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Dean's Report 2016



## Message from the Dean

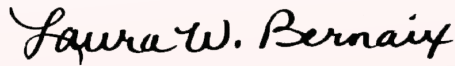
I am proud to share this publication, which highlights the numerous and varied ways in which the School is flourishing. We continue to attract a full cohort of students in our undergraduate program on both the Edwardsville campus and the regional campus in Carbondale, our accelerated bachelor’s in nursing program, and our graduate programs. Our accelerated online RN-BS program is experiencing record enrollment of nearly 600 students!

The School was awarded two additional Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Traineeship grants, one for the nurse anesthesia program and the other for the family nurse practitioner program. Both grants provide financial support to students and focused clinical training in medically underserved areas. We are equally proud to have received continued funding for our HRSA Nursing Workforce Diversity Program grant (SNAP) and our Interdisciplinary Collaborative Grant, which supports the work of the WE CARE Clinic in East St. Louis.

This year, the School is exploring new opportunities, as well as enhancing existing programs and support services. Among the initiatives, we are designing student exchange programs in Australia and Haiti, and negotiating with two healthcare systems as potential corporate partners to provide our nurse educator and healthcare nurse administration graduate programs to their staff.

In May 2016, I was honored to be appointed dean of the SIUE School of Nursing. I am grateful to be working along with our alumni, agency and community partners, University community, faculty, staff, and students in order to fulfill the mission of the School. Thank you to all for your dedication and support. Here’s to another successful year!

Sincerely,



Laura Bernaix, PhD, RN  
Dean

## Message from the Alumni Board

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As an alum, I think back to starting my own nursing journey. Do you remember the day you received your letter of acceptance to the School, demonstrated the proper IV insertion technique or found out you passed boards? Alumni, these fond memories are occurring every day at your alma mater, and we want you to share in these successes.

The alumni board is currently looking for more members to mentor, support and encourage the nurses of tomorrow. This is a transformative time for current students, and as an alum you can participate and give back to this terrific school. If you would like to join the board, please email Kris Heather at [kheathe@siue.edu](mailto:kheathe@siue.edu). We look forward to working with you!

Best wishes,

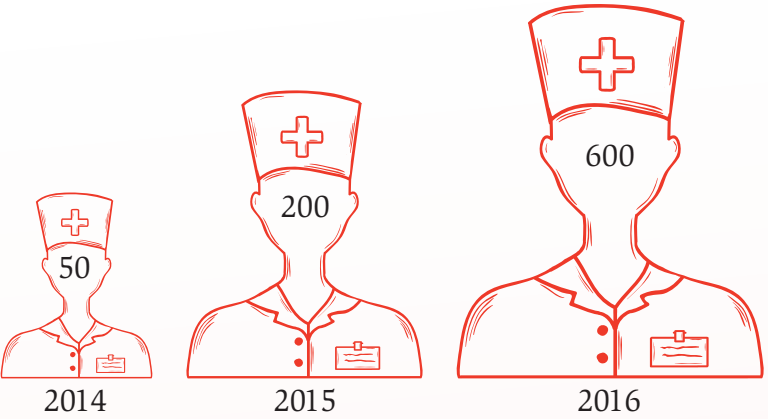


Rachel Smiley BSN '11, MSN '15  
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## School of Nursing at a Glance

### Accelerated Online RN to BS Program:



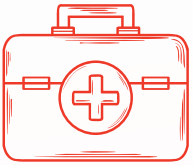
### Students

### Points of Pride:



- National ranking from U.S. News and World Report: online graduate programs and RN to BS program
- Nurse anesthesia and family nurse practitioner graduates continue to achieve 95-100% pass rates on their certifying exams each year
- Fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education: undergraduate and graduate programs
- Fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Program: certified nurse anesthesia program

### Enhancements to Simulated Learning Center for Health Sciences:



New state-of-the-art equipment



Esthetic upgrades



Evidence-based simulation program engaging experts from Laerdal Medical

### New degrees:



- Online Master’s in Healthcare Informatics
- Dual degree, online MBA-DNP

## About the School of Nursing

The vision of the SIUE School of Nursing is to educate and develop nurses as care providers, scholars and leaders able to meet the health challenges of a diverse and complex world. The School values compassion, integrity, excellence, inclusivity, collaboration and creativity.

