



**Helene Fuld
College
of Nursing**

Alumni Newsgram

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Message From The President

Dear Alumni,

Once again, it is my pleasure to inform you of recent events and new developments at Helene Fuld College of Nursing, and to invite you to join us for our **2nd Annual Alumni Reunion Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance**. Our October, 2008 event, held at the River Room of Harlem in Riverbank State Park, was a major success and enabled the Alumni Association to grant scholarship assistance to our students. Among the presenters were Alma Rangel, wife of our noted Congressman, Charles Rangel. Importantly, the Rudin Family, for decades among Helene Fuld's most generous philanthropic supporters, was represented by the Rudin Foundation's Administrator and Program Director, Mark Bodden. It was an ideal opportunity for donors to meet with students and alumni—and to witness the spirit of generosity among alumni who are “giving back” to the College.

We must capture the momentum engendered by last year's event by making the 2009 Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance an even greater social and financial success. I trust every alumnus will seriously consider joining us on Saturday, October 3rd at “The Grill Room” at the World Financial Center in Lower Manhattan. Pictures of last year's dinner dance appear within the Newsgram, as well as specifics regarding the upcoming affair.

Since my letter of last year, improvements in our current physical plant have been made, notably the addition of an elevator and wireless capability throughout the College.

The administration and the Board of Trustees continue to pursue new sites for relocation of the College by 2011. We are working with real estate developers and local elected officials to expedite this process. I trust that at next year's Alumni Reunion Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance, we will be celebrating the attainment of a state-of-the-art new home for Helene Fuld College of Nursing—a facility which can only enhance our growth into a College also granting upper division baccalaureate degrees.

I look forward to seeing you on the 3rd of October, and wish to express my thanks, and those of the Board, for the outstanding work done by the Dinner Dance Committee in preparing for this celebration.

Best Wishes,

Margaret (Peggy) Wines, R.N., Ph.D.
President
Helene Fuld College of Nursing



Faculty & Staff Notes

Moving in...

2008

Mutiat Alagbe, Bursar

Barbara Taylor, Director of Development

Eileen Sullivan-Kaplan, Assistant Professor, Nursing; Coordinator Medical Surgical Nursing I

Moving On...

2008

Reina Raju, Secretary, Student Services

2009

Eileen Sullivan-Kaplan, Assistant Professor, Nursing; Coordinator Medical Surgical Nursing I

Congratulations

Imogene Paulette Dennis was promoted from Secretary, Student Services to Admissions Associate, Student Services on December 8, 2008.

Gladys Pineda was promoted from Assistant Director, Student Services to Associate Director, Student Services on December 8, 2008.

Karla Fallon received her licensure as a Mental Health Counselor from the New York State Education Department. She was promoted from College Counselor to Director of Counseling Services on January 13, 2009.

Melissa Rodriguez Ramos, (class of April 1999) changed her status from a part-time to a full-time instructor on January 26, 2009. She teaches Parent Child Nursing and Medical Surgical Nursing II.

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Helene Fuld College Of Nursing Alumni Association's First Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance

On Saturday, October 11, 2008, Helene Fuld College of Nursing's Alumni Association held its first Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance at the River Room of Harlem, located in Riverbank State Park. The event recognized tomorrow's leaders in nursing and provided scholarship support to deserving students for their outstanding perseverance, academic, and clinical achievements.

The goal of the fundraiser was to provide financial assistance for the next generation of nurses. Proceeds from the event were also used to further enhance the nursing curriculum at the College.

The evening began with a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by an awards presentation, seated dinner, raffle prize drawings, and dancing. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Ms. Pei-Sze-Cheng, Reporter, News 4 New York. "Doctor" Bob Lee, Radio Personality, 107.5 WBLS, served as the co-host and provided the music and entertainment. Attendees of the Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance included Senator Bill Perkins and Councilman Robert Jackson.

Mrs. Alma Rangel, who heads the Congressional Black Caucus Committee, Mr. Mark Bodden, foundation director of the Louis and Rachel Rudin Foundation, and Ms. Patricia Sumner, president of Helene Fuld College of Nursing's Alumni Association and member of the HFCN Board of Trustees presented scholarship awards at the event.

