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President's Corner



I AM A POSITIVE PERSON AND

I would describe most days as "good days." However, there are some days that start out fairly ordinary and then become even better. One of those days is when I have a serendipitous moment that provides me with the opportunity to reconnect with one of you and get caught up on what is going on in your professional lives.

Recently I had two of those chance opportunities unexpectedly. Both encounters have replayed in my mind over these past weeks as I reflected on how both of these professionals have built on the strong foundations they acquired here as students to be successful. One graduated almost 20 years ago in nursing and the other alumnus graduated in April 2015 with a major in health care management.

The first reunion occurred when I stopped by a local pharmacy to get something for a lingering cold. While I was trying to decide among the overwhelming number of cold medicine options available, I heard a voice say, "Is that you Dr. McGarvey?" By the name they used, I knew immediately that it was probably a student or an alumnus who had recognized me. To my surprise and delight, it was Mark Mattingly from the class of 1996. I remember

Mark as a wonderful student who learned quickly and gave exceptional care to his patients. After graduation Mark worked in ICU at Baptist Memphis and then went on to obtain his master's degree and practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Mark now serves as the Chief CRNA in the Department of Anesthesiology at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and is pursuing his doctor of nursing practice at Drexel University.

The second serendipitous encounter occurred when I stopped by the office of one of our board members, Denise Burnett Stewart, to get her signature on some paperwork. As she was showing me around the offices of OR Nurses, Nationwide, I had the opportunity to talk with Melanie Pegues, who is a recent graduate from our health care management program. Melanie is the compliance specialist for the company and has already enrolled in a master's program. It was obvious that she is enjoying her new job and that she is a valued member of the team.

Thanks Matt and Melanie for giving me permission to brag on you both! You represent the talent and dedication of so many of our alumni, and all of you provide a perpetual source of inspiration to me, your alumni colleagues and those you serve.

Warm Regards,

BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, PHD, RN
- President

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ON THE COVER:

Dr. Rose Temple, founding president and president emeritus of Baptist College, speaks during the graduation ceremony.



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ABOVE: Ann Powell, (center, front) wife of Baptist's third president and CEO, Joe Powell, with some of the recipients of the Joseph Powell Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Luncheon

Baptist College held its annual scholarship luncheon in celebration of the 121 students who received academic awards for the 2015-2016 school year. The event allows scholarship donors and recipients to learn more about each other and become a part of each other's lives.

Jason Little, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care, and Scott Fountain, senior vice president and chief development officer of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, spoke at the luncheon and recognized donors for their support, prayers and commitment to education.

Baptist College students William Curry, Karla Dailey, Mariah Salim, and Amanda McDowell gave their testimonials and expressed their gratitude for their scholarships.



TOP: Karla Dailey, recipient of the Heather Samuels Community Health scholarship.

CENTER: Mary and Maury Bronstein with recipients of the Mary C. Bronstein scholarship; Kimbelry Zelaya (left) and Kaitlyn Skelton (right.)

BOTTOM: Jason Little, CEO and President of Baptist Memorial Health Care, with scholarship recipients William Curry and Mariah Salim.



Opening Convocation

OPENING CONVOCATION was held on September 14 as tradition for welcoming new students and celebrating the beginning of the new academic year. The featured speaker was Dr. Rose Temple, founding president and president emeritus of Baptist College. As this fall marked the 20th anniversary of the first baccalaureate class in 1995, Dr. Temple spoke on the founding values of the College and recapped many milestones during her “Dreams Realized” speech.

Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey, president, and Pernisha Ailsworth, president of the Student Government Association, welcomed new and returning students. Academic deans introduced new faculty from each division. Dr. Loredana Haeger, provost, led the gathering in singing the alma mater. Following convocation, students continued a tradition of tracing their handprints and signing their names on quilt tops which will be distributed throughout the coming academic year to lift the spirits of patients or those met on mission trips. The seal of the College and the alma mater both highlight hands of healing and service.

LEFT: Pernisha Ailsworth, president of the Student Government Association.

RIGHT: Casey Glover, diagnostic medical sonography student.