## About SIUE

SIUE awards degrees in undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award doctor’s first-professional degrees in dental medicine (DMD) and pharmacy (PharmD). Doctoral programs are available in nursing practice and educational leadership. Cooperative PhD programs in history, engineering science and computer engineering are offered with SIU Carbondale.



## U.S. News Ranks School Among Top Online Programs

The U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs 2016 edition nationally lists the SIUE School of Nursing 76th for its online graduate nursing programs – a nearly 25 percent jump. Its RN to BS program was also among the nation’s top online bachelor’s programs.

“SIUE strives to meet the academic and professional needs of the region through high-quality academic programming—whether on-campus, off-campus or online,” said Dr. Denise Cobb, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

## SIUE Launches Online Healthcare Informatics Program

The demand for healthcare professionals to be adept in information technology is increasing in scope and complexity. In response to this demand, SIUE is now offering its Master of Science in healthcare informatics program online. Providing healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge to plan, design, implement and use information technologies, the program applies state-of-the-art computing and healthcare technologies. By combining expertise in data management, patient care and information technology systems, medicine and technology are integrated.

“The need for healthcare professionals with advanced education in informatics is at an all-time high,” said Dr. Frank Lyerla, director of SIUE’s Master’s of healthcare informatics program. “With increasing demand for electronic health records and professionals qualified to lead industry change, it’s a great time for individuals to pursue a degree in healthcare informatics.”



## New MBA/DNP Program Merges Nursing and Administration



The SIUE Schools of Business and Nursing have partnered to offer a primarily online, concurrent master’s in business administration (MBA) and a doctor of nursing practice (DNP). The DNP program immerses students in evidence-based practice, focused coursework, experiential learning and project development with the potential to improve patient outcomes. The MBA program is designed to develop students’ managerial and professional capabilities in business, focusing on quantitative analysis, decision-making, negotiation, quality enhancement, and innovation and program management.

“This program merger offers the best of both worlds in nursing and administration,” said Dr. Andy Griffin, assistant dean for graduate programs. “We are producing nursing leaders who may become entrepreneurs, chief nursing officers (CNOs) or chief executive officers (CEOs) of major healthcare institutions, who will collaborate with other professionals to design cost-effective models of accountable healthcare.”

For more information on the MBA/DNP program, visit [siue.edu/mba-dnp](http://siue.edu/mba-dnp).

## Grant Focuses on Suicide Prevention

In 2012, Suicide Prevention Resource Center research revealed that 6.6-7.5 percent of college undergrads seriously considered suicide. Today, more than 1,000 college students commit suicide annually.

Utilizing a \$299,442 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the SIUE Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing, and SIUE Counseling Services, have begun the SIUE iCARE suicide prevention initiative. The initiative increases awareness and education in recognizing at-risk behaviors of students in crisis, improves campus policies and procedures for assisting these students, and reduces negative stigmas of counseling and help-seeking. The iCARE executive council has drafted a formal plan to replace individual department or school policies and procedures with one, campus-wide policy and procedure.

“Students, faculty and staff are the best resources for recognizing when students are at risk or in crisis,” said Dr. Rebecca Luebbert, associate professor of primary care and health systems nursing. “The iCARE project will create awareness and training for our campus community so that we can recognize and respond to those students.”

## WE CARE Clinic Takes Comprehensive Approach

The SIUE School of Nursing is in its second year of a three-year interdisciplinary grant worth \$1,085,903 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to expand the scope of services provided at the WE CARE Clinic at the SIUE East St. Louis Center. The School, along with the SIUE Schools of Pharmacy and Dental Medicine and the Department of Social Work, are working together to enhance healthcare services offered to the region.

“The population we serve has a wide array of healthcare needs and is often unable to access assistance,” said Dr. Kim White, director of the WE CARE Clinic and clinical associate professor in the School of Nursing. “This grant is allowing us the perfect opportunity to meet those needs.”

The grant expands clinic services through the development of the nurse patient advocate model. Patients may access primary health care, pharmacy consultation, and medical social work assistance all in one visit, with quick access to emergent dental health care.

