



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Dear Alumni,

With a chill in the air (your newsletter editors are writing from NY State) and with the holidays approaching, we reflect on how grateful we are for you; our readers and Stony Brook School of Nursing alumni. As practitioners, educators and in myriad other professional roles and functions, Stony Brook nurses positively and significantly impact their lives of those they come in contact with on a daily basis, locally to globally.

As always, your Newsletter Team and contributors hope you find the enclosed contents bring you up-to-date on the many exciting activities, events, continuing education courses and changes that have occurred since our last publication, e.g., we welcome our new School of Nursing Dean, Dr. Annette Wysocki. In addition, for future newsletters to stay in touch and informed about significant and not so significant activities you and other alumni are involved with. We're sure your alumni peers will want to hear about them. Finally, we hope that you find the contents of the Fall 2019 newsletter interesting, informative, humorous and maybe even inspirational. Your SON Alumni Board wishes a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

With Best Regards,

Your Newsletter Team:

Charlie Davis BS, Nursing Class of 2014

Samara Kravitz BS, Nursing Class of 2015

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About a Nurse



"I'm sorry, but I can't give you holidays off, or a social life. Would you settle for a candy cane?"



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Greetings from the Alumni Board President Tracy Dourdounas, RN, MS '09 ANP-C

Dear Alumni,

With the cooler temperatures, I think we all feel invigorated and ready for something fresh and exciting. With the changing seasons comes new beginnings. On behalf of the School of Nursing Alumni Board I am extending a warm welcome to Dr. Annette Wysocki as the new Dean of the School of Nursing. We are delighted that Dr. Wysocki is here and look forward to her leadership and enhancement of our school's world-class reputation for excellence in education, research and healthcare.

Since the last edition of this newsletter, I have much to update you with. In the Spring, I was invited to the School of Nursing 9th Annual Scholarship Award Program at the Wang Center Theater. Sixty three students received Academic Excellence awards and Memorial Scholarship funds. I presented the School of Nursing Alumni Board Scholarship Award to three well-deserving recipients. On April 30th, Stony Brook launched the first annual Giving Day to celebrate philanthropy and support need based scholarships. Our goal was to achieve 50 donations to the Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund. If this was met, in return the Dean of Stony Brook Medicine would gift \$2,500 to our fund. We did it! Please mark your calendars for April 30, 2020. Remember, it is not about the amount of the donation, it is about the number of people who donate. We would love for everyone to participate.

On May 6th, the School of Nursing Alumni board held a breakfast at Stony Brook Medicine to celebrate Nurses' week. Eighty five nurses attended this event which gave them an opportunity to meet and network with their colleagues. We have encouraged our alums to bring a non-alum friend. This gave them the opportunity to experience the great alumni community we have and learned about the incredible programs the SON has to offer. In addition, to wrap up Nurses' week the Alumni board held an "Apps Night" at Miller's Ale House, which was also well received.

I was honored to give the closing remarks at the SON Graduate Convocation in the Staller Center on May 22nd. There were 14 DNP graduates, 22 Advanced Certificate Program graduates, 310 Master of Science graduates and 13 student veterans. I also had the pleasure of hearing Dean Wysocki give the keynote address. In November, the University Alumni Association sponsored an event welcoming Dr. Annette Wysocki as the new Dean of the Stony Brook School of Nursing. We look forward to supporting her in meeting her leadership goals for the future of the School. It is a very exciting time to be a part of the Stony Brook Community!

Please continue to share your milestones with us so that we can include them in our newsletters. Stay connected by following our social media platforms.

In this season of giving, I do hope you will consider making a gift to the [School of Nursing Alumni Fund](#). This will provide scholarships for students at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels.

I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.



A Welcome from Dean Wysocki

Annette Wysocki, PhD, RN, FAAN

Transitions in leadership bring opportunities to examine past accomplishments, assess current situations and plan for continued success. Since arriving at Stony Brook University School of Nursing on August 1st, everyone, including faculty, alumni, students and staff, have collectively been working to think about each of these to plan our future success. Undergirding all of these is the essential work of the School of Nursing to advance the science, education and practice of nursing.

As the new Dean, I have been surveying the landscape and am constantly amazed by the level of commitment and loyalty of everyone here. This passion for Stony Brook Nursing is reflected in the accomplishments of our students who consistently passed with high NCLEX pass rates from our undergraduate program ranging from 97 – 98% for 2017 and 2018; and the ranking of our master's online program as #15. The level of expertise among the faculty is recognized not only here at Stony Brook University, but across the nation. Recently, Dr. Terri Cavaliere was recognized as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and Dr. Heather Findletar Hines became a Fellow of the American College of Nurse Midwives. And, as I have learned, our students are recognized nationally as recipients of the National Student Nurse Association Stellar Award accomplished under the able leadership of former Dean, Dr. Lee Xippolitos. A five-year badge of recognition!

