Dear Alumni:

On behalf of Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, I send you greetings from the Hilltop and our home in St. Mary’s Hall. I hope you have had a terrific year so far and that the spring will be a great season.

With May approaching, we are preparing for two major events in the life of our university: Commencement and Reunion. These joyful and closely timed celebrations reveal the way in which the experience of being a Georgetown student and a Georgetown graduate is a seamless one. As our undergraduate and graduate-level students walk across the stage on Healy Lawn to receive their degrees—a sign of a solid academic foundation that is based in this university’s values—we are confident they will go on to do great things.

You are proof of that. As you will see, this publication contains inspiring news of the many ways our alumni work each day to advance the health and well-being of individuals and communities. This has been our school’s enduring contribution ever since our first class of nurses graduated on June 13, 1906. Building upon that rich history in nursing and expanding our academic portfolio in the health fields, our school prepares students to make an impact across the health sciences continuum, from conducting bench science and delivering patient care, to managing systems of care and promoting health globally. Your achievements reflect that educational preparation, and you are wonderful role models for current and future students. I look forward to seeing many of you at Reunion to celebrate your accomplishments.

As always, please stay in touch with us. Submit a note for an upcoming publication at http://nhs.georgetown.edu/alumni-notes and subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter at nhscommunications@georgetown.edu.

Thank you for your continuing commitment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cloonan, PhD, RN
Interim Dean

Adrian Allen
Assistant Dean of External Affairs
CLASS OF 1960
Alice Dunn Buttarazzi (BSN) and her husband, Patrick, both retired—he from his urologic practice and she from various nursing positions. They are living in Auburn, NY, where they are fortunate to have two of their daughters and their families. The other 12 children are scattered around the U.S. with their families. They will soon have 54 grandchildren. “Life is good,” she writes.

CLASS OF 1961
Elizabeth Nolan Arnold (BSN) is co-author, with Kathleen Boggs, of Interpersonal Relationships: Communication Skills for Nurses. The seventh edition, published by Elsevier, was released in February 2019. Elizabeth holds a master’s degree and PhD.

CLASS OF 1967
Kleia Raubitschek Luckner (BSN) recently retired after 41 years as an administrator of women’s health services. She moved to McLean, Va., to be closer to her daughter Maia (C’02) and her two grandchildren, her son Mark (C’98), and her two siblings. She looks forward to renewing her Hilltop connections, visiting her classmates residing in the area, and finding her niche in the community using her skills as a certified nurse-midwife and JD as she did in Toledo for 44 years.

CLASS OF 1968
Kathryn O’Brien Hogan (BSN) had a great career as a hospital nurse. For 15 years, she worked in labor and delivery, postpartum care, and a newborn nursery. She was also a lactation specialist. She says, “All of her academic undergraduate courses, especially ethics [and] psychology...helped her in her other careers...wife, mother, citizen of this great world!”

CLASS OF 1969
Bernardine Lacey (BSN) was recognized as one of four Living Legends honorees at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Nursing in October. Bernardine, who is an academic fellow, served as founding dean of the School of Nursing at Western Michigan University. “I feel honored and humbled for this acknowledgment, but I am most grateful to the patients and clients that I have been privileged to serve over these 52 years,” she says.

CLASS OF 1971
Joan La Fratta Kolenich (BSN) served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and then joined the U.S. Army Reserve, where she was mobilized in Operation Desert Storm. She married Tom in 1972; they have four children and three grandchildren. She has also worked at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing helping to establish a nursing skills lab. After retiring from the army as a lieutenant colonel, she began working at Patient First, an urgent care center.

Marnie “Mary” Ritchie Poney (BSN) practices bioethics law and health care advocacy with Joseph C. Kempe, PA, in Jupiter, Fla. She developed and directed the Palm Beach County Bioethics Law Project, for which she received the Palm Beach County Medical Society Hero in Medicine Award. She was married to Mark Philip Poney (C’69) for 44 years until his death in 2012; he remains her “pole star.” They have four married children and 13 grandchildren.

Mary Ruth Walters (BSN) retired from the Department of Veteran Affairs as the chief nursing officer at the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System in Tucson, Ariz., after 40 years of federal service. She is currently a clinical instructor in the RN-MS Program at the University of Arizona College of Nursing. She is the proud mother of three children and the granddaughter of two.

CLASS OF 1974
Janet Cobb Bourny (BSN) became certified in maternal newborn nursing and is now living in Peoria, Ariz., and working at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center.

CLASS OF 1975
Barbara “Missy” Beuchert (BSN) has worked in various health care settings, both hospitals and community health. She attended the University of Maryland to become a family nurse practitioner and works at Mobile Medical Care in Bethesda, Md. She enjoys precepting Georgetown nurse practitioner students. She has three children: Jay Glassie, Max Glassie (C’95), and Anne, a PUCU acute care nurse practitioner who is married to Andrew Cirelli (B’08). Missy says, “Congratulations to all the 40-year Georgetown Alumni!”

