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Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony April 2014

On Monday, April 28, 2014, HFCN hosted its first pinning and candle lighting ceremony. The tradition of the nursing pin and the ceremonial pinning that we know today originated in the 1860's at the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London. Having been recently awarded The Red Cross of St. George for her selfless service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War, Nightingale chose to extend this honor to her most outstanding graduate nurses by presenting each of them with a medal for excellence.

When the nursing pinning ceremony was first initiated in the 1860's, the lamp was a symbol of the care and devotion the nurse administers to the sick and injured in the practice of nursing. After nurses were pinned, Nightingale would light a lamp and pass the flame to each nurse as they said the Pledge.

Professor Emily Edwards, the head of the faculty student government committee, introduced the LPN to RN and Upper Division RN to BS graduating classes. In her remarks, she surmised, "What is a Nurse?" HFCN President and C.E.O, Dr. Wendy Robinson, provided the welcome address. Prof. Tonia Grant, director of the B.S. program, and Prof. Heather Lashley, director of the AAS program, conducted the pinning presentation. Dr. Paul, the May 2014 class advisor, greeted students as they received their pins.

Prof. Leolinda Mangaoang led the recitation of the nursing pledge and the candle lighting. Closing remarks were given by Prof. Michelle Gardner.



Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony November 2014

The Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony has now become a staple at the College. The Fall 2014 event was held on Monday, November 17th.

Various awards were presented throughout the evening. Oladayo Adeniji and Paul Richards were the recipients of Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Awards. Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Awards for Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing were bestowed upon Su-Ming Chen, Kathleen DeMartino, Beverly Lewis-English, and Dana Marie Lormé. Lormé was also the recipient of the Helene Fuld College of Nursing Leadership Award. Blossom O. Pryce received the Callendar Witherspoon Memorial Award for Perseverance. The Pat Sumner Perseverance Award was given to Jessica Christina Reyes.

The director of the LPN to RN program, Prof. Heather Lashley, introduced the class and provided remarks. Prof. Heather Buccello pinned the students. The recitation of the nursing pledge and the candle lighting were led by Prof. Jayne Kier. Closing remarks were provided by Prof. Bernice Banschick.



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Faculty & Staff Notes

Moving in...

2014

Allie Ittoop, College Recruiter

Jayne Kier, Instructor, Coordinator, Medical Surgical Nursing I

Marvalyn Brathwaite, Student Accounts Receivable

Moving on...

2014

Kevin Ali, Instructor, Statistics

Linda Ende, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Psychiatric-Community Mental Health Nursing

Lorraine Greene, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Parent Child Health Nursing

Leolinda Mangaoang, Assistant Professor, Coordinator, Medical-Surgical Nursing II

May 2014 Commencement Exercises

On Friday, May 2, 2014, commencement exercises were held at First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem. The event was a special milestone for the College because the first class of Upper Division RN to BS students graduated alongside students from the LPN to RN Associate Degree Program. This was also the largest graduation in HFCN's 69 year history. One hundred forty-three students graduated in total. The graduating class consisted of 121 AAS and 22 Bachelor of Science degree students

Actor Boris Kodjoe provided the commencement address. He and wife, actress Nicole Ari Parker, have a daughter named Sophie who was diagnosed at birth with spina bifida. Together the couple founded the Sophie's Voice Foundation for Spina Bifida Research and Prevention. Kodjoe credited nurses for standing by their side and helping them to get through some very difficult times. He spoke of Nurse Diana, who made a makeshift bed and stayed at the hospital around the clock when their daughter was very sick. His affinity for nurses does not end there. His mother worked as a night nurse in Germany.

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer was also in attendance and addressed the graduating class. He mentioned that the Affordable Care Act has made the expertise of American nurses more important than ever.

Several awards were given out throughout the afternoon. From the RN to BS program, Elizabeth Anne Maccaro received the Bachelor's Degree Award for Academic Excellence. Georgia Ezinne Chijioke and Lavern Angella Pryce were presented with Bachelor's Degree Awards for Academic Honors. The Patricia Sumner Perseverance Award was bestowed upon Darlene S. James. Lisa Mackey received the Ruth Brown Academic Incentive Award, which is given to an incoming student who shows academic potential.

