By Nancy Woods, Ph.D., MPH, RN

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”
Psalm 103:1 (NIV)

God continues to bless us in so many ways! We respond in praise and thanksgiving to His holy name. We’ve had an exciting year! Our 2016 graduating class was focused and dedicated in their preparation for the NCLEX-RN® licensure exam. I am very pleased to report that they achieved a first-time pass rate of 95.74%! Equally as exciting, 98% are employed in a variety of hospitals and facilities across the United States. Several have already enrolled in graduate nursing education programs.

Congratulations to our 2016 cohort! We continue to hold them in our prayers as they transition to professional practice. Our faculty maintain an ongoing monitoring of courses within the curriculum to assure the highest quality education that prepares the next generation of nurses for the challenges of a changing health care landscape, and an evolving patient demographic that includes an aging population with chronic, comorbid health issues. Patients will be older and sicker in the future; their care will be much more complex. The high standards of our nursing program at Messiah College will prepare nurses with the critical thinking, leadership and interprofessional communication skills that are essential for improved patient outcomes. Most importantly, this is done within a liberal arts education from a Christian worldview so that our Messiah College nurses recognize Christ in all those they serve, especially the most vulnerable, as well as in those with whom they serve, their fellow healthcare colleagues. While challenging, this vocation is also humbling and exquisitely sacred.

Last spring, we hosted our accreditation visit for the MSN-Nurse Educator program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The CCNE is the national accreditation agency that contributes to the improvement of the public’s health by ensuring the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate and residency programs in nursing. We had an outstanding visit, with no deficiencies and no comments! Our MSN program is now fully accredited, retroactive to our first MSN graduating class! Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this visit, especially Louann Zinsmeister, Ph.D., RN, CNE, director of the Graduate Program in Nursing, along with our administrative staff, Ashley Ringquist and Beth Aumen, as well as our faculty, our clinical and academic partners and our graduate students.

The 2016-2017 academic year saw both the graduation of our first MSN-Nurse Educator cohort and the launch of Messiah College’s first doctoral degree, the post-BSN to DNP-FNP program! We continue to have high demand for the BSN, MSN and DNP-FNP programs! We also have several faculty who are pursuing their terminal academic degrees in nursing. That doesn’t mean it will kill you in the process of obtaining the degree…. although it sometimes feels that way! The terminal degree is the highest level of academic preparation within a profession. This year, Megan Gross, MPH, RN will complete her Ph.D. in nursing and Kristen Slabaugh, MSN, CRNP will complete her DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice). Nancy Frank, MSN, RN, CNE, who is our clinical placement coordinator and adjunct faculty as well as a graduate of our BSN and MSN programs, is enrolled in a Ph.D. in nursing program and Jeff Stroup, MSN, RN, CEN has begun the DNP-FNP program at Messiah College. This means that 75% of our full-time faculty have or are pursuing doctoral level education! This level far exceeds the national average for doctorally prepared nursing faculty of 28% across all nursing programs and is comparable to the national average of 79% for nursing faculty in BSN programs (NuFaQs).

Finally, we were thrilled to host 20 visitors, including eight nursing students, from the Boromarajonani College of Nursing and the Nakormping Hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand: the same site that Messiah College senior nursing students can opt to complete their Senior Practicum. Debbie Loop, MSN, RN, CNE, CHSE developed this cross-cultural program for our students and led the exchange program for our Thai nursing colleagues. We thoroughly enjoyed an enriching cultural exchange! It is such a blessing to be part of the Messiah College Department of Nursing. We have incredible students and outstanding faculty, staff and administrative assistants. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Presentations:

- **Debbie Loop** presented “Simulation Design & Debriefing in Emergency Care,” at Boromarajonani College of Nursing, Trang, Thailand, “Using Simulation in Nursing Education,” at Chiang Mai University School of Nursing and “The Flipped Classroom,” at Boromarajonani College of Nursing, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Wanda Thuma-McDermond** presented “Mwende Kabotu: Going with Cultural Humility for International Nursing Student Experiences,” at Sigma Theta Tau International’s 27th International Nursing Research Congress, Cape Town, South Africa.
- **Megan Gross** presented “Nurse Educators Leading Collaboration to Engage Community Partners: A Case Study” as a poster at the Holy Spirit Nursing Research Conference.
- **Tara Jankouskas** presented “PPP: Preparing for the Publishing Process” with Beth Transue, Librarian Liaison for the Department of Nursing, at the Holy Spirit Nursing Research Conference.

Publications:

- **Kelly Hudock** was a contributing writer with The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) on Academic Practice Partnership.

Other:

- **Kristen Slabaugh** was promoted to associate professor of nursing, Clinical Track and **Wanda Thuma-McDermond** was promoted to professor of nursing.
- **Wanda Thuma-McDermond** serves as the faculty advisor and **Louann Zinsmeister** serves as the secretary for Sigma Theta Tau International, Lambda Kappa Chapter.

Kline Updates

**Kline basement and first floor** have received some updating this past year. Over the summer of 2016, the basement walls were painted a light blue and the first floor was painted in shades of blue, so that both walls match. In addition, a number of old bulletin boards were removed, allowing for the installation of clear poster frames. These poster frames professionally display the Research Roundtable presentations done by seniors as part of NURS 405. This updating of the hallways in Kline provides a refreshing look to the department of nursing. Faculty and students have commented on the improved atmosphere.

In January, the maternal and pediatric simulation lab area received an upgrade. This area was remodeled to create separate spaces for the pediatric and maternal simulators. Each simulator has a bed and an integrated wall diagnostic system. Technology upgrades included wall monitors, cameras and microphones. The room can be arranged by closing privacy curtains or by using mobile dividers allowing for enhanced use. A coat of pale green paint provides a welcoming color as well. Stop in and visit when you’re in the area to see our renovations!

