

# Hartwick Nursing News

Winter 2018-2019

## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF NURSING AT HARTWICK COLLEGE



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### Message from the Chair

On July 14, 1943, the Oneonta *Daily Star* reported: "Eight young women have entered the first class admitted to the Hartwick College School of Nursing, according to an announcement by Miss Edith M. Lacey, Director of the School".

World War II had created the need for a large number of nurses, and in the previous March, Hartwick College was authorized by the U.S. Public Health Service and the State Education Department to establish a school of nursing.

The Hartwick College Nursing Program emerged and hit the ground running. Since that time, more than 1000 nurses have graduated from Hartwick College, and graduates can be found practicing nursing across the globe. The goal over those 75 years has been, in the words of the first director of the program, Dean Lacey, to "... produce the best possible nurses—nurses not only skillful in their profession, but ... respected for their intelligence, their integrity, and their sense of responsibility".

On October 5, 2018, Hartwick College celebrated 75 years of nursing at the College with a full-day Nursing Symposium. Experts in the field offered nearly 250 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members the opportunity to experience new information on a variety of timely topics in nursing and healthcare, to network with new colleagues, and to reconnect with former colleagues.

The morning offered four panel discussions: "Holistic Approaches to Wellness," "New Perspectives on Pediatric Mental Health," "The Silvering of Society," and "Innovation in Times of Crisis."

Over lunch, Maria Vezina '79, chief nursing officer of Mount Sinai Saint Luke's Hospital in New York City, presented the keynote address: "Transformation and Innovation: The Journey to Successful Professional Practice."

In the afternoon, President Margaret L. Drugovich moderated "The CEO's Perspective: Nurses' Role in the Future of Healthcare." This session featured three leaders in healthcare—Jeff Joyner, president of A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta; Betsy Tanner Wright '79, president of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Chautauqua WCA Healthcare in Jamestown, NY; and Mark Webster, president and CEO of Cortland Regional Medical Center—who discussed current challenges in healthcare and fielded questions.

The final event of the day was a ribbon-cutting and dedication for the department's new 11-bed simulation lab. The lab, constructed in Smith Hall over the summer of 2018, was ready for the Nursing Class of 2022 upon their arrival to campus in August. The lab was funded by a generous grant from the Clark Foundation and, in recognition of the continuing support the Nursing Department has received from the Clark Foundation, was named The Clark Nursing Simulation Laboratory.

The dedication that appeared in the 1944 Oyaron yearbook read: "To Hartwick's first class of United States Cadet Nurses, who were unafraid to face the hardships of a pioneer enterprise."

As we look toward the next 75 years of Hartwick Nursing, consider the possibilities--be courageous--be innovative--and, in the spirit of the Cadet Nurses, boldly go where no one has gone before!

All the best---

Patricia Grust PhD, RN, CLNC Chair  
and Clinical Associate Professor

### Student News

## Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



Twenty-eight students participated in a memorable Pinning Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2018 in Lambros Arena, Binder Physical Education Center. Rylee Powers was chosen as the senior speaker, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Virginia DelBusto-Cohen was chosen as the faculty speaker. A reception for students and their families, nursing faculty and staff followed outside Lambros Arena.

## Congratulations to the December 2017 Graduates!

A Degree Conferral and Pinning Ceremony was held on February 9, 2018 in Shineman Chapel. President Drugovich and the Department of Nursing celebrated nine students who completed the Rural Nursing Opportunities Program (the 18-Month Accelerated Program) in December 2017, as well as three students in the Partnership for Nursing Opportunities program (RN to BS program). Clinical Assistant Professor Cynthia Ploutz was chosen as the faculty speaker.

A reception for students and their families, nursing faculty and staff followed the ceremony. The following students were celebrated:

#### RNOP

Cassandra Braz  
Victoria Brodeur  
Lucas Favazza  
Isaac Huntsman  
Jaclyn LaSita  
Elizabeth Ridgway  
Kaitlin Wakeman  
Corey Westfall  
Kimberly Yeung (not in attendance).