A total of nine students received scholarship awards totaling \$11,700.
The scholarship awards/recipients included:

Helene Fuld College of Nursing (HFCN) Alumni Scholarship Awards:
Rebeca Bellevue, Andrea Heaver

Congressional Black Caucus Scholarship Awards:
Irvin Adams, Collette Olivier

Louis & Rachel Rudin Foundation Scholarship Awards:
Tania Coombs, Lucy Lewis

Harlem Commonwealth Council, Inc.'s Scholarship Award:
Claude Fequiere

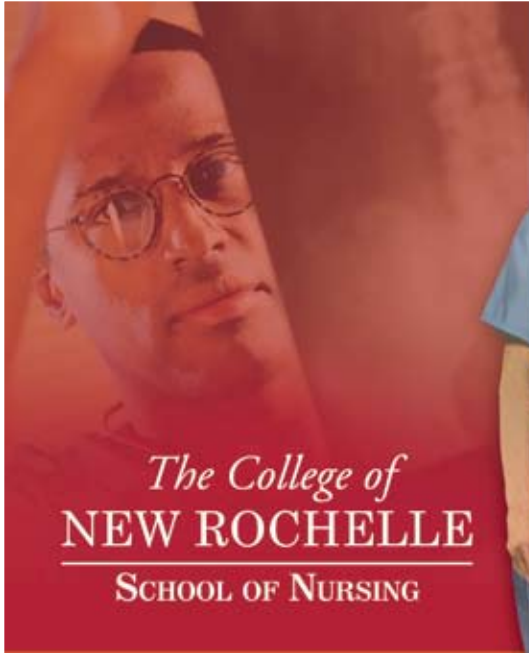
Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation Scholarship Awards:
Alexander Gumbs, Daisy Phillips



The first Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance raised approximately \$20,000. Event sponsors included: Capital One Bank, Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future, The Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation, Michael Greene, Dr. Joseph Tait of Harlem Commonwealth Council, ATI, Bethel Gospel Assembly, Carver Federal Savings Bank, The New York Black Nurses Association, Everglades, Benjamin Marion, Michael Greene, Mona Hernandez, Sylvia Modeste, the Frauenthals, and Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines.

The affair was attended by alumni, staff, family, friends, and members of the community. This year, we have moved the occasion to a larger venue to accommodate all of our guests. Thanks to everyone who supported the event last year. **We hope that you will join us for our 2nd Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 3rd at The Grill Room in the World Financial Center.**





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Graduation November 2008

The commencement ceremony for the graduating class of November 2008 took place on Sunday, November 16th. A total of 102 students graduated.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines. The Honorable Charles Schumer attended graduation and was greeted with applause from attendees. Sharon E. Scott-Nottage (November 2008 graduate) delivered the invocation. The Chair of the HFCN Board of Trustees, Mr. Alan McDougall bestowed the degrees upon the graduates.

Suzanne I. Ullman Awards were provided to nine graduating students. Recipients of the awards included: Holden M. Mathieson for Academic Excellence, Tania S. Coombs and Patricia J. Dacres-Thomas for Academic Honors, Rebecca Theresa Kohlmann and LaTonya Simpson-Tenorio for Clinical Excellence, and Owen P. Higgins, Jacqueline A. Lindsay, Kyssandra A. Miller, and Jennifer Elizabeth Raleigh received the award for Clinical Honors. The Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Award was presented to Rosher George. Gaboy Jupiter was the beneficiary of the Stephen C. Frauenthal Leadership Award. The Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award for Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing was presented to Kyssandra A. Miller. Clara Joana Henriques received the Marcia Levinson-Solomon Memorial Award for being exceptionally compassionate in caring for patients. Oludolapo Yeside Karunwi was the recipient of the Dorothy Juanita Witherspoon Memorial Award and the Thelma Callendar Memorial Award was given to Patricia J. Dacres-Thomas. Owen P. Higgins received the Carol A. Thompson Memorial Award in recognition of his perseverance in pursuing a nursing career.

Mr. René A. Bouquet (class of April 1993) was the keynote speaker. He has a Master's degree in Nursing. He works for Good Samaritan Hospital as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

The farewell address was provided by Vice-Presidents-Carol A. Aarons and Phillip Lee.



Graduation April 2009

The Spring 2009 commencement exercises were held on Sunday, April 26th at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. A total of 104 students successfully completed the program and received an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Senator Charles Schumer and Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito provided remarks during the ceremony. The invocation was given by April 2009 graduate, Patricia A. Carter. Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines gave the welcome address and presented the school pins. Mr. Alan McDougall presented the degrees to the graduates.