A total of 10 awards were presented to graduating students from the LPN to RN Associate Degree Program. Jennifer Lea Rabout received the Associate Degree Award for Academic Excellence. Additional recipients of academic awards included Belinda E. Fisher and Lisa A. Tanaka for Academic Honors, Vanessa A. Miranda for Clinical Excellence, and Diane Simone Meion Bray, and Danielle Nicole Henderson for Clinical Honors. The Marguerite Haggerty Memorial Awards for Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing were given to Danielle Nicole Henderson and Vanessa A. Miranda. Jennifer Lea Rabout was also the recipient of the Callender Witherspoon Memorial Award for Perseverance. The Carol A. Thompson Memorial Award, which is also given for perseverance, was bestowed upon Adzowo A. Fafa Sam Gone.



November 2014 Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises were held at First Corinthian Baptist Church on Thursday, November 20th, 2014. The graduating class consisted of 75 students from the LPN to RN Associate Degree Program.

Several awards were presented. The Associate Degree Award for Academic Excellence was bestowed upon Su-Ming Chen. Linda Blankson and Don-Marie Kirton received awards for academic honors. Kathleen DeMartino and Dana Marie Lormé were the recipients of the awards for clinical excellence. Juan Pablo Allende, Su-Ming Chen, Beverly Lewis-English and Leslie J. Sanchez received awards for clinical honors.

One of the many highlights of the evening included the musical selection of I Believe I Can Fly by Dr. Patrice E. Turner, which brought the graduates to their feet as they sang along in unison.

The commencement address was provided by HFCN Board Trustee, Professor Hayward Gill, Jr., RN. Dana Marie Lormé, the November 2014 class president, provided the class farewell address.



RN to BS Students Awarded Scholarships by Nursing Organizations

Students from the College's RN to BS Program were recently awarded scholarships by several external nursing organizations.

Most recently, on Saturday, November 8th, the Omicron Chapter, Inc. of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., presented RN to BS student, Jason James, with a scholarship at their 56th Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held at Maestro's Caterers in the Bronx.

In addition, the Alumni Association of Harlem Hospital Center School of Nursing presented Darlene Jones, Natasha Mack, and Opal Fisher with scholarships at their annual reunion and scholarship awards luncheon, which was held at Terrace on the Park in Queens on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The organization celebrates graduating classes of the now defunct nursing program and provides scholarships to nursing students who have excelled academically and have shown a commitment to giving back to their communities. The event helps bridge the gap between the past, present, and future by providing a platform where nursing students can meet and learn about the trials and tribulations of other nurses who came before them. The Harlem Hospital School of Nursing was opened in January 1923, because of refusal of the City Hospitals to accept Black nurses. The school continued to train nurses until its closing in June, 1977. The 2014 keynote speaker at the event was Reverend Al Sharpton. Professor Hayward Gill, Jr., RN, and HFCN Trustee, served as the emcee.

Helene Fuld congratulates these students and is grateful to organizations who have recognized their efforts and hard work.



NYBNA Presents Scholarship to HFCN

The New York Black Nurses Association (NYBNA) held their 43rd Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Antun's in Queens Village.

The New York Black Nurses Association Inc. is dedicated to advancing the welfare of Black nurses, developing mutual strengths, and providing leadership in the development of more effective health care for the Black community.

The organization provides scholarship support to help advance their mission. This year, Helene Fuld College of Nursing was the proud recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Dr. Wendy Robinson accepted the scholarship on behalf of the College. The scholarship will be used to support student academic achievement and programmatic development.



Honors and Community Service Luncheon

Helene Fuld College of Nursing (HFCN) celebrated student achievement and volunteerism at an awards luncheon held on-site on November 4, 2014. The purpose of the event was to recognize academic excellence and community service.

Several awards were presented to 11 deserving students. The awards included the Peggy Wines Memorial Scholarship, the Presidential Scholars Society Awards, and the Community Service Recognition Awards.

The Peggy Wines Memorial Scholarship was created in honor of Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wines. It was presented by her husband, Dr. Roger Wines. The scholarship is given to a student in the Upper Division RN to BS program who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher and has demonstrated volunteerism and service to the community. The recipient of this award was Nicole Kirchhoffer. This was the second time that this scholarship has been awarded. The first recipient of the Peggy Wines Memorial Scholarship was Elizabeth Maccaro, B.S. (HFCN, Class of May 2014) in October 2013.