Annual Alumni Reunion

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND was held on June 5-6. More than 125 alumni participated in the reunion this year with the class of 1965 celebrating their 50 year anniversary. The theme of the weekend was "Come Together," a 60s retro theme.

The weekend kicked off at the College campus where alumni enjoyed dinner and entertainment by Alex Ward, a local radio DJ for the XM radio show "Pink and Black Days".

On Saturday, a luncheon was held at The Great Hall and Conference Center in Germantown. Mary Jo Greil, Ed.D, a certified executive coach and president of the Carson Greil Group, was the featured speaker for the luncheon and spoke on the value of friends and life-long friendships.

Each year special awards are presented to alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or provided exemplary service to the College. The 2015 Young Alumni Award was presented to Rebekah Sherlin-Chaplin, a 2013 graduate of the radiation therapy program. The 2015 Service Award was presented to Sara Brumley, a nursing graduate from the class of 1960. The 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award was awarded to Janice Flegle, nursing class of 1969.



Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

PAM CHERRY, DNP, RN, assistant professor of nursing, completed the degree requirements for the doctor of nursing practice, with a focus in nursing administration from Stamford University, Birmingham, AL.

PAM CHERRY, DNP, RN, submitted an abstract entitled “An Action Plan to Improve Communication between Staff Nurses and Managers”. Cherry’s abstract has been accepted for poster presentation at the 2015 TNA/TSN Joint Conference, October 24, 2015, in Murfreesboro, TN.

IVY ANDERSON, MSN, RN, assistant professor of nursing, submitted an abstract entitled “Resuscitating the Nurse’s Heart from Compassion Fatigue”. Anderson’s abstract has been accepted for poster presentation at the 2015 Nursing Management Congress, Oct. 13-17, 2015, at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

JULIE DARBY, MSN, RN, and ANGEL BOLING, MSN, RN, assistant professors of nursing, are recipients of the Sophie Wice Gordon Memorial Nursing Education Fellowship. Both faculty members are pursuing their doctoral studies at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

KIM KENNEL, MSN, RN, assistant professor of nursing, is a recipient of the Ruby Humphries Hibbard Doctoral Fellowship. Kennel is pursuing her doctoral studies at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

DR. CAROL WARREN, dean of allied health, hosted the planning session for Tennessee Health Care Campaign and

Center for Justice, “Counting the Cost Tour” for Medicaid Expansion advocacy at Baptist College of Health Sciences. The tour was held at the Benjamin Hooks Library where Dr. Warren moderated. Keith Norman, VP of Government Relations for Baptist, also participated.

JULIE LASLEY, acting chair of Radiography and chair of Radiation Therapy, is the faculty mentor to student Morgan Brooke Riley whose abstract submission has been accepted for an undergraduate research project entitled “Reaching Outside the Classroom”. The abstract was selected for inclusion in the Tennessee Experiential Learning Symposium (TELS.) Morgan will be traveling to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to present her service learning experiences.

DR. ROGER D. DUKE, assistant professor of Religion and Communication, presented a paper entitled “John Bunyan: Confessions of One Who Was Persecuted” in Louisville, KY on September 16, 2015, at the Andrew Fuller Conference on Persecution and the Church at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

DR. DAVID ROSENTHAL, DR. CAROL WARREN, and DR. RAMONA PATTERSON attended a two-day behavioral assessment training session at Lipscomb University in Nashville to become certified behavioral assessors for the CORE Assessment and Development program at Lipscomb University. The training was led by Dr. Bruce Griffiths, creator of the Polaris assessment model and founder of Organization Systems International in San Diego. This training was paid for by a THEC/Ready to

Reconnect grant awarded to Baptist College for the purposes of advancing and improving the existing credit-for-prior (CPL) processes at the College.

