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Greetings!

The College of Nursing has celebrated a full and successful spring with several fun-filled events, including commencement, 100 Great Iowa Nurses, and the annual student kickball game at City Park. This issue has photos from some of those happy events.

Speaking of commencement, the college was very fortunate to have Ms. Leslie Williams (BSN '82) as an honorary speaker during our undergraduate ceremony. Ms. Williams is the CEO of ImmusanT, a company developing immune therapies for persons with auto-immune disorders. She harkened back to her comments she made at her commencement as the student speaker for her 1982 class.

The building remodeling is moving along with expected completion of the ground floor student-focused learning classrooms in October. Updates on the construction are included within this issue.

We are very excited about the upcoming 120th anniversary of Nursing at Iowa. Please consider attending this celebration of Nursing at Iowa October 12-14. We will have selected class reunions on the night of the 11th and encourage alumni and guests to spend a long fall weekend on the University of Iowa campus.

On July 26, after more than 44 years at the University of Iowa, I will be retiring. It has been my pleasure to personally interact with the alumni of the College of Nursing at various events on campus, in states across the country, and around the world. Many of you I have had the opportunity to interact with on numerous occasions and each time, I learned more about your educational experiences in the nursing program at Iowa. I recall those interactions fondly and wish all of you the best in the years ahead.

Liz Swanson (BSN '69, MA '75, PhD '85)
Associate Professor and Director, External Relations

Food for Thought

Nurses are known for providing compassion and care in a variety of health care settings; therefore, it should come as no surprise when nurses become devoted to community activism, including helping those who might not always have enough food to eat. RN-BSN Preceptor Rhonda Ramler and two



recent UI RN-BSN graduates recently helped develop a food pantry for families in Dubuque that provides assistance for those who are experiencing food insecurity.

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Kimm Lauded for Work to Improve Pediatric Mental Health Services

Recent advocacy and committee work by Assistant Professor Vanessa Kimm has led to improved legislation and a new governing board that aims to improve pediatric mental health services in Iowa.

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Hometown Hawkeye: Mary Horn

What makes Mary Horn's journey into professional nursing so remarkable is its history of consistency. Not only did she realize that she wanted to go into nursing at a very young age (5 years old to be exact), but early on, Horn (BSN '67 MSN '97) also discovered her desire to specialize in pediatrics—a clinical practice bond that is just as strong today at the young age of 72.

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To some practitioners, once undergraduate and master's degrees are completed, and a long, distinguished career as a nurse anesthetist has been achieved, returning to the higher education circuit, as a student, some 36 years later may seem arduous or even unnecessary—but not to Terry Wicks.

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PhD Student Awarded CIRTL Fellowship

Current PhD candidate Julie Weldon, MSN, RN, was recently awarded a fellowship from the University of Iowa's Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL). This is one of only 10 fellowships awarded to CIRTL participants who have demonstrated an interest in developing innovative, teaching-focused research here at the University of Iowa.

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UI College of Nursing Partners with Free Medical Clinic to Expand Care

A new partnership between the college and the Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic aims to expand student learning experiences as well as access to medical care for local residents. The partnership was established after discussions between CON alumnus Larry Newman, an assistant clinical professor of nursing and longtime FMC volunteer, and Barbara Vinograde, the clinic's executive director.

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Hometown Hawkeye: Lisa Segre

Associate Professor Lisa Segre is dedicated to ensuring the mental well-being of new mothers in Iowa. For more than 10 years, her research has centered on evaluating a nurse-delivered depression treatment for new mothers via an intervention called Listening Visits, which was first developed in the United Kingdom before being implemented and evaluated for clinical practice in the United States.

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From Student to CNO

College of Nursing alumna Linda Chase credits not one but two University of Iowa graduate degrees (PhD and Master of Arts in Nursing) for providing a robust foundation that propelled her into a long and successful career as a nurse leader, including her current role as Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for CHI Health, the Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) division, which serves Nebraska and Southwest Iowa.

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CNB Renovation Updates

As you may have heard, or if you've paid us a visit recently, you've likely noticed, the College of Nursing Building is in the midst of a major renovation! Originally constructed in 1971, the CNB will be reconstructed in a way that will allow us to maximize the facility's footprint while improving the ways we teach, learn and collaborate. For updates regarding this significant, multi-phase construction

project, please check the [CNB Renovation link](#). Additional updates, including photos, will also be routinely provided via the college's [Facebook](#) page!



PHOTOS

[100 Great Iowa Nurses 2018](#)

[Senior Plunge - May 2018](#)

[Grad School Commencement - May 2018](#)

[Save the Date - 120th celebration](#)

[In Memoriam](#)

Death notices for UI College of Nursing alumni. Links to online obituaries provided when available.

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