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MESSIAH COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
MESSEIAH NURSING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ONE OF THE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE MESSIAH COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING is the emphasis on community engagement. Not only do junior and senior nursing majors serve low-income populations in the Wellness Centers in Steelton, Mechanicsburg and Dillsburg, they also have the opportunity to participate in other community service activities. As part of the community health component of NURS 311, students administer flu vaccinations and assist with school screenings. This past fall, junior students gave 29 flu vaccinations at Bethesda Mission and immunized 408 employees at Holy Spirit Hospital. In addition, the juniors worked alongside PinnacleHealth nurses to perform school screenings as part of their Pay It Forward Community Initiatives. More than 87% of the students (5,437) in Harrisburg School District and 99% of students (1,730) in Greenwood School District in Perry County were screened for height/weight, vision, dental, hearing and scoliosis through this program. In one day alone, Messiah College students completed 240 screenings. Prior to the community-engaged team approach for school health screenings, 12-25% of the Harrisburg School District student body would not be completed until after the first of the year. End of year completion rates rose from 76%-86% to 90-92% with team help in the last two years.

The senior nursing students participate in a variety of community service as part of the clinical hours for NURS 412. This spring, the Department of Nursing entered into a new partnership with the Greater Harrisburg YWCA. Senior nursing students along with a faculty member go to the YWCA once a week to provide health screenings and basic first aid during their winter shelter program. Additionally, students offer health screenings through the Beacon Clinic soup kitchen several times throughout the semester. Through these opportunities, our students have been able to serve clients who may have few other options for healthcare. This focus on community health develops our students’ cultural humility and demonstrates the importance of serving others. Additionally, our community partners regularly express their appreciation for our students’ willingness to serve in their organizations.

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ADJUNCT NURSING FACULTY

FALL 2016
Kelly Boesch, MSN, CRNP—NURS 310
Lauren Bredin, MSN, RN—NURS 411
Jamie Gahr, MSN, RNC—NURS 310
Emily Griffith, MSN, RN—NURS 311
Marsena Howard, DNP, CRNP, CNM—NURS 520
Savannah Lynch, MSN, RN—NURS 410
Nicole Gautsch, MSN, RN, CEN—NURS 411
Sarah Mauldin, MSN, RN—NURS 410
Mary Lou Mortimer, DNP, RNC-NIC—NURS 405
Carol Stein, MSN, RN—NURS 311
Josh Wethli, MSN, CRNP—NURS 311

SPRING 2017
Maureen Asper, MS, RN, ACNS-BC—NURS 412
Kelly Boesch, MSN, CRNP—NURS 313
Sarah Curtis, MSN, CRNP—NURS 211
Katie Deitrick, BS, RN—NURS 211
Nancy Frank, MSN, RN, CNE, CMSRN—NURS 211, NURS 303
Nicole Gautsch, MSN, RN, CEN—NURS 211
Emily Griffith, MSN, RN—NURS 210, NURS 211
Rebecca Harris, Ph.D.—NURS 503
Pam Harris-Haman, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC—NURS 313
Shelley Heinbaugh, MSN, RN, CEN—NURS 211
Chris Johnson, BSN, RN, CRRN—NURS 413
Leslyn Keil, MSN, RN, CPN—NURS 313
Joanne Konick-McMahan, MSN, RN, PCCN—NURS 413
Jeffrey Kreitman, PharmD—NURS 504
Sarah Mauldin, MSN, RN—NURS 312
Christina Morgan, BSN, RN—NURS 211
Leah Pardoe, BS, RN—NURS 413
Jenny Rex, MSN, RN, CCRN—NURS 313
Melody Seitz, Ph.D., RNC-OB—NURS 412
Serena Shirey, BS, RN—NURS 312
Talisha Sneeringer, BSN, RN, OCN—NURS 210
Carol Stein, MSN, RN—NURS 210, NURS 211
Alicia Urich, MSN, RN, CMSRN—NURS 413

Sara Yunez ’18 administers a flu vaccination to Emily Hess ’18 while Dr. Wanda Thuma-McDermond supervises.
The Messiah College Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) is affiliated with the larger national organization, which includes about 60,000 nursing students from across the country. Messiah College’s chapter of SNA is a pre-professional nursing organization that is passionate about nursing education, the nursing profession and desires to prepare leaders in the field. The goal of SNA is to provide nursing students access to information about the nursing profession and prepare students for involvement in professional associations upon graduation. Each school year, the SNA invites different speakers and community members to share career advice with the Messiah nursing students and members of our club. Additionally, we participate in community outreach events, fundraisers, campus wellness events and attend the National Student Nurses’ Association conference each year.

During the 2016-2017 school year, SNA has held and participated in numerous events. We kicked off the fall semester with a welcome party complete with free pizza and shortly thereafter held our first fundraiser: a car wash and blood pressure screening check in the community on a sunny Saturday! Throughout the semester, the SNA has welcomed a variety of speakers to share their career paths and professional advice at our meetings. For example, we heard from a nursing representative from Penn State Hershey Medical Center; a Messiah alumnus who participated in travel nursing with Mercy Ships; a representative from the Messiah College Career Center; and attended the annual Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) Convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This convention provided students the opportunity to attend engaging sessions and workshops, and also network with recruiters in a large exhibit hall.

Additionally, in a few of our meetings, we invited upperclassmen to share about their summer internship experiences, and also to give the underclassmen a heads up of what’s to come in the nursing program and curriculum. We also participated in a wellness seminar on hypertension and offered blood pressure screenings to the students attending the seminar.

Throughout the remainder of the spring semester, the SNA plans to hear from the PinnacleHealth Residency Coordinator, a group of flight nurses from Penn State Hershey’s Life Lion Critical Care Transport team and the chair of the Messiah College nursing department. Thirteen of our members plan to travel to Dallas, Texas, to attend the National Student Nursing (NSNA) Convention in April. This conference provides a good sampling of possibilities for future paths to take as a nurse, and is the perfect opportunity to survey professional options, resources and career pathways within such a large and diverse field.

