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WHEN LIFE IS YOUR LIFE'S CALLING.



The leadership of Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, on our Journey to Transformation includes strategic planning that will accommodate enrollment growth and other positive changes anticipated as a result of Mount Carmel Health System's \$46 million investment toward improvements to the Franklinton campus.



MEET DR. BROOKS:

# NAVIGATING OUR JOURNEY TO TRANSFORMATION

**As president, what is your priority for Mount Carmel College of Nursing that just celebrated the 115th anniversary of its founding by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1903?**

“We already have a roadmap for the future – our comprehensive Strategic Plan, which we began working on in 2017, starting with a complete environmental assessment and information-gathering survey among 5,000 alumni, faculty, staff, students, board members and community stakeholders,” says Dr. Brooks.

“I’m eager to lead our faculty and staff as we begin implementation of the Plan, which will take us full circle to our vision, established by the Sisters of the Holy Cross – to be the innovative academic center preparing nurses as the most trusted partners in health care – by focusing on enrichments to programs and services that will enhance the outcomes and preparedness of our graduates,” she explains.

**What are the components of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan?**

“The Plan is based on six strategies or ‘foundational pillars,’ which are: Education, Research, Clinical Practice, Supportive Environment, Valued Partners and Financial Stewardship. Initiatives that address each of these have been prioritized, and strategic and tactical actions are already underway.”

**Why is Education a pillar – isn’t it the main focus for the College?**

“It is the main focus. In fact, excellence in nursing education, which has long been the foundation of our mission, continues as the main focus. When the strategies – or pillars – were ranked by the planning team, Education was deemed of paramount importance. However, we must recognize the interdependence of the six pillars for our overall success.

Dr. Brooks began serving as interim president at Mount Carmel College of Nursing in July 2017 and was named president in August 2018. A recognized international leader, consultant and educator in nursing and health care, she is leading the College on its Journey to Transformation.

As a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and Fellow of the National Academies of Practice, Dr. Brooks brings prestige to the College, as well as deep experience. Having served as board president of the American Organization of Nurse Executives and American Psychiatric Nurses Association, chair of the Psychiatric and Mental Health Governing Board, and dean of The Catholic University School of Nursing, her leadership abilities are extraordinary and the College’s purpose and goals are well articulated to the public as well as the faculty, staff and students.

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“That means that, as we recognize the high priority of Education, we are also working on tactics that include retaining outstanding educators, staff and students; developing innovative programs that position MCCN graduates as leaders; equipping faculty to educate a highly skilled, ethical and compassionate nursing workforce; and enhancing student advising and mentoring services.

“These tactics are in various stages, of course, but an outstanding addition to our faculty – Kathleen Williamson, PhD, MSN, RN, who joined us in January – will help us advance this strategic initiative overall. (See bio on page 17.)

“Of course, our Research pillar goes hand-in-hand with Education. This is where we mindfully advance the integration of evidence-based practice into our teaching and will continue to reinforce an infrastructure that supports research and scholarship of our faculty as we secure resources to underpin those endeavors.”

**You mentioned Supportive Environment – what is involved in that?**

“Having a Supportive Environment means that we have a culture that values and respects the contributions of all stakeholders and that we have a safe, active, inviting and vibrant campus for everyone – students, faculty, staff and alumni.

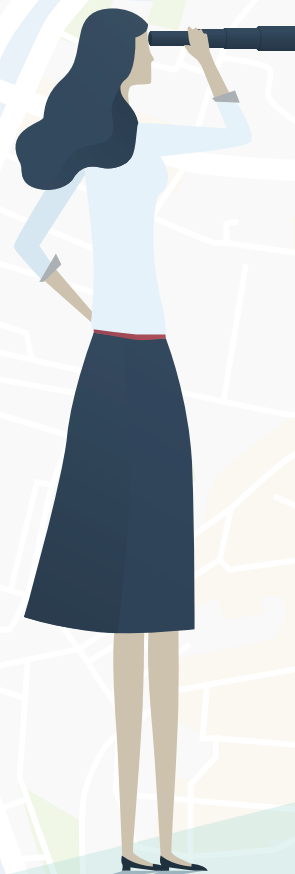
“Part of making sure we are being supportive is acknowledging and celebrating diversity, which has long been a hallmark value at Mount Carmel, dating to 1949. That’s when Mount Carmel was the first school of nursing in Columbus to admit African American students. In fact, one of our Distinguished Alumni, Regina Sallee Williams, PhD, RN, FAAN, was among the first African American students to graduate in the Class of 1952 and she went on to earn her doctoral degree, retiring after teaching for many years and serving as an executive nurse at Eastern Michigan University.

“And, we are delighted to formally acknowledge the value of the Diversity pillar by adding it to our list of Core Values. As our more recent alumni know, Kathy Espy, who is now director of Community Engagement for Mount Carmel Health System, became in 1990 the first African American to join the MCCN Board of Trustees. She led our diversity effort at the College for many years, helping increase minority enrollment to 20 percent.

And, today we are delighted to have Hannah Clayborne, PhD, on our faculty to further enhance our efforts.” (See bio on page 17.)

**What other Pillars will most factor into the College’s success in the future?**

“Our Journey is enhanced by all of the Pillars working in concert – much like the architectural support system of a bridge, every buttress must remain at full strength to allow the structure to stand. Therefore, in addition to continual enhancement and refinement of our educational degree programs and student services, our Journey also includes attention to sustainable Clinical Practice models, Collaborative Partnerships and, of course, Financial Stewardship to ensure the College is meeting the needs of students and graduates who will journey with us into our bright future.”





# NAVIGATING OUR JOURNEY TO TRANSFORMATION

## METHODOLOGY FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

The College partnered with AMC Strategies, Strategic Consultants to Academic Medical Centers, that worked closely with a Steering Committee, which included representatives from the College faculty and staff; leadership representing Mount Carmel Health System; and MCCN Board of Trustees. The close collaboration of these entities ensures that the College's comprehensive strategic plan is supported and "owned" by all. The data and information gathering stage of the Journey is complete.

### Core Values

- **Academic Excellence** – Achieving the highest educational and professional learning and clinical experiences.
- **Respect** – Creating a safe, respectful, and supportive atmosphere for teaching, learning and working.
- **Compassion** – Conveying genuine care and understanding for all, with an appreciation for a variety of perspectives.
- **Social Responsibility** – Focusing on the well-being of a society and advocating for social change.
- **Diversity** – Creating a culture and climate of inclusion that welcomes and celebrates diversity.

### Mission

In the spirit of the Catholic tradition, we welcome a diverse population of students from all faiths, to prepare them academically and professionally as competent and compassionate nurse leaders, who are lifelong learners, and who possess the moral courage to continuously promote the health of individuals and communities.

### Vision

Be THE innovative academic center preparing nurses as the most trusted partners in health care.