CLASS OF 1976
Maura W. Devaney and Brian Devaney (B’78) are pictured with their grandchildren Gracie Rinehart, Kate Jacobs, Maggie Jacobs, JP Jacobs, and Tommy Rinehart. Maura and Brian met in Professor Riley Hughes’ Jane Austen English class in Sept. 1972 in the Peiss Science Building.

Maura Walsh Devaney (BSN) is retired after working as a nurse educator, home care coordinator, and school nurse in Westchester County, N.Y. She lives in Larchmont, N.Y., with her husband of 37 years, Brian Devaney (B’76). They have four children: Kerry (C’02), married to James Jacobs (C’03); Jack, married to Jessica Morrison, Mghlan (C’05), married to Charlie Rimhart (F’05); and Katie (BS-Health Care Management & Policy 2009), engaged to Chris Watson (B’07).

Joan Burggraf Riley (BSN, MS-Nursing 1997) is an associate professor of human science and nursing at the School of Nursing & Health Studies. This fall, she was appointed to lead the school’s assistant dean for educational innovation. In November, she was recognized at Georgetown University Medical Center’s Conno- culation for Faculty Achievement in Education. Riley is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Patricia Claire Miller (BSN) lived on the Philadelphia Main Line for 10 years and recently moved to the Pinelands in New Jersey. Her advanced degrees include a master’s in mental health nursing and a JD. She has worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 15 years. She says, “Life’s been a wonderful adventure with all my men—husband, three grown sons (one Hoyt!), and two grandsons. I’m looking forward to our 40th Reunion in May!”

CLASS OF 1977
Maryann Mulligan Vandermark (BSN) is a nurse practitioner specializing in adult primary care and is currently working in an internal medicine/geriatrian practice in Boca Raton, Fla.

CLASS OF 1978
Lillian Ananian (BSN) received her PhD in nursing from Boston College in May 2014. She is currently the clinical nurse specialist in the Medical ICU at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass., focusing on the promotion of quality nursing practice, multiprofessional collaboration, and support for ICU families.

Basia Belza (BSN) received her PhD and is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She received five years of funding (from 2014 to 2019) from the Healthy Aging Pro- gram at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to lead the University of Washington Coordinating Center for the first Healthy Brain Research Network.

Diane Davis (BSN), an instructor of nursing at the School of Nursing & Health Studies, helped form a collaboration between Georgetown and Mary’s Center, a federally qualified health center founded by Maria Gomez (BSN 1977), to help support the education of medical assistants. Georgetown’s nursing students participated in the effort.

CLASS OF 1980
Jan Ouska Luoma (BSN) works as a nurse manager with Federal Occupational Health, managing 17 occupational health centers in five states. She has worked in occupational health for 35 years. Jan began her career at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. She then married and moved to Sacra- mento, Calif., where she still resides. She has two grown children, two dogs, and two cats. Jan is an alumni interviewer with Georgetown’s Alumni Admissions Program.

CLASS OF 1982
Margaret Mary Eileen Gilliland Mahan (BSN) has worked in neonatal intensive care since 1981. She has attended over 7,200 deliveries of premature and sick infants. She has worked at teaching hospitals and precepted many new graduates over the last 32 years. Her coworkers named
her “Nurse of the Year” at MedStar Georgetown in 2008. Margaret is retiring this year and is happy to have “made a difference” for many area families.

Kathleen White (BSN) attended George Mason University and received her JD in 1987. She passed the bar exam in both Virginia and Massachusetts and is currently practicing nursing by working with adults with developmental disabilities.

CLASS OF 1983
Valerie Ann (Fedio) Adelson (BSN) is senior vice president of Federal Compliance Consulting LLC, a private law and health care consulting firm. Valerie earned her master’s degree in health administration from the Sloan Program in Health Administration at Cornell University in 1987. She is a board member of the Sloan Alumni Association. Valerie and her husband, Bruce L. Adelson, Esq., live in Potomac, Md., and are the very proud parents of a teenage son, Michael.

CLASS OF 1986
Kim Groner (MS-Nursing) was named director of nursing professional practice, research, and outcomes at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. She will oversee the hospital’s Magnet® designation activities and other functions related to nursing research and patient care outcomes.

CLASS OF 1987
Lisa Frohman Geiger (BSN) has been a board certified family nurse practitioner since 1993, earning a master’s degree at the University of Washington. She has spent 18 years working in clinical care in various specialties. She is board certified in hypnotherapy and also graduated from the Academy of Guided Imagery as a certified practitioner. Lisa lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, Chuck, and daughter, Abigail. To contact her, go to lisageiger.com.

CLASS OF 1988
Lori Riggs-Kadar (BSN, MBA 1991) had the chance to catch up, after 20 years, with two other Hoyas she first met during her time at Georgetown: Margaret, her mentor, and Ashley Darcy-Mahoney, who currently works as the deputy chief business officer for the VA Capitol Health Care Network, serving VA medical centers in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., and West Virginia. Meghan’s career began in 2008 as an administrative fellow for the VA. In 2012, Meghan spent time in Lusaka, Zambia, where she worked as the financial specialist for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She lives in Baltimore with her husband and two-year-old daughter.

