



## Greetings from the Director

Diane Rendón, RN, EdD

Each year at Hunter-Bellevue is always full of memorable events but 2005-2006 was by far one of the busiest and most accomplished in recent memory. Our alumni fundraising resulted in a beautiful, state of the art nursing lab dedicated to Joyce M. Hope. Bringing in over fifty thousand dollars, new bedside units were dedicated, modules and mannequins purchased and new clinical learning models acquired. All of this was directed under the excellent management of our chief CLT Anne Woodstock-Wallace. A beautiful ribbon-cutting event was held on November 17, 2005 that was attended by students, faculty, alumni and private donors along with administrators from the college. Thank you all for contributing to this significant investment in our students' learning. Please stop by anytime and visit our new lab.

This year we are very proud that one of our faculty was elected into the Hunter College Hall of Fame. Our own Dr. Kathleen M. Nokes (BSN '73) has been a tireless leader in the field of HIV/AIDS care and is now leading the field in clinical work with people over 50 and the elderly with AIDS. Dr. Nokes is author of over 60 publications, the recipient of at least 18 research grants and awards and a recent Fullbright Scholar with the University of Kwa Zulu-Natal, Durban South Africa. Another alum, Dr. Denise C. Murphy (BSN '76) was also elected into the Hall of Fame. Dr. Murphy is Infection Control Coordinator and Associate Clinical Professor at the College of Dentistry at NYU College of Nursing.

Speaking of faculty, we have had several retirements this year that come at the close of brilliant careers. Dr. Janet Natapoff and Dr. Gloria Essoka have both been the mainstay of our Maternal Child specializations and the core of our Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program. In addition, Dr. Carole Birdsall and Dr. Miok Lee leave a

highly competitive Adult Nurse Practitioner program that they were both dedicated to. Each of these faculty contributed greatly to our school and will be remembered fondly. In addition, Delores Ray, the secretary of the Graduate Office, after many years of service is now enjoying retirement as well. Best wishes to them all on a wonderful retirement.

Join me in welcoming three new faculty to the school. We are delighted to have Dr. Geraldine Marrocco return. She is an experienced educator and adult nurse practitioner. Our own Catherine D'Amico (BSN '71) is joining faculty ranks as she also finishes her doctorate at NYU. Christine Cole-Olsewski, an experienced PNP, is also coming on board. Welcome all! On a more serious note, Dr. Donald Smith has been deployed to Iraq to join the Air Force Nurse Corps. Reserve. We wish him well and safe return.

I would be remiss if I did not mark the passing of Ana Sienkiewicz (Bellevue '43, Hunter '58). Ana devoted more than fifty years to nursing and nursing education. How many thousands of nurses had Ana for Pharmacology? She was a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend and will always be remembered.

I hope you enjoy this year's newsletter which we are now sharing with our Alpha Phi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Thanks Dr. Joanna Hofmann for this great idea. In addition, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Leslie Lieth, our President for her service to the alumni and welcome Dr. Kathleen Nokes as our new President. We are happy to say that we have identified a private vendor who will work with us and our IT department to develop new, innovative, user friendly web site for the School of Nursing. On our homepage we will create links to our alumni, professional nursing associations and research organizations. We hope to have our new site Fall 2006, so keep checking our web site at <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/schoolhp/nursing/index.htm> for our latest developments. Best wishes and keep those alumni notes and contributions coming. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us do special things for students and faculty alike. All donations can be made out to Hunter College/Marguerite C. Holmes Fund and may be sent in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope along with your dues.



## Alumni News from the President

Leslie Lieth, RN, MA, PNP

Greetings from your alumni association! The year started out with the dedication of the Joyce Hope Clinical Learning Lab on November 17, 2005. The evening was attended by many former faculty, alumni and friends, as well as Joyce's 1959 classmates. We reminisced about Joyce and celebrated her dedication to the school. Thank you, again, to all who contributed to the fundraiser. The well-appointed lab will be invaluable to our current and future students.

The alumni association continues to support the school in various ways. We co-sponsored the Spring Forum in March. The annual Ann Dillon awards for caring were given out at Convocation

on May 31. Congratulations to recipients Ria Fujihara and Robyn Bernstein of the class of 2006.