HFCN President and C.E.O., Dr. Wendy Robinson, presented the Presidential Scholars Society Awards to 5 students. The recipients were Linda Blankson, Lidia Duarte, Emmeline Fourcand, Don-Marie Kirton, and Cheray Small. The Presidential Scholars Society was established in February 2010 to recognize and support outstanding students in the College's LPN to RN Associate Degree Program. The selection process is based on pre-entrance test scores, grades received in the pre-admission math/chemistry course, and faculty reviews. All candidates must have a minimum of a 3.73 cumulative GPA at the end of the first nursing quarter to qualify and must maintain a 3.5 GPA overall until graduation in order to continue in the scholars program. Presidential scholars receive a free laptop computer and a stipend to cover the cost of their textbooks. They are also eligible to fast track into Helene Fuld College of Nursing's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Additional benefits of membership include priority registration each term and special recognition at commencement.

The recipients of the Community Service Recognition Awards were Sasha Brown-Johnson, LaTisha Carter, Emmeline Fourcand, Saadia Melendez, Marynez Morales, and Syndia Saint-Jour. They all participated in health fairs with the College in 2014. The honorees volunteered their time to help educate the community about safeguarding their health and conducted various screenings in Harlem and throughout the tri-state area. These awards were presented by Michelle Hernandez, director of external affairs.

Honorees and members of the board of trustees, faculty, and staff were treated to an Italian meal and celebration cake following the awards presentation segment of the program.





HFCN Celebrates CCNE Accreditation

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing.

At its April meeting, CCNE accredited HFCN's baccalaureate program for the full 5-year term. The College learned of the great news in late May.

Members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and Bachelor of Science graduates gathered at Gran Piatto d'Oro Restaurant in NYC on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, to celebrate the achievement.



SAVE THE DATE

**HFCN's 70th
Anniversary Cruise
Saturday, August 29, 2015,
from 7-11 pm**

Harbor Lights Yacht
Skyport Marina
2430 FDR Drive
New York, NY 10010

Tickets: \$100



Dr. Wendy Robinson Honored by NAUW

Congratulations is in order for Dr. Wendy Robinson. She was recently honored by the New York Branch of the National Association of University Women. The organization recognized her for "phenomenal" service to the community.

The luncheon was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Empire City Casino Banquet Room, in Yonkers. Dr. Robinson's husband, son, and members of HFCN's faculty and staff attended the event to show their support.

Proceeds from the event benefit NAUW's scholarship fund.



Class Notes

Nagib Malik (AKA Janeth Moore), HFSN, October 1976
Nagib obtained her BSN in 1992 from the University of Miami. She currently lives and works in St. Croix, USVI. She was hired as Head Nurse of the Mental Health Unit. She received her mental health certification in 1999.

Eileen Schlieper, HFSN, October 1978
Eileen is enjoying retirement with her husband. She retired in 2011 after a 33 year career in nursing at the same North Carolina hospital she started at immediately after graduating from Helene Fuld. The hospital offered a RN to BSN program through the State University, which she attended, and obtained her BSN. She resides in The Villages, FL during the winter months.

Linda Kaplarczuk, HFSN, October 1979
Linda is a widow. She works for Suricare of Carlstadt in PACU.

Bonnie Bazemore, HFSN, October 1981
Bonnie has resided in Windsor, North Carolina for 20 years. She was a public health nurse for 18 years and a Public Health Nursing Supervisor I for 1 year. She is an Enhanced Role Nurse in Child Health and STD.

Alice V. Turla, HFSN, April 1983
Alice retired from Brooklyn VA Medical Center as an RN.

Dr. Judy R. DaSilva (formerly Judy R Villalba) HFSN, April 1984
Dr. DaSilva resides in Port Lucie, Florida. In 1998, she received her BSN and obtained a Masters in Nursing as an ARNP in 2002. She taught at the local college for almost 3 years. She later returned to clinical practice. While working full time as an ARNP, she completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in December 2012. She has an established practice and enjoys the freedom of independent/collaborative practice. She continues to teach and routinely mentors ARNP student interns.

Anne Heuser (Camacho), HFSN, April 1990
Anne is as an agency nurse at Harlem Hospital's ER. She is an Independent Legal Nurse Consultant (LNCC).

Arsh Sinanan, HFSN, November 1993
Arsh is a Chronic Care Disease Coordinator and works with the pediatric population at Lincoln Hospital. He has held numerous roles including research coordinator in pediatric HIV and is also an HIV counselor. His wife, Indra, is also a graduate of Helene Fuld.

Monica Hines-Biggs, HFSN, November 1994
After working with the DOE for 16 years, Monica qualified to transition into early retirement. This has provided her with the opportunity to learn new skills in other areas of nursing.