The SNA desires to continue to engage more students in the nursing program to be involved in future semesters, and to assist professional development and preparation for careers post graduation.
NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
By Christina Albrecht ’17, president

The 2016-2017 school year has been an exciting one for Nurses Christian Fellowship! We started off the year with our annual Kickoff Picnic by the Yellow Breeches, which was well attended by students of all classes and some faculty as well. We held a De-Stress Fest around midterms, enjoying food and relaxing activities, such as coloring and Play-Doh. Around Christmas time, we partnered with parents in providing Christmas care packages to students. We concluded the fall semester with our highly anticipated Christmas Party at Professor Linstedt’s house, where we enjoyed cookie decorating, an ugly sweater contest and a white elephant gift exchange. Throughout the spring semester, we are conducting a clothing drive for clients in need at the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute. We have been greatly encouraged to see the donation pile growing rapidly!

The leadership team made it a priority this year to be more intentional in reaching out to the nursing students. We rejuvenated our Facebook page, Messiah College Nurses Christian Fellowship, to send weekly reminders of meetings and share encouraging and humorous thoughts with nursing students. In the fall, we mailed notes of encouragement to the first-year students; and for nursing finals, we supplied classes with donuts and coffee. Around Valentine’s Day, we spread the love with valentines for all nursing students.

At our weekly meetings we’ve enjoyed time in fellowship together, studying the Attributes of God and growing closer to Him and to each other. New this year, we invited faculty to join us and share how their faith and nursing careers have impacted each other. We greatly enjoyed the blessing of hearing from Dr. Woods, Professor Slabaugh and Dr. Jones; and we look forward to hearing from others in the future. It has been incredibly encouraging to have faithful students attending our weekly meetings, especially first-years who will continue the legacy as seniors graduate. God has surely blessed NCF, and we pray that we have made a positive impact on the nursing students this year!

SIGMA THETA TAU INDUCTION

On November 12, 2016, the Lambda Kappa chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International welcomed 10 new members from the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. The ceremony, which took place in the Hollinger Lounge of Jordan Science Center, included Messiah College faculty, Lambda Kappa chapter members, inductees and families.

Following the call of the new Sigma Theta Tau International president, Cathy Catrambone, for global health focus in nursing, the keynote address focused on “Global Perspectives of Nursing Scholarship.” Dr. Wanda Thuma-McDermond spoke about her journey through nursing with a cross-cultural perspective. Since growing up in Zambia, Africa, she has lived and worked as a nurse in a variety of cultures. In all locations, she noticed that nurses work with the available supplies, which may be limited, to provide good care. During a cross-cultural trip to Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia, Dr. Thuma-McDermond researched students’ perceptions to determine how cultural humility is learned. She discovered that although American students had to focus intentionally in order to behave in a culturally competent manner, Zambian nursing students considered culturally competent behavior as an expected aspect of professional nursing practice. Cultural humility, then, involved learning cultural competence and combining it with social justice principles.

Following this thought provoking speech, Cathy Druckenmiller, president, led the ritual of induction. Wanda Thuma-McDermond, faculty counselor, introduced each inductee as they stepped forward to receive their pin, honor cord and certificate, and sign the chapter membership book. Dinner and fellowship followed the ceremony.
THE SURVIVORS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
By KateLynne Pappas '17

Training to become a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor Advocate through Survivors, Inc. is available to senior nursing students in their spring semester as an alternative clinical option for NURS 412, Community Health. This training occurs over six weeks, taking place on Saturdays during the semester from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, there is a 10-hour practicum component to the program that must be completed in order to become a counselor advocate. This program is rigorous because of the amount of material presented as well as the emotions that the topics of domestic violence and sexual assault evoke. I chose this alternative clinical option because of my desire to pursue labor and delivery nursing. I figured that, at some point in my career, a woman would walk through the hospital doors a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence and I wanted to know what to do and how to help her in the best way I could. I didn’t truly know what to expect when signing up for this clinical option or even what I was getting myself into on the first day, but what kept away the fear of the unknown, for me, was asking God to use me through this experience to be able to help others.

A wide range of topics are covered from cultural competency to child abuse, and each topic brings with it emotional challenges. It makes me feel vulnerable because most of the content is uncomfortable to think about. At the same time, I also feel incredibly grateful to have this opportunity to become more knowledgeable in an area that society doesn’t often discuss, and be able to help men, women and children who, sadly, have fallen victim to this. Did you know that 1 in 5 women will be raped in her lifetime? Or that nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men were subjected to sexual violence victimization (other than rape) at some point in their lives? (messiah.edu/NCADV) I didn’t until this program, and it’s scary knowing how prevalent this is and how little it’s talked about.

Through Survivors, Inc., we learn about the importance of speaking up and advocating for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our generation has the potential to change the way society views and works to prevent these issues. We learn how to interact with these individuals in ways that makes them feel safe yet empowered. We learn how to stand by them when they’re in an unimaginably dark place in their lives and support them on their journeys to healing. We learn to show empathy and compassion when these survivors may feel that they have nothing left. It’s just one more way that we can show the love of Christ to others. Even though the training can be emotionally exhausting at times, I’m so thankful I listened to God’s voice and signed up for Survivors.

TRANSFORMED IN THE ZAMBIAN HAZE
By Rebecca Kriner '17

Mother Teresa once said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” In January, I had the pleasure of traveling to Macha, Zambia with my classmates to fulfill our senior practicum credit for nursing. I went into the trip with certain expectations such as an increased sense of compassion, an inclination for humbleness, and for God to tug my heart in the direction of mission work. I presumed that the nursing care and hospital environment would be different, but I figured I would be able to adapt quickly to the way things worked in rural Zambia. Although I began this trip with a certain presumption of what would happen and how I would transform, God had a much different plan.

The people, the atmosphere, the buildings, the food and the hospital environment were incredibly unlike what one would expect in the United States. I walked into the hospital in disbelief — seeing rusted beds falling apart, naked patients walking around appearing famished, bugs crawling on the bedside tables, hearing screams from little children in a far room, smelling decay all around me, noticing that there were hardly any supplies, and that there was no clean water except for a little basin in the nurses station. I was shocked, horrified, saddened, angry and above all, guilty. Why did I deserve such a privileged life while the people here didn’t? This confusion was only the beginning of my questions.

