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WHEN REVIEWING DEFINITIONS FOR "graduation" I found that all sources include language regarding a ceremony where degrees are given out. True, that would be a common response when asking someone for a definition. But when you attend or participate in a graduation, you understand that words are limiting in providing a full description of the event.

Graduation is a time of dreams and hopes realized. It is a time of celebration for those who have earned the degrees and also for those who have helped support them through the process. Cameras flash to capture the special moments. Smiles and hugs are shared among the graduates and guests. The playing of *Pomp and Circumstance* provides a distinctive march to accompany the entry of the ceremony participants and graduates. Graduation even requires a special academic "dress code" to distinguish those who have obtained certain academic degrees and goals. It is truly a milestone marker along the professional and educational journey of the graduates.

For the April 2014 graduation, we were honored to have Dr. Carla Sanderson, alumnae from the Class of 1979, as the commencement speaker. In her remarks, Dr. Sanderson used the example of Deborah, a prophetess and judge, found in the Old Testament book of Judges. Deborah was a unique leader of her time. She was known for her wisdom, sense of justice, and courage to follow God's plan. Dr. Sanderson challenged the graduates to be bold and courageous in using the knowledge and skills they gained to provide leadership in their respective areas of practice. The health care environment in which they now practice is dynamic with continual changes in treatments, technology, and regulations.

The leadership skills Deborah displayed are needed as much today as they were then. At the end of the commencement ceremony,

Karen Smith, director of campus ministries, led the audience in a responsive reading she adapted to encourage the graduates as they embark upon their careers. Would you please take a minute and read this as a prayer for our graduates. They need our support to be future Deborahs.

Warmly,

BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, PH.D., R.N.

- President

Leader: May you be blessed with a spirit of gentleness and a heart that is tender.

Response: Christ has no body now but yours.

Leader: May you be blessed with a spirit of strength shining within you.

Response: Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Leader: May you be blessed with a spirit of compassion and a fervent caring.

Response: Yours are the hands that will anoint the sick and offer blessing.

Leader: May you be blessed with a spirit of courage, daring to be who you are.

Response: Yours are the eyes through which He sees compassion on this world.

Leader: May you be blessed with a spirit of openness, understanding, and respect.

Response: Christ has no body on earth but yours.

Leader: May the earth hold you. May the wind lift you ever up/ May the fire of compassion draw and warm you. And may the water soothe your soul.

All: Go in peace, for a hurting world waits for your healing touch.

Adaptations by Karen Smith from prayers by Smith, Wintz and Saint Teresa of Avila

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BCHS Commencement

THE 25TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY of the Baptist College of Health Sciences was held on April 10 at Germantown Baptist Church. College President Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey presided over the ceremony. Dr. Richard Drewry, chair of the college Board of Directors, introduced the featured speaker, Mrs. Carla Sanderson. Sanderson is the provost at Union

University in Jackson, Tenn., and an alumna of the Baptist Memorial School of Nursing.

Dr. Drewry presented diplomas to 113 graduates. He awarded 59 baccalaureate degrees for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and 54 diplomas in the Bachelor of Health Sciences.

Dr. Loredana Haeger, provost of the College, recognized special honors including graduates for cum laude, summa cum laude and magna cum laude.

