



**Helene Fuld  
College  
of Nursing**

# Alumni Newsgram

*Volume 28 Issue 3*

## Message From The President

Dear Alumni,

I am pleased to tell you about the recent happenings at Helene Fuld College of Nursing and to invite you to attend the 65th Anniversary of the founding of Helene Fuld College of Nursing. Please join us for a day cruise of food, drinks, and dancing as we celebrate on Saturday, August 21st aboard the Skyline Princess yacht.

Our 2nd Annual Alumni Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance held at the Grill Room, was a success. The view of the river and Manhattan was spectacular and all the scholarship recipients were so delighted and proud.

This is the College's third year as an independent institution and we are doing very well. Enrollment is high and students are working very hard. We initiated our first "Honor's Program" with an induction luncheon on February 22, 2010. Pictures and details regarding the Honor's luncheon, last year's Dinner Dance, and the upcoming Anniversary Celebration appear within this "Newsgram".

I am happy to report that the graduates of the November 2009 class achieved a 93.7% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. Congratulations to our 2009 alumni. We are anticipating good results for the next classes.

After an extensive unsuccessful search for a new home for Helene Fuld College of Nursing, we are planning to lease an additional 10,000 square feet of space on the third floor of our current facility. This expansion will give us enough space to add new programs. The faculty, administrators, and I are working diligently on the new upper division baccalaureate program. We will let you know when the program will start.

I know that some of you who are looking for jobs in the New York City area may be having difficulty. Due to the recession, some hospitals have closed and experienced registered nurses are being hired first. There is still a high shortage of nurses and a forecast of larger shortages to come. The present freeze on positions is temporary and regional, but jobs should be plentiful again soon.

***I look forward to seeing you on August 21st for our 65th Anniversary celebration. Many thanks to Michelle Hernandez, Director of External Affairs and the Alumni Association for all their help with the Dinner Dance and the upcoming day cruise.***

Best Wishes,

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



## Faculty & Staff Notes

### Moving in...

2009

**Deborah Coleman**, Nursing Arts Lab Instructor

**Heather Lashley**, Coordinator, Medical Surgical Nursing I

**Kimberly Lipscomb**, Human Resources

**Kamala Sankaran**, Instructor, Psychology

2010

**Dr. Patric George**, Adjunct Instructor, Science

### Moving On...

2009

**Dr. Roslyn Press-Avigad**, Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Dr. Aviva Levy**, Assistant Professor, Psychology

2010

**Dr. Ivreen Robinson**, Instructor, Nursing, will no longer be teaching full-time at the College.

### Congratulations

**Diane Johnson**, Secretary/Receptionist, received her BS in Psychology from Mercy College in December 2009.

**Heather Lashley**, (class of November 2003) changed her status from a part-time nursing instructor to a full-time nursing instructor and the coordinator of Medical Surgical Nursing I in February 2010.

**Eickel Ortiz**, Learning Center Assistant, was promoted to Learning Center Assistant and Computer Technician in May 2010.

## FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER

### *What do Sheila Fells and Heather Lashley have in common?*

They are both alumni of the College who now serve as faculty and provide clinical instruction at HFCN. Sheila Fells (class of April 1995) is an adjunct nursing instructor. Heather Lashley (class of November 2003) is a full-time nursing instructor and the coordinator of Medical Surgical Nursing I.

Upon graduation, each went on to advance their education by obtaining their Bachelor and Master degrees in Nursing.

Sheila Fells did her studies at Brooklyn Health & Science Center and Heather Lashley received her BSN and MSN from SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

Sheila Fells and Heather Lashley are among four graduates who currently teach at Helene Fuld. The other alumni who also serve as faculty are Melissa Rodriguez-Ramos and Pamela Ford.



Sheila Fells



Heather Lashley

## HFCN LAUNCHES AN HONORS PROGRAM

This year, HFCN established an honors program — the first ever in the College's 65 year history. To commemorate the special occasion, the College hosted an induction luncheon at its facility on Monday, February 22nd at 11 am. A total of nine students were inducted into the College's honors program at the event. They included Kaitlin Smirolfo, Wemino Tijani-Faleti, Sandy Harris, Beneve Campbell, Edwine Joseph, Anu George, Aliah Cunningham, Nicola Wright and Howard Sobers.



The honors program was established to recognize and support outstanding students, and to provide incentives for its members to continue to strive toward academic excellence. Honorees will be chosen bi-annually in February and August. The selection process is based on pre-entrance test scores, grades received in the pre-admission Math/Chemistry course, professional references, and faculty reviews. Members of the honors program may be full-time or part-time, but must have completed the first nursing course (Nursing 221) to be considered. All candidates must have a minimum of a 3.7 GPA at the end of the first nursing quarter and maintain a 3.5 GPA until graduation to continue in the honors program.

