



# Spring 2017 News for Alumni and Friends

## Class of 2017



Class of 2017 transitions to "a new phase of life" "Today, we celebrate the transition of the graduating class of 2017. The spotlight is shining on these graduates and their very bright futures," said Professor Janice Penrod in her commencement speech at University Park. Check out our [photo gallery](#). [Read More >](#)

## Congratulations to our newest doctoral alumni!



You've worked hard to get to this place and deserve recognition. Consider the possibility of furthering your education. The College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to speak with you about advancing your career through one of our highly regarded graduate degree programs (as these spring 2017 doctoral degree recipients did). We offer doctoral, master's, and certificate programs online through Penn State World Campus, as well as on site at five Pennsylvania campus locations. For more information, please contact [Marsha Freije](#) or [Diane Jankura](#).

## Alumni Spotlight

As an undergraduate student, Sara Ross was mentored by an alumna who helped her realize her career interests and goals. After several years in the nursing workforce, she knew it was time to give back. [Read More >](#)



## Student Spotlight



A member of the latest cohort of graduates from our online D.N.P. program, Alea McClintock is committed to promoting positive change in health care policy and practice. [Read More >](#)

## Alumni News

This spring, Sarah French Conrad, a pediatric nurse practitioner, joined a multidisciplinary team of practitioners to provide health care in northern Thailand through International Medical Relief. [Read More >](#)



## Nursing Alumni Society

### Mentoring Program



This month we completed the inaugural year for the College of Nursing Mentoring Program. Everyone had a great year and made wonderful connections that will last a lifetime. Students received valuable career insight, advice on résumés and interviewing, and general support. We made 60 total matches and hope to have many more successful years. A special "thank you" to all the mentors who participated; we appreciate your dedication to the profession and to mentoring our future nurses. Your experience can change the lives of students. Although the application period to become a mentor is now over, if you would like to be on our reserve list, please contact Kim Woodward at [kms40@psu.edu](mailto:kms40@psu.edu) or 814-863-4039.

### Alumni in the Classroom



In March, alumna Cindy Inman Shaffer '83 visited Nikki Hill's Nursing Research class to talk about her work at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC on the use of music therapy to increase patient and staff satisfaction. The experience, Shaffer said, was mutually beneficial—and one she hopes to repeat someday. [Read More >](#)

## Join Us in the Nurses Lounge



Join the Penn State College of Nursing in Nurses Lounge, an online professional network for nurses. At Nurses Lounge, you can create a detailed profile that will benefit you in your search for jobs and connecting with other nurses. Job postings and event information can be found here. Find professional organizations, universities, and schools and connect with fellow Penn State alumni.

## Keep in Touch!

We welcome your feedback! If you have any questions or information for future editions of the newsletter, please email them to [Bev Molnar](mailto:Bev Molnar).

Planning a trip to campus? Maybe we can help to make your visit more meaningful and fun. Please contact Susan Kucik, director of development and alumni relations, at [sik2@psu.edu](mailto:sik2@psu.edu) or 814-863-8180.

Need to update your information? Use the [Record Update Form](#) on the Alumni Association page.

Have some interesting updates to your career or have you achieved a milestone? We'd love to hear about your accomplishments. Contact Kim Woodward, assistant director of alumni relations at [kms40@psu.edu](mailto:kms40@psu.edu) with your news.



## Faculty Highlights

Penn State College of Nursing faculty are making amazing contributions to the nursing profession and nursing science. [Read More >](#)



### A Message from Dean Paula Milone-Nuzzo



## Awards and Honors

### Third Annual Scholarship and Awards Celebration



The College of Nursing's third annual Scholarship and Awards Celebration was held Saturday, April 8, at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel. [Read More >](#)

### Dean Milone-Nuzzo receives NSNA "Leader of Leaders" Award



Dean Paula Milone-Nuzzo was honored to receive the 2017 Leader of Leaders Award from the National Student Nurses' Association on April 6 during their annual convention in Dallas, Texas. [Read More >](#)

## Upcoming Events

### 2017

July 13-16  
- Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts

September 16



College of Nursing Alumni Society 2017 Tailgate

October 6  
- Nursing Alumni Society Board Meeting University Park

October 7  
- Mentoring Program Luncheon University Park

November 6  
- College of Nursing Fall Career Fair University Park

November 28



December 16  
- Fall Commencement

### 2018

April 5-8 (tentative)  
- Spring Alumni Weekend University Park

April 21  
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