The Alumni Association of Hunter College 136<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon was held May 6. Congratulations to nursing alumni, Kathy Nokes ('73) and Denise Murphy ('76), both of whom were inducted into the prestigious Hunter Hall of Fame. The luncheon was well attended, as we welcomed alumni from the milestone classes of 61, 66, 71, 76, 81, and 91. If your class ends in 2 or 7, and you're interested in contacting classmates for next spring's luncheon/reunion, please contact the alumni association.

We hope to have the HBSON alumni web page fully operational by the fall. It will be a link on the School of Nursing's site. To contact the alumni association, our email address is [HBSON\\_Alumni@yahoo.com](mailto:HBSON_Alumni@yahoo.com).

The Annual meeting of the HBSON Alumni Association is tentatively scheduled for October 5, at the school. Our speaker,

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# Undergraduate News

By Joyce P. Griffin-Sobel, RN, Ph.D, AOCN, APRN.BC



This June, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing again graduated 80 new nurses – each one of whom demonstrated the ability to deliver compassionate clinical care to patients. They celebrated their success at a wonderful Senior Gala, held at the Astoria World Manor, where students, staff

and faculty alike danced the night away!

Well deserved was this party, since everyone had worked so hard all year. Here are a few of the accomplishments in the Dept. of Undergraduate Programs:

1. We undertook a curriculum revision and analyzed the content for its relevance to current nursing practice. The junior

year experience was reconceptualized to make it less stressful for students, and Nursing I and Nursing 200 were redesigned.

2. As part of our curriculum revision, we have integrated significantly enhanced instructional design resources, in partnership with select publishers. These resources will allow for more interactive and self-directed learning, and less of the standard didactic lecture format.

3. Students selected a new uniform. Gone are those old blue jumpers, replaced with a sharp purple shirt, white slacks or skirt, and a short white lab jacket. Keep an eye out for these attractive ensembles at your local hospital or community agency.

4. A new program for adjunct faculty was developed which they will attend each semester. This will ensure that adjunct faculty are knowledgeable about school and student developments and issues and allow faculty mentoring.

5. Systems were created to track faculty assignments and preferences, clinical placements, and adjunct hours. A system was also created to track progress of students in the RN pathway program.

These are just a few of the highlights of this year's activities. If alumni would like to be involved in future activities, please don't hesitate to contact me.

# Graduate Program News

By Violet Malinski, RN, Ph.D



The academic year 2005-2006 has been marked by significant shifts in the graduate program. Drs. Birdsall, Lee, Essoka, and Natapoff retired, having made significant contributions to the PNP and ANP specializations over the years.

Unfortunately declining applications to the PNP and post-master's PNP certificate tracks necessitated the suspension of both as of spring, 2006. Students matriculated in these specializations will complete the program, but no new ones will be admitted. As interests continue to change, both in those choosing to pursue graduate education in nursing and those employing advance practice nurses, specializations we offer will continue to evolve, as well. Over the past couple years; again because of declining enrollments, we have been forced to suspend admission to Maternal Child CNS, Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS, and Adult Health tracks. Viable programs include the long-running Community/Public Health Nursing MS and Community/Public Health Nursing/Urban Public Health MS/MPH, Adult Nurse Practitioner, and Gerontological/Adult Nurse Practitioner specializations. A year and a half ago we opened the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and post-master's certificate specializations. This year we admitted into the Nursing Administration/Public Administration MS/MPA joint degree program with Baruch. As of fall 2006, we will be offering a brand new post-master's certificate in Nursing Education.

Securing adequate clinical sites and preceptors is an ongoing challenge. Because of the increasing difficulty in finding quality

placements for ANP and GNP/ANP students in particular, our most heavily subscribed specializations, we have had to cap enrollments at 30 and admit a cohort only once a year, in the fall. We implemented this change effective for fall 2006. To put the problem in perspective, NP students are placed one-on-one with an NP or MD preceptor. ANP students must complete 630 hours of precepted practice across the three specialization courses. ANP/GNP students must complete an additional 105 precepted hours with gerontological clients. It has become increasingly problematic to place more than 30 students per course, given the nature of the clinical experiences each requires, usually involving more than one site and one preceptor.

