medical Laboratory Science was inducted into the Alpha Eta Society, the Honor Society for Allied Health professionals and students, on March 28. **THOMAS WOLFE**, instructor for Medical Radiography, was also inducted into the Alpha Eta Society.

TAMEKA GOODEN, instructor for Medical Laboratory Science: served as a reviewer for the Education Scientific Assembly for the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science from April 4-18, 2016. She reviewed student poster abstracts, research papers and case study abstracts and was a reviewer for the Education Scientific Assembly for the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science. She reviewed a clinical microbiology research paper. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Memphis with a masters degree in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership on May 7, 2016. Gooden submitted a proposal to conduct an educational session at the 2017 American Society of Clinical Pathology Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference. She received approval on Sept. 7, 2016.

BENNIE ROBERTS, instructor for Medical Radiography, and **DR. JULIE LASLEY**, chair of Radiation Therapy and Medical Radiography, presented at the Quest Symposium on April 21, 2016. Their topic was titled "Helping Students Read Informational Text: Results of Pretest/ Posttest Scores from Foundational Courses in Imaging Sciences."

ABIGAIL KURTZ, instructor for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, was inducted into the

Pinnacle Honor Society, a National Honor Society for adult and other non-traditional students on April 8, 2016. Abigail is working on her master's degree in Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Memphis.

DONNA MARS, Nuclear Medicine Technologists and associate professor, gave a presentation at the Nuclear Medicine Technologist of Tennessee annual meeting held in Memphis on April 1-3, 2016. The topic of her presentation was "Patient-Centered Imaging: Strategies for Improving Patient Outcomes in Nuclear Cardiology." She will be the leader of a site visit team evaluating programmatic accreditation of the Nuclear Medicine Technology program at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Md., June 20 – 21, 2016 for the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). Donna co-authored a patient care chapter in the eighth edition of Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT: Technology and Techniques. The Patient Care chapter's main content areas include: patient preparation, patient-centered care, age specific care, pediatric considerations, body mechanics, medication administration, contrast media, infection control, patient assessment, emergency care and ancillary equipment. The book was published in August 2016 by Elsevier.

DR. PAM CHERRY, assistant professor of Nursing, and **DR. RAMONA PATTERSON**, assistant professor of Nursing, were recognized among the Top 100 Nurses of 2016 at the 28th Celebrate Nursing Gala, Saturday, June 11, 2016. Celebrate Nursing Inc. is a nonprofit organization created exclusively for the purpose of recognizing excellence in and promoting RNs employed in Shelby and Fayette Counties in the state of Tennessee.

DR. RENEE PARKER, associate professor of Nursing, was promoted to associate professor effective the new academic year.

DR. CINDY BORGERS, professor of Nursing, was promoted to professor effective the new academic year.



ARNOLD ARREDONDO, PH.D., dean of enrollment management, has been appointed to the Small College Issues Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and has been nominated to serve on the 2016-2017 Small College Issues Committee with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

COURTNEY CACCIMISI, adjunct faculty for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), was awarded the 2016 Young Alumni Award by the Baptist College Alumni Association. She is a 2010 graduate of the DMS program.

DR. CAROL WARREN, dean of Allied Health, received an Assessment Evaluator certification by Organization Systems International for completing training through the Lipscomb University Assessment Center for Competency Based Education on June 8, 2016 and received certification in July 2016 from Organization Systems International for training in Assessing Credit for Prior Learning as a Lipscomb University Assessment Center Evaluator. The series of training sessions began September 2015 and concluded July 2016 as part of the College's Tennessee Higher Education Commission Grant.

DR. LILIAN OGARI, assistant professor of Biology, presented a pre-conference workshop titled, "Seeing is Believing: Patterns of Life Expectancy, Poverty, Equity and Health in Shelby County," at the National Association of County and City Health Officials Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., on July 19, 2016. Lilian published a book article titled, "Localizing Proteins in fixed *Giardia lamblia* and Live Cultured Mammalian Cells by Confocal Fluorescence Microscopy," in Springer's High Resolution Imaging of Cellular Proteins, July 2016, ISBN 9781493963508.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS, director of planning and institutional effectiveness, attended the Association for Medical Imaging Management Conference on July 31-Aug. 3, 2016 in Nashville, Tenn., She presented current legislative and regulatory activity related to medical imaging at the liaison meeting. She also attended the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Board of Directors and Foundations Board of Directors meeting in

October 2016. Dr. Roberts was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and also participated as a subject matter expert for sonography education during the Medical Society Liaison Meeting (30 liaisons participated as representatives from national and international medical society organizations). Mitzi served on the Conference Management Committee for the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Annual Conference. More than 1,500 medical professionals attended the conference. Dr. Roberts served as moderator for the cardiac specialty.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS, DR. ARNOLD ARREDONDO, and APRIL TYSON, participated in the Advancing Leadership Workshop sponsored by the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association July 6 and 7, 2016, in Hendersonville, Tenn.

