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Another Successful Homecoming Brunch Connecting with Old Friends!

The DU campus was buzzing with alumni, who were returning to campus for Homecoming 2019 on October 25. The School of Nursing was no exception as fifty plus nursing alumni gathered for Homecoming Brunch in the Power Center. The Brunch was enjoyed by all. A delicious buffet was served and raffle baskets were won.

Alumni from many years attended, but we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1969 and the 10th Anniversary of the Class of 2009. Several 2019 grads came back to campus and reunited with their favorite faculty.

The program opened with greetings from Nursing Alumni Board President Terri Tunick. Dean Mary Ellen Glasgow talked about the robust undergraduate and graduate nursing program. Rosanna Henry, Director of the Simulation Lab, provided an overview and showed a virtual tour video of our state-of-the-art nursing labs. Alumni learned of the new strategies used to prepare Duquesne nursing students to practice in high tech healthcare arenas. Tours of the simulation lab were provided. As the Brunch came to an end, Alumni started making plans for next year’s Homecoming.

We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Alumni Spotlight or Alumni Achievements:

Sister Louise Grundish, MEd, MNEd, BSN’63, RN, a long standing and most loyal Alumni Association member has co-authored Images of America: Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill with Casey Bower, current archivist of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Greensburg, Pa.

SIDEBAR TITLE

We are 6,000 Strong!

That latest NCLEX pass rate is 94.62% Kudos to DUSON faculty on their excellent preparation of students to become one of the nation’s finest!

SON Enrollment continues to grow with 858 undergraduate and 458 graduate students.

Spring Break Costa Rican Global Health Adventure:
The Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy are collaborating on this exciting experience. Nursing Professors Drs. Yvonne Weideman and Amber Kolesar along with Pharmacy faculty, will lead a group of 8 nursing and 8 pharmacy students on this Global Health experience. Click here to learn more and consider a small donation to support our students.

SAVE THE DATE: Carol Carfang Nursing and Healthcare Ethics Conference: Join the School of Nursing in sunny Clearwater Beach, FL this February for some CEUs/professional development. Learn more here.
Sr. Louise is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. has been a member of the Sisters of Charity since 1951, became Sisters of Charity archivist in 2004 and assumed the title of archivist emeritus in 2017. In 2012, she was named a Duquesne University School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni.

During her early ministerial years, Sr. Louise practiced and taught nursing in schools in the Pittsburgh area. She received a diploma in nursing from Pittsburgh Hospital School of Nursing, a BSN from Duquesne University, and Master’s in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh.

Sister Louise enjoyed gathering pictures and information for this book. She and Casey Bower want to share the wonderful history of this congregation. They hope the story of The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will inspire others to go out to the world and do whatever is needed to bring life, healing and comfort to others. Click here to learn more about this new release.

First Awardee for our DUSON Alumni Endowed Scholarship!

Senior BSN nursing student Caitlin Daniel is the first awardee of our DUSON Alumni Endowed Scholarship.

Caitlin spent the majority of her childhood in Japan and, most recently, Germany. She was inspired to enter nursing by her mother, a nurse, and her school nurse in Germany, who led a CNS program for high school students.

She spent two years working with Wounded Warriors and discovered that it was the nurses that made the greatest difference in the successful recovery of these soldiers.

Caitlin chose Duquesne for her BSN degree because of the university’s Catholic mission and the close proximity to extended family living in the area. Following a period adjustment being so far from her immediate family, she has become a vibrant member of the Duquesne family.

In May, 2019, Caitlin studied in Dublin, Ireland and participated in a research practicum.

Caitlin’s love of Pittsburgh is strong and she plans to stay and work in NICU or pediatrics upon graduation in May 2020. Congratulations Caitlin!

DU Day of Giving is on February 20, 2020. Please consider donating to SON and/or the Alumni Association.

Alumni Clothing Sale: April 2020. Let’s show our school’s spirit. Our clothing and accessories will make great graduation gifts!

STAY IN TOUCH
Our next DUSON Alumni Association meeting/dinner is on Thursday, March 19, 6:30 pm at Bravo in the Waterfront. If interested in attending or in becoming a Board Member, email Terri Tunick, territun@comcast.net.

Join the DUSON Alumni Association. Applications are online.

Read the Alumni Annual Report and visit us online.

Update your Alumni Profile online.

We’d love to hear from you! Share your life and/or career highlights, achievements, and awards with us. Looking for a former classmate? We might be able to help!

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