DR. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of Philosophy & Religion and long-time Clinical Ethics Consultant at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, participated in the Friday Grand Rounds on September 11, 2015. Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey, president of Baptist College of Health Sciences; Lisa Hight, professor of Biology; and 13 Baptist College students were also in attendance. Dr. Barron H. Lerner, professor of Medicine & Population Health (in the Divisions of General Internal Medicine & Medical Ethics) with New York University School of Medicine, was the distinguished visiting lecturer for the fifth annual Camille F. Sarrouf Endowed Lecture on Bioethics and Medical Humanities. Dr. Lerner’s topic was “Two doctors, Two generations: Medical ethics then and now”, a distillation of thoughts from his fifth book, *The Good Doctor: A Father, a Son, and the Evolution of Medical Ethics* (Beacon Press, 2014). The following Baptist College students participated in the Sarrouf lecture: Hannah Bryant, Ashley Cook, Madison Howard, Juanita Jackson, Taylor Jones, Ave Maria Kimble, Jessica McKay, Callie Roberson, Elizabeth Danielle Smith, Lina Tirone, Christal Wayne, Jacqueline Weatherspoon, and Amanda Wiseman.

DR. CHURCH participated as a “special guest” commentator at Schwartz Rounds at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital on August 26. Schwartz Rounds is an educational and support process aimed at fostering frank conversation about issues relative to the caregiver’s role.

The topic for August was “Just Between Us: When Parents Ask Us to Withhold Information From Children”. The program featured case presentations by a child life specialist, a clinical psychologist, and an oncologist.

DR. CHURCH coauthored a paper entitled “Ethics Consultation in Pediatrics: Long-Term Experience from a Pediatric Oncology Center” in *The American Journal of Bioethics* 15(5):3-17, 2015 published online on May 13, 2015. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15265161.2015.1021965>.

DONNA MARS, clinical coordinator and associate professor of nuclear medicine technology, successfully recertified as a Nuclear Cardiology Technologist (NCT). The NCT credential recognizes nuclear medicine technologists who have a high level of knowledge in nuclear cardiology, including instrumentation, radiopharmaceuticals, and adjunct medications in diagnosis of cardiovascular disease. With only 19 active NCT certified professionals in Tennessee, she has successfully maintained the NCT credential since passing the inaugural examination in 2001.

DONNA MARS was nominated for PINNACLE, which is a non-traditional honor society for adult students at the University of Memphis and was inducted on April 10, 2015.

DR. DARIUS WILSON, professor and chair of medical laboratory sciences, and Dr. Lilian Ogari, assistant professor of biology, collaborated on the first Molecular Diagnostics course for the medical laboratory sciences major.

DR. WILSON served as the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Education Scientific Assembly (ESA) Vice Chair at the ASCLS annual meeting July 29-31, 2015.

DR. WILSON served as committee member of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) Phlebotomy Approval Review Committee (PARC) and reviewed the Phlebotomy self-study from the Mayo School of Health Sciences.

DR. WILSON served as the vice-chair of the ASCLS (American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science) Educational Scientific Assembly (ESA). In this role, she recruited professionals and led a committee of volunteers to review nine research papers and case studies to be submitted and judged at the ASCLS meeting.

DR. WILSON served on Southwest Tennessee Community College MLT Advisory/Clinical Faculty committee and attended the annual meeting on May 19.

DR. WILSON was the speaker for two sessions: “Writing C.A.P. Objectives for L.L.C. What does the verb have to do with it?” and “Is Teaching Worth the Work? Faculty Engagement of Self-Efficacy for Survival in Laboratory Education Programs” at the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 19-21. Dr. Wilson also served as the moderator for two sessions during the conference.

DR. WILSON served as a member of the NAACLS Program Approval Review Committee (PARC) for Edison Community College, Turtle Community College, and South Suburban College phlebotomy programs on January 12 and 13, 2015.

DR. ARNOLD ARREDONDO, dean of enrollment management, was among the higher education professionals interviewed by *Memphis Medical News* regarding initiatives to increase minority enrollment. His interview was included in the article, “Health Science Schools Make Strides in Diversity”. Additionally, he was interviewed by *Memphis Magazine* for a spotlight on health care careers in their 2015 College Guide.