We are actively recruiting into and have space for students in all our other specializations. Ms. Estelle Press, our graduate recruiter, continues to attend a range of recruitment fairs, arrange open houses on campus every semester, etc.

Plans for the future include development of a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) track, partnering with the New York Harbor Health Care system to start, and hopefully adding new clinical partners in the near future. The CNL initiative is being directed by Dr. Vidette Todaro-Franceschi, Associate Professor, and Ms. Sally Ordonez of the VA. Both will be attending the next AACN CNL conference in June. We are also exploring the feasibility of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Both the CNL and DNP initiatives are strongly supported by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Faculty have been attending informational workshops sponsored by AACN over the past two years to assist in our deliberations.

The Doctor of Nursing Science (DNS) program, to be offered through the Graduate Center, has been approved by CUNY, the New York State Education Department and the New York State Board of Regents. We have accepted our first cohort for fall, 2006. Those interested in the doctoral program will find information on the Graduate Center web site:

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/ClinicalDoctoral/nursing/index.htm>





## Alpha Phi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International

Chapter President's message by Joanna F. Hofmann, RN, Ed.D

### Upcoming Program:

The International Board of Directors has set an agenda for the next two years that includes advancing knowledge through collaborative efforts. We at the Alpha Phi Chapter are working to advance this goal by encouraging the dissemination of knowledge through writing. On Sunday, December 3, 2006, we are sponsoring a program for all nurses on writing for publication. The speaker will be Thom Schwartz, Managing Editor of AJN. We encourage all alumni

and members of Sigma to attend. There is no cost for this program. It will be held at the Brookdale campus from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please join us in learning something new, reaching out to colleagues and collaborating to make a difference in our practice.

Are you one of the many nurses who never applied for membership in Sigma Theta Tau as a student and are now considering joining? You can now join as a community leader/member. If interested, please contact me at 212-481-4454 and I will send you information and an application, or visit our web site at [alphaphistti.org](http://alphaphistti.org).

Additional information about The Nursing Honor Society can be obtained at the web site [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)

## Alpha Phi Chapter: Induction Keynote

By Mehak Sharma & Nancy Mathew

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing was honored to have Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of New York University Medical Center, Dr. Susan Bowar-Ferres speak at the 2006 Sigma Theta Tau induction. During the speech, Dr. Bowar-Ferres encouraged inductees to maintain excellence in nursing practice. She described the Magnet status recognized in various top hospitals and encouraged all of us, regardless of our location of

practice, to become Magnet Nurses. Dr. Bowar-Ferres explained in detail what exactly it means to be a Magnet Nurse and described fourteen forces of magnetism.

Her address highlighted to the inductees the importance of striving for excellence throughout our career. She emphasized pursuing formal education, certifications, developing expertise, climbing the clinical ladder and also having a thirst for knowledge.

Her address was informative and inspiring. As new graduates we hope to not only be the best nurses that we can be, but also to fully participate in maintaining or acquiring a Magnet environment in our workplaces.

## Alpha Phi Chapter Awards 2006

Sr. Anne Wootten, RMS,RN-C, MS, ANP has spent her entire professional life in service to others, both here and in South America. Her *Community* includes Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester, Guatemala, Peru, and Haiti. She is thankful for the blessing of good health to be able to provide services to others. We are thankful for the blessing of Sr. Anne Wootten as we award her for community service.

Mary Ann C. Co, RN, BSC-BA, BSN began her career with a degree in business but felt something was missing. She entered nursing and received her BSN from Hunter in 1991. Her love of children lead her to the neonatal intensive care unit at Tisch Hospital (NYU Medical Center) where she is presently the assistant nurse manager of the unit. She has numerous publications for families of neonates including a *NICU Parents Handbook* and "Medical Chinese Made Easy: A pediatric health care professional's survival handbook". She is awarded the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award for her demonstrated clinical expertise in caring for our most defenseless population, the newborn.