# COMMISSIONING OF DR. BROOKS



**ON NOVEMBER 12, 2018, THE CELEBRATION MASS AND COMMISSIONING OF ANN MARIE T. BROOKS, PHD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, AS THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING WAS HELD ON THE MAIN CAMPUS.**

Stained glass windows that once graced the original chapel on the Mount Carmel West campus are now displayed in the MSB auditorium and provide a beautiful sense of Presence. The Mass was celebrated by Father Jerry Francik of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Father Jerry is Dr. Brooks' spiritual director. Her sister and brother-in-law, Rosanne and Brian Torpey, served as gift bearers and her sister, Teresa Brooks, served as lector. Emma Schenz, Class of 2019 and president MCCN Student Government Association, also served as lector, while faculty members Erin Dougherty, MSN, RN, CPNP, Haley Dougherty, and Ellen O'Shaughnessy, DMin, served as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Jim Letourneau, BCC, senior vice president, Mission Integration, Mount Carmel Health System, who planned the Mass, was altar server; Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president, Community Services, Mount Carmel Health System, was in attendance. Tanya Hahn, MBA, CPA, president, MCCN Board of Trustees; and Edward Lamb, FACHE, president and CEO, Mount Carmel Health System, served as co-leaders for the Rite of Commissioning for Dr. Brooks that took place during the Celebration Mass.





At the reception following the Commissioning of Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, as MCCN's third president, she listens as Ed Lamb, FACHE, Mount Carmel Health System president and CEO, reads aloud a Mayoral Proclamation of Congratulations from Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther.



Sisters of the Holy Cross, Barbara Hahl, CSC, and Jean Ann Smith, CSC.



President Emeritus Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, (left) with donor and friend of College, Bob Fry, and his daughter, Alyssa Fry, who is senior development officer, MCCN.



Dr. Brooks with her sister, Teresa Brooks.

# A Message from the Mount



Dear Friends,

What an exhilarating whirlwind of exciting changes – and anticipation of potential promise – Mount Carmel College of Nursing has experienced. Our cover story – Navigating our Journey to Transformation – recounts the strategic work that began when I became your interim president in 2017. I am delighted to have been named president last year and some days find it difficult to believe I’ve been with you nearly two years already, because most days I have such affinity for the College that I feel I’ve been connected for decades.

Earlier this year, the College had site visits from two accrediting bodies: the Ohio Board of Nursing in February and the Higher Learning Commission in April. We are pleased to report that we continue as fully accredited, ready to carry forward the tradition of excellence in nursing education established by our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, more than 115 years ago.

For the remainder of this calendar year and into the coming academic year we will see many physical changes and enhancements to our campus as a result of all inpatient services having been relocated to Mount Carmel Grove City in April. We’ll continue to thrive amidst the dust because we’ll remain focused on the work at hand, as well as the promise of abundant green space, new offices and classrooms, and other areas for our students, faculty and staff to appreciate in the future.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our award-winning magazine that includes stories about members of our alumni and our students, as well as a look back at delightful photos from Homecoming 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie T. Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP  
President, Mount Carmel College of Nursing



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 8, 2019  
Convocation and New Student Welcome
- Aug. 26, 2019  
Annual Mount Carmel Foundation Golf  
Invitational benefitting MCCN
- Aug. 12, 2019  
First day of Fall Semester,  
MCCN Columbus and Lancaster campuses
- Aug. 26, 2019  
First day of Fall Semester,  
Ohio University Lancaster
- Sept. 10, 2019  
Scholarship Dinner
- Sept. 26, 2019  
Excellence in Nursing Award Celebration
- Sept. 27-28, 2019  
MCAA Annual Meeting and Homecoming  
Activities

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GIVING BACK  
TO MOUNT CARMEL

# MCCN DONOR PROFILE

John DeGregori, executor of the Schwemley Foundation, and his wife Gayle, are surrounded by some of the MCCN students who benefitted from the Robert G. and Kathryn R. Schwemley Foundation Scholarship in 2018.

John DeGregori of Stockton, California, serves as the executor of the Schwemley Foundation, which has awarded nearly \$770,000 to students at Mount Carmel College of Nursing over the past 17 years.

“Gayle and I really enjoyed meeting the students who directly benefit from the Schwemley Foundation scholarships,” says John, a retired certified public accountant (CPA) who was a long-time friend of the Schwemleys, as well as the accountant for Dr. Richard Schwemley’s radiology practice for many years.

John and his wife, Gayle, traveled to Columbus in September to attend the Annual Scholarship Dinner, tour the College and talk with scholarship recipients. In 2018, the Schwemley Foundation awarded \$4,000 each to 12 individual undergraduate students and \$3,000 each to six graduate students to recognize their high academic achievement, leadership experience and potential, community service, and aspirations for nursing careers.

“We have three children of our own who hold advanced degrees and are successfully settled in their life’s work, so we know how important it is to help a young person reach their educational goals,” notes Gayle.

“I remember Mrs. Schwemely - a graduate at Mount Carmel - asking me to be sure to provide funds to create more nurses, and not just *good* nurses, but *Mount Carmel* nurses, who have that something special that only a Catholic institution of higher education can impart,” John recalls.

“Gayle and I consider it a sacred honor that Kathryn Schwemley entrusted us to carry out her last wishes, ensuring that her and her husband’s legacy will continue for many years to come. We make a point of regularly visiting at each of the beneficiary locations – usually a different place each year – so that we can be assured that we are doing well in doing good,” he adds.

In addition to providing financial support to Mount Carmel College of Nursing, the Schwemley Foundation also supports the Sisters of Charity of Dubuque, Iowa; the Sisters of the Holy Cross of Notre Dame, Indiana, who founded Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1903 that transitioned to the College of Nursing in 1990; the Sisters of St. Francis of Stella Niagara, New York; and Hospice of San Joaquin in Stockton, Calif.



**The Robert G. and Kathryn R. Schwemley Foundation Scholarship at Mount Carmel College of Nursing** is named for Kathryn Callahan Schwemley, a 1955 Mount Carmel School of Nursing graduate. Kathryn, who was known to her classmates and friends as “Kitty,” and had served as class treasurer during her time at “the Mount,” lived in Stockton, Calif., for more than 35 years where she worked as a nurse before becoming a homemaker. Her husband, Dr. Robert Schwemley, died in an automobile accident in 1986, and she was seriously injured. A gifted musician who collected daguerreotypes and was a member of the Daguerreian Society as well as the California Board of Nursing, Kitty remembered the College in her will before she passed at age 68 in 2002. Both Robert and Kathryn, who had five children, were strong advocates for excellence in nursing education and her legacy to the College lives on through her generosity and through Mr. DeGregori’s stewardship and financial acumen.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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## Meet the Qadeer Sisters

Hina Qadeer (right) and her sister, Wajiha Qadeer, members of the Class of 2019, aspire to become pediatric nurses.

One might think they are seeing double when the Qadeer sisters are spotted at Mount Carmel College of Nursing, where both studied to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Although Wajiha and her older sister Hina are distinct individuals, they have many interests in common. Born in Pakistan, they came to the United States with their family at the ages of 2 and 5-years-old, respectively, and both choose to wear hijab, the traditional head covering of their religion.