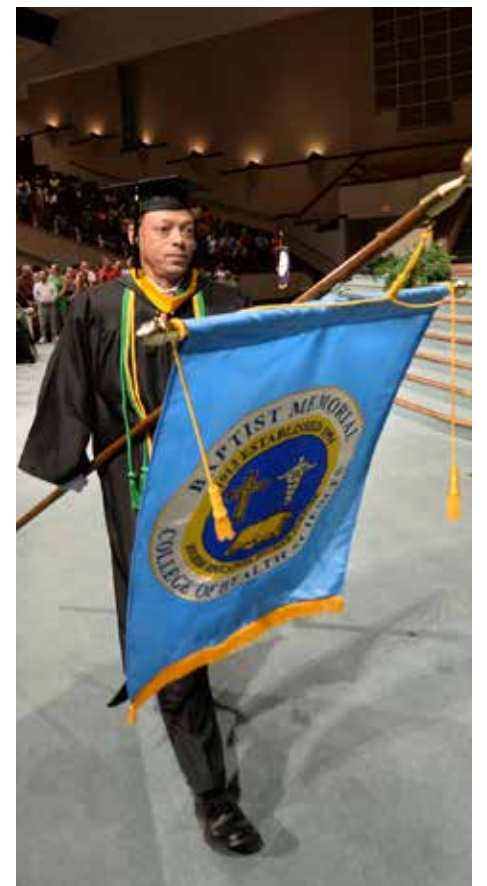
Scott Fountain, senior vice-president and chief development officer for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presided over the presentation of special awards.

Dr. Drewry presented the Board of Directors award to Sarah R. Craig, a diagnostic medical sonography graduate, with magna cum laude

honors. The award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, commitment to community service, commitment to Christian principles, and potential for leadership in the health care professions.

The Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award was presented to Andria L. Miller, nursing graduate with summa cum laude honors. This award is named in memory of Miss Elizabeth Farnell, vice president of nursing for Baptist Memorial Hospital from 1971 to 1991. The recipient of this award has attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the nursing graduates.

The Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award was presented to Giselle VanPutten, a medical



radiography graduate with summa cum laude honors. Dr. Ling H. Lee was a longtime radiologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital and an inventor who was awarded seven patents for various inventions. The recipient of this award has attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the medical radiography graduates.

The Joseph H. Powell Award was presented to Amber S. Odle, a nursing graduate with cum laude honors. The award honors Mr. Powell, former chief executive officer of Baptist Memorial Hospital and Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation. Mr. Powell provided a noteworthy legacy of leadership in health care and community service. The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and the potential for advanced studies in the health sciences.

The Sarah Ainsworth Award was presented to Kaitlyn Jackson, a diagnostic medical sonography graduate with cum laude honors. Established by a gift from her husband Jim, this award honors the dedication and commitment Mrs. Ainsworth made to help her students learn and grow as health care professionals. The recipient demonstrates leadership potential, commitment to Christian values, and is ranked in the top 25% of the graduating class.

The Dr. John F. Rockett Award was presented to Candace B. Starling, a nuclear medicine technology graduate with summa cum laude honors. This award is in memory of Dr. Rockett, an esteemed nuclear medicine physician at Baptist Memorial Hospital, who demonstrated outstanding academic performance in research methodology and a commitment to excellence in clinical practice in the field of Nuclear Medicine.



ABOVE: Dr. Richard Drewry, chair of the Baptist Memorial College Board of Directors, presented the 2014 Board of Directors Award to Sarah Craig.



ABOVE: Scott Fountain, senior vice president for Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presented the Joseph H. Powell Award to Amber Odle.



ABOVE (L TO R): Scott Fountain presented the Sara Ainsworth Award to Kaitlyn Jackson; the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award to Andira Miller; the Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award to Giselle VanPutten; and the Dr. John F. Rockett Award to Candace Starling.

April 4 Reception for Mr. Reynolds



LEFT: Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey invited Mr. Stephen Reynolds and his wife, Ann, for a luncheon with Baptist College colleagues on April 4. McGarvey interviewed him asking questions such as the best moments in his career, what he would miss the most and other noteworthy periods of his career. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds graciously stayed so that employees could extend their best wishes.

Student Honors Convocation



STUDENT SERVICES HOSTED THE Student Honors Convocation with a reception in the College Assembly Hall on March 24. Students were recognized for their academics, service, leadership, and spirit within the Baptist College community. Three special awards were presented by Jeremy Wilkes, director of student services, and Tara Martchek, student services officer.

The 2014 Leadership Award was presented



to Jessica Fowler; the Service Award to Ashley Alexander; and the BCHS Spirit Award to Kristei Yount.