Judith Bennett-Murray, EdD, RN, associate professor of nursing at Nassau Community College, has been a nurse for over 30 years. She has been the recipient of two grants to recruit men into the nursing profession. Currently she is the recipient of a major grant to prepare, retain and graduate minority and disadvantaged students from nursing school. For her years of dedication to nursing education and to her students, the chapter was proud to present the award for Excellence in Nursing Education to Dr. Bennett-Murray.

Carole Birdsall, EdD, RN, FAAN, ANP, soon to be retired professor at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing has served on the board of Alpha Phi Chapter for over 15 years. She has dedicated time and expertise not only to the chapter but to Sigma Theta Tau International. She served on the International financial committee for over 7 years and was Treasurer of Sigma Theta Tau International from 1991-1992. Locally, she has served as faculty counselor for the chapter almost from the day she came to Hunter. She has been a mentor to all the officers of the chapter and has encouraged us to become more than we thought we could be. For her years of support, friendship, and dedication to the chapter, Dr. Birdsall received the Award for Chapter Service.

## My Sigma Theta Tau Induction

By Catherine Pemberton-Jallow

As I lined up for our processional on April 4, 2006, I knew this was one step closer to commencement. I was so honored to be among the specially selected few. We were all excited about what awaited us in the auditorium. Were there secrets to be revealed? Were we going to make secret pledges? I predicted that since our family members were going to be present we could not reveal any privileged information.

The evening was filled with welcomes and greetings from the president of the Alpha Phi Chapter Joanna F. Hofmann, EdD, RN, ANP/GNP-BC, faculty members and a keynote address on the role of a 'Magnet Nurse' by Susan Bowar-Ferres, PhD, RN, CNAA, BC.

One of the special privileges of being in the nursing profession is belonging to professional societies and organizations. To be part of Sigma Theta Tau International is truly an honor. This membership allows one to

volunteer, participate in research, community service, have access to research and information and have a worldwide liaison with other nurses. The ceremony was a welcome into the Alpha Phi chapter. The atmosphere was very surreal for me. The stage was adorned with flowers, candlelight and of course purple.

I am happy that this organization is an International organization. The profession of nursing strives for diversity and this organization perpetuates this tradition. I enjoyed listening to the bibliographies of the awardees for various services. There are so many ways one can add to the profession of nursing.

One of the parting gifts of our induction was the receipt of certificates, membership cards and purple and white Honor Cords. These Honor Cords were to be worn at graduation to signify our special distinction. I hold this experience dear to my heart and it is as significant as my Convocation and Commencement. I hope all nurses recognize the importance of participation and striving for excellence.

## Alumni News from the President - continued

Elizabeth Ayello will present "Regulators are Looking at Pressure Ulcers, are You?". A light supper will be served and CEU's will be awarded. Please plan on attending.

I'd like to congratulate our newly elected board members, who will take office in the fall. Kathy Nokes ('73) will be our new president, Kathy O'Neill D'Amico ('71), our new recording secretary, and Wanda Llambelis ('82), our corresponding secretary. I'd like to thank outgoing corresponding secretary, Susanne Byrnes ('76,'86) for her years of service to the board.

Finally, we always welcome new members to the alumni executive board as committee members, as well as officers. Feel free to

email us if interested. PLEASE join the alumni association as a dues paying member. We will now collect dues in September (changed from January), and are asking you to take a moment and fill out the enclosed envelope, and send your \$35 check (made out to Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing Alumni Association). A special thank-you to those who sent in dues this summer! You are paid up through next summer. Dues-paying members can vote and run for office, receive mailings about upcoming events, and have access to the library and other facilities. Our ability to support activities that promote nursing education within the school is entirely dependent on the generosity of our alumni. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting, the spring luncheon, as well as other events at the school.