Why did you want to become a nurse?

Both sisters were impacted when an older brother was diagnosed with aplastic anemia. Keen observers, they noted how helpful and understanding nurses are. “The nurses that we encountered went above and beyond to help my family and me cope,” recalls Hina. In addition, Wajiha recalls that during her own surgery experience, she first learned what being a pediatric nurse encompasses and was impressed by their compassion and assertiveness.

Why did you choose Mount Carmel?

“The main thing that attracted me to Mount Carmel is it’s specifically for nursing and the smaller campus makes it easier to connect with professors and get to know one another,” says Wajiha.



Hina also chose MCCN because of its strict focus on nursing, and adds, “Mount Carmel’s core values represent the values that our parents raised us with. Diversity, respect, compassion, academic excellence, social responsibility and diversity are all core values to becoming an excellent nurse.”

Are you involved in extracurricular activities?

Both Qadeer sisters are Student Ambassadors, helping out at major special events and representing the College to prospective students. “Last summer I was chosen to



participate in the Mount Carmel surgical nurse externship, which expanded my knowledge about real-life nursing,” says Hina, who has earned multiple MCCN scholarships. Wajiha was chosen to participate in Nationwide Children’s Hospital pediatric nurse externship.

Both sisters agree that college takes up the majority of their time, but they try to spend as much time with family and friends as possible. Both enjoy travelling to different places and Wajiha enjoys baking for birthdays and weddings, while Hina channels her creativity by crafting.

Are you interested in a particular field of nursing?

Not surprisingly, both Hina and Wajiha are interested in pediatric nursing and both had part-time jobs at Nationwide

Children’s Hospital. “I want to help inspire young people to also look at nursing as a noble profession and pursue it one day. I want to inspire them just like the nurses I encountered inspired me,” says Hina. Wajiha adds that working on the trauma/burn unit at Nationwide Children’s Hospital made her “fall in love with that patient population.”

How has your family supported your endeavor?

Hina and Wajiha agree that because their family had several encounters with hospitals and health care through being a family of seven children, their parents are very proud of their daughters’ desire to answer life’s calling to become professional nurses.

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## MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING CONVOCATION



In keeping with tradition, a bagpiper led the colorful, joyful Convocation procession, which was held in August as part of New Student Welcome. The 2018–2019 academic year saw 188 new undergraduate Nightingales embarking on their journey to become professional nurses. More than 100 new graduate students also began studies, bringing enrollment to more than 1,100.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 25th anniversary of the Golf Invitational will be celebrated on August 26, 2019, as golfers take to the greens, again at the popular Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City. For more information about how you can support our Mount Carmel College of Nursing students and get involved with the Golf Invitational, please contact senior development officer Alyssa Fry at [afry@mchs.com](mailto:afry@mchs.com) or 614.234.4760.

The 2018 Mount Carmel Foundation Golf Invitational held last August at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City was declared to be a "Hole in One," as \$120,000 was raised to support student scholarships at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. The 24th Invitational attracted more than 120 golfers, including corporate and individual sponsors, who had a great time as they helped MCCN students answer their life's calling to become professional nurses. Special thanks is extended to our 2018 Presenting Sponsors, Central Ohio Newborn Medicine, Inc., and PNC Bank, for their continued support of nursing education.

# GOLF INVITATIONAL WAS A HOLE IN ONE!



George Gevas (left), managing director and senior vice president, Corporate & Institutional Banking, PNC Bank, led a foursome in the 24th Annual Mount Carmel Foundation Golf Invitational that helps MCCN students answer their life's calling to become professional registered nurses. PNC was a Presenting Sponsor.



Craig Anderson, MD (far right), president and CEO, Central Ohio Newborn Medicine, Inc., and his wife, Deborah, join Ed Lamb (far left), MCHS president and CEO, and Deanna Stewart (second from left), president, Mount Carmel Foundation at the dinner following a day of golfing. Dr. Anderson's practice was a Presenting Sponsor.





# ALUMNA MOVES AT FAST PACE

“I tend to not stand still for very long,” alumna Angela Snider ’10 and ’14, MS, RN, APRN-BC, replies in describing how she attained manager, Emergency Department and Crisis Services at Fairfield Medical Center. “When I can progress, learn or grow, that’s what I do, and that’s what I encourage others to do, too,” she adds.

Angela has been on the move – literally and figuratively – since she decided to leave Bible college and take a counter job at her hometown Wendy’s in Bremen, Ohio. Just 19-years-old, she soon became manager before getting married at age 21, having three children in rapid succession and becoming a stay-at-home mother for the next five years.

“I had always dreamed of being a missionary nurse in Africa, and as my children got older, I decided to answer part of that calling.” She took classes at Central Ohio Technical College, but wanted a school that was totally focused on nursing, was faith-based and where she could earn a bachelor’s degree. One week before her oldest started first grade, she began the more than 100-mile-per-day round trip drive to Mount Carmel College of Nursing’s main campus.

Angela credits her desire to be a servant leader from having been a pastor’s daughter and having worked in church ministry. During her time at MCCN, she fulfilled the other part of her childhood dream by going on the College’s mission trip to Gambia. Throughout her undergraduate years, she worked as an Emergency Department (ED) technician at Mount Carmel East.

“Mount Carmel quickly became my family. I was only two years in when our house burned down at Thanksgiving,” she recalls. “Not only did my colleagues at East provide money, furniture and Christmas gifts, but the College replaced my laptop and all my books, which in sophomore year are not inexpensive.”

Within two weeks of graduation, she was hired as staff nurse in the ED at East and immediately enrolled in the Master of Science clinical nurse practitioner track at MCCN.

< Sleek red pumps are Angela Snider’s signature footwear, as they denote presence and speed.



# COMMUNITY IN CRISIS

Within two years, she had not only been promoted to charge nurse at East's ED, but also began teaching clinicals at both East and West for the College.

"That's when I also took another contingent job, nursing in the ICU at East, so that I could better understand and be more in touch with what I expected my undergraduate students to learn," she notes.

From 2012 to 2015 she became familiar with Fairfield Medical Center through teaching lecture content at MCCN's satellite program there and took on a job as contingent in the ED, again to be more in touch with her students.

"I had such a great connection with MCCN faculty members who mentored me through both degrees and also as an adjunct instructor." Although she respected their advice when they urged her to switch her focus to Nursing Education, her heart was on the clinical side, so she was delighted when FMC asked her to work as house supervisor on night shift while finishing up her master's.

"That's when I realized how much I enjoyed management and that – as a leader – I could be of even more help to patients by being of help to those providing direct care," she recalls. "I loved the variety and diversity of administration and took the job fulltime."

Within two months of receiving her Master of Science in December 2014, she earned APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) designation and talked to her husband about how she might best use her advanced degree and new certification.

"I interviewed for the ED manager position at FMC, but when the offer was extended, I began second-guessing myself about going into management because of the 700 clinical hours I had accumulated. My husband told me to follow my heart, which is what I did.