BOB STRAUSSER, assistant professor of General Education and Health Studies, was selected as a trainer for the 2016 statewide dual credit professional development sessions. The professional development sessions were held on July 14-15 and July 22-23, 2016. They focused on the alignment of secondary to postsecondary learning objectives measured by the statewide dual credit challenge examination. The goal was to provide dual credit teachers with the tools and resources they need to help their students succeed in the course. More than 400 teachers from across the state attended the required two-day trainings. As faculty lead the statewide dual credit faculty work group, Bob played a vital role in the development of the dual credit psychology course and challenge examination. Through the hard work and dedication of this group, we are able to offer an additional course during the 2016-2017 school year.

DEBRA SMITH, instructor and clinical coordinator for the Medical Radiography program, received a certificate for completing the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Site Visitor Workshop in July 2016.

DR. MARY-GWYNNE MILLIONE, professor of English and advisor for the Cultural Exchange Club, presented Thi Mitsamphanh,

church mobilizer and speaker from World Relief, at Baptist College of Health Sciences on Sept. 19, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The speaker spoke about refugee resettlement in Memphis and opportunities for community service with World Relief. Approximately 90 students and faculty attended. Attending students earned professional development credit from the different divisions.

DR. SUMEDHE KARUNARATHNE, assistant professor of Physics, is the first author of "Electrostatic Field Changes and Durations of Narrow Bipolar Events" published in the Journal of Geophysical Research - Atmospheres on Sept. 1, 2016. He co-authored "Luminosity with Intracloud-type Lightning Initial Breakdown Pulses and Terrestrial Gamma-ray Flash Candidates" which published in the Journal of Geophysical Research - Atmospheres on Sept. 28, 2016.

DR. DARIUS Y. WILSON, program chair of Medical Laboratory Sciences, served as co-chair (volunteer) for the Education Scientific Assembly with the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, organized the judges for the 10 student posters and reviewed rubrics and calculated scores to determine winners on Aug. 3, 2016. She also was very active professionally and in our community: Darius joined the American Society of Clinical Pathology in July and served as a speaker at the Allied Health White Coat Ceremony. She served as a representative at the Neighborhood Christian Center quarterly meeting and presented an update on the Medical Laboratory Science Program to Baptist Memorial Health Care lab directors. Darius served as a National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences site team coordinator during a site visit for the Medical Laboratory Technician program at Alamance Community College in Graham, N.C.

KATHY HUNT, chair of Nuclear Medicine Technology (NMT), and **CONNIE WILLIS**, program chair of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) and **ABIGAIL KURTZ**, instructor of DMS, were awarded a grant by the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation on Sept. 19, 2016 to support "Sonography Simulation Technology to Improve Student Learning and Patient Care."



HONORS AND AWARDS

SHANNON DAVENPORT, assistant professor of Nursing, had an abstract titled "Interprofessional Education Among Undergraduate Health Sciences Students Facilitates Efficacy in Collaborative Practice Models" accepted as a Peer Paper in Progress at the 2016 Jefferson Center for Interprofessional Education Conference, "Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century: Redefining Education and Practice." The conference was held Oct. 28-29, 2016 in Philadelphia. An abstract from **ANGEL BOLING**, assistant professor of Nursing, titled "Interprofessional Education: A Clinical Practicum with Baccalaureate Nursing and Respiratory Care Students," was accepted as a poster at the same conference.

DR. RAMONA PATTERSON, assistant professor of Nursing, received certification in August 2016 from Organization Systems International for training in Assessing Credit for Prior Learning as a Lipscomb University Assessment Center Evaluator. The series of training sessions began September 2015 and concluded August 2016 as part of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission grant.

ANGEL BOLING, ANGIE CROW, JULIE DARBY, and **KIM KENNEL**, assistant professors of Nursing, are recipients of the 2016-2017 Sophie Wice Gordon Memorial Nursing Education Fellowship. **IVY ANDERSON**, assistant professor of Nursing, earned the 2016-2017 Ruby Humphries Hibbard

Doctoral Fellowship. They are all working to complete doctoral studies.