There are quite a few major aspects of Zambian nursing that are different from the way nursing care functions in the United States. First of all, the four major health issues in Africa are basically foreign to us in the United States. Malaria, HIV/
AIDS, tuberculosis and malnutrition — all are major causes of death for those in the Zambian community. To make matters worse, at Macha Mission Hospital, there is hardly any medication. Women do not get pain medication when giving birth. Little children don’t have anything — even Tylenol — to help ease their pain during serious dressing changes or procedures. There are no alcohol swabs to use before giving injections — they only have cotton and a cheap cleaning solution, which makes infections rates much higher than we experience in the U.S. They don’t have proper sterile materials when performing surgeries. The equipment they do have — such as incubators, thermometers and IV pumps — is either too old, too broken, or not functioning well enough at all to provide proper care. There is hardly any formula for babies that are malnourished. And often, there aren’t even enough beds or staff to care for the people that are in need, so privacy is out of the question. In Macha, the doctors travel to each area of the hospital to round on patients and perform surgeries as well. Nurses must travel on “outreach missions” and deliver medications and provide care to those in the community that live too far from the hospital to walk. They do have a anti-retroviral clinic to help those with HIV/AIDS, which is drastically reducing the side effects of the disease, as well as a malaria research center where discoveries are being made to help decrease the incidence of that disease as well. These are just a few major differences that made an impact on me while I was here.

The largest and most monumental realization for me, however, was the demand for respect and obedience to those with authority. In Zambia, patients are not allowed to raise their voices or argue with those that are caring for them in the hospital without reaping serious consequences. My heart was not prepared for what I was forced to witness regarding this demand for authority due to my sheltered, comfortable life in my little, Pennsylvanian hometown. However, my heart was forever changed by what I witnessed, and the things I learned from my experience in this hospital setting are things that I have carried with me back to my secure, privileged life in America.

During my time in Zambia, I learned a lot about global health and what it’s like to be a nurse in rural Africa, and additionally learned things about myself that I never knew were there. I experienced the compassion that the nurses had with each and every patient. I thrived off of the kind and welcoming nature of the Zambian community. I found a way to care for people despite a frustrating language barrier. I became so thankful for what I am blessed with in the United States. At times I felt scared, uncomfortable and even helpless. But amongst all of the unfamiliar feelings, unfamiliar faces and the unfamiliar atmosphere, I felt great love from my classmates, teachers, the Zambian community and from God. The United States and Africa are so drastically contrasting, but love is the one thing that is universal. Love is what made this trip one of my greatest adventures. My hope was to help change lives of those who are less fortunate than I. In the end, it wasn’t me that saved the day and changed the lives of those beautiful Zambian people; they changed mine.
For the last 9 Januarys, Debbie Loop has led a cross-cultural trip to Thailand for senior nursing students. As part of a partnership with Boromarajanoni College of Nursing (BCNC), Chiang Mai, our students have clinical experiences at Nakornping Hospital as well as community settings. In addition, the students enjoy learning about nursing in Thailand and the Thai culture. We have greatly appreciated the wonderful hospitality of the Thai people during these experiences. You can read more information about this year’s trip at messiah.edu/thailandtrip.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH THAILAND

Living in the SALT (Serving and Living Together) house has been an amazing experience, both as a prospective nurse and as a person. I have been lucky enough to have some of my clinical experiences at PinnacleHealth’s Harrisburg Hospital, which is only a few blocks away from the house. This has allowed me to walk to my clinical experience there, and has given me a better perspective on the area that the hospital serves. I get to spend time with the people who live and work around the hospital, which has helped me immensely to form therapeutic relationships with the people the hospital serves. People like it when they can discuss their home with you. I come from a rural area and living in the city has been a very new experience for me. The number of people I see walking around and enjoying all the city has to offer, especially on the weekends, is much more than the number of people I was used to interacting with back home. But it has been nice to engage in those little interactions with people as you pass them on the streets.

I was also privileged with clinical experiences in the community outside of the hospital. One of these was to spend time helping with screenings in a local school. Once again, this was very close to where I am living, and so I got to serve the community that I was living in. The kids were great, and I had a lot of fun working with them, even though my time with each student was relatively short. I would recommend living in the SALT house to anyone at Messiah. Living in the community that you serve (through the service opportunities at Messiah) is an amazing experience.

LIVING IN THE SALT HOUSE By Cullen Kanagy ’18
**DISASTER DRILL AS AN EMT AND NURSING STUDENT**  
*By Carly Dove ‘18*

I became an EMT my senior year of high school as a way to discover if the medical field was the area of study I was truly passionate about before committing the next few years of my educational career to dear ol’ Betty Neuman. Turns out, no social life, premature gray hair and $3,000 in nursing textbooks was exactly where taking that EMT course decided to plop me. Despite these things, I am very grateful it led me to the place I am currently.

Each year, the Department of Nursing creates a mock disaster scenario for the senior students to practice their skills. This past year, our volunteer EMS staff on campus participated in this drill to make it more realistic. Our role during this experience was mainly one of delegation and controlling the scene. Without any prior instruction, we were told to stage triage areas and delegate groups of nursing students for specific roles to complete the tasks of triaging, transporting and administering care to the “victims” (sophomore nursing students with very good moulage).

The worlds of EMS and nursing are very different, so being able to see both sides was an interesting experience for me. Often EMTs are not highly regarded in the eyes of nursing staff because there is a lack of understanding of what situations patients come from and what all had occurred to get a patient to the condition they are at when they come through the ambulance bay doors. During the drill, I believe some understanding of just how challenging the lack of resources can be in the pre-hospital setting was discovered by the senior students. It forces an individual to operate on an immediate level of creative, critical thinking that is not always required in a hospital setting—where resources are abundant and the environment is controlled. Health care is inter-disciplinary and our patients receive the highest quality care when there is respect, trust and clear communication between each area of expertise. This drill is an exercise that demonstrates the necessity of this teamwork.