## Current Sigma Inductees 2006

### Community Leaders:

Franklin-Mark L. Aspe  
Jeanine Cook-Garard  
Angela Shoffstall-Fetsco  
Elizabeth Simon

### Graduate Students

Kimberly A. Berry  
Laurie Composto  
Nickla Alba Galloway-Brown  
Eufemia N. Garcia  
Judith C. Garcia  
Gennadiy Goldvekht  
Thomas A. Hagerty  
Joy L. Henderson

Maria Yvonne Hinton  
Guomei Huan-Walsh  
Rena Kandinova  
Rafael Khaim  
Zenaida Magnaye-Banzon  
Eleonora Mosheyeva  
Valerie M. O'Connor-Makatini  
Sheila M. Obonaga  
Florica Pantea  
Petra Colleen Pasley  
Marcia A. Phillips  
Rebecca S. Serdans  
Jacqueline S. Smith  
Maricar F. Sofer  
Rachael M. Stacom

### Undergraduate Students

Kristen E. Andersen  
Mary Lynn G. Angcaya  
Robyn R. Bernstein  
Elizabeth A. Capano  
Jessenia Carmona  
Christine Ceasar  
Melissa N. Clemente  
Melissa Deles  
Terri E. Delese  
Bernadette M. Dempsey  
Rie Fujihara  
Leah C. Go  
Joshua D. Halpert  
Mary Ann Lipat

Cathy H. Loo  
Maryann Maltese  
Marlene R. Marcelle  
Nancy J. Mathew  
Sarah J. Maule  
Minjae Nam  
Debora Park  
Sonia Park  
Catherine Marissa Pemberton-Jallow  
John Percival V. Peña  
Kamini D. Persaud  
Marleni Piña  
Maria E. Robles  
Mehak Sharma  
Richard Lee Stiles  
Jennifer K. Vitale

## New Interdisciplinary Technology Grant

By Kathleen M. Nokes, Ph.D., RN, CS, FAAN



During Spring, 2006, the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund of the Jewish Communal Fund announced the creation of the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence. The mission of this Center is to provide leadership on nursing workforce concerns through

targeted grant-making, partnerships with eminent nursing schools, leading medical centers, homecare, and outpatient settings, and an operating model that fosters collaboration among nurse leaders, healthcare professionals, policy makers, and industry.

Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing received one of these grants and was awarded \$300,000 to *Enhance Nursing Student Literacy in Electronic Health Record Technologies*. The overall goal of this three year grant is to increase nurse literacy by modernizing Hunter-Bellevue's undergraduate and graduate curriculum to increase clinical competency in the use of technology-based information systems used in hospital and home care settings and increase interdisciplinary communication through technology. The project objectives are: 1) integrate use of electronic patient recording systems throughout the

undergraduate nursing curriculum; 2) create a technology-based forum for interdisciplinary communication among faculty and students in the Hunter College Schools of the Health Professions (nursing, health education, physical therapy, and communications sciences); and 3) increase the application and analysis of patient technology based information systems in the graduate nursing program.

Dr. Nokes, Project Director and Dr. Nickitas, Project Co-Director are implementing this project with two partners: Dr. Caroselli, Chief Nurse Executive at the Department of Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Health Care System and Ms. Marren, Chief Operating Officer, Visiting Nurse Service of New York. Through these collaborations, we hope to use the electronic patient record software systems of these two agencies to teach documentation for a simulated patient in the clinical nursing laboratory throughout the two years of the undergraduate nursing program. We expect that new graduates will be competent in these two electronic documentation systems and can more easily adapt to the electronic documentation systems in their new employment settings. This grant will also serve to strengthen interdisciplinary teaching and learning experiences among faculty and students in the Schools of the Health Professions. Graduate nursing students will use the electronic patient documentation systems software in their core and clinical courses to design evidence-based nursing research studies and analyze aggregate trends. We are looking forward to building ongoing relationships with the Jonas Center in addressing nursing and healthcare issues in New York City.



## The Third Annual Viola Shifrin Lecture Series In Palliative Care Nursing

Dr. Holly K. Shaw, RN, Ph.D.



The third annual Viola Shifrin Lecture in Palliative Care Nursing was presented on October 26, 2005 by Nancy J. Moules, RN, Ph.D. of the University of Calgary. Viola Sowka Shifrin RN was a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1925. She was

a lifetime member of the Bellevue Alumni Association and died September 14, 1996. A very generous donation from her estate to the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing has made possible the creation of a new advanced practice nursing lab in 2003 and an annual speaker series on Palliative Care Nursing. The entire Hunter-Bellevue community extends sincere appreciation to Loren and Shelley Ross and Charles and Barbara Kardok for this meaningful contribution.

