Dear Alumni:

On behalf of Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, I send many thanks to the alumni who took time to share updates for this edition of Alumni Notes. I was so inspired to read about your personal milestones and impressive professional accomplishments.

This is a very exciting time here in St. Mary’s Hall. Since our last publication, I had the enjoyable opportunity to see many graduates during Reunion Weekend. It is difficult to express in words how meaningful it was to be together with the nursing Class of 1965 for the 50th reunion pinning ceremony, as well as all of our returning classes during an open house in St. Mary’s. The stories I heard that weekend, combined with the updates in this publication, reinforce for me the way our alumni live our mission—a dvancing the health and well-being of individuals and communities—each and every day. Fundamentally, we are about the formation of women and men to live generously in service to others. You are inspiring examples of that commitment—one that endures and finds renewal each year on the Hilltop.

Additionally, our school has spent a considerable amount of time to produce a strategic plan that will guide our activities over the next five years. I hope you will take some time to review the summary at http://nhs.georgetown.edu/about/strategicplan. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or thoughts about how you might like to be involved. And remember to stay in touch with notes for an upcoming publication at http://nhs.georgetown.edu/alumni-notes or to subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter at nhscommunications@georgetown.edu.

Thank you for your continuing commitment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Interim Dean

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— Patricia Cloonan
Members of the nursing Class of 1965 revisited St. Mary’s Hall during their 50th Reunion Weekend. Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN, interim dean of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, hosted a reception in their honor where they were given a special pin marking the milestone event.

CLASS OF 1960
Alice Dunn Buttarazzi (BSN) and her husband Patrick Buttarazzi (M’69, R’75) have been married for 55 years and have 14 children, all married, and 54 grandchildren. They live in Auburn, N.Y., and are both retired. She writes, “I was greatly saddened with the recent passing away of my first roommate Janice Claire Lenti (BSN 1960). She was brilliant and very talented. I look back at my years at GUSN with great fondness.”

Elaine Shekosky Zaia (BSN) and her husband Brian Kennedy (D’82) have raised four wonderful children. She earned an MSN in nursing administration in 1978 and spent her entire career in mental health nursing. In May 2011, she was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Although this ended her career as a clinician, she has embraced advocacy and spreading awareness while battling the disease. In 2015, Madeline was awarded an honorary doctorate of public service by the Sage Colleges for her advocacy work.

CLASS OF 1962
Angela Barron McBride (BSN, H’93), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, was inducted as an honorary fellow of the National League for Nursing’s Academy of Nursing Education on Oct. 2, 2015.

CLASS OF 1971
Ellen Stuehs Gallavan (BSN) served for four years in the United States Navy following graduation. She married Bob Gallavan (C’71) in 1972. After moving all over the country and working in critical care, home health, and burns, she has spent the last 17 years working in the emergency department at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. Additionally, she has been a college instructor for the past 19 years. She and Bob have four children and four grandchildren with another on the way.

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Linda K. Tuyn (BSN) just retired after teaching 35 years at Binghamton University and continues her clinical practice as an FNP-C. She earned her master’s degree at New York University in 1982 and spent her entire career working in child-adolescent mental health, and she worked as a family therapist before becoming an FNP in 1997. She has found nursing “to be a path with wonder.”

CLASS OF 1972
Kathleen (Ryan) Delaney (BSN) was named Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse of the Year as part of the annual awards of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. She will be recognized this fall at the association’s annual conference. Kathleen, who is a professor at Rush University College of Nursing, served as past president of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses.

CLASS OF 1975
Mary Ellen Edge (BSN) has worked in the mental health field for 40 years, first as a psychiatric nurse and then as a licensed clinical social worker. Her degrees have allowed her to work in a range of specialties, including child mental health and trauma and emergency medicine. Her first love has always been direct service to patients and families. She says, “M.E. ‘especially liked the college experience living in Georgetown … location, location, location!”

CLASS OF 1976
Ellyn Enright Matthews (BSN) is a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, hosted a reception in their honor where they were given a special pin marking the milestone event.

CLASS OF 1977
Linda O’Neill (BSN) and Timothy O’Neill (L’77) made a generous $100,000 commitment to Georgetown to advance new activities within the innovative simulation center in St. Mary’s Hall, which they supported through a naming gift over a decade ago. Additionally, Linda is a past chair of the school’s board, and Timothy is a member of the university’s Board of Directors.