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**SERVING ON CAMPUS AS AN EMT**  
*By Emily Doron ‘18*

Messiah College Emergency Medical Services (MCEMS) is a group of student emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and observers who volunteer at Messiah College to respond to medical emergencies on campus. Along with bi-weekly trainings, students are dispatched by Messiah College’s Department of Safety and respond to emergencies, as able, 24/7. I am so thankful to be able to work with such an encouraging group of EMTs. I joined MCEMS as an observer last year, and now volunteer as an EMT. It is such a privilege, and so humbling, to be able to care for students, professors and visitors on campus during their sickest and most vulnerable moments. Serving the campus has taught me the importance of putting the needs of others before my own, as MCEMS often responds to medical calls at odd hours and inconvenient times. I have also had the opportunity to work off campus as an EMT, which has been a great learning experience. When I become a registered nurse, I would eventually like to work in the emergency room. Having some experience as an EMT on and off campus will help me to have a more holistic view of what patients experience prior to entering the hospital. Along with emergency nursing, I would like to pursue international missions as a nurse at some point.
In the summer of 2015, I was given the opportunity to travel to Carrefour, Haiti with Hearts United with Haiti as summer staff for six weeks. During my stay, I assisted in leading teams that came to serve, immersed myself into the Haitian community and discovered my deep passion for nursing. One of the teams was a group of Malone University nursing students who came to do medical missions. As part of the summer staff, I was able to walk alongside of them throughout their journey. A majority of their trip was spent at Life is Wealth Orphanage where the Malone students were able to perform wound care and help with any illnesses in the children throughout the orphanage, meanwhile loving on the children like no other. We were also able to visit the pediatric ward of the General Hospital where we spent time with the children and spread the love of Jesus. I experienced a live birth in the maternity ward and spent time with some of the mothers who were in labor. Finally, we had various health clinics set up throughout the community, whether dealing with malnourished children or doing blood pressure screenings.

Following my summer in Haiti, the Lord then opened the doors for me to travel to Zambia with Push the Rock in the summer of 2016. I lived there for ten weeks where I assisted with an after school program. About twice a week, I visited Macha Mission Hospital and participated in a pediatric play therapy program where we would bring duffel bags of toys, puzzles and coloring books and just spend time loving on the kids and their families during their stay. This experience helped me to develop a heart so in love with kids and so passionate about being able to walk with them through their time at the hospital. I was also able to shadow in the operating room for a day where I experienced surgeries such as amputation, and the removal of a lump on a girl’s breast. Through those times, I saw true examples of what a Christ-like community should look like as each of the patient’s family and friends resembled it so well through their unconditional love and support. The joy that many of the nurses carried, encountered both in Haiti and in Zambia, was contagious and has left a huge mark on my heart. They are the kind of nurses that I aspire to be, in humility, gentleness, love and an authentic desire to see all people fight through every battle no matter how big or small. It was on these trips that the Lord revealed and confirmed His call for my life to pursue nursing. Because of those moments, I now am able to grasp on to the truth that I can rest knowing my God will be faithful in fulfilling His plans for me to become a nurse. On the long nights where I tell myself I can no longer do it, I picture Cynthia, Maria, Sandrine, or any of the kiddos I connected with and I remember that I am not doing this for me. I am doing it for them. I am doing this for the glory of God and that alone makes every minute of the fight worth it. My heart is forever changed.

A DAY IN THE LIFE By Tabitha Adel ’19

Every day as a nursing student brings new challenges and opportunities to learn. From the moment I decided I was going to pursue nursing as a career, I knew life would not be the same. Choosing nursing has been the most challenging and exciting part of my life so far. Every day I spend learning more about it has been truly life-changing. As a sophomore student only just starting clinical experiences, I am beginning to taste the many difficult tasks and situations ahead of me. One thing is for sure, though: I would rather struggle and come out of it an excellent nurse here, at Messiah College, than anywhere else.

A typical day in my life starts around seven in the morning, when I attempt to wake myself up from what I always intend to be a good night’s rest. I spent the next hour getting ready for the day and making sure I am supplemented with nutrients and caffeine. Usually, from 8-11:20 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, I spend my time in the basement of Kline with my fellow nursing students learning either basic nursing skills, health assessment or ideas forming the basis of holistic, Christian nursing. I then spend the next hour in Pathophysiology learning how and what could go wrong with the body.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, my schedule tends to be a bit less busy. However, instead of a nursing class at 8 a.m., I spend the hour and half before chapel in my Intro to Christian Theology class. On Tuesdays after chapel, I then attend my Health Assessment class from 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. and Foundations of Nursing on Thursdays from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Finally, on Friday, I go to Messiah Village for my clinical from 6:30-9:30 a.m. I once again have Pathophysiology from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Besides all of my academic obligations, I also work at the Union Cafe and Café Diem during the week. This allows me to earn some money and also gives me a break from the same type of work (which for me, is quite necessary to keep sane). Additionally, I am involved with student leadership on campus as a secretary for ISA/MuKappa—an organization that provides support to international students, missionary students and third culture kids on campus.

As you can probably tell, there is no day in my week that is without excitement. Much of my schedule aside from this tends to be rather flexible and consists of getting meals with friends, studying, going to fun concerts and meeting with my senior nursing mentor. My experience with the nursing department so far has been phenomenal. Everyday I wake up feeling grateful for the time I get to spend learning about nursing skills with people who I genuinely love. God has definitely blessed me with a time here so far and I am looking forward to the many adventures ahead of me.
“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

Psalms 20:4 NIV

This verse seems especially appropriate as we complete our fourth year of graduate nursing programs at Messiah College. This past year was a time of growth and success for both our MSN-Nurse Educator program and our Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner program.

Our MSN program is flourishing! Our “biggest and best” news of the year was achieving full accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) after a successful site visit in April 2016 and official notification of full accreditation in September 2016. Attaining CCNE accreditation validates the quality of our MSN program. Our wonderful students, faculty and staff greatly contributed toward the attainment of this hallmark accomplishment.

Currently, there are 32 students enrolled in MSN classes. In May 2017, our second cohort of 10 students will graduate from the MSN program. Graduates include: Ashley Bertossi, Katie Deitrick, Christina Johnson, Jaime Kupillas, Ellis LaFrance, Leah Pardoe, Brittany Petry, Talisha Sneeringer, Karen Troppman and Jen Woodley. Noteworthy is that six of these graduates also graduated from Messiah’s baccalaureate nursing program. Our first RN-MSN student, Karen Cruse, will graduate in August 2017. In addition, our MSN alumni from 2016 continue to be active in a variety of endeavors. Specifically, they serve on our Advisory Council, teach as adjunct nurse educators and serve as clinical preceptors for MSN students. In addition, others successfully passed the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam, and also are pursuing doctoral studies.