"I loved the challenge of completely updating the entire ED and hiring 45 nurses, paramedics and techs to prevent the burnout and turnover that had troubled the department in prior years. We brought our patient satisfaction scores up by 25 percent in less than one year and today enjoy a 94 percent retention rate. I love my work – every day is so exciting and I keep my hand in clinically by starting IVs and doing whatever is needed to help my nurses care for their patients."

During her first week as manager, Emergency Department and Crisis Services at FMC, Angela was "baptized by fire" when Lancaster, Ohio, experienced the largest documented outbreak of deadly botulism in the United States since 1918.

"Our first patient on Monday evening was suspected of having a stroke, but the neurologist was cautious because the symptoms were not classic. By time the second patient arrived early Tuesday, and both had the same story of having attended a church potluck, we went into action," Angela recalls.

Within 30 minutes of being notified, Angela – with the help of many – had set up a Crisis Command Center in the ED conference room, called in medical and administrative leadership, and Central Ohio Trauma Services. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided botulism anti-toxin, which is a controlled-release medication. With 55 patients (and only one death), all hospitals in central Ohio were called to collaborate, because FMC's ICU could accommodate only four patients while continuing to serve its community.

"The source turned out to be potatoes that had been canned 15 years earlier – apparently one batch was not properly sealed and that's all it took," she explains. "All of my Mount Carmel training was called to the forefront during this crisis and I was never more proud – of the community of Lancaster, the staff of FMC, and especially to be a Mount Carmel nurse."

# MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL OF NURSING

## ALUMNA REAPS REWARDS OF FLEXIBLE CAREER



Lynda Rosemeier Martin and her husband, Gene.

Even though it's been more than 40 years since Linda Rosemeier Martin '76, RN, CCA, graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1976, she still giggles when she remembers hearing the overhead announcement, "Bring your own desk - examinations will begin as scheduled," during her freshman year.

"We were a very tight-knit, fun class," Linda recalls. "One night before a big exam we gathered up all of the old-fashioned wooden desks and filled the instructors' hallway on the fourth floor from the elevator to their office doors so they could not get to their offices. But the joke was on us: We had to carry those heavy desks back to be admitted for the test," she says.

Upon earning her diploma, Linda worked at Mount Carmel Family Practice before returning to Mount Carmel West in 1980 to work in Surgical ICU/Open-heart Recovery and then in 1995 the Cardiac Cath Lab at West.

"It was really exciting, but after extensive back surgery, I could no longer wear the heavy lead apron, so I had to give that up." She moved to Mount Carmel East where she served on a Joint Commission preparation team before working as a nursing supervisor for many years.

"Eleven years ago my husband had the chance to transfer, and we moved to the Villages in central Florida. Both our daughters were still in college in Ohio, and we figured as long as I can fly back whenever I wanted, we might as well get situated where we'd been planning to retire." Linda did pre-operative teaching and recovery in the Villages' Regional Hospital catheterization staging area.

"One of the beauties of nursing is that you can always take your career in a new direction, as opportunities arise. The Villages Hospital offered me a chance to take medical diagnosis coding classes, which were really interesting. Now I work part time from my home for an independent company, coding for pediatric intensivists," she says. "This affords me plenty of time to play softball, pickle ball, golf and visit with my daughters in Ohio whenever I want."



Linda's husband, Gene Martin, owned Buckeye Erectors, the company that installed the beautiful cross and logo that has been a beacon of compassion and hope for all since the 1980s. The symbol is being relocated to the new hospital, Mount Carmel Grove City, as a prominent component of a water feature, continuing to symbolize the spirit of the Gospel.

# COLLEGE QUICK READ

**Mount Carmel College of Nursing - Lancaster** students celebrated the 10th anniversary of the collaborative partnership between Mount Carmel College of Nursing and Fairfield Medical Center in August 2018.



**Kathleen M. Williamson, PhD, MSN, RN, is MCCN's new academic dean.** She has extensive experience as an innovative leader in key focus areas including higher education, nursing education and the integration of technology and evidence-based practice within key academic, community and health care stakeholder groups. Responsible for leadership of undergraduate and graduate academics, student academic support, and student affairs programs – including monitoring the quality of instruction, enhancing current programs and developing new initiatives for academic programming and student engagement – Dr. Williamson works closely with faculty, staff and students.



**Hannah Clayborne, PhD, director of MCCN Diversity and Inclusion Program,** joined the College as director, Office of Compliance, prior to accepting her present role. Dr. Clayborne's vast leadership experience in higher education is a tremendous asset to the College. She previously served as vice president of student affairs at Ashland University, and other institutions of higher learning. She currently serves as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, is a member of NASPA: Student Affairs in Higher Education and holds several certifications, including Investigator Training (Title IX) and Title IX Coordinator Certification. Succeeding Dr. Clayborne as director of Compliance is Robert Vaughn, JD.





“Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future” is the title the video created to commemorate the 115th anniversary of our founding by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1903. Interviews with alumni and faculty members, including Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, president emeritus, are featured, along with historical photographs. To view the video, please visit [mccn.edu/115th](http://mccn.edu/115th)

# SCHOLLA

## 115TH ANNIVERSARY CO-STARS WITH

On September 10, 2018, Mount Carmel College of Nursing students, donors and leadership gathered at the Scholarship Dinner to celebrate excellence in nursing education. Donors provided \$683,587 in scholarships to more than 230 MCCN students. The evening was an opportunity for students and donors to meet and discuss the importance of financial support when pursuing a life’s calling of becoming a professional registered nurse. The program highlighted key members of the Mount Carmel community and their touching stories and reflections about education, philanthropy, and student perspective.





Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, president, MCCN ((left) and Tanya Hahn, MBA, CPA, president, MCCN Board of Trustees.



Former MCCN Board member, Mike Curtin, and his wife, Sharon, with scholarship recipients.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## STUDENTS AT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



Craig Anderson, MD, greets these happy students who are recipients of the Anderson Family Scholarship Endowment, which was established by Dr. Anderson and his wife, Deborah.



MCCN student Emmanuel Mensah (center) is delighted to receive the MCCN Board of Trustees Scholarship, which was established by contributions of individual board members. Among those who contributed are (left to right) Al Rodack, MBA, CTP; Tracy Najera, PhD; Jeri Milstead '57, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Beth Kowalski, BA, APR.



Lori and Tom Caldwell greet the recipient of the Lori Burseson Caldwell Scholarship Endowment, which they established to honor Lori's graduation from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1982 and to benefit MCCN students for years to come.

# ALUMNI REFLECT ON MEMORIES OF THE PAST...AND ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE

“There’s not much left that’s like what we remember, but neither are we,” quips Phylis Motz Crook ’63, RN, about the tour that she and fellow alumni took of Mount Carmel West during the Homecoming program in October. “Our favorite part of the tour was how it made us think back about how different things were so many years ago,” she adds. Phylis and her classmates remembered “running the halls” when they were students, saying they literally ran because they were always in such a hurry and “ran” them from an operations perspective when they were put in charge on night shift.