With the four disciplines working side-by-side in a collaborative environment, this innovative care approach improves communication among professionals and patients and ensures high-quality, comprehensive and patient-centered care under one roof, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes and reduced costs.

Students receive practice-based training among other health care disciplines while providing patient care.





Faculty Spotlight

Going in a new direction with fertility health, **Dr. Mary Lee Barron**, associate professor of family health and community health nursing, is researching the level of health literacy and fertility health knowledge among college students to help develop an effective educational teaching model. Existing research has largely focused on evaluating knowledge of biologic processes, excluding the study of fertility health risk factors that affect both genders. Knowledge of these fertility risk factors, however, may prevent infertility and decrease the risk of chronic cardio-metabolic disease later in life in men and women. Barron began this study in fall 2015 and is now analyzing data and developing the manuscript.

“The habits people have for healthy fertility are the same habits that decrease the risk of diabetes, heart disease or stroke later in life, in both men and women.” Dr. Mary Lee Barron, associate professor of family health and community health nursing



**Dr. Chaya Gopalan**, associate professor of primary care and health systems nursing, is looking to solve the puzzle of sex differentiation of the brain. The sex of the brain is feminine by default, unless testosterone is secreted during a critical point in perinatal development. In rats, that critical period is four days prior to and four days after birth. In the absence of exposure to testosterone, a brain organized as feminine oversees development of sexual behavior in the female. By manipulating the time when testosterone is secreted, Gopalan is intent on uncovering exactly where these changes occur, what is involved, and how the subject is impacted. She will use a behavioral model to study spatial working memory and sexual motivation.

From stress management to palliative care to end-of-life care, **Dr. Valerie Yancey**, associate professor of primary care and health systems nursing, underscores the value of relating to the whole person in her research and teaching. She finds that when nurses are attuned to their patients’ experiences with illness, loss or trauma, both patients and nurses experience more meaningful relationships and better outcomes.

Yancey’s interests have expanded beyond hospital-based ICU nursing to include expanding awareness of the health care needs of post-combat veterans and their families. She provides education to faith communities and parish nurse groups on how communities can help ease the transition back home for returning veterans. She also has created modules for doctoral students on assessing veterans’ service-related health concerns, both physical and psychological.

“When nurses see themselves as healers in relationship with others, rather than dispensers of information, they are more likely to find meaning in their work and develop a deepened sense of how to help others achieve positive health outcomes.” Dr. Valerie Yancey, associate professor of primary and health systems nursing care.



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# Innovative Partnerships Meet Rising Demand for Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

As demand continues for baccalaureate-prepared nurses, the School of Nursing continues to create community partnerships for the accelerated RN to BS program. Kentucky hospitals Baptist Health Paducah and Baptist Health Madisonville, and Clay County Hospital are now providing their nurses the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing in as little as one year through the flexible, online program.

“We are thrilled to add these hospitals to our growing list of corporate partners,” said Dr. Roberta Harrison, assistant dean for undergraduate programs. “This is a great opportunity to reach more working nurses in Eastern Illinois and throughout Kentucky to offer our affordable, progressive and innovative online program.”

New community college partners include Lake Land College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Shawnee Community College and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

“Our community college partnerships are benefiting students who may not have originally seen themselves going into a four-year program,” said Harrison. “They can complete the coursework for an associate degree at the community college level. When they transition into our online program, they can already see the light at the end of the tunnel.

“Our feedback on these partnerships is extremely positive,” Harrison said. “Our students report that they like the faculty, classes and speed at which they complete their degree. They believe that the information and skills they learn in class translate into their practice environment. Nurses want to take classes that are meaningful. They want coursework that applies to their daily work, and that’s what we’re providing.”

Another innovative nursing program partnership the School has formed is with Greenville College, enabling select students to complete an accelerated, three-year bachelor’s in biology followed by an accelerated bachelor’s in nursing from SIUE. Both degrees can be earned in just 4-1/2 years. Students taking advantage of this partnership will begin the accelerated bachelor’s program in fall 2017.



## RN to BS corporate partnerships

- SSM Health, St. Louis
- HSHS, Illinois and Wisconsin
- Clay County Hospital, Flora
- Baptist Health Paducah, Ky.
- Baptist Health Madisonville, Ky.