Dr. Moules earned a Ph.D. in Family Systems Nursing at the University of Calgary where she has been the recipient of many honors and awards, including the University of Calgary Silver Anniversary Graduate Fellowship, the University of Calgary Nursing Alumni Scholarship, and the P.E.O. scholar award. She is an associate professor at the University of Calgary and the author of numerous publications, presentations and lectures.

Dr. Moules intrigued the Hunter-Bellevue audience of nearly 300 students, faculty and nursing leaders with a stimulating and provocative presentation: *Grief as an Invitation to Sacred Conversations: Walking Backwards with the Bereaved*, which included engaging descriptions of the lessons she has learned in what she characterizes as her sacred work in pediatric oncology.

She began the presentation with a thorough historic and clinical overview of theories of grieving and bereavement, highlighting Freud's 1915 description of mourning and melancholia which described grief as a process of energy withdrawal from lost object. Eric Lindemann's innovative work in 1942 following the Coconut Grove Fire in Boston, Massachusetts related bereavement as a crisis akin to a physical injury, and delineated physical symptoms of grief. In 1964 Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross' landmark focused on death and dying as a fluid, non sequential process to eventual resolution.

Contemporary theorists whose work have informed Dr. Moules' include Bowlby, Parkes, Rando, Silverman, and White. In 1996 Attig discussed how we grieve within a cultural setting and described the

grief process as learning to adjust to the world in the context of a changed environment.

Dr. Moules presented interesting concepts of grief such as letting go and saying goodbye within culturally held beliefs. She identified two constraining beliefs about grief that limit one's ability to integrate the experience and heal. She negated the commonly held belief that there is a right way to grieve that results in a resolution of the grief, as measured by its eventual absence. Rather, she posits that grief work involves a process of incorporating the loss into one's life. In addition, Dr. Moules suggested that grief does not resolve or disappear. It remains over time, changing in nature as a part of the connection to the lost person.

Her own research has concentrated on identifying beliefs and clinical practices that are troublesome or helpful to the grief experience. She offered the metaphor of grief as a uninvited intrusive houseguest who arrives within the context of the experience of loss, sweeping into all domains. She advises, "If you don't make room it takes over. If instead, we expect the houseguest, it becomes less intrusive and eventually familiar. It keeps you connected and reminds you of the person you loved".

She advised nurses to stop making statements and start asking questions that will lead to meaning-making conversations of grief, which are spiritual in nature. She believes that nurses must enter these sacred conversations with patients and families, and that from these conversations stories emerge that lead to making meaning, which becomes the cornerstone of healing. She characterizes these conversations as feeling as awkward and unfamiliar as walking backwards as we must ask different, more difficult questions than we're used to asking.

Dr. Moules concluded her presentation with the suggestion of being willing to be humbled by allowing grief and to be compassionate by being willing to suffer together. A lively and interesting question and answer session followed the lecture with participants eager to explore many aspects of talking with others about grief.

The following references are suggested for further study:

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## In Memoriam

Amalia Lopez, RN, BS, MS

**Amalia I. Lopez** of Annadale, retired nursing supervisor who taught at Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, died Sunday, April 9, 2006 in Staten Island University Hospital, Prince's Bay, where she had been a patient for a week after suffering a stroke. She was 74.

Known as "Mimi" to her family and close friends, Mrs. Lopez graduated from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, the Philippines in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She then worked at Quirino Labor Hospital in Quezon City, Philippines, before becoming a school nurse in the Division of City Schools, Manila.

Mrs. Lopez immigrated to Manhattan in 1962 through a nursing exchange program at the former James Ewing Memorial Hospital, Manhattan. She also worked in Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, the Bronx; Beth Israel Medical

Center; Manhattan, and St. Elizabeth's Hospital; Manhattan. After receiving her master's degree in public health nursing from New York University; Manhattan, in 1966, Mrs. Lopez became a teacher at Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, also Manhattan. She then worked as a nursing supervisor in Brooklyn and Staten Island for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York as director of nursing services for the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin at Mount Loretto, Pleasant Plains. Mrs. Lopez retired in 1996.