“We’d have all the patients tucked in with their meds before the Perry Como version of ‘Bless This House’ was broadcast over the PA as a goodnight message,” she recalls. “As students working 11–7, we were also responsible for setting up the Communion tables on each floor so it would be ready when the priest came in the morning, and patients (who were able) were awakened for Communion. If you were Catholic, your knees hit the floor when the bell rang,” she notes.

A tour of the new hospital was also a hit “It was fascinating going from our memories of the old hospital to touring the new hospital, Mount Carmel Grove City,” Phylis says. “It is absolutely beautiful in every aspect – the grounds, the halls, the patient rooms – with each room being private and adaptable depending on the patient’s acuity level.”



HOME COMING WEEKEND



# REMEMBERING THE PAST AND REALIZING THE FUTURE: HOMECOMING 2018



To mark the 115th anniversary of the founding of Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1903 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the Homecoming planning committee of the 2018 Mount Carmel Alumni Association Annual meeting planned two days of activities.

On October 26 and 27, nearly 130 alumni who had traveled across the country from 14 states and all across Ohio gathered to reconnect with classmates and other alumni.

## Tours on Friday afternoon

Friday began with a tour of the newest Mount Carmel Health System hospital – Mount Carmel Grove City. Welcomed by Julie Fitzgerald, coordinator, Operations, Mount Carmel Grove City, and Debbie Boggs, RN, director of Alumni Relations, alumni enjoyed refreshments provided by Mount Carmel Health System and viewed a slide presentation on the construction of the new facility from its beginnings.

Alumni enjoyed reconnecting until it was time to don hard hats, goggles and vests for a tour. Jill Young Wallace '73, RN, who is clinical project liaison for Mount Carmel West/Grove City and has overseen the expansion project from the beginning, served as one of the guides.

That same day, tours of Mount Carmel West were led by alumnae and MCAA board members Pat Steele Skunda '75, '10 and '14, MS, RN, and Iris Freisener '66 and '07, MSN, RN-BC. Throughout the afternoon, a PowerPoint presentation of photos from the past and present was shown. Between the tours, many spent the afternoon visiting at the College where they were led on a tour of the campus by Student Ambassadors. Several of the honor classes had reserved areas for class get togethers during the afternoon.

Friday evening concluded with a reception in the College Lounge, where Debbie Boggs and Dr. Ann Marie T. Brooks, MCCN president, welcomed the 120 who attended. Door prizes were given and Stephen Pearson '15, BSN, RN, as MCAA president, introduced MCAA board members. "Honoring Our Past; Embracing Our Future," a video about the history of the school and college concluded the scheduled events.





## New! Saturday Evening Dinner

For the first time in many years, MCAA held a dinner off campus at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Student Ambassadors greeted more than 130 alumni and escorted them to the celebration area where they were greeted by MCAA board members Matt Edgington '14, BSN, RN; Pat Steele Skunda and Iris Freisner, Jody Gill-Rocha '08 and '10, MS, RN; and Jami Nininger '87, MSN, RN.

A photo booth and an opportunity to bid on many silent auction items were enjoyed during the social hour, and alumni purchased raffle tickets with the hopes of winning either the 50/50 raffle or the gorgeous hand-stitched quilt donated by the late Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff '42. All proceeds from the generously donated items went to the MCAA Scholarship Fund.

Stephen Pearson introduced emcee Peg Seelig '74 and '08, MSA, BSN, RN, who invited Jeanette Bishop Sanger '68, RN, to ask the Blessing. Jeannette is Class of 1968 representative. Stephen provided the annual report and introduced the 2018—19 MCAA scholarship winners: Natasha Cottrill, Jessica Gibson, Hanan Elhaj Omar and Wesley Williams. MCAA board members in attendance were recognized and new board members were elected: Jasmine R. Collier '18; Cathy Lapp '93 and '10; Katie L. Lapp '17; and Angela Snider '10 and '14.

Attendees enjoyed viewing the 2018 Mount Carmel Excellence in Nursing video after which they heard from Dr. Brooks, who recognized Jami Nininger, for having received MCCN Nurse of the Year at the Excellence in Nursing program held in September.

Peg Seelig shared a 30-year nursing retrospective from 1963 to 1993, written by a past colleague, which evoked many memories and some chuckles as alumni noted how nursing, equipment and technology have changed over the years. She challenged more recent alumni to write a retrospective for the subsequent 30-year span from 1993 to 2023.

Peg and Pat Skunda recognized all of the honor classes in attendance and shared informative trivia from each honor year before quizzing attendees on Mount Carmel trivia – prizes were awarded. The evening ended with continued reminiscing.

# CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2018



Class of 1958



The Class of 1993 – the last class to graduate before Mount Carmel transitioned to the College – celebrated 25 years.



Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff (left), who graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1942, donated what would be her last hand-stitched quilt of many that she had generously given annually. Dorothy passed away on Jan. 5, 2019, at the age of 98. Pat Steele Skunda '72, '10 and '14, MS, RN, helped Dorothy display her beautiful handiwork.



Class of 1978



The Class of 1968, celebrating their 50th, had 25 classmates in attendance, with some bringing spouses they had met while at the School of Nursing.



Class of 1963





# NEW MCCN SDAP-HYBRID

**Heather Melick ('16), BSN, RN, Weighed Nursing in the Balance.** After three years as a prosecutor and one year providing criminal defense in the U.S. Air Force JAG (Judge Advocate General), she applied for discharge just two weeks before 9/11 and stayed on for another six months under the military's stop-loss policy, eventually attaining the rank of major. Heather traded in her gavel for a stethoscope in the MCCN SDAP program.





Mount Carmel College of Nursing's highly sought Second Degree Accelerated Program (SDAP) is now available for busy adults who want to maintain full- or part-time employment or maintain life balance while answering their life's calling to a career in nursing.

Our new SDAP-Hybrid (SDAP-H) is highly flexible and especially designed to allow working adults who already hold a bachelors' degree in another discipline to earn a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) in just 18 months and start the career of a lifetime.

The MCCN SDAP-H prepares graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), administered through the Ohio Board of Nursing and offers:

- A unique hybrid of online and face-to-face instruction
- Designed for the busy lifestyle: Life balance between personal and professional obligations
- Same student learning outcomes, courses, and laboratory and clinical experiences as our full-time SDAP degree
- Evenings and weekends for classes, lab and clinical experiences
- Personalized instruction
- Manageable increments for student coursework
- Same admission requirements as our full-time SDAP degree
- Completion within an 18-month time period

Working professionals who have realized that nursing is their life's calling can stop dreaming about changing careers and apply by August 2 for the cohort that begins January 2020.

For admission requirements and more information, contact MCCN Admissions at [admissions@mccn.edu](mailto:admissions@mccn.edu) or 614.234.4CON or visit our website.