## RN to BS Illinois college partnerships

- Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
- Lewis and Clark Community College
- Lake Land College
- Shawnee Community College

# Recognizing our Donors

Thank you to the following donors for their fiscal year 2016 gifts. We again thank everyone who supported the “Honoring the Past – Empowering the Future” endowed scholarship campaign and all-alumni gala celebration. Together we raised over \$135,000 for endowed scholarships, and brought over 300 alumni, faculty, clinical partners and friends together for a very special evening at the Saint Louis Zoo. With your generous support, the School of Nursing continues to advance academic excellence and the field of nursing. Together we are making a difference for all SIUE nursing students.

**For more information on how to give to the SIUE School of Nursing, visit [siue.edu/nursing/giving](http://siue.edu/nursing/giving), or contact Patricia McDonald at [pmcdona@siue.edu](mailto:pmcdona@siue.edu) or 618-650-3906.**

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**High Impact II Campaign - “Empowering Nursing Excellence”**

The High Impact II Campaign - “Empowering Nursing Excellence” was established in 2016 to build private support of the continued growth, success and impact of the School of Nursing. Campaign contributors are highly valued partners in positioning the School and our graduates at the forefront of nursing excellence now and in the years to come.

With a fundraising goal of \$100,000 in 18 months, the key funding priorities for the Campaign are annual and endowed scholarships; general development needs; and, through a newly created Dean’s Leadership Society, the important and emerging strategic initiatives of the School.

Gifts to the Dean’s Leadership Society provide seed funding for new global experience student exchange programs, Simulated Learning Center for Health Sciences enhancements, WE CARE Clinic program innovations, and Student Nurse Association activities. The first two global experience exchange programs will take place in Australia and Haiti and will provide unique and transformative experiences that develop cultural awareness and sensitivity for student participants.

“Our goals are to enrich students’ learning and expand our reach in new, incredible ways,” said Dr. Laura Bernaix, dean of the School. “We are not limited to impacting only the health of this region. By supporting this campaign, our alumni, faculty, friends and donors will partner with us to truly impact healthcare around the world.”

