Dear Alumni:

I hope the first few months of 2018 have been wonderful for you. It has been, as usual, a very exciting semester at the School of Nursing & Health Studies (NHS). One example is the arrival of Mary Wakefield, former acting deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as a visiting distinguished professor in the practice of health care. As you may have read, Mary also is a former administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Her engagement with our community—particularly around issues of health equity, health policy, and health workforce—has been tremendous.

It is a pleasure to share with you the spring 2018 edition of Alumni Notes. Among the many accomplishments included in this issue, I highlight BSN alumna Fran Buckley (1978), whose dedication to Georgetown has been honored through her selection for a John Carroll Award, given by the Alumni Association each year to celebrate “alumni whose achievements exemplify the ideals and traditions of the university and its founder, Archbishop John Carroll.” I am so appreciative of Fran’s support of NHS and her service on our Board of Advisors.

I am also very proud to congratulate BSN alumna Patricia Grady (1966), who has directed the National Institute of Nursing Research since 1995, on making Washingtonian magazine’s “Most Powerful Women” list in the health and medicine category. Pat is a renowned leader in nursing science and has been extremely generous with her time by staying active with our school. I am personally grateful to her. Likewise, BSN alumna Maria Gomez (1977) has opened the doors of Mary’s Center—the truly life-changing community health center in Washington, D.C. she founded in 1988—for important collaborations with NHS. Happy 30th anniversary to Maria and Mary’s Center!

Finally, two very recent graduates, human science alumni Ben Johnson (2017) and Christina Johnson (2017), received prestigious distinctions. Ben was named a 2018 Marshall Scholar, and Christina competed as a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship.

Clearly, the achievements of our alumni family continue to be impressive. I hope you enjoy reading all of those contained in the spring issue. Please stay in touch, and, if it is your Reunion year (reunion.georgetown.edu), we hope to see you in June.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Dean
Norma (Wurzbacher) Cobb revisits Dahlgren Chapel of the Sacred Heart, where she received her nursing cap more than 65 years ago. She writes that it is “a late-in-life love in the Light of Winter.”

CLASS OF 1952
In February, it was wonderful to welcome back to campus alumna Norma M. (Wurzbacher) Cobb, who received her diploma in nursing in 1952 at Georgetown through the three-year program offered at that time. Along with her son Allan Cobb and daughter-in-law Charlene Yao, Norma met with the dean, students, and faculty in St. Mary’s Hall, observed simulation technology in the school’s O’Neill Family Foundation Clinical Simulation Center, and visited various locations on the Hilltop. Pictured above, Norma revisits Dahlgren Chapel of the Sacred Heart, where she received her nursing cap more than 65 years ago.

Nancy Moore Hannan (BSN) has published her first novel, In the Light of Winter. She writes that it is “a late-in-life love story centering around a tenured professor at Georgetown and Kate, a widow, who meet on a tour of Italy sponsored by Georgetown’s Alumni Association. Can they meet the challenges of a new relationship at this age, and can Kate learn from her past experiences as she searches for the love and companionship she desires?”

CLASS OF 1960
Carol Holland (BSN) annually participates in Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. For more than two decades, she has helped ensure safety and security during the pancake breakfasts, which are provided by the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club. In 2017, more than 8,000 people attended daily.

CLASS OF 1964
Anne Latona (BSN) retired in 2008 after 32 years as a school nurse at Marlboro Middle School in Marlboro, N.J. After retirement, Anne was a supervisor, for Monmouth University and New Jersey City University, of students pursuing school nurse certification in New Jersey.

CLASS OF 1966
Patricia Grady (BSN), who directs the National Institute of Nursing Research, was named to Washingtonian magazine’s “Most Powerful Women” list in the category of health and medicine.

CLASS OF 1968
Kathy Heskin, who began her BSN as a member of the class of 1968, completed her bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees, respectively, at Rosary College, Loyola University in Chicago, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake. She and Neil Heskin (B’59) were married in 1987. The couple, who has three sons and seven grandchildren, ages three to 17, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Three years ago, she retired as professor emerita in theology from Dominican University, outside of Chicago. Kathy and Neil retired to their lake home in Lodi, Wisconsin, a small town near Madison. Kathy now teaches one course a year on Native American spirituality at Edgewood College.

CLASS OF 1970
Joan Sullivan (BSN) retired from private medical practice in obstetrics and gynecology in 2011 and retired from the military in 2014 as a colonel after two combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. She has moved to The Villages, a retirement community in Florida, and is enjoying the weather and lots of visitors. She still keeps in touch with David Crane (C’59) and Mary Diskbrow Crane (BSN 1970).

