



Alumni, Faculty, Students
and Staff Celebrate
Homecoming 2019

CON Faculty Receive Distinguished Veterans Award

College of Nursing faculty members Kathleen Buckwalter and Julie Stanik-Hutt are among the six University of Iowa alumni and faculty honored in a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Main Lounge of the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU).

Criteria for the Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Award include a strong university connection, having served honorably, military accomplishment, and service to the community.

Kathleen “Kitty” Buckwalter, professor emerita in the College of Nursing known for her research in geropsychiatric nursing and long-term care, served two tours of duty in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War.

Buckwalter specializes in behavioral management strategies for dementia caregivers and the effectiveness of community programs to prevent, minimize, and treat psychiatric problems in the rural elderly. She has a sustained record of private and federal support from organizations related to the evaluation of nursing interventions for geropsychiatric populations, is a

member of the National Academy of Medicine and former editor of *Research in Gerontological Nursing* and the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, and has authored more than 400 articles, 90 book chapters, 10 health policy and commissioned papers, and has edited eight books.

Prior to assuming emerita status in 2011, Buckwalter devoted more than three decades of service to the UI. She was the Sally Mathis Hartwig Professor in Gerontological Nursing, director of the John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, associate director of the UI Gerontological Nursing Interventions Research Center, co-director of the UI Center on Aging, and associate provost for health sciences. In 2012, she was awarded the UI Faculty/Staff Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2019, the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and Gov. Kim Reynolds recognized the 50th anniversary of Buckwalter’s service in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Julie Stanik-Hutt began her service in the armed forces while a nursing student at the UI, where she would later go on to develop and lead the UI College of Nursing’s Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care Program.

As a senior at the UI, in a time when women and nursing students were not eligible for ROTC, Stanik-



Hutt served as vice president of Angel Flight (a women's service association affiliated with the Arnold Air Society and Air Force ROTC Unit), and represented the group at a national conference in Dallas, as well as at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha.

Sworn in as an ensign in the Navy Reserves Nurse Corps, in 1974, Stanik-Hutt was stationed at the Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, where she continued her military service after reserve.

Specializing in critical care, Stanik-Hutt obtained master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California, San Francisco and University of Maryland, respectively, and a postgraduate certificate from Georgetown University. Since returning to the UI in 2016, Stanik-Hutt has provided service to her field by giving testimony on health issues to the Iowa Legislature and recruiting Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center nurses to graduate school, and in the Iowa City community by serving on the health committee at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



In 2018, with members of Cedar Rapids VFW Post 788, Stanik-Hutt coordinated a ceremony to honor UI College of Nursing faculty veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

DNP Alumnus Inducted as NCSBN Fellow

Iowa Board of Nursing Associate Director of Practice and Education Jimmy A. Reyes, an alumnus of the University of Iowa's Doctor of Nursing Practice program, was recently inducted as a fellow of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) Institute of Regulatory Excellence (IRE).

IRE began in 2004 with the purpose of providing boards of nursing (BONs) with high-quality regulatory education, expanding the body of knowledge related to regulation through research and scholarly work, developing the capacity of regulators to become expert leaders, and developing a network of regulators who collaborate to improve regulatory practices and outcomes.



“The associate director with a regulatory fellowship has the opportunity to advocate for progressive and constructive change in the health care community through empowerment, advocacy, and utilization of evidence-based regulation that informs practice and education,” said Dr. Reyes. “Through participation in the NCSBN IRE fellowship program, I have expanded my current knowledge of regulatory paradigms and evidence-based regulation with the intent to standardize and implement telehealth modalities in Iowa. I’ve also developed expertise in regulatory research methodology that will promote a program of research related to systems and organizations that support and maintain the use of telehealth modalities.”

DNP Student Accepted as ILEND Trainee

Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) is a part of the national network of Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Iowa's chapter of this national program, ILEND, provides long-term, graduate level interdisciplinary training.

Jennifer Manternach, a dual-track Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student in the University of Iowa's Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs, was recently accepted as an ILEND trainee.

As part of her training, Manternach will participate in interdisciplinary seminars, including the Parents as Mentors (PAM) program, and in cultural diversity activities. She will also complete a research project and participate in health policy activities.

The intent of this ILEND training is to advance Manternach's knowledge and skills regarding pediatric health and to improve health care delivery systems for children with developmental disabilities. The program accomplished this by preparing trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and by ensuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence.



Make a Difference Through Estate Planning

You can make a positive impact at the University of Iowa College of Nursing through your estate plans, and the UI Center for Advancement can guide you through the process with free attorney consultations.

Nathan Seger, an attorney and planned giving director at the UI Center for Advancement, can help you with charitable giving ideas specific to your situation, including making an impact through your will or trust, as well as through appreciated stocks, charitable gift annuities, retirement assets, and life insurance. The center encourages you to take advantage of this free opportunity.



If you would like to learn more about your options and connect with Mr. Seger, please contact Dayna Ballantyne, UI CON Director of Development, via email (dayna.ballantyne@foriowa.org) or phone (319-467-3727).

Meetings can be held at the College of Nursing, the UI Center for Advancement, or via phone.

Nursing Student Crowned Miss Iowa

Morgan Kofoid is a 22-year-old nursing student who grew up in Leon, Iowa, and was crowned Miss Iowa USA 2020 on Oct. 6 in Newton. This was Morgan's fourth run at the Miss Iowa USA crown since holding the title of Miss Iowa Teen USA in 2013. Morgan is only the fourth woman to hold both titles in the state.

Morgan is in her final semester at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She will graduate with her BSN in December 2019 with a minor in physical activity and nutritional sciences. She plans to work at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. After gaining nursing experience in an intensive care unit, she plans to apply for graduate school, specializing in anesthesia.

Morgan has been on the Dean's List and President's List during her education at the University of Iowa. She has been honored by participating in Sigma Theta Tau and the Nursing Honor's Program and she has been a teaching assistant for public speaking courses. Morgan also spent four semesters on the Student Leader Board, which included supervising 70+ student volunteers in several units, such as the Mother-Baby Care Unit, Pediatric Specialty Clinic and the Main Operating Room. Morgan is currently completing her senior internship in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

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