



Helene Fuld
College
of Nursing

Alumni Newsgram

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Message From The President

Dear Alumni,

I am happy to tell you about the recent events at Helene Fuld College of Nursing and invite you to attend the 3rd Alumni Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance. I hope you will join us on October 1st at Tian at the Riverbank Restaurant, where we will honor several outstanding students as well as the foundations that help us with these scholarships.

Tian at the Riverbank Restaurant, formally the River Room of Harlem, has a beautiful view overlooking the Hudson River. It is where we had the first Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance in 2008. The restaurant is now under new management and promises better food, and there will be free parking.

Everyone had a great time at our 65th Anniversary Day Cruise. Enjoy the pictures in this "Newsgram" of the cruise, as well as the "2nd and 3rd" Honors Inductions and the Graduations.

The expansion plans for the College changed from the third floor to an additional leased space of 4,500 finished square feet on the fourth floor. We are currently working with an architect to make the best use of the third and fourth floors as well as to upgrade and spruce up the third floor.

The faculty and I finished the proposal, master plan amendment, and self-study for the upper division baccalaureate program and submitted it to the New York State Education Department in December 2010. We are anticipating approval shortly. I will keep you informed.

I hope you are all doing well and I look forward to seeing you on October 1st at our Alumni Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance. Many thanks to Michelle Hernandez, director of external affairs, and the Alumni Association for all their help with the day cruise and the upcoming dinner dance.

Best Wishes,

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



Faculty & Staff Notes

Moving in...

2011

Heather Buccello, Assistant Professor, Nursing

Ayodeji Oladeru, Payroll/Finance Manager

Celia Oliver, Admissions Assistant

Moving On...

2011

Cheryl Kurtz-Kwan, Instructor, Science

August 2010 Honors Induction Reception and Ceremony

As Part 2 of the 65th Anniversary Celebration held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, Helene Fuld College of Nursing hosted an honors induction reception and ceremony at its facility on the evening of Thursday, August 26, 2010. The event recognized tomorrow's leaders in nursing for their outstanding academic achievements. The evening included a catered dinner and featured a live jazz trio. The reception was immediately followed by an induction ceremony. Councilman Robert Jackson was the guest speaker at the event. Several of the sponsors of the 65th Anniversary Fundraiser Celebration, including Harlem Commonwealth Council and the Sidney and Loretta Teich Foundation, were present at the affair. They were recognized for their generous contributions.

The honors program was established in February 2010, to recognize and support outstanding students in the College's LPN to RN Associate degree program. Honorees are inducted bi-annually. The selection process is based on pre-entrance test scores, grades received in the pre-admission math/chemistry course, professional references, faculty reviews, and candidates must have a minimum of a 3.7 GPA at the end of the first nursing quarter. All honorees must maintain a 3.5 GPA until graduation to continue in the honors program.

Six students, Henrietta Afful, Jody-Ann R. Benbow, Linda K. Mensah, Latoya T. Mudahy, Phyllis G. Poarch and Christina L. Sancio, were inducted into the College's honors program at the affair. Honorees walked down a red carpet that led to the podium, where they each received a free laptop computer, certificate from the College, and a stipend to cover the costs of their textbooks. The six honorees graduated from the College on May 1, 2011.



Graduation November 2010

Commencement exercises for Helene Fuld College of Nursing were held at 4:30 pm at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, located at 201 Lenox Avenue in Harlem, on Sunday, November 14, 2010. A total of 86 students received their Associate in Applied Science degrees in Nursing. The Fall 2010 graduation was the first in the College's history to have members of its honors program march at commencement. The honors program was established in February 2010.

The President of HFCN, Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines, gave the welcome address and presented the school pins. Lisa G. Mackey (class of November 2010) delivered the invocation. The Vice Chair of the HFCN Board of Trustees, Ms. Ruth Brown, provided greetings and presented the degrees to the graduates.