All honorees will receive use of a dedicated laptop until graduation; whereupon ownership reverts to them, free textbooks, priority registration each term, a mid-year special activity, graduation reception, recognition at commencement; including an honor cord and certificate, and fast-track into the College's anticipated Bachelor of Science Nursing program. As the program progresses, a health related community service component will be added; wherein members will have the opportunity to participate in new endeavors such as one-week nursing missions to underdeveloped countries, and they will also have the opportunity to work with faculty on selected research topics.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Alumni Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance

Helene Fuld College of Nursing's Alumni Association hosted the 2nd Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The event was held at the Grill Room in the World Financial Center in NYC. CBS 2 News Reporter, Magee Hickey, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. The affair recognized tomorrow's leaders in nursing and provided scholarship support to deserving students for their outstanding perseverance, academic and clinical achievements. The evening began with a cocktail reception followed by an awards presentation, seated dinner, dancing, live auction and raffle prize drawings. Radio Personality "Doctor" Bob Lee of WBLS 107.5 FM, provided the music and entertainment. Proceeds from the event were used to fund scholarships, and to enhance programmatic offerings and student life at the College.

***A total of twelve students received scholarship awards totaling \$17,500. The scholarship awards and recipients included:***

## **Helene Fuld College of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Awards:**

*Mervellin Adeniji, Diane Blair, Grace Boaitey,  
Juliet Davis and Vanessa Plummer*

## **Capital One Book Scholarship**

*Lynda Obilo*

## **Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation Scholarship Awards:**

*Olayinka Ejidokun, Emmanuel Kayode*

## **Louis & Rachel Rudin Foundation Scholarships Awards**

*Abimbola Adeosun, Mark Stephens*

## **Teagle Foundation Scholarship Awards**

*Nicola Houslin, Judy-Ann Roye*

Award presenters included HFCN Alumni President and Board Trustee, Patricia Sumner; Vice President/Branch Manager of Capital One Bank, Marlon March; Director of Communications and Outreach at The Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation, Donna Atkins; and CBS 2 News Reporter, Magee Hickey. Sponsors of the event (those contributing \$1,500 or more) included Capital One Bank, Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future and The Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation.

The event was attended by alumni, staff, vendors, friends and family. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

**This year, the College celebrates its 65th Anniversary. A yacht cruise will be held aboard the Skyline Princess at One World's Fair Marina in Flushing, Queens, on Saturday, August 21st at 1 pm. A special 15% discount is being offered to alumni who attend the event. We hope to see you all there.**





# Graduation November 2009

**The November 2009 commencement exercises were held on Sunday, November 15th at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. A total of 77 students graduated.**

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines provided the welcome address and presented the school pins. The Honorable Charles Schumer attended the graduation and was greeted with cheers from attendees. Olufunmilola Ademiju Adesina (November 2009 graduate) delivered the invocation. The Chairman of the HFCN Board of Trustees, Mr. Alan McDougall, bestowed the degrees upon the graduates.

Suzanne I. Ullman Awards were presented to six students. Recipients of these awards included: Tania Lacerda-Fisher for Academic Excellence, Natalia Shneider and Nobuko Yanase for Academic Honors, and Diane M. Brayer, Winderlind C. Hamilton, and Beverly R. Swaby-Powell for Clinical Honors. The Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Award was given to Sandy Harris. The Stephen C. Frauenthal Leadership Award was presented to Diane M. Brayer. Nyree A. Bradford was the recipient of The Dr. Joseph L. Tait Award, for excellence in the liberal arts and science courses in support of nursing. Natalia Shneider received the Marcia Levinson-Solomon Memorial Award for being exceptionally compassionate in caring for patients. The Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award for excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing was given to Diane M. Brayer.

Professor Marie Gittens returned for the November 2009 commencement. The Susie Gittens Memorial Award (which was established in memory of her late mother) was presented to Darolyn O. Critton for demonstrating knowledge of nursing and sharing in the practice of nursing in a caring and humanitarian way. Celeste L. Hernandez-Morales received the Carol A. Thompson Memorial Award in recognition of her perseverance in pursuing a nursing career.

The keynote speaker was Akia Blandon. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She currently serves as the Director of Clinical Documentation Integrity at Catholic Health Care System in Manhattan. After her commencement address, she received a standing ovation. The farewell address was given by the Class President, Diane M. Brayer.





# Graduation April 2010

The commencement ceremony for the graduating class of April 2010 took place on Sunday, April 25th at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. A total of 101 students graduated; two of the students who marched were from the November 2009 class.

Assemblyman Adam Clayton Powell IV and Senator Charles Schumer provided remarks during the ceremony. The invocation was given by April 2010 graduate, Jane C. Taylor-James. Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines gave the welcome address and presented the school pins. Alan McDougall bestowed the degrees upon the graduates.