DR. GREG VIEIRA, assistant professor of physics, co-authored a paper entitled “Scalable Microfluidics for Single Cell RNA Printing and Sequencing” published June 6, 2015, in *Genome Biology*.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS, director of institutional planning & assessment, was a co-presenter for a live webinar with Dr. Rob Goodman, professor, interim chair and chief of pediatric radiology at Yale University School of Medicine. The June 23 webinar was “The Applications and Practice of Neonatal Brain Sonography”. The webinar was a joint activity between the Society of Diagnostic Medical and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

DR. ROBERTS also served as site visitor chair for the Joint Review Committee on Education for diagnostic medical sonography. The accreditation visit took place at St. Louis Community College in St. Louis, Missouri.

TAMEKA GOODEN, instructor in medical laboratory science, was inducted into PINNACLE, a non-traditional Honor Society for adult students, at the University of Memphis. Ms. Gooden also served as a reviewer for student research paper submissions for the upcoming July meeting of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science-ESA (Education Scientific Assembly).

JULIE LASLEY, chair and assistant professor in radiation therapy, was selected as a site accreditation reviewer for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

SEVERAL FACULTY from allied health presented at the 7th Annual Faculty Symposium at the College on April 16, 2015: Julie Lasley, chair and assistant professor in radiation therapy, presented on "Problem Based Learning: Is it for our Curriculum"; Kira Anderson, chair and assistant professor of respiratory care, and Donna Mars, assistant professor and clinical coordinator of nuclear medicine, presented on an intra-professional approach to cardiovascular diagnostics and therapeutics.

DR. LOREDANA C. HAEGER, provost/vice president of academic & student affairs, was appointed to the International Association of Baptist Colleges & Universities Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, May 31-June 2, 2015. Dr. Haeger will be serving as one of the chief academic officers to fill a vacated position. Her service term will be until June 2017.

DR. JUDY LABONTE, associate professor of nursing, had an abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2015 Healthy Aging Summit in Washington D.C., July 27-28, 2015, entitled "Saying 'Thank You' Wouldn't Cost Them One Cent: Voices of Southern CNAs".

DR. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, president, was selected to serve on Leadership Memphis' Board of Directors for a three-year term.

DR. LUCIA VANDERPOOL, associate professor of computer information systems, presented on "Add a Personal Touch to your Online Course and Improve Retention" at the Innovative Educator Conference held at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, on March 27, 2015.

CHRISTEN GANLEY, instructor in radiation therapy, was inducted into the Alpha Eta Society, the honor society for allied health sciences, on March 30, 2015.

KATHY HUNT, assistant professor and program chair of nuclear medicine technology received the "Robert Bowen Award for Outstanding Dedication" for 2015 in appreciation of her service to the profession at the Nuclear Medicine Technologist of Tennessee conference on March 27, 2015.

JULIE LASLEY and CHRISTEN GANLEY published an article, "Virtual Environment Radiation Therapy", in the spring 2015 publication of Radiation Therapist. The article discusses how the radiation therapy program at Baptist College utilizes the VERT for competency based education.

New Faces at Baptist College



Arnold Arredondo, Ph.D., joined the College team as the new dean of enrollment management on March 30. In this role, Dr. Arredondo is responsible for overseeing the admissions office and registrar's office, career and academic advising, and retention management. Dr. Arredondo served as a missionary in Africa and served seven years in the military. He comes to the College with several years of experience that extend over three Christian universities. He previously worked at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., as the vice president for student services. He also served as an assistant professor of theology and culture. His experience in health care includes five years of practice in the field of occupational therapy.

Dr. Arredondo earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and his doctorate of philosophy from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



Megan Bursi joined the College team as the new director of marketing and alumni affairs on August 31. But Megan is not new to the Baptist organization. Most recently, she served as the liaison between the College and Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporate Communications.

In this role, Bursi is responsible for establishing and implementing the strategic direction for all marketing, communications and alumni events and materials for Baptist College. Bursi earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Memphis.



Melissa Surles has recently been appointed the new director of the Center for Academic Excellence with a charge to lead and support learning resources beyond the classroom. Melissa has served Baptist College in enrollment management positions for the past 10 years and is excited about this new opportunity to collaborate with faculty, staff, and students. Melissa holds a master's degree in leadership and policy studies from the University of Memphis and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Christian Brothers University.