Suzanne I. Ullman Awards were presented to seven graduating students. Recipients of these awards included: Kaitlin E. Smirolfo for Academic Excellence and Clinical Excellence, Anu R. George for Academic Honors and Clinical Honors, Edwine Darby Joseph for Academic Honors, and Stephen Lawrence, Andrew Michael Spellen, Grazyna Sulewska and Nicola M. Wright for Clinical Honors. Three junior students; Monique Armstrong, Raeanne Irwin and Olugbenga Okunoye, received Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Awards. The Stephen C. Frauenthal Leadership Award and the Dorothy Juanita Witherspoon Memorial Award were bestowed upon Stephen Lawrence. Kaitlin E. Smirolfo received the Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award for excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing. Patricia M. Allen received the Thelma Callendar Memorial Award and Joy Yvonne Brown received the Carol A. Thompson Memorial Award in recognition of her perseverance in pursuing a nursing career.

Maxine Shepherd, (class of April 1989), was the keynote speaker. She has a Master of Science degree in Nursing and serves as the Director of Value Analysis at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

The farewell address was given by the class president, Stephen Lawrence.

Graduation May 2011

The commencement ceremony for the graduating class of May 2011 took place on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 4:30 pm, at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. A total of 106 students successfully completed the program and received their Associate in Applied Science degrees.

Senator Charles Schumer marched in with the graduating class and the faculty, and provided opening remarks. Harlem's own, Congressman Charlie Rangel, also attended the commencement ceremony and addressed the audience. The invocation was given by May 2011 graduate, Zarifa Burroughs. Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines delivered the welcome address and presented the school pins. The Chair of the HFCN Board of Trustees, Mr. Alan McDougall, presented the degrees to the graduates.

A total of seven students were presented with Suzanne I. Ullman Awards. Recipients of the Suzanne I. Ullman Awards included: Linda K. Mensah for Academic Excellence and for Clinical Honors, Adriana L. Anzules and Christina L. Sancio for Academic Honors, Phyllis Gail Poarch for Clinical Excellence, and Camille A. Delgado-Pepe, Laura Nicole Guglielmo and Jessica A. Montanaro for Clinical Honors. Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Awards, which are given to junior students who demonstrate academic potential, were presented to Natisha Brooks and Raynor Lindsay. The Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Award for excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing was bestowed upon Phyllis Gail Poarch. Rochelle E. Carter received the Thelma Callendar Memorial Award. Richard Sancio was the recipient of the Dorothy Juanita Witherspoon Memorial Award. His wife, Christina L. Sancio, received the Ayisha Babwah Award for being exceptionally helpful and supportive of her fellow students. Laura Nicole Guglielmo received the Carol A. Thompson Memorial Award in recognition of her perseverance in pursuing a nursing career.

Beth Grace Palmas, (class of November 2002), was the keynote speaker. She is currently pursuing a Nurse Practitioner Masters of Science degree in Maternal Child Health at Stony Brook University and serves as a Clinical Nurse Manager at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center.

The class president, Petereffren Ralph Marcena, delivered the farewell address.





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65th Anniversary Celebration

Helene Fuld College of Nursing (HFCN) turned 65 last year. To commemorate this milestone, the College hosted a day cruise aboard the Skyline Princess yacht at One World's Fair Marina in Flushing, NY, on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Attendees were treated to an afternoon of dining and dancing while experiencing breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline. Alumni, faculty, staff, vendors, family, and friends alike came out to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Two of the graduates from the class of 1966, Lena D. Melbourne and Mildred Holley Davis were present and recognized at the event. It was truly a pleasure to have them both there.

A raffle drawing was held at the affair. The prizes included a basket of cheer filled with top shelf liquors, an I Pod Touch, a Mary Kay Cosmetics Gift Basket, and a \$100 gift certificate to Piatto d' Oro Italian Restaurant in Harlem.

As a memento, attendees were given a cake in the shape of a nursing hat or graduation cap, with the College's 65th Anniversary logo on it, as they disembarked the yacht.