Suzanne I. Ullman Awards were presented to seven graduating students. Recipients of the awards included: Diane L. Blair for Academic Excellence, Mona Ahmed and Normadene L. DeVane for Academic Honors, and Mona Ahmed, Melissa L. Antola, Olayinka O. Ejidokun, and Briana E. Holbrook for Clinical Honors. The Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Award was given to Shahryar T. Tash. The Stephen C. Frauenthal Leadership Award was bestowed upon Judy-Ann S. Roye. The Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award was given to Mona Ahmed. The Ayisha Babwah Award for helpfulness to fellow students was given to Diane L. Blair. The Dorothy Juanita Witherspoon Memorial Award was presented to Daniel Allan Assibu and the Thelma Callendar Memorial Award was presented to Filad Firmalino Marquez. Fatima N. Yolas was the recipient of the Carol A Thompson Memorial Award.

Ms. Brenda Wilkes (class of April 1997), was the keynote speaker. She has a Master's degree in Nursing and is currently working on her Doctorate of Philosophy in Education. She is majoring in Education Technology & E-Learning. Currently, she is the Assistant Director of Clinical Service-Homecare at the Center for Nursing and Rehab in Brooklyn. She also serves as an adjunct clinical nursing professor at LaGuardia Community College and Medgar Evers College.

The farewell address was provided by the Class President, Judy-Ann S. Roye.



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"Thank you so much for letting me understand all the concepts I need to know to pass the boards. My mother, sister & me are very grateful because you help us all to make our dreams come true and that is to become a nurse. Your teachers are great! They all know the topic very well and what the NCLEX is all about. I can never thank you enough for giving me the knowledge I need to pass the NCLEX." ~ **Anne M., January2010 review in Miami, FL**

## Upcoming NCLEX/RN/LPN Live Review

New York, NY (Holiday Inn 440 W 57th St., New York, NY 10019)

June 19-24, 2010

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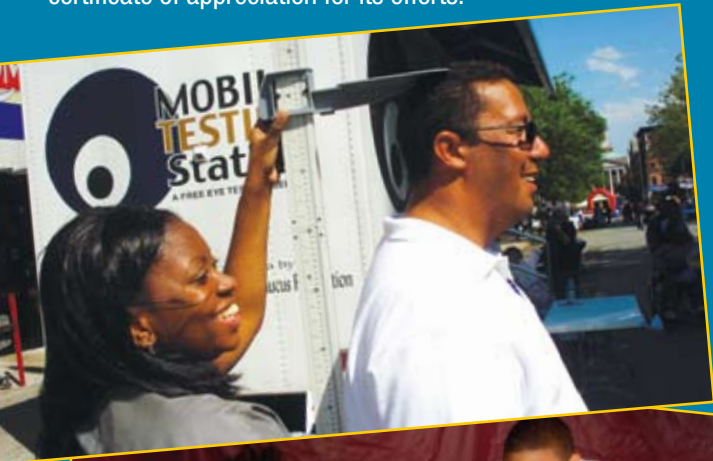
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# Health Fair

On Saturday, May 8th, 2010, from 12-4 pm, the Communities IMPACT Diabetes Center hosted the "For the Health of It" Block party in East Harlem. The purpose of the event was to help promote diabetes prevention and management. Students, officers from the alumni association, and faculty from the College volunteered to participate in the event. Throughout the course of the afternoon, various organizations including HFCN provided free healthcare screenings and services to the community. Some of the activities that took place at the event included delicious, healthy cooking demonstrations and samples, and cholesterol, BMI, glaucoma, and blood pressure checks. The health fair served as a great way to educate Harlem residents about the importance of being proactive in taking preventative measures to decrease health disparities. The College received a certificate of appreciation for its efforts.



# Nurses Day

Nurses Day was commemorated at the College on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The Alumni Association together with the Director of External Affairs collaborated to host the event. Students, faculty, and staff were treated to a day of pampering. From 12-6 pm, lunch and free giveaways were distributed. Representatives from Mary Kay Cosmetics helped to make the day even more special by providing complimentary facials, hand treatments, and raffles to students, faculty and staff. A great time was had by all!

## All Aboard the Skyline Princess!



## INFANT ADOPTION TRAINING INITIATIVE



In early fall, Helene Fuld College will be the site of a free Infant Adoption Awareness Training session, hosted by Adoption S.T.A.R. (Support, Training, Advocacy & Resources), a non-profit (501c3) New York State authorized, Florida and Ohio licensed, Hague accredited adoption agency. Adoption S.T.A.R. is the lead agency in New York State for the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Project (IAATP), a multi-year grant provided through the U.S. Department of Health. The grant will cover a half day or full day training session for nurses and other professionals who work with pregnant women and teens. The topics covered in a full day session are the adoption process, adoption knowledge and attitudes, accurate adoption language, critical thinking, non-directive techniques, resources and community referrals. Continuing education credits will be available. The College is fortunate to be asked to offer this no-cost training to our faculty, current students, and alumni. This will be a creative and interactive educational experience that should not be missed.

**For more information,**  
please contact Professor Wendy Robinson at  
[wendy.robinson@helenefuld.edu](mailto:wendy.robinson@helenefuld.edu).



# HFCN PRESENTS 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! Saturday, August 21, 2010

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