Another exciting milestone accomplished this past year was the implementation of our new Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner program (DNP-FNP). The DNP-FNP program has the distinction of being Messiah College’s first doctoral program. In September of 2016, 21 students began their studies in the DNP-FNP program. The DNP-FNP students are looking forward to fall 2017 when their clinical-practicum experiences will begin. Our DNP-FNP graduates will help to fulfill Messiah College’s mission of service to others in their future roles as doctorally prepared FNP, primary care providers.

If reading about our graduate nursing programs has sparked your interest in pursuing a MSN or DNP-FNP at Messiah College, here is specific information about both programs.

The MSN program provides flexible, quality online graduate nursing education for nurses who want to become nurse educators in either an academic setting or a nursing practice setting. The need and demand for qualified nurse educators continues to increase. The MSN program can be completed in two or three years for post-baccalaureate nurses. We also offer a RN-MSN option for associate degree registered nurses (ADN) and diploma registered nurses who want to specialize in the nurse educator role. The RN-MSN option is especially attractive to ADN or diploma nurses who have a non-nursing baccalaureate degree and would prefer to move directly to a master’s degree rather than earn a second baccalaureate degree.

The DNP-FNP program is designed for post-baccalaureate registered nurses, is delivered primarily online, and can be completed in four years. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the nurse practitioner licensure exam and become certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP).

In the near future, we plan to develop other new graduate nursing program options. We also are currently developing inter-professional collaboration education with Messiah College’s graduate allied health programs in occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training and dietetics. Needless to say, exciting times are on the horizon for Messiah College’s graduate nursing programs. As we look to the future, this scripture provides us with the confidence to continue with plans for further development of our graduate nursing programs.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For additional information about our graduate nursing programs, contact the Graduate Nursing Office at gradnursing@messiah.edu or 717-691-6054.
Ten years ago, I found myself struggling in the classroom setting and trembled at the thought of my first clinical rotation as a student nurse. No matter what I tried, I was just barely getting by. My professors doubted me and I began to doubt myself. Family, friends and faith were the foundation that made graduation day possible. The start of my nursing career began at Lancaster General Hospital and was full of its own obstacles and challenges, much like those in my undergraduate nursing program. I asked myself “Did I make the right choice choosing critical care as a graduate nurse?” Each hurdle I passed led to yet another. After a few months, I found myself helping with nursing students on the unit and quickly becoming a preceptor myself, something I enjoyed. This followed me to WellSpan York Hospital to the Rapid Response Team. While I originally accepted the position for the challenges that I learned to appreciate, I soon found that the role involved spending a large portion of our time orienting new graduate nurses and nursing students. This growing love for educating nurses led to an adjunct faculty position at York College of Pennsylvania, a clinical educator position at WellSpan York Hospital, and the start of Messiah College's graduate program with a specialty in nurse education.

Everyone has obstacles and hurdles in their lives. What most people do not realize is that these obstacles and hurdles aide in developing their future. Taking on something that is challenging and that creates doubts in your ability will only help you in the end. It leads to additional opportunities to learn and grow not only as a professional, but more importantly as a person. Messiah's program continues to prove a challenge, one that I have learned to embrace. I know that what I put into the program I will get back tenfold, as it has already shown in my day-to-day practice through the continued development of myself as a professional and as a person.

“Ok, just breathe.” “It’s going to be ok. Going back to school in your forties is no big deal right?”

“What could happen? I’ll tell you what could happen. The kids will hate me and I’ll be sitting by myself the whole time. I won’t be able to get back into ‘the swing of things’ and “…I’ll make a fool of myself.” “Whose idea was it to go back to school at my age anyhow?”

Many of you “experienced” learners may have felt the same way I did, at the notion of going back to nursing school to get your BSN or MSN. Like you, I was worried and if I am totally honest, a little bit afraid. My name is Karen Cruse, and I am one of the first people to go through Messiah College’s bridge program. This degree track takes a nurse with an associate degree in nursing, and provides a pathway to get your MSN as a nurse educator. With this degree, you will be well equipped to teach at a collegiate level or be a clinical instructor and pass on your knowledge of patient care to the next generation of nurses.

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My first foray back into the undergraduate world of education, was a night class called Fundamentals of Oral Communication; otherwise known as Speech. I was completely nervous as it had been 20 years since I had been in college, and I'll admit, I said many prayers on my way to campus. One of them was for God to give me just one friend that I could interact with; not a whole crew of new friends; just one. I didn't think that was asking too much. So, I walked into the first floor of Boyer and found my classroom; took a deep breath and opened the door. I

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looked at the other students and couldn’t help but think, “they’re all so young.” They were probably thinking, “Wow, she looks so old.” They might have even thought that I was the teacher. I took a seat on the far side of classroom away from everyone else in a section of empty chairs. I didn’t want to make the students upset that they had to sit next to the old woman. As I was sitting there getting my books out, an amazing thing happened. A young girl came in and sat down right next to me. There were other seats that she could have chosen that would have left a nice buffer between herself and other students, but she didn’t choose them. She chose the one right next to me. I awkwardly asked her if this was speech class 101, to make sure I was in the right place. She gave a little laugh and said she thought so. Come to find out, she was a very sweet girl, and was enrolled in ……wait for it………the nursing program. God sent me a nursing student to be my friend and it………..the nursing program. God sent me a nursing student to be my friend and I actu-
ally had a good laugh about that one, on the way home that night. The following months, she and I became good friends. She has since graduated, gotten married and now works full time as a BSN at PinnacleHealth. I feel oddly proud of her as if she were my own child.

Since a degree from Messiah demands a certain number of credits and courses, I had to take undergraduate classes such as Philosophy, Statistics, certain electives and other student requirements. These classes definitely reminded me of my own nursing school and I felt more at home there than I did in my Stats and philosophy classes. I was once again surrounded by anxious, stressed out twenty year olds whose greatest fear was inserting a Foley catheter in front of their instructor and passing the NCLEX. They were all very friendly and I enjoyed being able to be a “kid” again.