Proceeds from the event are being used to help fund the honors program. Sponsors (those contributing \$1,000 or more) included ATI, Capital One Bank, Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines, The Guyanese Nurses Association, Dr. Joseph Tait and The Harlem Commonwealth Council, Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future, Mona Hernandez, The Sidney & Loretta Teich Foundation and Stein Riso Mantel LLP. **Thanks so much to everyone who participated!!!**



Saying Goodbye To Rosemarie Fraund

After a long bout with cancer, Professor Rosemarie Fraund passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2011. She served as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Helene Fuld for nine years. She taught Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and Parent-Child Health Nursing at the College. Her funeral service was held on Friday, February 25, 2011, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockville Centre, NY.

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines and Professor Linda Ende paid homage to her at the Spring 2011 commencement exercises at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on Sunday, May 1st. Professor Fraund cared about the needs of the students. She left \$15,000 in her will to HFCN for scholarships. Professor Fraund was an avid lover of cats and is remembered as a great teacher, colleague, and friend. She is dearly missed.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER DANCE

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Major Deegan Expressway ▶ Merge onto I-87 ▶ Exit 4 for 149 St E
toward 145th street bridge ▶ Continue onto West 145th street
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New York 9a N/12th Ave ▶ Exit towards 125th street ▶ Turn Right
onto St Clair Place ▶ Take the 1st right onto Riverside Drive.

Ofe Martell Retires

After serving the College for over 19 years, Ofe Martell retired on February 14, 2011. She began working at Helene Fuld in August 1991. She served as a clinical instructor and taught Parent-Child Nursing and Medical Surgical Nursing I and II. Professor Martell obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines. She later attended New York University and obtained a Master of Science degree in Nursing.

Professor Martell's name was synonymous at the College with what some might describe as the "dreaded" care plan. Students felt that she was a great resource in this area and turned to her when they needed help writing their care plans.

A retirement party was given in her honor at the College on Valentine's Day. Professor Mangaoang, a longtime colleague and friend, remarked about Professor Martell's strong work ethic. She was presented with a gift of jewelry from the College and a card signed by the administration, faculty and staff.

Professor Martell remains in touch with the College. She attended the commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 1st.

February 2011 Honors Induction Luncheon

On Monday, February 28, 2011, at 11 am, a luncheon was held at the College for the third cohort of honorees to be inducted into the honors program. A total of five students were inducted into the honors program at the event. The five honorees were Wajeha Abdullah, Ann Mumba, Varsha Patel, Chonyang Wei and Vanya Williams.

During the luncheon, glasses filled with sparkling cider were raised by attendees and a toast was made to the honor students by Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines. The honorees each received a certificate, a check to cover the costs of their books for the quarter, and a new laptop computer.

Following the award presentation, guests were treated to a buffet-styled lunch and celebration cake was served.



Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance - Saturday, October 1, 2011

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The Helene Fuld College of Nursing cordially invites you to attend the 3rd Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 1, 2011 - Tian at the Riverbank Restaurant
679 Riverside Drive - New York, NY 10031

Tickets are \$125 each

7:00 pm – Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm – Dinner and Awards Presentation

- Event begins at 7pm & ends at Midnight
- Free Parking on Premises
- Dining, Dancing and Premium Open Bar
- Semi-Formal Attire

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The Alumni Association held a free raffle. Four lucky students walked away with \$50 in cash. The winners of the raffle were all ecstatic to receive the funds. Mary Kay Cosmetics participated in the event once again this year. They provided complimentary hand treatments and other services throughout the day. Winners also held free raffle drawings. The event received Mary Kay products. The event was a huge success and everyone enjoyed having a day of appreciation.

Nurses Day was commemorated at the College on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. The event was coordinated by the director of external affairs and the officers from the HFCN Alumni Association. The event began at 12:30 and commenced at 6:30 pm. Students, faculty and staff were treated to lunch and dessert. They were also provided with a variety of gifts including buttons, journals that read, Thanks for All You Do, and personalized HFCN pens and water bottles to celebrate nurse appreciation.

Nurses Day Celebration

We welcome updates for the Alumni Newsgram.

We want to know about your career progress, family news, and other significant events. Please send submissions and changes of address/updated email addresses to: michelle.hernandez@helenefuld.edu

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