#### PNOP

James Baker (not in attendance)  
Melanye Rockwell  
Marie Stallone



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## 2018 Honors Convocation

Honors Convocation recognizes Hartwick students and faculty for significant academic and scholarly contributions they have made to the College during the academic year. Nursing students were well represented at the May 2, 2018 ceremony:

Andrew B. Saxton Undergraduate Fellow in Nursing: Gabrielle Urban '19  
A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital Excellence in Clinical Practice Award: Briann Lehman '18  
Harriet Babcock '46 Nursing Scholarship: Monica Beach '19  
Grace Jones Spain Scholarship in Nursing: Rachel Kowalczyk '19  
Faculty Scholar in Nursing: Sarah Lewis '19  
Edith M. Lacey Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Hope Mowchan, '19, Anjali Nair '19  
E. Perrie Saxton '53 Scholarship: Abigail Matuszak '19  
Nursing Alumni Memorial Scholarship: Grace Latorre '19  
Omicron Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Award: Morgan Ewing '18  
American Chemical Society Award: Ashley Connolly '18  
Sigma Alpha Iota Music Award (Collegiate): Emily Davis '18  
The Dr. Robert E. & Maryalice Mansbach Scholarship: Izabella Filippini '21

### Nursing Students in the Hartwick College Honor Society

Ashley Connolly '18  
Morgan Ewing '18  
Jilleen McEvoy '18  
Madeline Paul '18  
Rylee Powers '18  
Kimberley Yeung '17

### Nursing Students in the Hartwick College Honors Program

Jilleen McEvoy '18  
Madeline Paul '18  
Reyhana Raqib '18

## Sigma Theta Tau International

On March 19, 2018 the Omicron Rho Chapter of STTI inducted eight students in a ceremony attended by families and friends.



Front row, from left: class of 2018 students Briann Lehman, Jilleen McEvoy, Rylee Powers, Madeline Paul, Samantha Doscher, Visiting Clinical Instructor of Nursing Dawn Bertola. Back row: class of 2018 students Morgan Ewing, Emily Davis, Kelli Ryan

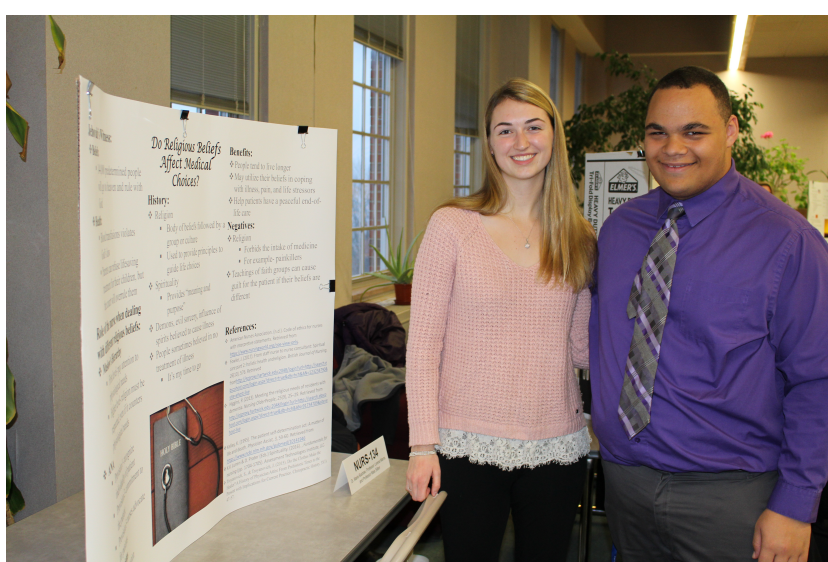
## First Year Seminar Symposium

This year's First Year Seminar Symposium was held on November 30, in the Stevens-German Library. The purpose of First Year Seminar courses is to showcase writing ability, introduce different modes of discourse, and improve research skills and techniques. In order to reach these goals, the students in Nursing Fundamentals chose a topic to explore, and then cooperatively wrote a paper, provided an in-class presentation on the topic, and finally teamed up with a group from another section of class to present that material in a poster format at the Symposium. The Symposium provided an excellent opportunity for the first year students to showcase their talents.

The topics presented this year included:

Professionalism and the Image of Nursing  
Nursing Theorists  
Health Continuum, Wellness and Illness Models  
Legal Issues and Malpractice in Nursing  
Patient Centered Care  
Stress Management/Coping as a Student  
Do Religious Beliefs Affect Medical Choices?  
Complementary Medicine

The students were present with their posters during the Symposium. They were able to answer numerous questions, but most importantly they were able to discuss what they learned from doing this work. Many learned far more than just about the topic; they learned how to work collectively to achieve an important goal, and then how to share that with the Hartwick College community.