Nine graduating students received Suzanne I. Ullman Awards. The Suzanne I. Ullman Awards were presented to: Claude Fequiere for Academic Excellence, Mia Francesca Cambroner and Daisy M. Phillips for Academic Honors, Paula Nicole Marriott for Clinical Excellence and to Racquel Guity, Allan G. Lindo, Bernadette A. Samuel, Tyrone Leo Smith, and Dave Sookhai for Clinical Honors. The Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Award was given to Argentine Belfort. The Stephen C. Frauenthal Leadership Award was bestowed upon Chandra L. May. Paula Nicole Marriott was the proud recipient of the Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award for Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing. Tyrone Leo Smith received the Ayisha Babwah Award for being exceptionally helpful and supportive of fellow students. In memory of her former Helene Fuld classmates, Patricia Sumner (HFSN '71), president of the HFCN Alumni Association and member of the Board of Trustees, presented the Dorothy Juanita Witherspoon Memorial Award to Farrah Fils-Aime and the Thelma Callendar Memorial Award to Roberta Rennie-Mambu.

Kiva Perkins-Watts (class of April 1996), was the keynote speaker. She has a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and presently works as a Nurse Consultant for the Choice Visiting Nurse Service of New York. In addition, she serves as treasurer of the HFCN Alumni Association

The farewell address was delivered by the class president, Chandra L. May.



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Wendy Robinson Appointed To VP for Academic Affairs

Wendy Robinson was appointed to the position of Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs on August 25, 2008, then to Vice President on February 19, 2009. Professor Robinson taught for a year at Helene Fuld as an adjunct clinical instructor in 2002, and returned two years later as a full-time instructor. While maintaining her responsibilities as an evening lecturer for Medical/Surgical Nursing II, Professor Robinson is now also responsible for overseeing the academic programs, the Office of Student Services, and the Learning Center. Her major goals over the next two to three years will be to help increase the NCLEX-RN pass rate by reviewing and as needed revising the college's admission and registration procedures, and nursing and non-nursing courses.



Since her appointment, there have been many positive changes made already. Beginning in June 2009, the college began registration online. This significantly decreased student frustration from having to wait on long lines. By the fall of this year, all of the classrooms will have audio/video equipment, and the Nursing Arts Lab's activities will be more focused on instructor-guided clinical simulations.

Professor Robinson is currently completing her doctorate in nursing from Duquesne University. In 2008, she obtained her post-Masters certificate in Forensic Nursing. When she finds time, she likes to sharpen her skills as a family nurse practitioner, biofeedback provider, and member of the Westchester Medical Reserve Corps.

Marie Gittens Retires

Professor Marie Gittens retired on October 25, 2008. She began teaching at Helene Fuld in January 1985. She taught Psychiatric-Community Mental Health Nursing and Medical-Surgical Nursing I. During her tenure with the College, Professor Gittens earned the respect of her students and colleagues. In 1990, the Susie Gittens Memorial Award was established in memory of her late mother. The award, which still exists today, is given annually to a graduating student in the fall quarter who best demonstrates a knowledge of nursing and shares in the practice of nursing in a caring and humanitarian way. Professor Gittens also ensured that the Alumni Association of her alma mater, the Lincoln School for Nursing, included HFCN students in their scholarship awards program.

When Professor Gittens was asked what she would like her former students to remember most, she stated "Nursing is 24/7 and that knowledge is to be shared."

A retirement party was thrown for her at the College and she was also honored and presented with flowers at the November 2008 graduation.

Professor Gittens is enjoying retirement. She is spending the summer at her home in California and intends to come back to New York in the fall. She plans to attend the November 2009 commencement exercises and present the Susie Gittens Memorial Award.



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Voter Registration Drive



Prior to the historic election in November 2008, members of the HFCN Alumni Association and the Director of External Affairs held a voter registration drive along 125th Street in Harlem. The purpose of the initiative was not only to register voters but to educate members of the community about the voting process and to dispel inaccurate information concerning their eligibility to vote.

The voter registration drive netted approximately 40 new registrants; many of whom admitted to being unaware that they were indeed eligible to vote and expressed excitement about the opportunity to have their voices heard.

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