In addition, various faculty members presented certificates or special recognition to student leaders for their work as tutors, examples to other students, resident hall managers, and those in the Student Government Association who provided many events for the entire campus throughout the year.



TOP LEFT: Tara Martchek, right, student services officer, presented the BCHS Spirit Award to current student Kristei Yount.

TOP MIDDLE: Jeremy Wilkes, left, director of student services, presented the BCHS Service Award to Ashley Alexander.

TOP RIGHT: Tara Martchek also presented the BCHS Leadership Award to Jessica Fowler.

Baptist College Honors Outstanding Faculty and Staff

THE BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES recently held its annual Faculty & Staff Honors Convocation. College President Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey presented the 2014 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty award to Dr. Cathy Stepter, associate professor of nursing, and the 2014 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Staff award to Joyce Perkins, administrative secretary.

Dr. Anne Plumb, dean of nursing, presented the 2014 DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty to Dr. Renee Parker, assistant professor.

The convocation included two new traditions this year. Dr. Judy Labonte and Mrs. Denise Bowman, the 2013 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty and Staff recipients, respectively gave the convocation address. The second new tradition consisted of acknowledg-

ing all faculty and staff who had completed a degree during the past year. A total of eight recipients were acknowledged, representing both faculty in nursing and allied health, as well as staff representing the Financial Aid Office and the Registrar's Office. Degrees ranged from a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Science, to a Master of Science in Leadership and Policy Studies, to a Ph.D. in Nursing.



TOP RIGHT: Dr. Loredana Hager and Dr. Cathy Stepter

BOTTOM RIGHT: Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey and Joyce Perkins.

LEFT: Dr. Cheryl Joy, Dr. Renee Parker and Dr. Anne Plumb

Foundation Welcomes New Director of Development for the College

SHERITA MARTIN RECENTLY JOINED the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation as the Director of Development for the Baptist College of Health Sciences. Martin will report to Jenny Nevels, executive director for the Foundation and will oversee the fundraising activities for the College.

Martin began her career with Baptist Memorial Health Care as an education assistant in Continuing Medical Education in 1989. She joined the College in 1995 as the student accounts coordinator for the Business and Financial Services Department. At the College, Martin has also served as a financial aid officer and most recently as the Supervisor of Student Finance and Business Affairs.

As a long time employee of the College, Martin has a strong passion for its mission. "I truly feel grateful to be able to raise funds for the College. I have seen firsthand how many students need financial assistance to assist in completing their education, and I am honored to have such a vital role in securing funds to

assist those students in need," Martin said.

"Throughout my career at the College, I have worked so closely with the students and it has always brought me great joy to know we have loyal donors that provide resources to help ease their financial burden. My appreciation for the donors who contribute to support the needs of our students runs deep," she added. "If you have not donated, or if it has been some time since you have given, I hope you will complete the attached donation envelope. Your gift will make a difference in the life of a deserving student who will appreciate your kind gesture in keeping the tradition of providing students with an exceptional education. Any amount you choose to give is greatly appreciated."



Sherita Martin can be reached at 901-572-2773 or Sherita.Martin@bchs.edu.

Thompson and Associates—Planning is the Key

THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL Health Care Foundation has partnered with estate planning firm Thompson and Associates to provide complimentary estate planning services to College alumni. Jeremy Pharr, JD, is our representative, and he is on-site at the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation monthly. Thompson and

Associates will provide estate planning advice to assist in achieving your estate planning objectives. We hope that you will take advantage of this unique service. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Jenny Nevels, executive director at 901-227-7141 or 1-800-895-4483.



Around Campus



1. Lifeblood's Chief Executive Officer Susan Buckley was on campus March 11 to thank the College for its continued participation and in recognition of the recent award. It was noted that since 2003, the students, faculty and staff have donated 2,462 units of blood and saved 7,386 lives. Left to Right: Nancy Reed, dean of students, BCHS; Debra Brown, community relations director, Lifeblood; Susan Buckley, chief executive officer for Lifeblood; Bill Finnell, counselor for BCHS; and Larry Hilburn, chairman of Lifeblood Board of Directors.



