



OVH/Trinity School of Nursing Alumni Association Newsletter

Fall 2023

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Welcome to the Fall edition of the TSON/OVH newsletter.

While maintaining a commitment to delivering stellar patient care, nurses face continuing challenges. The nurse staffing shortage has been a growing concern and as graduates of OVH/TSON, you are our best ambassadors to help our beloved alma mater grow and thrive. Your membership in the alumni association and your generous donations to our scholarship fund supports the next generation of OVH/TSON graduates!

We appreciate your generosity and investment in the future graduates of the TSON. Please continue to stay connected with each other and share your stories and ideas to improve our Alumni Association.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting. Our camaraderie is truly special.

Kindest Regards,

Andrea Hale
Alumni President



Congratulations to all new graduates on their 100% pass rate on state boards!



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NEXT MEETING DATE

October 18, 2023 | 5:00pm at Starkdale Church

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

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

From the Dean's Desk...

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer, it seems as though fall temperatures are here to stay. I am pleased to announce that your alma mater has achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN again in 2023! We will most likely be the only local program to receive this rating. The School of Nursing has achieved a 100% pass rate five out of the past seven years and has consistently exceeded state and national pass rates.

You may hear that most graduates are passing the state licensure exam this year with the introduction of the Next Generation NCLEX testing. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) believes that the new format measures the graduate's ability to use clinical judgment. Hospitals must remember that even though more graduates are passing the exam, they are still novice nurses who need supported and mentored.

Trinity Health System offers a scholarship/loan program to all Trinity School of Nursing students at the conclusion of the first year of the program. The scholarship/loan covers the tuition and fees of the second year of the program (fall, spring and summer), after all applicable other scholarships and state and federal grants are applied. In addition, the scholarship/loan includes an amount equivalent to the tuition and fee costs of the first year of the program (not including costs covered by other scholarships and state and federal grants). The first year scholarship/loan amount is reimbursed to the recipient after the completion of the first year of the program. In return for this scholarship/loan, the recipient agrees to accept full-time employment in a nursing related role with Trinity Health System for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately following graduation and licensure. The ultimate outcome of this offer is that the student should end up with a free education. This scholarship opportunity coupled with a new Nurse Residency program makes employment at Trinity a very attractive option.

The nursing shortage continues to impact Trinity Health System plus most hospitals nationwide. The need to recruit individuals to Nursing has never been greater. The School of Nursing is initiating a Ready "SET" Go recruitment campaign. The "SET" stands for Simulation, Education, Technology. We plan to showcase the \$300,000 simulators that were purchased with CARES Act funds. High School students will be our target audience.

The long awaited new units on the Trinity West Campus are now anticipated to open by the end of 2023. Our students will be able to provide quality nursing care on state of art nursing units. Trinity Health System and the School of Nursing are committed to providing excellent care for the patients in our Community.

Hope to see all of you at the October meeting!



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

MEMORIALS

If you would like to place a memorial in memory or honoring a nurse friend or relative, such as those below, send your request and wording that you would want to use plus \$10.00. This will go to our treasury toward the scholarship fund.

PLEASE SEND IT TO: BLANCHE WILLIAMS, 301 Williams Blvd. Winterville, OH 43953

In memory of my dear wife,

Juanita Kocis Kerr

Class of 1959

Remembered by husband, Dan Kerr

In memory of my friend, Jenny Borza.

Class of 1947, OVH

Lydia "Lee" Schizza "Kontra"

In loving memory of my old friend Nellie Pool, R.N.

who worked steady nights on Maternity

Remembering her:

Lydia "Lee" Schizza Kontra

At the last alumni meeting, there was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of putting the newsletter online. Of course, there will be some individuals who cannot or would not have the ability to receive it by this method and would prefer to continue as we do now. Below is a questionnaire for you to fill out and send back to me. This will give us some insight as to the interest of our pursuing the online publication.

Name: _____ Yr Graduated: _____ Still working?: _____ Where?: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you interested in receiving the newsletter online? _____ Do you have means to receive it this way? _____

Do you enjoy the newsletter and what would you like to see in the newsletter? (Please print or write clearly.)

Send to: Blanche Williams, 301 Williams Blvd. Wintersville, OH 43953

Below is a form for you to complete and send in with you dues and donation (optional). Send to Char Biacco. Her address is on front page. Dues are still \$10.00/yr. We greatly appreciate your dedication to your School of Nursing.

Name (both maiden & married) _____ Yr Grad _____

ADDRESS _____ DONATION _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

At the April meeting, we were honored to have the three recipients of our scholarships. They were three delightful and grateful nursing students for the awards of \$500.00 each. Regretfully, I did not get get their pictures as they left before the meeting began.

The awardees were: Felicia Bishal, Emily Rovira, and Gabriella Soplinski



Michelle Kuczykoski

Toni Brehm



Blanche Williams

Patty Milosevich



Natalie Linn

Melissa Hassan



Vicki Feist

Pam Welsh



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NURSING



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Pam Welsh



Char Biacco

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On the right:

Mickie Freeman

Martha Jane Brondos

Linda Lemasters



Michelle Kuczykusi

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Joy McCraley



If you relocate or change your name, please contact me by mail or text me at 740-219-2800.

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