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Faculty Achievements	
GRANTS	
Dr. Jerrica Ampadu	<b>Ampadu, J.</b> , Schmidt, C., Bernaix, L., & Smith, N. (2015). Student Nurse Achievement Program. Renewal Funding by Health Resources and Services Administration. (\$332,358)
Dr. Mary Lee Barron	<b>Barron, M. L.</b> , (2015). School of nursing internal faculty scholarship funds. (\$2380) <b>Barron, M.L.</b> , Schneider, M., & Raviele, K. (2015). Comparison of Electronic Fertility Monitor to Ovulation Sticks for Fertility Awareness. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, New Faculty Grant. (\$3,500)
Dr. Rhonda Comrie	<b>Comrie, R. (2015)</b> Illinois Department of Public Health. (2015). Implementation Grant for Southwestern Illinois Asthma Coalition, Grant and coalition coordinator. (\$65,000)
Dr. Valerie Griffin	<b>Griffin, V.</b> (2015). School of Nursing internal faculty scholarship award, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. (\$800)
Dr. Roberta Harrison	<b>Harrison, R.</b> , Bernaix, L., Schmidt, C., & Perry, A. (2015). One-Clic away: The Accelerated RN-BS Program - Extension. Illinois Board of Higher Education. (\$254,260; funds frozen)
Dr. Rebecca Luebbert	Herndon, C., Rowland, K., Ferguson, M., & <b>Luebbert, R.A.</b> (2015). Southern Illinois University/ Saint Louis University NIH Pain Consortium Centers of Excellence in Pain Education; National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health. (\$879,224) Gable, K., Herndon, C., <b>Luebbert, R.A.</b> , & Linsin, J. (2015). iCARE: Initiative to Create Awareness, Recognition, and Education (iCARE) on Suicide Prevention; Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. (\$299,467)
Dr. Kim White	<b>White, K.</b> , Wesley, C., Butler, L., & Roucka, T. (2015). Interprofessional education grant: WE CARE Clinic. Health Resources and Services Administration. (\$1,452,898 over 3 years) <b>White, K., Sobczak, B. &amp; Omondi, L.</b> (2015) Medicaid EHR incentive provider grant. (\$51,500)
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS	
Dr. Valerie Griffin	<b>Griffin, V.</b> (2015). Providing individualized care to adolescent patients with elevated body mass indexes. Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice, 9 (1). Aruda, M., <b>Griffin, V.</b> , Schartz, K., & Geist, M. (2015). Evolving role of pediatric nurse practitioners. JAANP, 28(2), 68-74.
Dr. Debra Jenkins	<b>Jenkins, D.</b> (2015). Conceptualizing the CHOICE of driving retirement by older adults. Topics of Geriatric Rehabilitation, 31(2), 90-97.
Dr. Amelia Perez	<b>Perez, A.</b> (2015). Acculturation, health literacy, and illness perceptions of hypertension among Hispanic adults. Journal of Transcultural Nursing, 26(4), 386-394. doi: 10.1177/1043659614524785
Dr. Melodie Rowbotham	<b>Rowbotham, M.</b> (2015). The impact of faculty development on teacher self-efficacy, skills and retention Illinois Education Research Council at SIUE FFR 2015-1. <b>Rowbotham, M.</b> and Owen, R.(2015). The effect of clinical instructors on student self-efficacy. Nursing Education in Practice,15(6),561-566.
BOOK CHAPTERS OR BOOKS	
Dr. Anne Perry	Potter, P. A., <b>Perry, A. G.</b> , Stockert, P.A., Hall, A. (2015). Basic Nursing, 8th edition. St. Louis, Elsevier Health Sciences.
Dr. Karen Kelly	<b>Kelly, K.</b> (2015). Power, politics, and influence. In P. Yoder-Wise (Ed.), Leading and managing in nursing (pp. 167-184, 6th ed.). St. Louis: Elsevier
Dr. Ann Popkess	<b>Popkess, A.</b> & Frey, J. (2015). Strategies to Support Diverse Learning Needs of Students, in Halstead, J & Billings (Eds.), Teaching In Nursing. Elsevier; St. Louis.
Dr. Valerie Yancey	<b>Yancey, V.</b> (2015). Psychological and spiritual alterations and management. In L. Urden, K. Stacy, & M. Lough (Eds.), Priorities in critical care nursing (7th ed). St. Louis: Elsevier Inc.
FACULTY PRESENTATIONS	
Ms. Angela Andrews	<b>Andrews, A.M.</b> , Russell, C.L. (2015). Interventions to improve medication adherence in older adults with heart failure: A systematic review. Sigma Theta Tau International St. Louis Regional Consortium. [Poster]. October 15, 2015. St. Louis.
Dr. Rachael Beard	<b>Beard, R.A.</b> (2015). Exploring the lived experiences of participants in simulated mock codes: Poster presentation. Barnes Jewish Hospital Interdisciplinary Research Conference. St. Louis, MO.
Dr. Christine Durbin	Lyerla, F. & <b>Durbin C.</b> (2015). A Protocol for Measuring Nursing Electronic Health Record Usability. Saint Louis Regional Consortium - Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society. October 15th 2015. St. Louis. Lyerla, F. & <b>Durbin C.</b> (2015). A Protocol to Measure Nursing Electronic Health Record Usability. 26th International Research Congress - Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society. July 24th 2015. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Dr. Kay Gaehle	<b>Gaehle, K.</b> & Boatman, M. (2015, May). Test Analysis and Writing Test Questions. Paper Presentation, SIUE School of Nursing, Edwardsville, IL. Invited Speaker.
Dr. Rebecca Luebbert	<b>Luebbert, R.A.</b> (2015, Oct). A good mentor: Getting one, being one; Annual Induction Ceremony, Epsilon Eta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, SIUE, Edwardsville; Invited speaker.



**Luebbert, R.A.** & Popkess, A. (2015, Oct). Attitudes and beliefs regarding suicide assessment by non-psychiatric, hospital-based nurses; American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Annual Conference, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Poster Presentation.

Perez, A. & **Luebbert, R.A.** (2015, Oct). Differences in health literacy and health behaviors among diverse college students; Sigma Theta Tau International St. Louis Regional Consortium, Maryville University, St. Louis; Poster Presentation.