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CLASS OF 1967
Ellen Canepa Brytwa (BSN) continues to be a trustee with the Cleveland Clinic Health System in Cleveland, Ohio, and to work as a consultant in the health care industry. Recently, she was appointed for a three-year term as a delegate to the American Hospital Association’s Regional Policy Board to assist the association in assessing and evaluating issues of concern to the health care field, developing policy positions, and shaping advocacy strategies. Ellen and her husband John (L’68) have four children and two grandchildren. They had a wonderful time at her 50th Reunion and thank the dean and faculty of NHS for the beautiful and meaningful celebration held at St. Mary’s.

Kitty Quinlan Nalewak (BSN) enjoyed seeing her classmates at the 50th Reunion. Her Georgetown memories include “wonderful classes in anatomy and physiology with Drs. Taylor and Webber,” the sadness of viewing President John F. Kennedy’s funeral cortège on Connecticut Avenue, watching the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show, and dancing to Diana Ross and the Supremes in St. Mary’s Hall with classmate Carol Sudol (BSN 1966), who passed away in October 2017. She has two children, David and Jennifer, from her first marriage. She married her second husband Bob in 1987. From 1985 to her retirement in 2005, she worked in occupational health at Fort Detrick. A nurse practitioner, Kitty currently is a Lyme disease consultant, teaches courses at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and runs a small art business with Bob.

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CLASS OF 1978
Basia Belza (BSN) is the Aljoya Endowed Professor of Aging at the School of Nursing at the University of Washington. In October 2017, she was an invited speaker at the 2017 Global Health
Forum in Taiwan. Her plenary session was, “Action and Advocacy: Increasing Physical Activity in Older Adults.” There were 1,100 attendees. This is the 15th year the forum has been offered and the first year that a nurse was invited to give a plenary. Basia attributes her deep passion for nursing to her education and clinical experiences at Georgetown.

Frances Penny Capuano (BSN) earned the 2018 John Carroll Award from the Georgetown University Alumni Association. Franci and their family live in South Connecticut. She is an assistant professor in the School of Health and Human Services at the Southern Connecticut State University. She and her husband Daryl (C’99) have three children, and their oldest, Danny (B’10), is a sophomore at Georgetown.

CLASS OF 1980
Marcia Gardner (BSN) was appointed dean of the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y., effective January 2018. She, her husband Jim (F’79), and their family live in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota.

CLASS OF 1989
Frances Penny Capuano (BSN) received her PhD in May from the University of Connecticut, where she was also a Jonas Scholar. Earlier in her career, she received an MPH from Johns Hopkins University and an MSN from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a committed supporter of Georgetown, where she has generously volunteered her time on a variety of boards, including the NHL Board of Advisors and Georgetown’s Board of Regents. For more than 33 years, she has been an interviewer with the Alumni Admissions Program.

CLASS OF 1997
Lois Wessel (MS-Nursing) is a faculty member in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the School of Nursing & Health Studies. She recently presented the poster, “Interprofessional Education for Medical and Advanced Practice Nursing Students: Families in Crisis,” at the annual meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group in Montreal.

CLASS OF 1999
Julie A. Johnson (BSN) is currently living in Chicago with her husband, Kory, two sons, Miles and Gabriel, and dog, Otis. She is a senior analyst in the Center for Research Informatics at the University of Chicago, where she has been employed for 21 years. Julie is in the final stretch of doctoral studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is writing her dissertation with an expected completion in summer 2018. Her dissertation is on the experience of African American male caregivers of a family member with dementia.

CLASS OF 2007
David Faggenbaum (BS-Human Science) was featured on “The Today Show” for his work on Castleman Disease. The story, “Doctor with Rare Disease Racing to Save His Own Life,” is viewable at https://www.today.com/video/doctor-with-rare-disease-racing-to-save-his-own-life-1136090627820.

CLASS OF 2009
Ila Anita Flannigan (MS-Health Systems Administration) is a board-certified health care manager and, in January 2018, earned the prestigious credential of fellow status within the American College of Healthcare Executives. Ila serves as the administrative director of the National Office of Nursing Services for the Veterans Health Administration. Since graduating from Georgetown, she has held numerous leadership positions with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Margaret McCleary (BSN) graduated from Simmons College School of Management in Boston with her MBA in health care in August 2017. Meg received the academic achievement award for earning the highest GPA in her class. She was inducted in the Beta Gamma Sigma and Upsilon Phi Delta national honor societies. Meg currently works as the clinical nurse manager of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. She recently became engaged to Ryan Cole of Boston.