One senior student in the **DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY** program earned the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer-Abdomen credential by passing the Abdomen Specialty exam. **BENNIE ROBERTS**, instructor for Medical Radiography received an education grant in October 2016 titled "Advancing Your Profession: Education and Professional Growth." He also received the Baptist College of Health Sciences' quarterly Service First Champion Award. He presented at the Tennessee Society of Radiologic Technologists' 2016 Annual Meeting in November 2016 on the topic of Computed Tomography and attended an instructional workshop on radiation safety through the Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tenn., from May 16 - 20, 2016. He received 40 hours of training and instruction toward receiving certification as a radiation safety officer.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS and **DR. MICHELLE MCDONALD** presented in the "What's Right at Baptist" segment at the October Baptist Leadership Development Intensive.

DR. LISA HIGHT, Biology professor, has been appointed as the PULSE Educational Specialist (QEP) effective Nov. 7, 2016. Her role will be to assist the four PULSE chairs and the provost with the implementation of PULSE and the

writing of the QEP Impact Report, which will be due in 2020.

Four colleagues presented at the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers conference. **DR. ARNOLD ARREDONDO**, dean of enrollment management, and **CHRISTOPHER COTTON**, admissions officer, presented, "Bridge Building: Connecting with Adult Learners and Generation Z." **JOHN BERGER**, registrar, and **MIRANDA FAIRLY**, academic records specialist, also presented, "So You Think You Can Excel?"

CHRISTOPHER COTTON, admission officer, completed his master's degree in College Student Personnel from Arkansas Tech University in December 2016.

DR. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, president, and **DR. MITZI ROBERTS**, director of planning and institutional effectiveness, presented "Moving Beyond Continue to Monitor" at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Annual meeting on Dec. 4, 2016 in Atlanta, GA.

FACULTY & STAFF HONORS CONVOCATION

On March 7, 2016, the annual Faculty & Staff Honors Convocation was held in the Assembly Hall. Michelle McDonald, 2015 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty Award winner, delivered the address. Faculty and staff were recognized for their scholarship and community service during the past year. Faculty and staff who completed degrees were also recognized and presented with a special bookmark bearing the College seal. Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey, president, announced that the 2016 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty Award winner was Dr. Kendrick Hooker, program chair of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Anne Plumb, dean of Nursing, presented the 2016 DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing faculty to Phyllis Jeans, assistant professor.



Dr. Kendrick Hooker, 2016 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty award winner



Phyllis Jeans, 2016 DAISY Award winner



GIVING BACK TO MY ALMA MATER

My name is Ruth Kamke Reyes, Class of 1966 Baptist School of Nursing. At that time there were three such programs in Memphis, but only one has survived. My alma mater is now Baptist College of Health Sciences with many different programs. It is rather amazing to realize the vision, and know there are more good things to come.

Nursing was my desire since childhood, perhaps because my mom wanted to be a nurse. She was the daughter of Czechoslovakian immigrants who grew up in the Depression, so achieving her dream never happened. My older sister, Rachel, felt the same calling and graduated from Baptist five years ahead of me.

From the age of 16, I was able to work at Woolworth's on Main Street in Memphis during the weekends, holidays and summers, saving my money for tuition. Being one of five children with a blue collar working father and a stay-at-home mom, finances were tight. And then it happened. I applied for and received a scholarship from a Memphis service organization that exactly paid my tuition above what I had earned. The monetary gift was amazing, but they also gave me a beautiful inscribed paperweight that has been with me through my journey to becoming a rehabilitation nurse at Baptist.

Looking back, I was idealistic as to who health care professionals were: caring, compassionate people. Now with maturity I know they are that and more.

Each graduate of Baptist College of Health Sciences will become:

Computer Savvy-remembering user names and passwords (that need to be changed at intervals) allowing them to enter multiple programs quickly.

A journalist-reading and composing relevant documentation.

A detective-searching the internet for pertinent information necessary for best practice patient care.

A clinician-working with other health care professionals to restore a patient's health while considering other factors like length of stay, appropriate levels of care and discharge planning.

A teacher-helping patients, families and students understand diagnoses, treatment plans and health maintenance.

An advocate-for patients', social, spiritual, physical and psychological needs.