**Jennifer McDonald ('16), BSN, RN, once built hospitals, now she builds rapport.** "In six years I worked my way from project engineer to project manager, responsible for analyzing data, estimating budgets and handling purchasing and hiring. I worked in the health care division of a major construction company that built hospitals and medical office buildings," recalls Jennifer McDonald, BSN, RN, who traded in her hard hat for a stethoscope in the MCCN SDAP program.

In 2007 Mount Carmel College of Nursing developed the innovative Second Degree Accelerated Program in response to the nursing shortage then forecast by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. AACN had predicted the need for more than one million new and replacement nurses to take the place of retirees and be in place as the baby-boom generation continues to age, leading to an intensified need for health care.

Since inception of the program, 12 cohorts have graduated – from 2008 to 2019 – bringing the total SDAP alumni to 736 who have taken their place in one of the fastest-growing, highest-opportunity career fields available. To read about a few of them, see "First Careers: Not Always Set in Stone," in Fall 2016 issue, *the Lamp*, on our website.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Alumni UPd

### Alumni Vision

The vision of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association is to support Mount Carmel College of Nursing through philanthropic, networking and mentoring initiatives.

### Follow us on Facebook

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### Send Us Your Email Address

MCCN and the Mount Carmel Alumni Association are sending more and more information via email. Send your email address to [alumnioffice@mccn.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@mccn.edu) or visit our website.

Please stay in touch with the Alumni Relations office and notify Debbie Boggs '75, RN, of any changes in your contact information as soon as you can so you don't miss any news! Also, please let her know your career path since graduation so we can include it in an upcoming issue of *the Lamp*.

### Save the Dates: Mount Carmel Alumni Upcoming Events

### Alumni Engagement Opportunities



#### **New Alumni Welcome**

On June 13 we welcomed our newest alumni during a great evening networking event. Please watch our Facebook page and website for further events.



#### **Mount Carmel Annual Homecoming Weekend**

The Mount Carmel Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Homecoming will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, at The Grand Event Center in Grandview. This memorable evening of reconnecting and reminiscing will begin with a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, Sept. 27 a reception and tours will be held at the College. Please see the website for updates and hotel information.

# Get Involved!

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We have several opportunities to become more involved - or get involved - by volunteering through the Alumni Relations Office. If you would like to join a committee for any of the activities listed - or just come and help out - please contact Debbie Boggs '75, RN, director, Alumni Relations, by calling her at 614.234.5681 or emailing her at [alumnioffice@mccn.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@mccn.edu)

## **Get Involved with Event Planning Committee**

Please join us as we plan future events, alumni/student projects and other opportunities for 2019 and beyond. The Event Planning committee is looking for alums who would like to assist with new ideas, planning and implementation of events. Do you have creative ideas for events, such as wine tasting, travel, ball games, community service projects? Let us know what would you like to do with your fellow alumni. The committee will be chaired by a member of the MCAA - the more the merrier!

## **Assist with Mock Interviews for Senior Students**

In collaboration with professor Erin Dougherty, we have the opportunity to assist with mock interviews as part of her Nursing 408 Caring Practices in Transition to the Professional Role course. Research shows that job-seekers are more likely to get the job if they have written and rehearsed answers to common interview questions. As a result, many colleges utilize mock interviews to enhance students' preparation for real-world job interviewing. The goals of this assignment are to help the student:

- Identify frequently asked questions
- Develop appropriate responses to interview questions

- Become aware of the qualifications and information conveyed to prospective employers
- Increase the level of confidence in responding to questions
- Obtain feedback about strengths and weaknesses
- Learn how to provide lasting impressions  
All interviews are held on the downtown campus of MCCN and all needed materials, including questions to ask as the interviewer, are provided. To learn dates and times volunteers are needed, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

## **ALUM-a-thon Time!**

The ALUM-a-thon class challenge is underway! Your donations to this annual fundraiser will be pooled with those of other members of your class. Total giving per class will be announced at Homecoming!





## Congratulations to the 2018 Mount Carmel Excellence in Nursing awardees from MCCN.

On September 26, Mount Carmel Health System recognized outstanding nurse educators, nursing education advocates, nurses, nurse leaders and advanced practice nurses. Special recognition went to Jami Nininger, DNP, RN, interim associate dean, Graduate Program and assistant dean of Distance Education, who was named Nurse Educator of the Year. MCCN awardees are (left to right): Cora Arledge '17 and '12, MS, BEd, RN; Mary Gregg, MS, RN, CNM; Noah Grose, MSN, BSN, ACNP-BC; Dale Hilty, PhD; Gale Kolarik; Karen Greene, BS; Meghan Hixenbaugh, MS, RN, CPNP; Susan Schultz, MSN, RN; Jami Nininger, DNP, RN; and Miriam Abbott, MA. Joining them (far right) are Ann Waterman, PhD, RN, former interim academic dean, and Ann Marie T. Brooks, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, MCCN president.

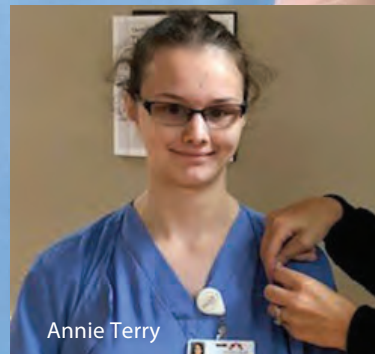
The Office of Marketing and College Relations recently won three prestigious national awards. MCCN's bi-annual magazine, "the Lamp" won the highest-level Gold award in the Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards. The magazine also won Silver in the Educational Advertising Awards sponsored by Higher Ed Marketing Report, as did the College Viewbooks. Congratulations to Robin Hutchinson Bell of MCCN, Jaron Terry of Jaron Terry Communications and Sheila Cooney of Cooney Design!

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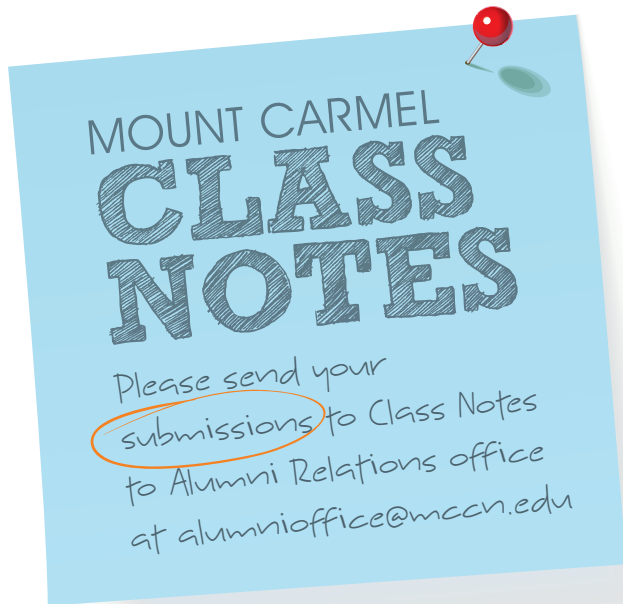


Annie Terry

Congratulations to MCCN students Mireya Alvarado and Annie Terry, who were each recognized for their work at Mount Carmel St. Ann's through the Mount Carmel Guardian Angel program. We are proud to count them among our Nightingales.