2. A Day of Service. Students, along with one faculty member and one staff member, helped to make over 3,500 meals for the Mid-South Food Bank.

3. 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food donations coordinated by the National Student Nursing Association with contributions by our student body. Latoya Cook is the President. Vice Presidents are Alicia Davis, Rhonda Carter, Sabrina Edwards and Nicole Griesheimer.



4. The Spring Mission project involved making shoes from plastic milk cartons and blue jeans. The SOLE HOPE project was held for an entire day with students staying for at least two hours. Shoes are needed for adults as well as children to help in preventing foot diseases.

Spiritual Renewal Week



CAMPUS MINISTRIES sponsored Spiritual Renewal Week, February 17- 21. The theme for the week was "Clinging to God...Holding onto Souls". For the first three days, local chaplains and clergy were invited to speak.

Speakers included: Jim Wilson, Chaplain, Baptist Memphis; Mark Brown, Chaplain, St Jude Children's Research Hospital; Diane Ragsdale, 2013 BCHS Nursing Graduate; Linda Serino, Associate Minister of Congregational Care, Second Baptist Church; Brent Powell, Director, Chaplain Services, St. Jude Children's Research; and Moe Eckels, retired Physical Therapists and Pastor, Faith Heritage Bap-

tist Church. On February 20, a shoe-cutting party was held for the ministry Sole Hope. More than 250 kits were cut by the students for shoes to be mailed to those in need overseas. The week concluded with a concert on Friday night by the contemporary Christian artist, Jonny Diaz. The week was filled with reflection, service and praise.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE PROGRAM RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION

The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) has awarded the nuclear medicine technology program, sponsored by Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, a continued accreditation of seven years.

The JRCNMT plans to schedule the next on-site evaluation in 2020, with a mid-cycle report due in April 2017.

The College has offered a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology since 2004 and has had a 100% first-time pass rate since the major was implemented. The program chair is Kathy Hunt and the clinical coordinator is Donna Mars.

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

DR. CINDY BORGERS, associate professor of Nursing, has been selected as one of the Top 100 Nurses in Fayette and Shelby Counties. She was recognized at the 27th Celebrate Nursing Gala, April 26 at the Holiday Inn, University of Memphis.

DR. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of Philosophy and Religion, was elected President of the Mid-South Comfort Care Coalition at the quarterly board meeting on January 11. The Mid-South Comfort Care Coalition is “a group of citizens dedicated to helping individuals live with dignity, comfort and peace as they near the end of life.” The coalition’s mission is “to serve as a broad-based community network to educate the members of the community and advocate for people with life-threatening illnesses and end of life concerns.”

Dr. Church was the keynote speaker for the MCCC’s spring community education conference, “*Mapping Personal Health Care Decisions for Your Life’s Journey*,” held at the University of Memphis’ University Center, March 1. The topic for his plenary address was “*Stories of Family Health Care Decision-Making: Lessons Learned*.” Approximately 225 community members and health care providers attended the training event. Dr. Church also led a breakout session, “*Deciding for Others: Ethical Considerations for Providers*.”

DR. LOREDANA HAEGER, Provost/Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs represented Baptist College of Health Sciences at the Spring 2014 Tennessee College Association annual meeting on March 26. The theme for the 2014 meeting was Drive to 55 through Collaboration. Dr. Noland, President of East Tennessee State University and Dr. Greer, President of Milligan College presented a collaboration between their two institutions. The keynote

address was given by the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, John Morgan. A panel presentation focusing on reverse transfer was conducted by representatives from TICUA, THEC, UT System, and TBR.

KATHY HUNT, program chair and assistant professor for nuclear medicine technology, presented *Molecular Imaging: What a Nuclear Medicine Technologists Needs to Know* at the Nuclear Medicine Update 37th Annual Meeting sponsored by the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss. The meeting was held February 15 - 16. The target audience was radiology/nuclear medicine physicians and nuclear medicine technologists. Hunt also presented this continuing education activity at the Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Tennessee Annual Meeting held in Chattanooga, TN, March 28 - 30.