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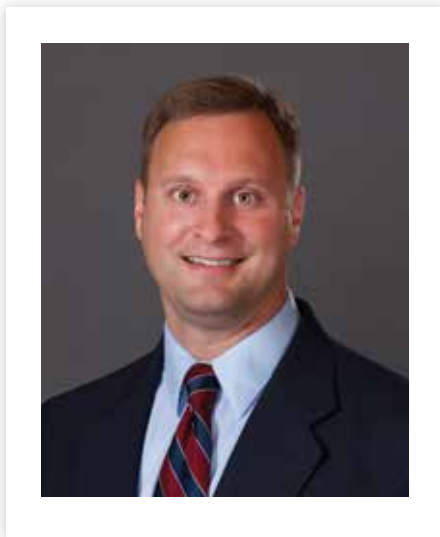
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August Graduates Celebrate with Nursing Pinning Ceremony



Those recognized included the Student Nurse Mentors, NSNA officers, Presidential Ambassadors, and the inductees into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Ms. Jennifer Currie received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from the Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau in recognition of her academic achievement and leadership ability. The August graduating class, represented by Kelsey Holland and Lisa Crum, presented a check to Mrs. Karen Smith, director for Campus Ministries, to continue support for other nursing students to participate in future Baptist College mission trips.

SIXTY (60) NURSING GRADUATES WERE RECOGNIZED at the summer 2015 Pinning and Recognition Ceremony held August 13. This pinning ceremony is a nursing school tradition that marks the graduate's rite of passage into the profession of nursing. Graduates were proudly pinned by the nursing faculty. During the ceremony, nursing graduates were also recognized for additional achievement.

Allied Health White Coat Ceremony

On September 25, the division of Allied Health held its third 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 professional standards expected of those in patient care careers. Fifty-five students were cloaked with white coats by their respective faculty, representing the six Allied Health programs at the College.



Alumni Profile:

BILLY LAMBERT | Nuclear Medicine, 1993

When Billy Lambert began looking at schools to study nuclear medicine technology, something about Baptist College of Health Sciences stood out to him. “The professionalism, dedication, and preparation at Baptist were like no other,” said Lambert.

After completing the radiologic technology program at Kaskaskia College in Illinois, Lambert moved down to Memphis in 1992 to start at the College. Prior to his arrival, he got in touch with Kathy Hunt, the program chair for nuclear medicine technology, who connected him with previous Baptist students willing to give advice and more insight to the program. “The NMT program was very challenging, and Kathy ran a stringent course,” said Lambert. “I was just 21 years old when I started, but I think when you’re young, having that discipline helps tremendously.”

Even though the class size was small, it allowed Lambert and his classmates to receive more one-on-one attention with professors. Another factor that encouraged Lambert throughout the year was the impressive pass rate on the national board scores. He said that because his professors were so hands-on, sincere, and dedicated to their students, it made him and his classmates want to succeed.

“When I graduated, I felt like I was an expert in nuclear medicine,” said Lambert. “Our professors were all about preparation for practice and the boards, and that’s what was important to me.”

Lambert went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in science and nuclear medicine from Eastern Illinois University and later completed his Master

of Science in Management degree from the University of St. Francis. He first worked as a radiologist for St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Illinois before being promoted to Director of Diagnostic Services for the entire Hospital Sisters Health System. As director, he managed several departments including radiology, cardiology, neuro services, diagnostics, and the sleep lab.

Throughout the years, Lambert has worked for several well-known health care and medical companies such as Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging, GE Healthcare, and Siemens Medical Solutions. Currently, he is the Senior Manager for Radiology Clinical Sales Support at Philips Healthcare. Lambert is responsible for directing and managing a team within the United States that provides clinical sales support while also demonstrating advanced visualization software for MRIs, PET scans, nuclear medicine, and more.