CLASS OF 1978
Janet Grace Beers Attaud (BSN) writes, “Life is about embracing a ‘tunnel vision approach’ (http://www.tunnelvisionapproach.com) can-do attitude to explore all things possible…. Through the eyes of an entrepreneur, and the love of learning cultured at Georgetown, humility and fate have woven a path, an amazing life journey that has taught me to honor and cherish each opportunity, to empower others passionately, to adore my children and Ukrainian orphans I sponsor.”

Sally Kosmider (BSN) retired from labor and delivery in Arlington, Va., in 2001 and spends the winter in Texas and the summer in Michigan. Her daughter is a registered nurse and works in the operating room. She says, “I have become a quilter which keeps me busy and challenged. I’m in good health and enjoying life.”

CLASS OF 1980
Marcia Rubenstein Gardner (BSN) was appointed associate dean for undergraduate programs and assessment in the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University, where she has been an assistant professor for the past four years. She and husband Jim Gardner (F’79) have three kids: Michael, 46, Jonathan, 22, and Abby, 13. The family celebrated Abby’s bat mitzvah in January 2015.

Lynn Gori Mayer (BSN) graduated with a master’s degree in nursing in 2007. She has been working in interventional cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N.Y. She is a member of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses Special Task Force Committee to reduce congestive heart failure readmissions. She is involved in social justice and advocacy at her parish in Glen Rock, N.J., and teaches ESL to immigrants in Paterson, N.J.
CLASS OF 1981
Sarah Lesesne Tripodi (BSN), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, is part of the team working on the 35th Georgetown Reunion coming up next year. She is really hoping to see everyone come back to the Hilltop for a festive celebration of friendships and remembering their great college days.

CLASS OF 1986
Francine “Fran” Pingitore (BSN) recently earned her PhD in nursing from the University of Rhode Island. She is a board certified child and adolescent psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and has practiced at Hasbro Children’s Hospital for the past 17 years. Before returning to Rhode Island, she lived in San Francisco for 20 years and received her MSN from the University of San Francisco. She is married to Brad Hutchison and is the proud mother of Brad Jr.

CLASS OF 1989
Ana Maria Begley (BSN) is currently working at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital as an oncogene triage nurse. She and her husband Tom Begley (C’84, L’90) celebrated their 25th anniversary on September 8, 2015. They met at Georgetown.

CLASS OF 2000
Michelle Katz (MS-Integrated Health Systems) notes she is ‘one of the first pioneers of health care advocacy as we know it today.’ She recently published her third book on saving money in health care, Healthcare Made Easy, and is the health care contributor for several media outlets including ABC World News Tonight and The Doctors Show. She currently lectures and consults across the country on ways to save money in health care and navigate our health care system.

CLASS OF 2001
Rick Garcia (MS-Integrated Health Systems) earned a PhD in nursing science and nursing education from Barry University’s Division of Nursing in Miami, Florida. He is a recipient of New York University’s postdoctoral and transition program for academic diversity fellowship. Rick will continue his research on the cultural competence level of nurse faculty and the dissemination of his findings. He will serve a two-year appointment as an assistant professor/faculty fellow at NYU’s College of Nursing.

CLASS OF 2002
Keavney Klein (BS-Human Science, I’08) is a health policy attorney with Kaiser Permanente, the nation’s largest not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system. Following her time as an attorney at Alston & Bird LLP in Washington, D.C., Keavney relocated to San Francisco in late 2011 and joined Kaiser Permanente’s government relations department. She advises KP’s, Medicare business line and advocates at federal agencies and in Congress on matters of Medicare and Affordable Care Act policy.

CLASS OF 2005
Lisa Goldstein Hacker (MS-Nursing) worked four years in community health, fulfilling her National Health Service Corps obligation in San Diego. After marrying her husband who is in the U.S. Navy, moving around, and starting a family, Lisa found part-time FNP work that has allowed a balance of work and life. Currently, she is a provider at Planned Parenthood and also works per diem at a mental health facility specializing in eating disorders.

CLASS OF 2006
Ashley Darcey-Malonehy (BSN), a member of the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies, was selected as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

CLASS OF 2007
Meghan Malone Fitzpatrick (BSN), who earned her master’s degree, resides with her husband Brad in Philadelphia. Meghan is currently employed at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as a nurse manager of a Vascular Surgery Step-Down Unit. Additionally, she is adjunct faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she teaches in the nursing and health care administration master’s program.