"A light has gone out in our family", said her niece, Vivian Gupta. "But she will always be remembered. She will always be in our hearts. Her life was summed up by a quote hanging in her home saying 'Plant Kindness. Gather Love'".

## In Memoriam *continued*

### **Karla Samuels, RN, ACRN, MSN/MPH**

**Karla Samuels** died March 3, 2006 in Brooklyn, New York. She had been an HIV/AIDS nurse for many years serving in a variety of leadership roles. Most recently, she was the Clinical Director of Long Term Home Health Care and AIDS Services for the borough of Manhattan at the Visiting Nurses Services of New York. While supervising 3 managers, 29 nurses and 529 clients, Ms. Samuels was responsible for directing and coordinating the clinical care of people with HIV/AIDS referred to VNS Home Care through education, consultation, program planning and research.

Karla graduated from Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing on Jan. 23, 2003 with dual Masters of Science in Nursing and Masters in Urban Public Health degrees. The nursing faculty voted her the Excellence in Clinical Practice award because of her caring and concern particularly for marginalized persons living with HIV/AIDS. Her smile, compassion for others and grace in which she lived will be greatly missed. Her memory will remind us to continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

### **Anna Sienkiewicz, RN, BA, MA**

**Anna Sienkiewicz**, born July 14, 1921 died on January 4, 2006 at the age of 85. Ms. Sienkiewicz was a graduate of the Bellevue School of Nursing, Class of 1943. A Certificate of Merit signed by Mayor LaGuardia was awarded to her in 1944 for outstanding service in the municipal hospitals during World War II. She also earned a subsequent Commendation for meritorious Service from the US Surgeon General for her role as instructor for the US Cadet Nurses Corp. during the same period. Ms. Sienkiewicz pursued her nursing career at Bellevue Hospital in such areas as the emergency room and the ambulance corp. She attained her BA degree at Hunter College Suma Cum Laude in 1958, was elected Phi Beta Kappa. She attained a subsequent MA degree at Hunter plus a second MA at the Teachers College of Columbia University. Ms. Sienkiewicz was faculty at both Bellevue School of Nursing and Hunter-Bellevue. Her high standards for public service were reflected in her devotion to excellence in patient care and in teaching. In 1989 she was chosen as Teacher of the Year for the entire Hunter College.

## Alumni Notes

**Taiwo Gbeonisola Adeniji ('02):** Head Nurse in Medical Surgical unit; Vice President of the Nigerian Nurses Association of USA, Inc. (NNAUSA) since 2002. Dedicated to working in the community for the prevention, treatment, and management of HIV/AIDS.

**Ruth Alward (Rosendall) ('80)** Ruth and her husband recently received the Presidents Award from IONA Senior Services in Washington DC for over 15 years of service and fund-raising to the Board. She is also a long time board member and past president of James Lenox House Association in New York City and treasurer of the DC League for Nursing.

**Eileen Augente (Barton) ('59)** Enjoying retirement and seeing the world!

**Dr. Judith Bennett-Murray ('81)** and Carmelle Bellefleur, ('82) currently professors at Nassau Community College, were awarded a three year grant from the United States Department of Health Division of Human Resources Services Administration for \$1,300,000 to increase minorities in the nursing profession effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008.

**Marian Bruckner Collins ('61)** Nurse Practitioner in Women's health currently working part time at Planned Parenthood. Has three children and four grandchildren.

**Carol Carofiglio ('81)** Currently teaching at the Helene Fuld School of Nursing in Camden, NJ. Received a doctorate from Temple University in 2004 with a clinical specialty in pediatrics. Lives in Laurel Springs, NY with husband and 2 children.

**Gail Erlitz ('76):** Board Certified in Nursing Informatics; Recently completed implementing Bar-Code Medication Administration System housewide in a 600 bed hospital.

**Emila Frederick ('76)** Remains active in nursing with a clinical focus in Emergency Nursing; Certified Emergency Nurse; Certified as a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Nurse; working in UNC-Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC in the Emergency Room and teaching at the BSN level at North Carolina Central University.