KIM KENNEL, assistant professor of Nursing, has received recognition for 20 years of continuous certification in acute and critical care nursing by AACN, Certification Organization for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

DR. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, president of the Baptist College of Health Sciences, has agreed to serve as co-chair of the Memphis Talent Dividend/Graduate Memphis with Tomeka Hart, VP African American Initiatives, Teach for America.

SHARON MARKHAM, assistant professor of Nursing, has achieved certification as an Advanced Public Health Nurse by the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC).

DR. DARIUS WILSON, program chair and professor of medical laboratory science, spoke on *Clinical Sites: Issues and Approaches* as part of a panel discussion at the Clinical Laboratory Educators’ Conference (CLEC) on February 20 in San Jose, CA. Wilson also presented *Old Game, New Players: MLS Program Development* at the Clinical Laboratory Educator’s Conference (CLEC) held in San Jose, CA on February 21 and served as a session moderator. Dr. Darius Wilson, chair and professor of the medical laboratory science program, served on the NAACLS Program Approval review committee on 2-13-14 to vote on 16 programs seeking approval status for Phlebotomy programs.

DR. LISA HIGHT, associate professor of Biology, completed the submission of writing answers for embedded questions in the text of 19 chapters in the 14th edition of the Principles of Anatomy & Physiology by Gerald Tortora and Bryan Derrickson.

The Baptist College Faculty receiving doctoral fellowships for 2013-2014 are:

ANGEL BOLING, assistant professor of Nursing, *the Ruby Humphries Hibbard Fellowship*.

PAM CHERRY, assistant professor of Nursing, *the Sophie Wice Gordon Fellowship*.

JULIE DARBY, assistant professor of Nursing, *the Sophie Wice Gordon Fellowship*.

KIM KENNEL, assistant professor of Nursing, *the Ruby Humphries Hibbard Fellowship*.

JULIE LASLEY, assistant professor of Radiation Therapy, *the Ruby Humphries Hibbard Fellowship*.

Alumni Mentoring Program

THE ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM has been working out very well for both alumni and students who are in the program. We have heard wonderful stories from several that have shared their experiences. One student received some advice and followed up on an intern position where she is now working. Another said it was nice to have someone outside the family to talk with about school, studies, and even personal situations.

The program is beneficial for both mentors and students, providing them with real-world exposure to the health care field and offering mentors the opportunity to enhance coaching, communication and relationship building skills. The program is not formal and is about relationship building. Confidentiality is all that we ask. The means of conversation is usually

email, text or phone. The length of the mentoring is up to the two individuals, but most are still keeping up after graduation.

Alumna Carol Cannon Barber describes her own experience:

“I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting my mentee and getting to know her better. We have become good friends even though we do not get to see each other very often. I have been heartened by her and the goals that she has set for herself. She has called a few times to ‘get my take’ on certain situations during her nursing experiences. Mainly I have listened and gave her words of encouragement and guidance, as we know each person is their own individual self and needs to make those decisions. Hopefully we can maintain this friendship over the years.”



If interested in becoming a mentor please contact the Alumni Office at 901-572-2853 or email: alumni@bchs.edu.

Alumni Board of Directors Meeting



THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting was held on campus, January 24-25. Denese Shumaker, alumna from the class of 1960 and a retired Baptist employee, is the new President for the 2014-2016 terms. Sarah Rogers, class of 2004, is the Vice President and Stephen Hultgren, class of 2003, is the Secretary and Historian. A special guest speaker, Ms. Nancy McGee, CEO of the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellence, provided insight and suggestions to ensure members are educated on roles and responsibilities, commitment and being a champion of the organization you are a part of.

Board members also participated in a service project for students attending Spiritual Renewal Week.