As we begin our next academic year, we currently have 1,457 students enrolled, 408 undergraduates and 1049 graduate students. We continue to build enrollment in our PhD and DNP programs along with our masters and advanced certificate programs that include nurse midwifery. Education of our students is supported by 38 dedicated standing faculty members, 20 highly committed staff members and more than 100 adjunct faculty members .

It is the collective educational and clinical expertise of the faculty and graduates of our programs that make Stony Brook School of Nursing an excellent place to build the science, education and practice of nursing. Moving forward, we will continue to foster and support our excellent educational programs and direct energy to increase the research intensity of our current faculty and recruit additional new faculty. We just recently posted a call to hire four new research-intensive faculty here in the School of Nursing and invite you to direct qualified individuals to apply for these positions.

Dean Wysocki's Message, continued:

We are also directing effort to continue to build and sustain our partnerships with our clinical supporters here at Stony Brook University Hospital, Northwell, Long Island Community Hospital, Long Island State Veterans Home, and other clinical partners throughout Long Island, the region, state, and nation. I am still learning about many of these facilities as I continue to learn the details of our academic medical center partnerships. These clinical partnerships support the education, clinical placements, research and practice opportunities for our students and faculty. We highly value each of these partners and look forward to continuing to reach out and develop new partners as we continue to build on our history of education, innovation, and community care.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I received at the School of Nursing Alumni Dean's welcome reception on November 14th. And to thank everyone who has welcomed me across the Stony Brook campus with warmth and enthusiasm. It is the dedication, passion, and contributions of your time and talent that collectively build a strong community to support the School of Nursing so we can accomplish more and go further to reach new goals. We need your partnership and your support to continue to build on the excellence of the School of Nursing and to secure the future of Stony Brook Nursing.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us and if you meet alumni of Stony Brook please reach out to them and invite them to join with us to build the future of nursing. Our contact information can be found at: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/alumni/chapters/school-of-nursing/>. Remember, that your legacy is our legacy and together we forge ahead to create a new vision for the future of nursing science, education and practice.

Annette Wysocki, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean and Professor, School of Nursing



Significant Stony Brook School of Nursing Achievements

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING RANKINGS

#5 Ranked Nursing Program in New York by Registered Nursing/.Org: [https://
www.registerednursing.org/state/new-york/#rankings/#top](https://www.registerednursing.org/state/new-york/#rankings/#top)

U.S. News and World Report 2018 Ranked the Doctor of Nursing Practice and Graduate Programs in the Top 75 in the U.S.

U.S. News and World Report 2018 Ranked #18 Best Online Graduate Programs

U.S. News and World Report 2018 Ranked #4 Best Online Graduate Programs for Veterans

U.S. News and World Report 2018 Ranked #66 Best Graduate Schools

Undergraduate NCLEX Results Class of **2017—97%**

Commission on Collegiate Education) (CCNE – Reaccredited Undergraduate, Graduate, Post-Graduate Certificate and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs 2017-2027

The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) – Reaccredited Midwifery Program
2018 – 2028



Mark Your Calendars!

Stony Brook University Commencement, December 20, 2019



SPRING 2020 EVENTS

Version 1 12/04/2019 — More information to follow

Competencies in Adolescent Lifespan

Event Planner: Dr. Susan Glodstein
Stony Brook University, School of Nursing

Thursday, February 6th, 2020

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Location: School of Nursing, Deans Conference Room 2-239

Description: 5.0 CEU Credits

- Adolescent Suicide – Dr. Susan Glodstein, DNP, PMHNP
- Pediatric Calculations, Medications, and Prescribing – Dr. Kammy McLoughlin, DNP, PNP
- Promoting Health in Youth with Chronic Illness – Dr. Maria Milazzo, PhD, PNP
- Issues in Adolescent Mental Health - Ms. Anne-Marie Montijo, LCSW, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives, Association of Mental Health and Wellness
- Bully Prevention-CAPS/Bully Prevention Center

Cost: \$95

\$65 SBU affiliated *Register now online on C-Vent

Evidence Based Practice

Event Planner: Dr. Carol Della Ratta & Dr. Marijean Buhse
Stony Brook University, School of Nursing

Friday, April 24th, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Health Science Center, Level 2, Room 310

Description: 5.0 CEU Credits

- This one day, interactive workshop will present practical tips for each of the steps of evidence-based. Participants will have the opportunity to apply knowledge to search databases and critically appraise & synthesize evidence.
- The target audience is RNs, advanced practice nurses, staff educators and faculty who are interested in: Formulating PICO questions, searching for the best evidence, critically appraising the evidence, creating synthesis tables for optimal decision making and finally, disseminating an EBP project.