**Dr. Frank Lyerla**

**Lyerla, F.** and Durbin C. (2015). A Protocol for Measuring Nursing Electronic Health Record Usability. Saint Louis Regional Consortium - Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society. October 15th 2015. St. Louis.

**Lyerla, F.** and Durbin C. (2015). A Protocol to Measure Nursing Electronic Health Record Usability. 26th International Research Congress - Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society. July 24th 2015. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Dr. Amelia Perez**

**Perez, A.** (2015, August). Diversity in the workplace. Diversity Forum. Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition. Edwardsville; Podium and panel presentation.

**Perez, A.,** & Luebbert, R. (2015, October). Differences in health literacy and health behaviors among diverse college students. Sigma Theta Tau International Greater St. Louis Regional Research Consortium. Maryville University Catherine McAuley School of Nursing. St. Louis; Poster presentation.

**Dr. Melodie Rowbotham**

**Rowbotham, M.** (2015). The Wizard of OZ: Lessons on Becoming an Authentic Teacher. Peer reviewed podium presentation at the Lilly Evidence-Based Teaching Conference, October 15-17, Traverse City, MI.

**Rowbotham, M.** & Rackham, M. (2015). Winning by Understanding Group Dynamics. Peer reviewed podium presentation at the Lilly Evidence –Based Teaching Conference, October 15-17, Traverse City, MI.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Dr. Valerie Griffin** received the Sigma Theta Tau International Epsilon Eta: Writing for Publication Award, 2015.

**Ms. Jean LaFollette** earned Honorable Mention for Student Advisor of the Year by the SIUE Kimmel Student Involvement Center, 2015.

**Dr. Linda Omondi** received the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award, Nurse Practitioner, 2015.

**Dr. Amelia Perez** was honored as a Top 40 under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader by the American Nurses Association-Illinois and was named a finalist for the 2015 March of Dimes Nurse Educator of the Year.

**Dr. Kim White** received the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award, Community Health, 2015.

**Dr. Valerie Yancey** received the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award, Nurse Educator, 2015 of the Year.

**Gala Celebrated Past, Present and Future**

Nearly 300 alumni, faculty, staff, students, community partners and friends gathered at the Saint Louis Zoo Living World on April 16 to celebrate the 2016 SIUE School of Nursing all-alumni reunion and campaign recognition gala.

Attendees celebrated the first graduating class, the class of 1966, and honored the School’s 50-plus years of preparing nursing clinicians, educators, administrators and leaders who serve in this region and beyond.

With over 7,000 alumni, the gala also celebrated how the School has grown to not only significantly contribute to the healthcare workforce of this region but is also advancing the design and delivery of healthcare within hospital systems and communities at large.

Co-chairs of the “Honoring the Past-Empowering the Future” endowed scholarship campaign explained the campaign was established to build the number of endowed scholarships available for nursing students, lessening their financial burdens during challenging economic times. The School set out to raise \$100,000 in 18 months. That goal was exceeded, raising over \$135,000 and providing eight endowed scholarships for future School of Nursing students.

Dr. Laura Bernaix, dean of the School, said, “What we see here tonight - and what we’ve experienced in the last 18 months during this campaign - has been an overwhelming dedication and connection to the School that is so heartwarming and gratifying, words cannot fully convey.

“You are a part of where we’ve been, where we are and where we’re going. You are part of our success and our tradition of being forward thinkers who take calculated risks to respond to the needs of our students, partners, and the patients we serve. It’s how our School began and it will forever be who we are, going forward.”



**Retirements**

**Ginger Behrhorst,**  
**MSN, RN**  
**Clinical Instructor**  
22 years of service to the  
School of Nursing



**Doris Davis**  
**Office Support Specialist**  
14 years of service to the  
School of Nursing



**Kathy Ketchum, PhD, RN**  
**Assistant Dean for the**  
**Graduate Programs**  
20 years of service to the  
School of Nursing





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## Upcoming Events

**School of Nursing Convocation**

Friday, December 16, 2016

**School of Nursing Fall Commencement**

Saturday, December 17, 2016

**School of Nursing Spring Convocation**

Friday, May 5, 2017

**School of Nursing Spring Commencement**

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