Dear Alumni,

Greetings to each of you from your Alumni Board. We sincerely hope that each of you is making plans to attend our annual homecoming event June 6 and 7. Indeed, we all enjoy walking down “Memory Lane.” This year will be a milestone not just the 10 year to 60 year classes, but will include hearing from a person many of you have known for a long time. Mr. Stephen Reynolds, President of Baptist Memorial Health Care, is retiring this month and will be our featured speaker at the Saturday luncheon. You don’t want to miss an opportunity to hear him and wish him well in retirement.

The January Board of Directors meeting was a busy one and we will share more details with you at our business meeting on June 7. One matter of business, however, was to address the need for review/revision of our constitution and by-laws. A consultant from the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellence met with the Board and offered a number of helpful suggestions. A By-Laws Committee was appointed to draft a revision copy. That draft has been approved by the Board and can be read on-line at: www.bchs.edu/alumniandfriends If you have questions about the revised document, please submit them by June 20.

We look forward to seeing you at the College on June 6 and at the Westin on June 7.

Sincerely,

Denese Shumaker

Denese Shumaker, President
Alumni Association
Nursing, class of 1960

Sandra Oates Travels with Reach Initiative International

SANDRA OATES, NURSING | Class of 1961

IN APRIL 2013, Sandra Oates had the opportunity to travel to parts of Eastern Europe heavily populated with those of the Jewish faith. She learned of the outreach to the Jewish people in that region through Reach Initiative International (RII), a ministry founded by Stewart and Chantal Winograd.

The Winograds came to speak to her Sunday Connecting Point class at Christ City Church Memphis. Sandra immediately felt drawn to the Winograds. Their personalities, sincerity, dedication to their mission, and perseverance through personal hardship spoke volumes to her. Sandra has a heart for the Jewish people, so she was touched by their decision to love and care for Jewish people, and hopefully, convert them to their Messiah, Jesus Christ.

After signing up to receive their newsletter, she read about how the Winograds minister to Holocaust survivors, Chernobyl survivors, and homebound senior adults, many of whom also have extreme medical conditions. When she read about the ministry trip to visit the area they serve, it seemed just the right thing for her to do. On her application, Sandra was asked why she wanted to make the trip. She said, "I have a heart for the Jewish people, and I love to travel. As I was reading my Daily Bread devotional book that day, the Bible verse was Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It was a clear message to me - I just knew I needed to be there." So on April 11, 2013, Sandra and six other travelers left for Krakow, Poland first and then to Minsk in Belarus.

The travelers visited the Schindler Factory Museum (made famous in the movie *Schindler's List*), the Jewish Quarter, the synagogue and the Krakow Ghetto. They also spent a day at Auschwitz, the largest of the death camps where Jews, and other people the Nazis objected to, were transported. It was a very somber experience, but it is important that people see and remember what happened there, explained Sandra.

Sandra met a man named Arcati, "He talked with us one evening and shared his testimony. At the age of 14 he joined the Russian army and became a communist for several years, but is now a follower of Yeshua. He was employed at the Chernobyl (nuclear power plant) when it exploded. Later, as a result of the radiation, he developed cancer, Sandra said, "I visited in the homes of three holocaust survivors - Abram, Mary, and Natasha. It was important to me to prepare my heart to meet people who had survived the atrocities. I could only imagine what they had been through. The Lord gave me compassion, empathy, and a strong desire to pray for them to come to know Yeshua. And some have. They are still on my heart daily."



"I was so thankful and blessed to go. It was wonderful and eye opening in many ways."

A Mother Inspiring Others to Follow Their Dreams

ANDRIA AND BRIANNA MILLER, NURSING | Class of 2014

ANDRIA MILLER AND HER DAUGHTER, BRIANNA, graduated from the Baptist College of Health Sciences in April 2014 at the Germantown Baptist Church with 114 other students. Andria is the mother of seven children, Lauren, 25, twins Brianna and Alyssa, 23, Shandie, 21, Bryce, 19, Mackenzie, 18 and April, 15, who joined the Miller family permanently

two years ago. What is special is that Andria shares her love for health care with her twin daughters, Brianna and Alyssa. Alyssa graduated in December 2013 from the College.