Madisson Manzelli '22 and Timothy Levy '22 with their group's poster, titled "Do Religious Beliefs Affect Medical Choices?" at the fall 2018 First Year Seminar Symposium

## Omicron Rho Chapter Officers

Chapter President: Marie Bashaw  
Vice President: Jennifer Garlock-Stringer '18  
Treasurer: Elizabeth Cramer '16  
Secretary: Tina Dalrymple '00  
Faculty Counselor: Maia Silber  
Governance Chair: Nicole Zhang  
Governance Committee Member 1: Margaret Kiss  
Leadership Succession Chair: Dawn Bertola  
Leadership Succession Committee Member 1: Theresa Turick-Gibson

The Omicron Rho Chapter of STTI has been very busy this year. The chapter bylaws and strategic plan have been updated and implemented. Thank you Governance Chair Nicole Zhang!

The Chapter has begun to work on Key Chapter initiatives. In the fall of 2018, the chapter participated in the Thanksgiving Service Project, donating food and money to the Oneonta Food Service to provide Thanksgiving meals to the less fortunate. This spring we are planning an event to celebrate the art and science of nursing. All nurses will be invited to attend and enjoy this celebration. A May date is being planned for this event.

Additionally, this spring the Omicron Rho chapter will be inducting their newest members from the graduating class of 2019 as well as from nurse leaders from the area. We look forward to welcoming these new members. The chapter is also again supporting Bassett Healthcare Research Day. We hope that many people will be able to attend this event.

Dr. Akhtar Ghassemi, our research chair, along with Dr. Marie Bashaw, has had a poster presentation accepted for the 45th Biennial Convention in Washington DC, November 6-10, 2019.

Dr. Bashaw will be doing a podium presentation on her research on bullying at the Convention. In addition, Dr. Bashaw and several of her nursing students have had a poster accepted for the Convention.

Dr. Nicole Zhang, Governance Chair, will present her research at the Research Conference in Calgary in June.

Our members are busy with scholarship and actively disseminating their scholarship results at national and international meetings. Please let us know what you are working on, and keep us apprised of articles or presentations that you have had accepted.

## Hartwick College Association of Student Nurses

Hartwick College's Association of Student Nurses (HCASN) has been very busy this year! We started off in the fall by greeting our new first year students with a Welcome Back party. We also designed a new line of nursing apparel for all nursing students and faculty! In October, we created Halloween cards for the children at Oneonta's Springbrook campus. In addition, we organized fundraisers in November to raise money for the annual Transcultural Nursing Jamaica class.

HCASN feels it is very important for nursing students to be present on campus and to interact with our community. We will continue to plan more activities to give back to the Oneonta community throughout this 2018-19 academic year!

HCASN Officers 2018-2019:  
Co-Presidents: Emma Lauria '20 and Casie Mann '19  
Vice President: Kristina Rivera '20  
Secretary: Dana Barcellona '20  
Treasurer: Jenna DiBartolo '20

# Faculty and Staff

The Department of Nursing was fortunate to welcome a number of new faculty and staff in 2018:

Marie Bashaw, MS, DNP, Associate Professor of Nursing,  
Melody Best '84, Ph.D. (ABD), Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Akhtar Ghassemi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Nursing  
Beth Ann Gutierrez, Nursing Lab Specialist  
Erica Holoquist '06, Nursing Lab Coordinator  
John Janitz, Nursing Lab Instructional Support Specialist  
Margaret Kiss, MNE, Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Jodi Krzyston, MSN, Associate Professor of Nursing  
Lorena Marra, MS, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Greta Wood, Nursing Lab Assistant  
Nicole Zhang, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Nursing

**Dr. Nicole Zhang** presented "The Perceptions and Management of Patients with Urinary Incontinence Among Hospital Nurses: A Grounded Theory" at the Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates annual conference, held October 25-28, 2018, in San Diego.

**Dr. Zhang** has recently published a paper, "An evolutionary concept analysis of urinary incontinence" in *Urologic Nursing*.

**Dr. Zhang** is continuing inter/transdisciplinary research with Binghamton University school of nursing and school of pharmacy on a funded project, "Antibiotic Use for Urinary Tract Infection Prophylaxis Among Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities", using minimum dataset (MDS) to examine the relationship between urinary tract infections and prophylactic antibiotic usage in that population.