Cost: \$105

\$75 SBU affiliated *Register now online on C-Vent

Nursing Quality, Ethics and Risk Management

Event Planner: Dr. Mary Ellen LaSala
Stony Brook University, School of Nursing

Friday, March 6th, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: School of Nursing, Dean’s Conference Rm 2-239

Description: 4.0 CEU Credits

- Risk Management - Joanne Lauten
- Ethics in Nursing – Dr. Mary Ellen LaSala
- Quality and Safety in Nursing – Joanne Lauten

Cost: \$95

\$65 SBU affiliated *Register now online on C-Vent



Gastrointestinal Nurses and Associates Course 2019

Event Planner: Karen Wiederkehr, RN
Stony Brook Hospital, Endoscopy and GI Motility Services

Saturday, April 25th, 2020

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Health Science Center, Level 3, Galleria

Description: TBD CEU Credits

- Supportive Information TBD

Cost: \$15 for CEU Certificate

*Registration TBD

2020 Neuroscience Conference

Event Planner: Joanna Foley, Nurse Manager
Stony Brook Hospital, Neurology Department

Date TBD, May 2020

Time TBD

Location: TBD

Description: TBD CEU Credits

- Supportive Information TBD

Cost: TBD

*Registration TBD



7th Annual Stony Brook Trauma Registry Conference

Event Planner: Jane McCormack, RN, BSN, CSTR, TCRN
Stony Brook Hospital, Trauma Center

Date TBD, May 2020

Time TBD

Location: TBD

Description: TBD CEU Credits

- Supportive Information TBD

Cost: TBD

*Registration TBD



Annual Research & Scholarship Symposium Innovative Nursing Science

Event Planner: Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins
Stony Brook University, School of Nursing

Friday, May 8th, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Health Science Center, Lecture Hall 5

Description: TBD CEU Credits

- Nursing Research Presentations and Networking for Stony Brook School of Nursing and our partners

Cost: \$15 for CEU Certificate

*Registration TBD



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IMPORTANT LINKS

Online Registration (C-Vent)

<http://stonybrook.cvent.com/d/vyq6zp>

Visit our School of Nursing website

<https://nursing.stonybrookmedicine.edu/>

Campus Maps and Directions to Stony Brook University

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/about/maps-and-directions/>



Alumni Milestones Class Notes

Mireya Castillo '06, '13 is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Pricilla Love.

Kathleen Gallo '91, '95 PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN is the Founding Dean and Professor, Executive Vice President and Chief Learning Officer at Northwell Health.

Charles R. Davis, B.S., 2014 earned his MSN from Frontier Nursing University, June 2019 and passed AANP Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exam.

Also, Charlie presented "Nurse Practitioners as Healthcare Inventors and Innovators: A New Primary Practice Space Opportunity," October, 2019, New York State Nurse Practitioners Annual Meeting, Verona, NY.

Michelle Fiorini '14, '16 is a Home Health Registered Nurse through Northwell Health.

Margaret Krepp '96 is now the Director of Nurse Practitioners at Huntington Hospital.

Jennifer Laffey DNP '16 started in health care as an ICU nurse before she got her Master's degree, after which she moved to North Shore University Hospital. There, she found many opportunities to develop her career such as preceptorship, mentorship, leadership and program development. Before moving to Health Solutions, where she assumed a leadership position, Jennifer helped develop a team of four ACPs into a multi-disciplinary team of 50 spanning Long Island and began teaching for the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies NP program. Now, she's the NP, Assistant Vice President.

Robin Moller '16 is traveling with Simulation in Nursing company, providing education for Long Term Care facilities to better meet the needs of clients and CMS regulations. She is an educator with Audacia Foundation.

Tracy Thorn '17, a nurse manager at South Nassau Communities Hospital, is the recipient of the 2019 Cupola award.

Michael Russo '12 is clinical navigator of the NICU at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital in Valencia, CA.

Justin Waryold DNP '05, '08, '14 has been named top nurse on Long Island, recognized at this year's Nurse of Excellence Award Ceremony in Nesconset, hosted by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

Have you recently changed jobs? Got a degree? Published research? Traveled around the world? Celebrated any milestone?

Share it with your Stony Brook School of Nursing Alumni! Share stories and pictures - your milestone will be featured in a future newsletter!



Have you changed your primary email address? Are your Stony Brook School of Nursing Alumni colleagues and friends not receiving our emails? Please keep us updated with your current contact information by emailing Mary Hoffmann at mary.hoffmann@stonybrook.edu

School of Nursing Events

Photos Courtesy of the SBU Alumni Association

**New York State NP Conference Alumni Reception
October 19, 2019 at Turning Stone Resort**



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Photos Courtesy of the SBU Alumni Association

Nurses' Week Breakfast

May 6, 2019 at Stony Brook Hospital



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**Meet and Greet with Dean Annette Wysocki
November 14, 2019 at Stony Brook School of Nursing**



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