CLASS OF 2009
Carrie Rich (MS-Health Systems Administration), who is CEO and co-founder of the Global Good Fund, was a recipient of the Washington Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” awards.

CLASS OF 2010
Maura Woods (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) received her master’s degree in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in July 2015. She completed her practicum and internship work at a behavioral and mental health hospital for children, adolescents, and young adults in Chicago. She will be taking the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) this year.

CLASS OF 2011
Kimberly Bodenlos (BS-Human Science) received her MD from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in May 2015. She relocated to New York City to begin a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center.
Armond Esmaili (BS-Human Science, M’15) graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in May 2015, receiving his MD cum laude and with induction into the national Alpha Omega Alpha honor society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. He moved to San Francisco in June to start his residency in internal medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

Anthony Hopper (MS-Health Systems Administration), along with Maria Uyriya (MS-Health Systems Administration 2011), co-authored a peer-reviewed article on sentiment analysis that recently appeared in the Journal of Health Organization and Management. He has also completed his first book Using Data Management Techniques to Modernize Healthcare (CRC Press).

Jamie O’Neill (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) moved to Freetown, Sierra Leone in January 2015 to assist in Ebola relief efforts with Partners In Health. Jamie has worked for PIH in Boston and Rwanda, in fundraising and operations roles, since graduating from Georgetown. As of this June, Jamie is serving as a policy advisor in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation of Sierra Leone, and she looks forward to aiding in the country’s Ebola recovery process.

CLASS OF 2012
Dorothee Anne Hector (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is back in the United States after graduating from the London School of Economics and Political Science with a master’s degree in international health policy. She just completed her first year at Harvard Law School.

CLASS OF 2013
Colin Ryan (BS-Human Science) began clinical clerkships in May 2015 as a third-year student at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He recently presented clinical research concerning the OSU Wexner Medical Center’s experience treating thoracic outlet syndrome with first rib resection at the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery and the Society for Vascular Surgery’s annual meetings.

CLASS OF 2014
Jacqueline Anderson (MS-Nursing) began working, soon after graduation, at one of the sites where she had completed the clinical portion of her education. She works four days a week in that family practice/internal medicine environment. She also works a few days a month, per diem, in the jail in Sonoma County, Calif., as an NP and volunteers monthly at a free walk-in urgent care clinic in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco.

Therese Marie Collins (MS-Nursing) has accepted a full-time position as assistant professor of nursing position at Shenandoah University and has started her PhD at West Virginia. On a personal note, her husband Christopher Collins has won the Republican nomination for the Virginia House of Delegates, 29th District.

Caroline Cotto (BS-Human Science) completed her Fulbright Fellowship grant year in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where she taught English and studied Chinese. She says she is “so grateful to have experienced the rich Taiwanese culture and befriended so many wonderful people.” In July, she will continue developing her longtime interest in nutrition as a volunteer assistant for the U.N. World Food Programme in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Madeline Curtis (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) is beginning her first year at Georgetown University Law Center. She continues to work at the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she advocates for the health care needs of children.

Alexandra Pietraszkiewicz (BS-Human Science) is a second-year medical student at the University of Connecticut. This past summer, she conducted research at the National Eye Institute through the NIH Summer Internship Program, where she learned about genomic medicine in the context of degenerative eye diseases. She plans on returning to the NIH for a dedicated research year. She is excited to help lead UConn’s Women in Surgery and Ophthalmology interest groups this year.

Jody Stulber (MS-Nursing) earned her master’s degree online at Georgetown through the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. This year, she opened HOPE Family Medical Center in Salt Lake City. This clinic provides affordable health care services to those in need.

Sarah Branyon Vokes (MS-Nursing) is a family nurse practitioner at the Charleston Institute of Advanced Orthopedics (CIAO) and East Cooper Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. She also volunteers as the director of clinical operations for Walk Nicaragua, an orthopedic surgical mission sponsored by CIAO providing total joint replacement services to citizens of Nicaragua. She is co-author of two clinical research papers submitted for presentation at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons’ annual meeting in 2016.

Elizabeth Kelly (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) began attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall for a joint degree in law with a master’s in bioethics.

Noreen Sajwani (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) continues to pursue her interest in health care by beginning a master’s program in London this fall. She will complete a two-year certificate in Islamic studies, followed by her third-year master’s at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she hopes to study global health development. Her thesis will focus on the intersectionality of medical ethics in Shia Islam.