I began my term as President of the School of Nursing Alumni Board in the fall of 2020. To say it was a challenging time is an understatement. COCID-19 affected everyone in some way. I have never been prouder to be an alumnus of Duquesne University and a nurse than I was during these challenging and uncertain times. It seemed right to assume the role of President and help give back to the School of Nursing.

I am happy to say that the Alumni Board stayed strong and productive.

We continued to meet via zoom to plan, adjust, cancel, and reschedule meetings and to assure the Alumni Association stayed solid.

While our board members work hard to sustain the Alumni Association we cannot do it without the members. In 2021-2022 there were 97 members. The annual dues of $40.00 helps fund the student experience. Your ideas, attendance and actions are vital to the success of the Association.

Please join, share your ideas and support your Alumni Association.

We need YOU!

Sincerely,

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Student Awards

- Our endowed Alumni Scholarship continued to grow and is now valued at over $50,000.
- We were able to award scholarships in 2020 and 2021 to deserving students.
- Three Student awards of $250.00 were available to award and grant each year.
- The Alice Feehan Endowed Student Resource Fund reached its goal and is fully funded.
  - A special thanks to the class of 1971 who donated $1,600 to the fund at homecoming in 2021 in honor of their 50-year reunion.

Fundraising

- McGinley Rice symposiums were supported.
- New equipment for Learning and Simulation center was purchased.
- Treats were provided for students during exams.
- Endowed Scholarship donations occurred.
- Sr. Louise Grundish awards were granted.
  - Fundraising campaigns over the last two years included
    - Pro Knit Ware: Virtual School of Nursing Alumni merchandise sale
    - Traveling Vineyards virtual wine sale
    - Primanti’s Restaurant donation of 20% to the Association when a flyer was turned in at the time of purchase
    - Raffle basket chances sold at Homecoming brunch
    - Jewelry from the School of Nursing sold at Homecoming brunch
- We are looking forward to planning new fundraising opportunities in 2022-2023. Through these efforts, we can raise money to support the students and the SON.

DU SON Alumni Association Homecoming Brunch

2020 Remote

- Dean Mary Ellen Glasgow presented an informative update of the School of Nursing.
- Virtual rooms were set up via zoom for alumni to reconnect

2021 In-person

- Approximately 50 attended.
- Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to get together, have breakfast, take chances on the raffle baskets.
- A moving presentation was done by Julia Curran explaining her experience as a nurse working thru COVID 19.
Our next Homecoming Brunch is Saturday, October 8, 2022. We look forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1972.

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