“The thing about having an education from Baptist College of Health Sciences is they have a plan of action from when and where you start to when and where you end,” said Lambert. “The structure and principles of the school and the NMT program helped me get to where I am today.”

Lambert said that he recently looked at the College website and was thoroughly impressed with the amount of various program options available for current and incoming students. “It gives me so much pride to say that I went there, and I enjoy seeing how successful they’ve become.”



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Alumni Profile:

BARBARA HELMS | Nursing, Class of 1957



Barbara Helms wanted to be a nurse ever since she was a young girl. During high school, she took the classes that were necessary to prepare her for nursing school. "It was my first love and my only love," said Helms. "I saw the great need for nurses and I just wanted to be able to help people." When it came time to apply for college, Helms only considered one school – Baptist College of Health Sciences, formerly known as Baptist School of Nursing.

"My grandmother had a lot of influence over me. She talked to me as a young child about how wonderful the Baptist hospital was, and I just knew it was meant for me," said Helms. During World War II, Helms' grandmother was a part of a women's mission union in her hometown of Coldwater, Miss. This women's mission union in particular was one that made a set of pillars for the Baptist hospital. "She instilled the idea of nursing in me when I was little and encouraged me to continue my education at Baptist," said Helms.

After completing her only application and later receiving an acceptance letter, Helms began her nursing education at Baptist in September of 1954. She joined 117 other students, the largest class size that Baptist had ever accepted at that point. Helms couldn't pick a favorite subject, but she enjoyed

learning about the different areas of nursing. "Every time I came to a different floor, whether it was pediatrics, OB, or medicine, it became my favorite at the time because I was learning something new," said Helms.

One of the instructors that Helms especially admired was Maureen Gaither Halliburton. It was during Helms' first year at Baptist when Halliburton took her under her wing and became an influential figure for her. She said that Halliburton taught her all of the basic nursing procedures like giving a bath, changing beds, and much more. "I loved nursing from the day I started school, but she really taught me how to be a nurse," said Helms. "I have great admiration for her and much gratitude for her influence."

Helms graduated on September 17, 1957, and shortly after began her nursing career on the medical floor at Baptist 12 Madison East. This was the original location of Baptist Medical Center and at the time, the first hospital in the region to offer air conditioning and the first hospital in America built predominantly with private patient rooms. Helms worked on the medical floor for two years before moving to the laboratory to serve as an assistant supervisor for the blood collection team, also known as the Lab IV team.

In March 1981, she co-founded the Baptist Hospital School of Phlebotomy with her colleague Annette Davidson, a medical technologist in the laboratory. "It was so rewarding to see men and women come in to the school knowing nothing about medicine but leaving with much more knowledge and experience," said Helms. The school offered three classes a year, and each class lasted three months long. Even though the school dissolved in 1989, Helms said being able to teach someone else and give back to other students was extremely worthwhile.

After working in the lab for 32 years, Helms went to work in one-day surgery, which at the time was located on the third floor of the 3



Annex at 12 Madison East. When the downtown location closed in 2000 and transitioned to the main campus of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, Helms also made the move and continued to work in one-day surgery, now located in the Ambulatory Centre. She stayed there until January 2015 when an opportunity came to work at the new Spence and Becky Wilson Baptist Children's Hospital.

Currently, Helms works in the pediatric emergency room in audit charges. She's responsible for reviewing the charges that the nurses have checked off for patients coming through. She said that even though she's not directly involved with patient care, it takes a nurse's knowledge to know what she's doing. "I'm so happy to be a part of this young group of people that have an enormous amount of knowledge about taking care of babies and children," said Helms.

With an impressive nursing career that spans over 57 years, Helms said that there is no way to express how much her love of nursing has grown over time. She has helped countless patients from Elvis Presley to her own children, and the joy she has been given by serving others is beyond compare. "It just thrills my soul to see what Baptist has done in the past century, not only for the community but for the world. Throughout all of my years working here, I've seen patients come from all over to our hospital," said Helms. "We are an exceptional system and I am so proud to say that I work at a Baptist hospital."

2016 Nominations for Alumni Awards

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 4, 2016, 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 honor 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 make 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, Memphis, TN 38104. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize our graduates who have had a very positive impact on their profession and their community.