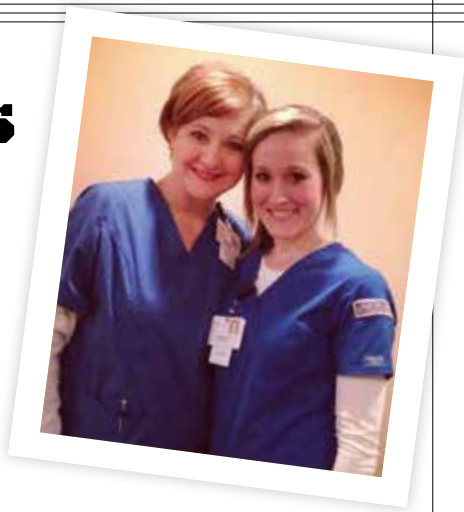
Andria attended college right out of high school and worked in the accounting field until she had her first three daughters. Once her oldest girls had started preschool, Andria returned to college, earning an associate's degree in biology. Andria's husband was transferred overseas with the Navy before she was able to begin nursing school.

After returning from Japan she planned to start nursing school but decided to devote her time to her big family after adopting her youngest children. During Alyssa and Brianna's college visits, Andria really liked the College and the Christian atmosphere. "After Alyssa enrolled,

I began thinking about fulfilling my dreams of becoming a nurse," said Andria.

Andria's youngest daughter, Mackenzie, was in middle school, and she knew that by the time she completed high school she would be in the last few stages of clinicals. "It seemed like a good transition into the next phase of my life," said Andria.

Brianna said she enjoyed having the opportunity to be in school with her mom. They worked well together and encouraged each other daily. Being in school together allowed Andria and Brianna to share the burden and to push each other to keep going when times were hard and they both wanted to give up. "My mom was always there to encourage me," said Brianna. "She prayed with me before every test and always took extra time to help me understand things."



Brianna made a lot of memories with her mother while they experienced nursing school together but one of her favorites was their tradition of treating themselves to Chick-Fil-A after the first day of every clinical rotation. She said it is important to spend a lot of time studying but it is necessary to take time to recharge.

Now that both mother and daughter have graduated, they both plan to take a break while seeking a position in a hospital.

Andria encourages others to pursue their dreams because it is never too late. She enjoyed her time that she and Brianna had together. They leaned on one another's strengths and supported each other during their weaknesses because in the end, it made them stronger.

"Brianna is not only my daughter, she is my friend," said Andria.

Recent Grad Shares RN-BSN Experience

LISA MOORE, NURSING | Class of 2013

Lisa Moore has been a nurse since 1985 following her graduation from Mississippi University for Women with an associate degree in nursing. It wasn't until the fall of 2011 that Moore decided she was interested in the RN-BSN program at the Baptist College of Health Sciences. Meanwhile, Moore was also working as director of risk management, infection control and patient relations at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, the flagship hospital of Baptist Memorial Health Care.

Moore said being in school while having such a demanding job was a lot to handle, but she is so glad she went to the College instead of an online program.

"If you haven't been to school in a while, this is the kind of program you need. The advisors and instructors constantly reach out to you," she said.

Moore graduated from the College in December 2013 with honors. In January 2014, she started the Loewenberg School of Nursing's Executive MSN program at University of

Memphis. She is working to earn a master's degree in science and nursing with an executive leadership focus and an anticipated December 2015 graduation date.

"Once I got back into school, I understood how critical formal education is in addition to on-the-job education," Moore said. "I realize now how important it is to understand the evidence behind what we do and to stay ahead of things."

Moore has been working in a hospital setting since she was 18-years old, when she worked as a hospital admissions clerk. She moved her way up to assistant administrator at Baptist Golden Triangle before moving to Baptist Memphis in 2008.

Her career has even inspired her daughter Katie, who is a nurse in the CVICU at Baptist Memphis.