Whitney Sher (BSN) has been employed during the last two years at Planned Parenthood in New York City, where, she writes, “she is proud to be working as a nurse.” She educates and cares for women from the immediate metropolitan area and beyond.
Ken West (MS-Health Systems Administration) is the newly appointed chief operating officer at Regional Medical Center, owned by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). Ken leads hospital operations, business development, service line development, construction, and physician relations. Ken joins the medical center with 10 years of leadership experience with HCA, most recently coming from Medical Center of Trinity in Florida.

CLASS OF 2010
Anita Rao (BS-International Health) received her degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in 2006. She entered her psychiatry residency at Northwestern University, where she is currently in her second year. She holds various leadership positions including service as the deputy representative for area 4 of the American Psychiatric Association resident and fellows section and serving on the residents committee of the Illinois Psychiatric Society. With a commitment to serving marginalized communities in mental health, she also sits on the Youth Guidance Junior Board.

CLASS OF 2011
Danielle K. McCamey (MS-Nursing, DNP 2017) is among the second cohort of students to complete Georgetown’s DNP Program. The students finished in December 2017 and will participate in Commencement this May. Danielle’s scholarly project entitled, “Comfort and Knowledge: Nurse-driven Palliative Care Screenings on Admission to the Neuro ICU,” examines nurse comfort and knowledge after screening for palliative care. She was elected to serve as a fellow-in-training member on the CHEST Palliative and End-of-Life Care NetWork steering committee and currently serves on MedStar Washington Hospital Center’s medical dental bylaws committee.

CLASS OF 2012
Deanna Jenkins (MS-Health Systems Administration) recently accepted a position with AmeriHealth Caritas as an enterprise operations business process analyst.

Sarah McNabb (BS-International Health) earned an MPH degree in epidemiology from the University of Washington in June 2017. Since then, she has been working at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, managing health information technology projects to support population health and delivery system transformation.

CLASS OF 2013
Ayesha Ibrahim (BSN) has been working as a critical care nurse at MedStar Washington Hospital Center for the past four years on the Medical Intermediate Care Unit. Ayesha has learned a great deal from her time at MWHC and is ecstatic to take her talents to medical school this August. She has not finalized which school she will be attending, but she is blessed to have choices. She thanks NHS for the strong clinical foundation.

Nancy K. Uklan (MS-Nursing) was appointed as an RN member of the District of Columbia’s Board of Nursing in May 2017. She also serves as a member of D.C.’s Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) advisory committee.

CLASS OF 2015
Khadijah M. Davis (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) continues to work in the health care practice of Weber Shandwick, a global communications agency. This fall, she became an MPH candidate with a concentration in social and behavioral sciences at New York University’s College of Global Public Health.

Jamie Schlarbaum (BS-Human Science), a current third-year medical student at the University of Minnesota, has accepted a dermatology research fellowship for the summer 2018-summer 2019 term. He will be conducting contact dermatitis research with physicians Erin Warshaw and Sara Hybwa at Park Nicollet Clinic and the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital in the Twin Cities.

CLASS OF 2016
John Francis Whitmore (BS-Human Science) began his commission as an infantry lieutenant in the U.S. Army. At Fort Benning, Ga., he graduated from infantry officer training, as well as Ranger School and Airborne School. He is now assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment as a stryker platoon leader at Fort Bliss, Texas. He hopes to return to D.C. soon and serve with the 3rd Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard) at Arlington Cemetery.

CLASS OF 2017
Ben Johnson (BS-Human Science), a student at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, received a Marshall Scholarship. He will pursue master’s degrees at the University of Edinburgh and King’s College of London. Ben was previously a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship.

Christina Johnson (BS-Human Science) recently competed as a finalist for the 2017 Rhodes Scholarship. Christina, whose interest involves youth and mental health, is a lab manager and research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania’s Boundaries of Anxiety and Depression Lab.
June 1-3, 2018
Washington, DC
Reunion Weekend
http://reunion.georgetown.edu

Saturday, June 2, 2018
St. Mary’s Hall
Nursing Class of 1968 50th Reunion
Pinning Ceremony (9-10:30 a.m.)

All NHS Alumni Reunion Open House and Reception (1:30-3 p.m.)

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