Indra Sinanan, HFCN, April 1996
Indra currently works at Mt Sinai as an NP in their Cardiac Catheterization Lab. Her husband, Arsh, is also an alumnus of Helene Fuld.

Felicity Amponsah, HFCN, April 1998
Felicity graduated from UMDNJ with her MSN in 2013. She works in the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Emergency Room.

Ijeoma Anukwu, HFCN, April 1998
Ijeoma obtained a BSN and a Masters in Education. She is

currently in school in a Family Nurse Practitioner program in Illinois. She has a home health care agency in Illinois. She is married with 4 children.

Lee Johnson, HFCN, November 1998
Lee became an Emergency Nurse in 2000 and a Travel Nurse in 2003. He has worked in EDs from Massachusetts to California. He is currently in Arizona working on a new assignment that started on 10/21/13.

Mulikat Amao, HFCN, April 2002
Mulikat's daughter, whom she gave birth to prior to graduating from Helene Fuld, is now 13 years old. Mulikat received her BS in Nursing in 2010 from New York City College of Technology and graduated from Christ Life Bible Institute with a Masters of Theology in 2014. She currently works with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a public health nurse.

Sabrina Russell, HFCN, April 2003
In August 2003, Sabrina was accepted into SUNY Downstate's ASN to BSN program and graduated in August of 2004. She was introduced to case management immediately after graduating with her BSN and has worked in the hospital as a nurse case manager for the past ten years. She has returned to school for her MSA (Master of Science in Administration).

Akia Blandon, HFCN, November 2003
Akia Blandon was promoted to the position of ArchCare's Senior Director of Clinical Compliance. Effective December 1, 2014, Akia is charged with directing home clinical compliance activities, developing and implementing systems to ensure that clinical services are reasonable, medically necessary, and meet all coverage and regulatory requirements for billing Medicare, Medicaid, or other insurance.

Akia serves as an adjunct instructor at Helene Fuld College of Nursing and is the new president of the Alumni Association.

Jackie Cassagnol, HFCN, November 2003
Worldwide Community First Responder (WCFR) Founder & President, Jacqueline Cassagnol, was one of the "rising stars" of Rockland honored by Rockland Economic Development Corporation at the 13th Annual Forty Under 40 reception on October 16th, 2014.

Michelle Clark, HFCN, November 2004
Michelle completed her Bachelor's degree at the College of New Rochelle and her Masters at Mercy College in Nursing Education. She is employed at Montefiore Medical Center as a cardiac surgery ICU nurse and is also a clinical adjunct professor at the College of New Rochelle. She is ANCC board certified in Med-Surg and is pursuing CCRN certification.

Karlene Francis, HFCN, April 2005
In May 2014, Karlene graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Nursing with a BSN. She plans to go back to school to pursue her Masters.

Claire Megie, HFCN, April 2005
Three years ago, Claire obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Lehman College. She works in Labor and Delivery.

Jane Valentine, HFCN, April 2006
Jane has been working at Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation for 27 years where she prepares MDS assessments. She is still called upon for her nursing skills which helps to keep her current.

Maryse Jean-Louis, HFCN, November 2006
Maryse is happily divorced and resides in the Miami Beach area with her two children. In addition to nursing, she writes and authors several blogs including: <http://thet-mjlouis.blogspot.com/> and <http://divineyoungsouls.blogspot.com/>.

Suzette Anderson-James, HFCN, November 2007
Suzette works at Bayada Pediatrics as a clinical manager. She has been in this position for over 2 years. Prior to working for Bayada Pediatrics, she worked at Newark Beth Israel Hospital as a pediatric oncology/hematology staff nurse.

Terryan Douglas, HFCN, April 2009
Terryan is a single mother of two. She moved to South Florida about 8 months after graduating. She completed her BSN through Chamberlain School of Nursing's online program in 2013 and is currently enrolled in the DNP program at Barry University in Miami.

Idally Cruz, HFCN, November 2011
Right after graduating from HFCN, Idally transferred positions. She went from working as an LPN in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore to working as an oncology nurse within the same medical center. She is Chemotherapy & Biotherapy certified, and is currently studying for the Oncology Nurse Certification exam.

Idally and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Jaxson Jude, on December 10, 2013.

Annita Taylor, HFCN, November 2011
Annita earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in February 2014, and is currently in a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Program. Her concentration is in Healthcare Administration. She will graduate in 2015. Annita is at the beginning stages of pursuing an MSN on the Adult Nurse Practitioner track that is to begin in Spring 2015. She currently works with the underserved population as a Nursing Supervisor.