# MENTS





We love hearing  
your news!

Mary Lou Jones Yaufman ('58) lives in Fort Myers, Fla. She is a widow and has six children (one deceased) and 10 grandchildren. She retired in 1999 from a long career on med/surg and ER units. In 1979 she graduated from University of Miami Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Program and in 1987 from the Georgia Southern University Nurse Practitioner Program. She worked for physicians' practices and had her own private nurse practitioner practice. In retirement, she is enjoying "friends, bridge, church, Red Hat meetings and a retired RN group I founded."

Mary Jane Bradley ('63) is married and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has a blended family of five sons and grandchildren with ages ranging from 23 to 5 years old. She is "finally retired." Mary Jane taught at The Ohio State University and University of Cincinnati for 35 years. She writes, "It was hard to stop teaching young women and men. The students kept giving me hope for better health care for all of us. My last decade teaching was focused on hospice and palliative care, where everything I learned at Mount Carmel and in the specialties of oncology and psychiatry really came together. Since retirement, I have been able to continue doing workshops with colleagues at Hospice of Cincinnati. We are focused on teaching health care providers (especially nurses, social workers and physicians) to do advanced care planning with patients and families." Her other effort is the T.T.T organization, which raises funds to send underprivileged girls to camp the summer before they enter fifth grade. Everything the girls need for a week at camp is

provided. The members shop with the girls and drive them to and from camp. It is most always a life-changing experience for the girls. Mary Jane "feels blessed to have these opportunities."

Christy Stare Coleman ('63) lives in Geneseo, Ill., is married and has eight grandsons. She and her husband spend part of the year in North Fort Myers, Fla., playing golf and bridge. In 2018, she retired from serving 27 years on her local school board.

Phylis Motz Crook ('63) is married and lives in Columbus, Ohio. She has four children and six grandchildren. She and her husband recently moved to a one-floor house from a three-story house they had lived in for 42 years. Her favorite room is the laundry room: "No more basement steps!" She looks forward to aging in place. Travel, international Girl Scout work and grandchildren's activities keep her happy and busy. Phylis served for many years as Alumni editor for *the Lamp*, and she continues to compile and edit these Class Notes and In Memoriam pages. (*Editors' note: We are most grateful!*)

Marilyn Butterfield Holloway ('63) lives in Notre Dame, Ind., in Holy Cross Village. She enjoys visiting her daughter and family in Florida in the winter. Her son and family visit her from Denver as often as they can. She "thoroughly enjoys the quiet life."

Eleanor Hagerty Kennedy ('63) lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was widowed last year. She worked for the Tri Health Organization for 47 years and has been retired for 10 years. She has five children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She enjoys walking, orienteering, golf and reading. She shares, "I am so proud to be a graduate of Mount Carmel."

Mary Lou Ogle Rauch ('63 and '00) is married and lives in Newark, Ohio. She has five children and ten grandchildren. She writes, "I started a new career of retiree last May and really haven't realized it yet except for doing most things on my own timeline. Life is still very busy with my rabbit and crop farming." She assists her daughter with her new wedding boutique in Newark. She also creates picture quilts for each grandchild as they graduate from high school, handquilting them on her grandmother's frame. She has "just three to go. Now I can take my time instead of the mad rush to finish in time. Jigsaw puzzles may also be in my future. The sky is the limit."

Denise Rish Sever ('63) is married and lives in Denver, Colo. She has four children and three living grandchildren. She worked both before and after raising her family, first in the OR and pediatrics and then as a visiting nurse. She is a certified addiction counselor and an active community volunteer. Her



favorite activities of all have been for her spiritual self with Bible studies and prayer groups. She returns to Mount Carmel every five years for her class reunions and is “always amazed at the growth and all the changes that have occurred over the years. What will not change are my many, many wonderful memories – the funny, the scary, the warm fuzzies and my gratitude of having been blessed to be a Mount Carmel Alum.”

Jacque Lippert Ziarko ('63) is married and lives in North Canton, Ohio. She writes, “I have always, always been proud to be a Mount Carmel nurse. Those core values of critical thinking, ethics, ability to focus and anticipate, and a lifetime of learning were all part of our earliest nursing education and continue in the fabric of who we are today. They carried me through the fields of ICU, cardiovascular surgery, migrant health clinics, workers’ compensation, checking for lice as a school nurse, and rewarding years in occupational health and nurse case management. Thank you, Mount Carmel!”

Barb Pugh Cieply ('68) is married – for 50 years to the man she met on a blind date at The Mount – and lives in Columbus, Ohio. She has four children and nine grandchildren. She retired last year after a 50-year career in nursing.

Mary Lechner Gatchell ('68) is married and lives in Chillicothe, Ohio. She has two children. Her specialty and “love” is mental health nursing. She worked at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center for 25 years and in an after-school program for disadvantaged children, aimed at creating better nutrition and improved study habits and social skills. She found it to be “rewarding, but no easy task.”

Blenda Doggett James ('68) is married and lives in London, Ohio. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. Her nursing career encompassed three different health care systems. She also owned and managed an ice cream shop for 30 years. She is retired and spends time throughout the year in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Terry Lombardo Lindahl ('68) is married and lives in Dayton, Ohio. She has two children and four grandchildren. She has lived in Germany, Indiana, Virginia and New York. After working in many different hospitals in three different states, she spent 30 years working in a NICU in Dayton. She now works in an OB/GYN office. She enjoys traveling and has been in 31 countries and 49 states. Arkansas is next and last. She writes, “I still can’t believe it has been 50 years since my Mount Carmel graduation. The education I received at Mount Carmel has served me well throughout the last 50 years.”

Loretta Hughes McAllister ('68) lives in Delaware, Ohio. She received special permission to get married the last half of her senior year at Mount Carmel because, within two weeks of their wedding, her husband was deployed to Viet Nam. He returned safely and they had three children and helped raise a nephew. They have nine grandchildren. She has worked in acute care and longterm care. She shares, “One of the highlights of my career was when I was hired at a hospital in Marion, Ohio. The director of Nursing informed me that a physician was in her office daily demanding that she hire Mount Carmel grads because ‘they are the only nurses who know anything!’ I and another Mount Carmel grad started the same day.”

Carol Martin Troiano ('68) was widowed in 2013 and lives in Bloomville, Ohio. She is retired and enjoys knitting, bridge, gardening, trips with her senior center groups, and time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Nancy Wade Young ('68) is married and lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a view of Pike’s Peak. She moved there from Florida. “Unlike everyone else who retires to Florida, I became tired of the heat, humidity, hurricanes and sink holes.” She worked fulltime for 40 years and retired in 2014. She doesn’t miss working and is enjoying retirement.

Teri Gerrick Bussey ('78) is married and lives in Carroll, Ohio. She retired from Mount Carmel in 2017. She writes, “I am enjoying time with family, traveling and exploring all the things I could never get to while working, such as reading, yoga and glass art.”