**Dr. Akhtar Ghassemi** presented "Cognitive Neuroscience, Adaptive Learning, and Using Technology and Innovative Teaching Methods" at the annual peer-reviewed North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education & Supervision (NARACES) Conference, held September 28-30, 2018, in Burlington, Vermont.

## In Memoriam

**Karin Karlsson Engkvist** passed away on March 29, 2018. After receiving her nursing degree in 1962, she worked as a visiting nursing in Connecticut and New Jersey. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Engkvist '61, family, and many friends from her Hartwick College nursing class.

**Marion MacCoubrey Ostrander** passed away on May 7, 2018. She received her nursing degree in 1950.

**Betty Jean Adrian Whiting** passed away on July 27, 2018. She received her nursing degree in 1960.

**Jennifer Morissette** passed away on November 20, 2017. She worked for many years in the Nursing Department,

## In Other News

### The Clark Nursing Simulation Laboratory

Hartwick College received yet another generous grant from the Clark Foundation in 2018. The \$300,000 grant funded a new hospital suite simulation unit for the nursing department. Over the summer of 2018, a former lounge in Smith Hall was transformed into an 11-bed skills lab--just in time for the new nursing class of 2022. It has been in use all year by our first-year nursing students.

The lab is designed to simulate a hospital, with equipment walls, transfer lifts, wheelchairs, etc. and is supplied with all the equipment needed to perform assessments, including blood pressure cuffs, otoscopes, and ophthalmoscopes. It is also equipped with a new Nursing Anne mannequin that provides simulated training. It makes it possible to run realistic patient scenarios in which students can critically think and react in urgent situations while remaining in a safe learning environment.

Per Department Chair Patricia Grust, the new unit "... will allow us to provide students with innovative learning opportunities central to success, and, at the same time, support collaborative initiatives across disciplines within the College, as well as with our external clinical partners. This new space will be an exciting addition to our program and is a vital component in the education of nurses in the current healthcare environment."

To honor the continuing support of the Clark Foundation, the newly-renovated lab space was named **The Clark Nursing Simulation Laboratory**, with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony as part of the Nursing Symposium on October 5, 2018.

The previously expanded lab in Johnstone Science Center continues to be well-used by sophomore, junior, and senior nursing students.



**Dr. William LeCates and President Drugovich with first-year students Jennifer Smith, Aedan Randall, Tamera Rodgers, Caroline Dennis, Timothy Levy, and Scout Easton, at the dedication of the Clark Nursing Simulation Laboratory.**



**Prof. Jodi Krzyston works with first-year students in the new lab**

### A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Chair of Nursing Lecture Series

The 2019 Spring O'Connor lecture, scheduled for March 6, 2019, will feature Jean Van Kingsley RN, MS, FNP-BC PMHNP-BC and Nicole Granger, a local educator, who will speak on "The Landscape of Bullying in Rural America." The lecture will take place at 7:30 pm in Slade Theatre, Yager Hall, and is free and open to the public.

The 2018 Spring O'Connor lecture, entitled 'Combating the Stigma of Mental Illness', took place on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. This began as a collaboration between former Hartwick professor Dr. Virginia DelBusto-Cohen and senior nursing students enrolled in her Psychiatric Mental Health course. The well-received event brought together four panelists who offered diverse perspectives and experiences in regards to mental health:

- Lieutenant Colonel Andy Kaufmann, a Retired United States Army Officer, spoke about mental health and mental illness within the military population, as well as about alternative methods in helping to manage mental illness.
- Christy A. Coe, JD, MS, Principal Attorney on the staff of the Mental Hygiene Legal Service, addressed the legal aspects in regards to mental health and how the rights of those who suffer from mental illness are granted and denied.
- Suzi Landolphi, one of the creators of Boulder Crest Retreat's signature program, *Progressive and Alternative Training for Healing Heroes (PATHH)*, spoke about her work with combat veterans, their families, and first responders, as well as about an equine therapy model she developed called *Horse Inspired Growth and Healing (HIGH)*.
- Dr. Malika Carter, Chief Diversity Officer for the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, spoke about her 15 years of experience developing policies that address elimination of the stigma of mental illness.