Currently I am one and a half semesters away from being done and can almost see that light at the end of this long exhaustive tunnel. I am excited to complete my degree and start a new chapter in my career. From the beginning of this journey, the staff at Messiah has gone above and beyond to help me. Technically, I was an undergrad student, but registered in a grad program. This was confusing for everyone in administration and registration. I often called myself the “special” student as I did not completely fit into either category. That being said, the staff in the registrars office and graduate services (Carol Good and I were on a first name basis!) have been absolutely amazing and walked me through all the necessary paperwork concerning financial aid and my class schedules. It really has been a team effort of the admin staff, and the nursing professors to get me to this point and I am extremely thankful to all of them for their patience and hard work on my behalf.

All in all, I have had the honor and pleasure of attending both undergraduate and graduate classes within the bridge program at Messiah College, and feel grateful for the opportunity to share a little of that experience with all of you. This is a great program and a necessary one as our profession needs more teachers and clinical instructors. I hope I can finish my degree this summer and be a good representative of Messiah in the work force. In closing, I would like to give some encouragement from the Almighty to any of you thinking of starting your own journey. Getting your advanced degree is a marathon and not a sprint. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 40:31 … “those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

TREASURE THE JOURNEY
By Nick Montgomery BSN, RN ’20

Sometimes the road that you take in life is not what you had expected. This couldn’t be more accurate of how I’ve come to be a student in the post-BSN to DNP-FNP program at Messiah. Lloyd Alexander, a novelist I admired growing up, has said that in life, “The journey is the treasure.” I couldn’t agree more. If not for God’s will and direction in my life I would not be where I am today. I am now a member of the ranks of nurses that always wanted to become a nurse since they were young. After high school, my career path had me on a trajectory to become a third-generation pharmacist in my family’s small pharmacy. If you had told me 10 years ago that I would be pursuing doctoral studies in nursing, I would have laughed and thought it was a joke. Nursing was not a field I had ever considered for myself.

Life, however, takes its twists and turns and I found myself not knowing what direction I was to take. But I knew that following the same path that my father and grandfather had taken was not for me.

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Getting married, moving away from my hometown, and gaining a fresh perspective on life led me to enrolling at a small school, Mount Aloysius College, for my associate degree in nursing of all things! I attended classes around my full-time work schedule and didn't tell anyone except for a few close friends about my foray into the field of nursing. I was afraid that I would fail. What I didn't fully realize at the time was when God directs your journey, you can succeed beyond your wildest dreams! It was hard work as any nurse will echo without hesitation, but it was well worth it. After graduating, I decided to take a few more classes and get my BSN. I have been since practicing as an RN at the bedside knowing that I am doing what I am meant to be doing: connecting with people on a personal level. I have the opportunity to be with my patients during their worst times following a traumatic accident, help them stand up for the first time after a major surgery, and educate them about a new diagnosis at a level they can understand and apply to their own life.

Working and connecting with my patients spurred me to want to have a greater hand in directing the care they receive. Last year, I began my first graduate level coursework at Messiah. To think that I would be offered the opportunity to study and learn with so many talented and driven nurses to become a family nurse practitioner is amazing. We all have had our own rich journeys that have brought us to Messiah. Among this first cohort of DNP students, other life experiences include finance, pharmacy and truck driving just to name a few. Our common thread of nursing includes experience ranging the gamut from infectious disease work at the NIH, pediatric and geriatric care, in-patient and outpatient care, bedside nursing in nearly every setting and nursing management. Our diverse backgrounds are what add depth to our shared learning experience.

Just like the journey into the field of nursing, this experience at Messiah has not disappointed. This is especially exciting because I know we’re just scratching the surface of what is to come. Although it seems like graduation in 2020 is far into the future at this point, I’m reminded to enjoy and treasure the journey as it unfolds. I have no doubt that just as my past experiences have shaped me into the nurse I am today, my time at Messiah will shape me into the nurse practitioner I am to become in years ahead.

**NURSES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

*By Jennifer Oehme Knepper MSN, RN, CCRN ’02*

Having graduated from Messiah’s Nursing Program 15 years ago in 2002, I’ve found myself exposed to a variety of opportunities to get involved in community projects. I largely have my undergraduate experiences to thank for setting the groundwork for a life committed to service and empathy. It had only been a few years after graduation when I received a letter asking me, as an RN, to consider volunteering at Water Street Health Services who primarily provided primary care to homeless and/or un/underinsured of Lancaster county. Learning first hand from the people navigating the complex world of healthcare in the midst of unemployment, homelessness, chronic illness, mental health disorders and a myriad of other obstacles that left a profound impact on me. This experience would always be in the back of my mind as I approached my patients in the acute care setting, all the while keeping in mind the greater picture of their environment, family, home life, access to resources, healthy food, transportation, medical care and more.

It was my job at Hershey that led me to one of the most significant projects of which I have been privileged to be a part. One night at around 3 a.m., I picked up a copy of the Patriot News (which I do believe was a divine appointment—no coincidence here—as I RARELY ever pick up the paper at work), because things had slowed down and was surprised and delighted to read an article about a women’s giving circle in the Harrisburg area who were putting together alternative gift fair. This concept resonated with me as someone who really tired of the overwhelming commercialism of the holidays. I reached out to the women of Harrisburg and expressed interest in repeating their model in Lancaster. So in 2008, we hosted an alternative gift fair in Lancaster and this year marks our 10th year! It has been an amazing journey for the past 10 years and to see God’s hand in everything as we’ve grown—how God has brought the people together to make this type of event possible. The year 2016 marked our best yet as we sold over $36,000 worth of alternative gifts and over $10,000 of fair trade/social enterprise/ethically-sourced gifts. It is both humbling and encouraging to be a part of something that not only raises funds for charitable organizations ranging from Heifer Intl, HOPE International, Nurse Family Partnership, Reach Out and Read, Rafiki Africa, Bead for Life, The Forgotten Initiative, World Bicycle Relief, and 2 Seconds or Less, but to also witness the camaraderie and collaboration between the participants and the connections and
relationships built that last for years. I’d love to welcome you to the 10th annual gift fair in Lancaster on December 9, 2017 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Read more at giftsthatgivehope.org/lancaster.