Cynthia Simms, HFCN, November 2012
Cynthia is working as an RN. She will complete her BSN in December 2014.

Pongtip Pimpaporn, HFCN November 2012
Pongtip works as a staff nurse at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in their CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program). She gave birth to a happy, healthy, baby girl on July 22nd. She is a full time student at Mercy College in the RN-BSN program at Mercy College and will be graduating in May 2015.

Binta Bah, HFCN, May 2013
Binta works at Jacobi Medical Center in the Medical ICU. She has been working there since 2/10/14.

Professor Lorraine Greene Retires

Professor Lorraine Greene retired earlier this year. She began teaching at HFCN in 1979 and retired in January 2014. She served as Associate Professor, Coordinator of Parent Child Health Nursing. With 35 years of service to the College, Professor Greene was the most senior member of the faculty.



In keeping with her wishes for a modest farewell celebration, members of the College took her to City Island for dinner on her last day.

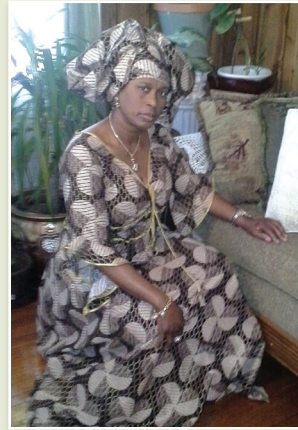
HFCN Says Goodbye to Linda Ende

After 17 years of service to HFCN, Professor Linda Ende left the College at the end of the term in November 2014. Professor Ende served as Associate Professor and Coordinator of Psychiatric-Community Mental Health Nursing. At her farewell party held at the College, she was presented with a gift and a card signed by the faculty and staff.

We wish Prof. Ende well in her new endeavors.



SPOTLIGHT



HFCN graduates are a testament of hard work, commitment, drive, and determination. May 2014 RN to BS graduate Lavern Pryce is certainly no exception. In fact, she exemplifies the validity of that statement.

Unlike the majority of the students in the RN to BS program, Lavern was not an alumnus of the College. She learned about Helene Fuld through multiple colleagues and had attended the commencement exercises of her friend who graduated from the College.

Pryce is 50 years old. She was born and raised in Jamaica. She came to the U.S. at the age of 18 years old and is the mother of 5 children who range in age from 21-33 years old.

Despite the challenges she faced, Pryce is a success story. She climbed the career ladder one step at a time. She worked as a home health aide, CNA, LPN, and RN. On May 2, 2014, she graduated with honors from Helene Fuld.

While pursuing her BS degree, Pryce worked at the Queens Center for Rehabilitation and Residential Health Care, a 179 bed facility located in NY. When asked what motivated her to return to school to further her education, she explained that she wanted to improve the manner in which nurse care is delivered. She said that it is of the utmost importance for nurses to obtain their B.S. degrees because it provides one with a well-rounded foundation in nursing and broadens their horizons.

When asked how she felt about HFCN's RN to BS program, she spoke highly of the professors and staff stating that they are understanding and make students feel welcomed. Her one complaint was that it's too cold in the classrooms; which is a point well taken and an issue that the College is working to resolve. Looking ahead, Pryce expressed an interest in staff education as it would allow her to make a difference in nursing care and would afford her the opportunity to further advocate on behalf of patients.

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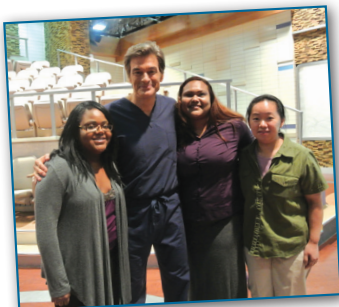
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Helene Fuld Visits the Dr. Oz Show

The College was invited to attend a live taping of the Dr. Oz Show. Approximately 60 HFCN students, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered at ABC Studios for the 10 am taping on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

The show, which aired on Wednesday, October 1st, centered on the Ebola epidemic. In between takes, attendees were entertained by a comedian. Alumnus Lucy Lewis won an autographed copy of the magazine, Dr. Oz. The Good Life, for correctly answering a trivia question.



As VIP audience members, HFCN attendees were treated to a Q & A session with the Dr. Oz Show medical team and had a photo taken with Dr. Oz.



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Bus Ride in Spring 2015!**

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