Beth Leibensperger Harroff ('78) is married and lives in Amherst, Ohio. She has four children and five grandchildren. She is pursuing certification in biblical counseling and volunteers for a ministry called Love INC. Her “sporadic nursing career over the past 40 years has included three-to-five-year periods in med/surg, a pediatric office, hospice and a pregnancy resource center. Being a nurse and a Mount Carmel alumna remains an integral aspect of my identity.”

Gabrielle (Gabi) Lauer Karpowicz ('78) lives in Westerville, Ohio. She babysits for her one granddaughter. She has a BSN from Franklin University and an MA from The Ohio State University. She retired four years ago from Columbus City Schools and now works contingent for Ohio Health Employee Services.

Esther Barry McEnery ('78) lives in Worthington, Ohio, and has worked fulltime since graduation, currently with Mount Carmel Vascular. She has three children and five grandchildren and “more on the way!”

Evelyn Middaugh Rike ('78) is married and lives in Jackson, Wisc. She has three children and two grandsons. October 29 is a celebratory day for her because, due to an autoimmune liver disease, she received a liver transplant on that date in 2013. Her experience “gave me a whole new perspective on health care.” She now works parttime for a home care company doing geriatric care management. She enjoys festivals in her area and taking trips to visit family.

Dianna Tuvell Ruppel ('78) is married and lives in Gahanna, Ohio. She has two daughters. She has worked for Pediatric Associates for 16 years and as their nurse manager for six years.

Kim McGuire Schieber ('78) lives in Circleville, Ohio. She has two sons and two grandsons. She and her husband have owned Schieber Family Pharmacy for 30 years. She works 2.5 days per week doing immunizations and accounting at the pharmacy.

Herb Smith ('78) lives with his partner in Jacksonville, Fla. In 1986 he graduated from Clemson University with a BSN. While attending Clemson, Dr. Jeri Milstead ('57) was one of his professors. He has been an education specialist and worked in critical care. He is now an HIV volunteer and tester.

Kathy Steger Walters ('78) lives in Grove City, Ohio, and has one grandson. She retired from Mount Carmel in 2017 and currently teaches obstetrics and pediatrics at Hondros College of Nursing.

Colleen Cleary Watson ('78) is widowed and lives in Hilliard, Ohio. She worked in the OR at Mount Carmel West for 28 years. She earned a BA in Business/Organizational Communication from Otterbein University in 1991 and now has a “fun retirement job as a certified pharmacy technician for Kroger Central Fill.”

Kimberly Landrum ('82) lives in Chandler, Okla. She has a PhD from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas and shares, “I was named a Jonas Scholar for Veteran Healthcare for 2016—2018. This was instrumental in providing the funds necessary to complete my phenomenological study, ‘The Lived Experience of Women Veterans Seeking Healthcare.’ ”

Jacque Knisley Blanchard ('93) lives in Worthington, Ohio, and has four children. She has worked at Mount Carmel for 25 years in the areas of orthopedics and OB at Mount Carmel West,

and she is now at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Family Medicine Residency Practice.

Cathy Hedges Hageman ('93) lives in Circleville, Ohio, and has three children. She writes, “After graduation I worked as a new grad at Mount Carmel East in CCU then SICU. I moved to the new Open-Heart Recovery Unit when the new Heart Center was opened. I left Mount Carmel after 13 years in 2006 with three of the open-heart surgeons to begin a new program at Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio. Twelve years later and still going strong, I'm the Critical Care Quality specialist, health system (three hospitals) STEMI coordinator and Cardiology/Cardiothoracic data manager.”

Catherine Cook Leffel ('93) is married and lives in Dublin, Ohio. She has two children. She received a BSN from Capital University in 2013. From graduation to 2007, she worked at Mount Carmel West. She is currently a risk management coordinator for an OhioHealth physician group.

Adrienne Burton Bradley ('06) is married, lives in Boca Raton, Fla., and has one daughter. She is a charge nurse in L&D, as well as working online on her MSN in nurse midwifery at the University of Cincinnati.

Stephanie Doerner ('06) lives in Blacklick, Ohio, when she isn't “on the road.” Her experiences as a NICU travel nurse have taken her to South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. She writes, “It has been an absolutely amazing experience and I've met some incredible people. I have friends in almost every city I've traveled to and have had some great experiences (and some not so great, lol). Traveling has helped me grow as a nurse and as a person. I'm so happy I took the leap a few years ago.”

Lisa Halloran ('06) lives in Columbus, Ohio. She has two sons. For 11 years she did beside nursing at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She is now a lactation consultant there. She received her IBCLC in 2017 and finds her job very rewarding. She enjoys traveling with her family including some time spent in England and Ireland last summer visiting family.

Jody Gill-Rocha ('08) lives in Dublin, Ohio. She earned a graduate certificate in Nursing Education in 2010 and is an assistant professor at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. She is the academic department leader for the Medical-Surgical courses, teaches the Adult Care course, and is the course coordinator of the Infusion Therapy and Simulation course. She received the 2017 Mount Carmel Health System Excellence in Nursing Nurse Educator Award.

# IN MEMORIAM

*Mount Carmel College of Nursing and its alumni honor the following graduates who have passed away and extend our sympathy to their family and friends.*

- Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff — Class of 1942
- Frances Schroeder Christin — Class of 1947
- Virginia "Ginny" Kunz Everett — Class of 1947
- Patricia Louise Core Gardner — Class of 1949
- Rowena R. Nichols — Class of 1949
- Rosemary Butler Huston — Class of 1950
- Dorothy Koelbl — Class of 1950
- Nancy Burns Rioux — Class of 1950
- Diane Altman Keller — Class of 1951
- Debbie Marguerite Inkrot — Class of 1951
- Adrienne Callahan McCann — Class of 1953
- Carolyn Kulp Souders — Class of 1958
- Sally Morgan McGill — Class of 1964
- Virginia Brokamp — Class of 1993



*We also acknowledge the loss and honor the memory of those whose lives have touched the Mount Carmel family.*

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| Brother of Mary Dorrian Pulsinelli (Feb '49)                        | Sister-in-law of Margo Malaska Medwid ('74)               |
| Brother-in-law of Mary Dorrian Pulsinelli                           | Daughter of Cathy Post Wolters ('74)                      |
| Husband of Rita Devlin O'Brien, Class of ('57), Dr. Richard O'Brien | Mother of Chris Hofmeister ('76)                          |
| Husband of Pat Gilgannon Kenny ('58)                                | Father-in-law and mother-in-law of Kerry Fankhauser ('10) |
| Daughter of Mary Lou Jones Yaufman ('58)                            | Mother of Jody Gill-Rocha ('10)                           |
| Brother of Suzanne Martin Shadburn ('66)                            | Dawn Hughes, MS, RN                                       |
| Mother of Ann Fisher ('68)  | Robert Brannon, MD  |
| Mother of Jane Vanicelli Fox ('72)                                  | Alan Longert, MD  |
|   | Mark Saylor, MD   |

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