Class Notes

NURSING

CLASS OF 1977

Beverly Jordan (1) received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Leadership Memphis.

CLASS OF 1982

Arnetta Speer received the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) from the University of Memphis on May 10.

CLASS OF 1983

Glynis Blackard is now the Assistant Professor of Nursing and Chair of Undergraduate Nursing for Union University Hendersonville, Tenn. location.

CLASS OF 2004

Renee Parker obtained her Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in August 2013. Her dissertation was titled *The Lived Experience of Transitioning from the Foster Care System to Adulthood*.

CLASS OF 2006

Katrina Cummings Myers received a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from the University of Memphis on May 10.

CLASS OF 2007

Amber Watson is now a Clinical Development Specialist at Baptist Memphis.

CLASS OF 2008

Sarah Guthrie Riggs married Brandon Riggs from Greenville, KY on December 26, 2013. They reside in Greenville and Sarah works in the Critical Care Unit at Baptist Health Madisonville in Madisonville, KY.

Jennifer Warren received her nurse practitioner license (FNP) from the University of Memphis.

CLASS OF 2009

Jackie Barton is now a Nurse Manager at Baptist Memphis.

Deborah Pleasants (2) and husband are the proud parents of baby Henry, now 5 months old. Henry has two older sisters, Ava is 6, and Ainsley is 4. Deborah is a registered nurse at Baptist Memphis in Med/Surg.

Michelle Steele married Jason Whitehead on April 19. Michelle works at Baptist Women's Hospital in the NICU. They live in Germantown, Tenn.

CLASS OF 2011

Wendy Jones Powell, received the DAISY award at Baptist DeSoto. Wendy works in ICU Stepdown.

ALLIED HEALTH

CLASS OF 2007

Eddie Hawkins, (3) nuclear medicine, was married on November 9 in Harrison, Ark. Eddie and his bride, Holly, honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii. He is a nuclear medicine technologist at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison.

CLASS OF 2008

Heather McCain, diagnostic medical sonography, has joined the College as an instructor for DMS. Prior to coming back to the college she worked clinically as a sonographer at Baptist Collierville.

Kelly Drake, nuclear medicine technology, received the Service First Champion award at Baptist Memphis. It was Kelly's willingness to help a stranger in need outside of the hospital that provided the example of a service first value.



IN MEMORY OF BELOVED COLLEAGUES

The College has suffered the loss of two dear colleagues. **Mrs. Jaineth Faye Grimes**,(4) and **Ms. Ellen Norris**.(5)

Mrs. Grimes, an Assistant Professor of Nursing, began her career at the Baptist School of Nursing in 1974. Ms. Norris began her career with Baptist Memorial Health Care in 2002 and was most recently the Director of Financial Services at the College. Both ladies will be remembered for their commitment to the College, as employees, educators, and community leaders.

Gifts have been received from faculty, staff, and friends of the College. From those gifts, a memorial scholarship has been established in each of their memories, respectively. If you would like to contribute to the Jaineth Faye Grimes Scholarship Fund or to the Ellen Norris Scholarship Fund, please use the attached envelope. You may also give online at www.bchs.edu, select "Click here to donate", select "Donate Now", choose or enter the amount, for "Designation" please select "other", type Jaineth Faye Grimes Scholarship Fund or Ellen Norris Scholarship Fund, and then select "add donation". If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Sherita Martin at 901-572-2773 or Sherita.Martin@bchs.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Murphy Nevin, class of 1948, passed away on December 26, 2013.

Jeanette Brooks Barnett, nursing class of 1951, passed away on December 7, 2013.

Roy Ellen Hammann, class of 1951, passed away on February 17, 2014.

Shelia St. John Pennington, class of 1964 passed away February 22, 2014 in Winston Salem NC.

Jennifer Lovett Embry, Nuclear Medicine class of 1976, passed away November 26, 2013.

Felicia McGriff Estride, Radiation Therapy class of 2006, passed away on February 16, 2014.

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