Also, you can send an email to megan.bursi@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The purpose of the Alumni Service Award is to acknowledge significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the Alumni Board/Association. Award selections will be made by a subcommittee 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 want to acknowledge “significant” meaning above and beyond the norm. Their dedication has been an inspiration to others.
2. The recipient *must* 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 have positively impacted the College.

Selection process

1. Recommendations for the Outstanding Alumni Service Award are received by the Alumni Office and made available to the awards committee. The recommendations may be made by alumni, faculty, staff and students of the College.

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.

3. Mail to Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104; email to megan.bursi@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (fewer than 10 years) whose early volunteer service for BCHS 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 BCHS Alumni Office. Nomination forms are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee as is the Alumni Service Award.

The award is 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 April 24, 2016.

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.

Around Campus



ABOVE: Members of the Student Government Association enjoying the Amurica photo booth at Family Day.



ABOVE: Christian song artist, Brady Toops, at a Service and Worship event.



ABOVE: Students celebrate "Choose 901 Day" by exploring Memphis during Welcome Week at a Redbirds Game.



ABOVE: Dean of student services, Nancy Reed, getting her flu shot from December nursing graduate, Kadey O'Grady.



ABOVE: The student retreat at Camp Bear Track ended with worship time and a mountain view.



ABOVE: Dr. Anne Plumb (left) and Dr. Cathy Stepter (right) presenting the Daisy in Training award to Mariah Salim (center.)



ABOVE: Students enjoying some friendly competition at this year's student retreat.

RIGHT: Student nurses showing their stethoscopes #NursesUnite
#NursesShareYourStethoscopes



Class Notes

NURSING

CLASS OF 1978

JoAnn Bishop welcomed her granddaughter on October 30th, 2015. This is her 12th grandchild. (1)



CLASS OF 1983

Tracey Jones Roberts is a grandmother. Her granddaughter, Sydney Kate Roberts-Cothran, is 5 months old. (2)



CLASS OF 1993

Deborah Hall recently became the Baptist Patient Placement Center director. Before taking this position, she served as manager of the Patient Placement Center.



CLASS OF 2009

Miranda McGhee, pictured with her son, Joseph Isaac McGhee, in his Future Baptist Grad onesie. (3)



CLASS OF 2010

Jamila Smith-Young recently graduated from the University of Alabama Birmingham with a master's in nursing, concentrating in acute care pediatrics. She is currently a nurse practitioner at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Jamila gave birth to a baby boy, Paxton Andrew Young, on August 20, 2015 weighing 5lbs 6oz. His big sister, Zoë, has been a great helper. (4)



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

CLASS OF 2004

Sarah Rogers Jennings married Zachary Jennings on July 30, 2015 in Playa Langosta, Tamarindo, Costa Rica. Sarah is currently a Clinical Applications Specialist for FujiFilm SonoSite. The couple resides in Louisiana with their yellow labrador, Winston. (5)

IN MEMORIAM

Rebecca Jane Hay Barnett, class of 1948, passed away on September 14, 2015.

Lila Faye Teague, class of 1950, passed away on November 28, 2014.

Timmerri Jahiere Tillman, class of 1993, passed away on May 22, 2014.

Lyndal Carlene Ragon, class of 1946, passed away on March 12, 2015.

E. Carolyn Culp Sturgers, class of 1953, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Fae J. Owens, class of 1955, passed away on July 1, 2015.

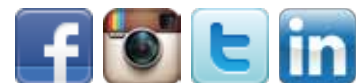
Zozelle Baker Pugh, class of 1942, passed away on February 27, 2015.

Mary Ann Garner Clark, class of 1951, passed away on December 6, 2014.

Sarah Ruth Thomas Deckard, class of 1954, passed away on January 26, 2014.

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Baptist Babies

New addition to the family? We would like to send you a Baptist Babies onesie to say "Congratulations." Send an email to Megan.Bursi@bchs.edu or contact us on Facebook by searching Baptist College of Health Sciences.