The most recent venture that I’ve been fortunate enough to be a part of is the formation of a new group under the Lancaster Chapter of the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA). I first stumbled upon the work of NIGH—the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (which also had its origins in AHNA) when completing a CE for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs—now the Sustainable Development Goals SDGs) and how RNs could be a part of the work to address the determinants of health and issues like ending extreme poverty, providing education, access to maternal health, employment opportunities, secure housing and much more. This was the intersection of social justice and nursing; two of my greatest passions and interests and so we piloted and launched our efforts to host educational opportunities for the RNs of central Pennsylvania who sought an avenue for bringing together the interest in social justice with the comprehensive and holistic approach that RNs so often bring to the table. This is a building year and will grow with the interest of the healthcare providers in our community who come together to make this movement possible. I invite you to join us! Follow our Facebook page (facebook.com/TheWorldNursesWantSouthCentralPA) and share about the work you are doing in the community, or a medical missions trip you may be taking, or tell us about where you volunteer! Thank you kindly for giving me the opportunity to share and I encourage you to reach out to me and get in touch and share your story of where God has led you along your nursing journey!

NURSING GRADS SERVING ON MERCY SHIPS
By My Nguyen ’17

Hotel ships with dream-class services and sea-view bedrooms have captured the minds of many. But have you ever wondered how a hospital ship may look? To nurses Caitlyn Williams ’11, Deborah Mascia ’11 and Anne McClary ’11—Messiah alums who volunteer their time and talents with Mercy Ships—it is a safe and convenient mobile environment where underserved patients receive free healthcare from experienced, friendly nurses and doctors. The three alumnae have saved the lives of thousands and will inspire future generations of Messiah students.

Mercy Ships is an international charity providing free health care, community development projects, community health education, mental health programs and other services. Functioning as a hospital, the ships are state-of-the-art facilities that offer clean water, reliable electricity and care centers (Source: Mercy Ships). Mercy Ships travels to various places with a focus on African countries to welcome those in need of medical care. With the same goal of living out continued on next page
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The patients that we treat are often the survivors,” said Mascia. “They travel for days with just a glimmer of hope that they can receive their life-changing surgery. Their strength, hope and perseverance are incredible.”

Living in the United States, where the standard of living is among the highest in the world, many Americans find it easy to access quality healthcare services and rarely observe such destitution. Therefore, serving in a developing country like Madagascar, the Messiah alums wanted to not only help with immediate needs, but also to come “in His name”—to support and equip the people.

“When you first come to Africa, you think of children with tumours on their faces, or huge tumours on their feet, or any kind of terrible deformities that you can’t help but have this sick feeling,” Williams said. “The reality is it’s a lot more than that.”

As Christ followers, service is inherently crucial to every Christian. But is service merely spending one’s time and helping others? For these women, the opportunity to serve in Madagascar has changed the way they think about service into one of a more profound level. McClary said service is not just giving some time to help someone else.

“It is meeting people where they are, knowing them and finding a way to care for them in the way that will help them the most,” she added. “In my life right now, service means giving my time and finances to be here in Madagascar. It means giving medical care and most of all hope to people who don’t have much. It means sacrificing and being challenged, but it also means so much joy and satisfaction.”

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Their faith and supporting under-resourced populations in Madagascar, Williams and Mascia came to serve on Mercy Ships’ Africa Mercy in August 2015, and were joined by McClary in January 2016.

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All nursing graduates from Messiah College’s Class of 2011, Williams, Mascia and McClary have transferred what they learned into serving communities in need. A nursing education at Messiah instilled in them a great desire to care for others not only with knowledge and skills, but also with a loving and compassionate heart.

“I have no doubt that my nursing education at Messiah prepared me for any job I might have,” said McClary. “It was a hard four years of study, but it has paid off. I felt prepared going into my first job as an emergency department nurse, and I feel prepared now as I use the critical thinking I worked so hard to develop in school in this new environment.”

Serving in a foreign country, the three women have encountered several difficulties in adjusting to a new lifestyle, culture and environment. However, what came as the most shocking experience to them is to witness how poor and insufficient the standard of living in Madagascar is, yet how emotionally and physically strong the people are in fighting against their conditions.

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Christina Johnson

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Kelsey Dierkes

Christy Stark-Smith Award & Excellence in Nursing Award
Rachel Lippert

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Katie Stoltzfus

Excellence in Nursing Award
Liz Vande Bunte

NURSING STUDENT GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude Graduates
(grade point average of 3.90 or above)
Rachel Joy Glogowski Lippert
Katie Lynn Stoltzfus

Magna Cum Laude Graduates
(grade point average of 3.60 to 3.89)
Erin Victoria Brown
Laura Elizabeth Coulson
Hayley Olivia Hoke
Rachel Hope Kidwell
Hanna Kathe Lazio
Kristen Marie Madore
Monica Ann Park
Julie Noelle Ross
Amy Catherine Schunemann
Mary Ann Wright

Cum Laude Graduates
(grade point average of 3.30 to 3.59)
Joyce Florence Abraham
Katelyn Marie Boltz
Michelle Lynn Brincat
Karen Noelle Brunner
Ashley Kate Clemens
Kelsey Marie Dierkes
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Erika Nicole Heck
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Jade A. (Craun) Vallejo ’12

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When you land at the site, click “Start Here” (no log-in required). Then simply click a city under the job category that best fits your search. The job categories are as follows:

1. Jobs for current undergrad students – tech and nursing support jobs
2. Jobs for new grad RNs – jobs looking for a new grad BSN or require less than one year of experience
3. Jobs for graduate students – MSN and higher (i.e. APRN jobs, NP, CRNA, nurse midwife and many more)

The job list will load in a new browser tab. The first page shows a summary of all job openings in the city and the employers we are tracking. Scroll down to see the list of jobs.

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