A defender-preventing infection, medication errors and complications while recognizing any sudden change in status.

A perpetual student-always learning new government regulations, organizational standards, insurance requirements, as well as keeping up with personal CEUs.

Today's graduate will become all of this and more in our ever-changing health care environment.

Although I retired this year from a wonderful career at Baptist, I still have my scholarship paperweight and remember what it stands for in my life. It has always made me want to give back to Baptist College.

I give back by attending the annual alumni events, reading the alumni newsletter so that I am well informed, volunteering to help with service projects and attending new student orientation where I can share my story. I also enjoy attending graduation and being part of the points of light group honoring the new graduates as they march in for the ceremony. It is also important to me to give financially to the scholarship funds at Baptist College, and by shopping at Kroger and participating in the community reward program.

Why do I want to give back? Because the present students are our future health care professionals and may even be one of our caregivers. I look at my paperweight and remember how others invested in me, both financially and by being part of my educational process.

Do you have a paperweight of remembrance? I challenge you to consider one and give back to our fine college.

Thank you,
Ruth Reyes
Class of 1966 Baptist School of Nursing



ALUMNI PROFILE: *Cheryl Berry*



Cheryl Berry (Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto)

Cheryl Berry, B.S., R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., a nursing director at Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto, remembers an iconic moment exemplifying one of her favorite things about getting an education at Baptist – the partnership of the hospitals and school. It was during the ice storm that hit the Mid-South in 1994.

At that time, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Medical Center was right across the street from the Baptist School of Nursing. Heavy ice, downed power lines and huge fallen tree limbs made the majority of streets impassable. Nurses could not make it to the hospital for their shifts or were running hours late. Nursing students were called from their dorms to the hospital to assist wherever needed, working alongside the physicians, nurses and assistants there. This was one of her most memorable educational experiences, it taught her she was part of a system - a health care family of sorts.

“I learned early on how connected the Baptist educational system was with the Baptist Memorial Hospital system. I always felt that connection, so when

I graduated and was promoted, I made sure to live that,” she says. “I do interviews for tuition deferral students and help if they need a preceptor. I come to candlelight ceremonies and did even when I worked out of state. I identify and remember how it felt as a student to have that connection with experienced nurses.”

Berry entered Baptist with a bachelor’s degree in health sciences and work experience. She went on to complete her R.N. at Baptist, as well as B.S.N. and master’s in nursing administration at Union University. She says because she had been in the workforce, she was not a “traditional student.”

“The School of Nursing was very diverse. There were all types of students there, and we lived in the dorm. We learned how to study together, how to pray together, how to walk alongside one another in our journeys. We never felt alone,” she remembers.

Formerly the chief nursing officer at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, Berry now leads many service lines at Baptist DeSoto, including cardiovascular care, critical care, ICU step down, nursing staff development and student programs. Berry has case management experience and has been in nursing management since 2005, with a total of 21 years of nursing experience.

After all these years, Berry still recalls that upon graduation, she felt very prepared and comfortable. The hospital staff had been very open to the students during their clinicals, and she had the experience within the Baptist system to know how things worked and where things were.

“I didn’t feel like an outsider. I already felt a part of Baptist when I graduated.”
– Cheryl Berry

Berry also cites the degree of excellence required at the Baptist School of Nursing. The facilities were pristine and professional, and students were expected to reflect that in their attire, their manner and their work. Their uniforms had to be pressed and clean, their work had to be top notch and their behavior was expected to be professional both on and off campus. She adds that a great degree of accountability and excellence was instilled in her, even after earning a degree and working full time in another discipline.

“I learned from that. I am proud of that. From the moment you entered school, you felt like you were working to become a part of something bigger than you. That’s the field of nursing,” she says.



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- Select "Save Changes."

You should now see Baptist College information under Community Rewards on your account summary page. Please note that Kroger Plus Reward members have to renew annually and reselect Baptist College as your organization of choice. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

P.S. Please spread the word!



Sherita Martin (Director of Development, Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation)

Save the Date for Mystery

Alumni Reunion

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 AND

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

MASQUERADE MURDER

MYSTERY DINNER



Please call 901-572-2853 with questions, or visit bchs.edu/alumnireunion to RSVP.



NOMINATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR ALUMNI AWARDS

The Baptist College of Health Sciences is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be given on June 3, 2017, during the alumni reunion luncheon. The award recognizes and honors alumni for distinguished personal and career achievements and for exemplary contributions to society that bring credit to the Baptist College of Health Sciences. One award is presented each year.