**Maureen Goodwin (Murphy) ('69)** Married with four married children and two granddaughters! Teaching Health Occupations at Sherwood High School of Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland.

**Annette Gregan** Married 32 years with 2 children; working in private practice in allergy and immunology and member of AAI; participates in research studies for various pharmaceuticals.

**Elizabeth Lee ('70)** Currently at dissertation phase of her Doctorate in Nursing at University of Connecticut; research has focused on Transcultural Nursing and the experiences of Chinese women and the American Health Care System.

**Sandra Lewenson (Nibur) ('71)** Professor of nursing at Pace University, Lienhard School of Nursing; President of American Association for the History of Nursing.





Generous donor Joan Hansen Grabe with daughter Laura Grabe and current nursing student Mary Anne Lipat attending the Donor Night Ceremony.



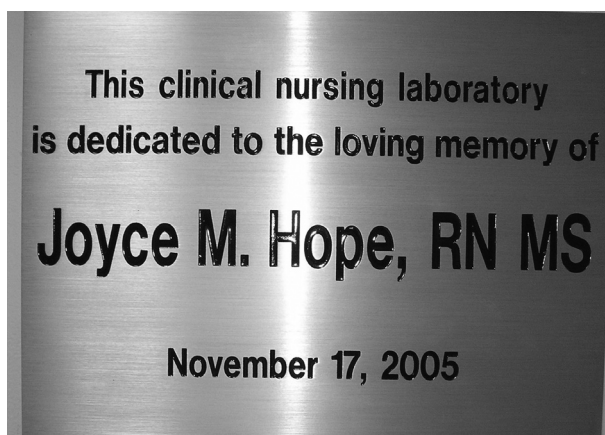
(L-R) Mary Keane, Josephine Kirsch, Lynn Gioiella and Diane Rendón at the Joyce M. Hope Lab Dedication Event.



(L-R) Carole Birdsall, Rosealeen FitzGibbon, Tara Magnus and Margaret Magnus at the Joyce M. Hope Lab Dedication Event.



(L-R) The Class of 1959: Juanita Bermudez Romano, Sandra Turner, Cynthia Mindheim Lieberman, Patricia Patrizio Summers, Virginia (Ginny) Shields, Rose Canestracci Irwin.



The family of Beatrice Brand Delson and their unit in the Hope Lab.



(L-R) Judith Bennett-Murray, Mary Ann Perveles, President Jennifer Raab and Carmelle Bellefleur.



Regan Christie, Coordinator of Student and Alumni Activities, Schools of the Health Professions.



(L-R, back row) The Class of 1961: Cordelia Fajen Scher, Jean E. Davis, Dorothy Ryan. (L-R, front row) Marie Spangenberg Zavattaro, Marilyn Middleton Bromwell and Marian Collins.



(L-R, back row) The Class of 1976: Emilia Frederick, Susanne Byrnes. (L-R, front row) Maureen Meaney and Linda Olejnik Capellini.



Welcome to Lesley Henry, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing's new Clinical Coordinator



(L-R, back row) The Class of 1971: Diane Rendón, Carol Carofiglio. (L-R, front row) Elizabeth Ayello and Catherine D'Amico.

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### Dr. Steven Baumann

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## Upcoming Events

Alumni Executive Board Meeting  
September 12, 2006  
6:00 PM

Annual Alumni Meeting  
October 5, 2006, 5:30pm, Osborne Room

Sigma Informational Tea  
October 18, 2006  
1-4 PM

Viola S. Shifrin, RN, Lecture Series in  
Palliative Care Nursing Studies  
October 25, 2006  
Guest Speaker  
Dr. Judith Schwarz  
5 - 7 PM

Brookdale Auditorium  
reception immediately following

Regional Sigma Program  
"Writing for Publication"  
Sunday, December 3, 2006  
9AM - 1PM Brookdale Rotunda

Sigma Annual Business Meeting  
January 30, 2007

Spring Forum  
March 28, 2007  
Brookdale Auditorium

Sigma Induction  
April 17, 2007 6PM

Annual Alumni Luncheon  
TBA