Criteria

1. Recipients must be of such integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that the award reflects positively on the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
2. Personal achievement through outstanding service to their community.
3. Achievements, patent on a new discovery or an innovation in a new technology.
4. Outstanding contribution to health care.
5. Regional, national or international reputation in the alumnus' field.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form below and return to Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni services, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. You can also email Megan at megan.bursi@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

This is an excellent opportunity to recognize our graduates who have had a very positive impact on their profession and their community.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award acknowledges significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the Alumni Board/Association. Award selections will be made by a sub-committee of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Criteria

1. Significant contributions — Recipients have shown dedication to their alma mater over time by volunteering their time to assist in whatever way they feel they can best serve. We acknowledge “significant” as meaning above and beyond the normal commitments. Finally, their dedication has been an inspiration to others.
2. The recipient may be a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, any of the Baptist schools and/or the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
3. Candidates must perform community service in addition to service at the College.
4. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character that reflect the College’s values.

Selection Process

1. The Alumni office gathers recommendations made by alumni, faculty, staff or other students and passes the recommendations to the awards committee for review.
2. A letter must be submitted indicating the significance of the service rendered to the College by the nominee, along with a detailed list of accomplishments.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (fewer than 10 years) whose early volunteer service for Baptist College sets an example for their peers, helps to keep other young alumni involved and shows promise for continued service and leadership in the future. Qualified candidates will also have made significant strides in their chosen profession.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty and staff. The nomination is in the form of a written letter to the Baptist College Alumni Office. Nomination forms for both the Alumni Service and Young Alumni awards are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee. Awards are granted on an annual basis and announced at the June alumni reunion.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 2016

Please address nominations to: Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni affairs, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Deadline for submission is May 10, 2017.

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____



I nominate: _____ Field: _____ Class of: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s) _____

Reason for nominating the alumnus _____

Information regarding professional career _____

Information on other honors/awards _____

Note: Attach a current resume or biography to this form. You may need to contact the nominee for this information.



Camp Bear Track - Student Retreat



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Day of Service - Multinational Ministries



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Yuletide Euphoria



Concert on the lawn



Above: Students, Faculty and staff painting the campus I Love Memphis mural. The mural was painted as part of the annual Spiritual Renewal Week. This years' theme was Praying in Color - Expressions of Prayer.



Left: Student Leaders Retreat



Baptist College team wins the 1st annual Inter-Professional Health Care Case Study Challenge against Christian Brothers University.



Stress Free Zone



CONGRATULATIONS



Debra Smith

MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY

Class of 2006

Debra Smith received the Baptist College of Health Sciences Service First award.

RADIATION THERAPY

Class of 2015

Sherronique Jones accepted a full-time radiation therapy position at 21st Century Oncology in Naples, Fla. She began working in her new job December 2015.

NURSING

Class of 2011

Lisa Hall completed the Master of Science in Nursing program at Delta State University in May 2016 and is newly certified as a family nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Two graduates of the DMS program presented at the 2016 Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Conference. Ann Willis, MS, RDMS, RVT, presented "Oh the Things You'll See: Interesting Cases Not Even Dr. Seuss Could Imagine." Patti Honnoll, BHS, RDMS, RVT, (PHOTO) presented "Pediatrics: Little People, Big Cases & You Can't Do That With Ultrasound."

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

Class of 1996

Brad Smith was recently named director of radiology at Baptist Collierville. He also serves as system director of radiology for Baptist Memorial Health Care. He will continue his duties as system director while managing the daily radiology operations at Baptist Collierville. Brad has been with Baptist since 1997 and has served in several roles within the organization.



Patti Honnoll

IN MEMORIAM

Geraldine G. Terrell, Class of 1946, passed away on December 6, 2016.

Gayle Ervin Larkin, Class of 1960, passed away on December 4, 2016.

Brian Laman, Class of 2006, passed away on December 4, 2016.

Toby Payton Graves, Class of 1962, passed away on September 24, 2016.

Jo Ann Duke Littlejohn, Class of 1964, passed away on August 8, 2016.

Patty Camp, Class of 1955, passed away on April 9, 2016.

Dorothy Nell Balkcom Paler, Class of 1959, passed away in February 2016.

Carolyn Haney Adams, Class of 1962, passed away on February 7, 2016.

Mary Frances James Tull, Class of 1950, passed away on June 30, 2015.

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