CLASS OF 1990
Stacey Husted (BSN) has been working in various areas of pediatric nursing for over 24 years. In addition, she has taught CPR, first aid, and infant safety courses while maintaining a part-time career as a vocalist. She is currently a school nurse in an independent elementary school. She resides in New York City with her husband and two children.

CLASS OF 1991
Joyce Margaret Sholtz Stuart (MS-Nursing) obtained a dual adult-geriatric nurse practitioner license in 1991 and worked for Fairfax County, Va., for 15 years. During this time, she received an outstanding service award as a nurse practitioner and program manager for the county’s alcohol and drug services. She also visited China with a People to People, Inc. delegation. Joyce has taught at George Mason University and currently serves on a Local Human Rights Committee.

CLASS OF 1992
Karmi Soder (BSN) says, “As a pediatric nurse practitioner and former hospital administrator, I did not see enough innovation in care for families...” She started NewbornRN-Solutions (http://www.newborn-solutions.com), a registered nursing corporation. “We have over 75 experts from acupunture, behavior, breastfeeding, [and] craniosacral therapy to pilates, yoga, and zzz—sleep consulting,” she notes.

CLASS OF 1994
Elizabeth Abrahams (MS-Nursing) has been working for the past two years as a senior consultant for Tipton Communications in its Magnet® Writing Support Program. Eliz- abeth’s experience in patient care, quality improvement, and nursing education and research helps her guide clients through the writing process and capture contributions of clinical nurses. She lives in Oakton, Va., with her husband and two sons.

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CLASS OF 2001
Sarah Anne Brill (BS-Health Studies) completed her residency this year with a board certification in family medicine and neuromuscular medicine. She is looking forward to starting with Kaiser Permanente of Northern California in July. She says she feels thankful that Georgetown gave her “a very firm foundation in the medical sciences.”

CLASS OF 2006
Ashley Darcy-Mahoney (BSN) was named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar. Ashley, who is an assistant professor and neonatal nurse practitioner at Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, serves on the Board of Governors of the Georgetown University Alumni Association and the Board of Advisors of the School of Nursing & Health Studies.

CLASS OF 2008
Katherine Alberts (BS-International Health) graduated from Harvard in 2013, receiving her MD and MPH from Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health. She is currently working on a general surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mihae Shin-Diep (MS-Nursing) graduated as an acute care nurse practitioner. She is now a vascular surgery nurse practitioner with Horizon Vascular Specialists in Rockville, Md., serving Montgomery and Frederick counties. Mihae sees patients in the office and performs daily rounds at Shady Grove Medical Center. She also authors the Horizon Vascular blog. Mihae lives in Clarksburg, Md., and enjoys spending her free time with her husband, An, and her two children, Annabelle and Andrew.
Alex Tran (BS-International Health) served as the International Medical Corps’s lead epidemiologist in Sierra Leone, where he and his sister Jen Tran (BSN 2012) helped fight the Ebola outbreak.

Rachel Wynn (BS-Health Care Management & Policy) moved back to California in 2013 after completing a master's in health administration at Virginia Commonwealth University. She works for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, an affiliate of Sutter Health, as patient experience program coordinator, combining interests in patient experience and process improvement. She is also an active member of the Bay Area ACHIE chapter, the California Association of Healthcare Leaders (CAHL).

Kenneth West II (MS-Health Systems Administration) was named by Bob’s Hospital Review as one of the top 15 health care leaders under age 40 in the United States. Kenneth, a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, currently serves as chief operating officer at Medical Center of Trinity in Florida.

CLASS OF 2010
Andrea Fischlowitz (BSN, MS-Nursing 2011) joined Georgetown’s online Family Nurse Practitioner Program in January 2014 and is “loving it.” She relocated from Florida to Chicago this summer. Her nursing experience has been in OB-GYN and labor and delivery, but she says, as an FNP, she plans to focus on primary care of adolescents and young adults.

Sonnet Jeong Im Gaertner (BS-International Health) completed her MSPI in global disease epidemiology and certificate in vaccine science and policy at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru, she managed community health programs in HIV prevention and childhood nutrition while conducting research on particulate matter exposure. She recently began an intensive professional development program as a presidential management fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she works as a public health advisor.

Andrea Kurkul (BSN) worked in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital for four years after graduation. She is currently a travel nurse and has worked in both Boston and New York City in multiple ICUs throughout the cities. She is actively applying to master’s programs with the intent of pursuing her dream to become a geriatric nurse practitioner in the near future.

Sascha Meijers (BS-International Health) has been working at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva. She joined the organization as a technical officer and worked as a consultant on the information management team for the Ebola response. She is now a technical officer, managing a project for the epidemiology and information management team within the Ebola response.

Caroline Tierney (BSN) is finishing the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Virginia this spring. She has continued to work on the Neuroscience Unit at UVA Medical Center for the past four years.

CLASS OF 2011
Natalie Dickson (BSN) currently works as a registered nurse at Stanford University Hospital in the Surgical/Neuro/Trauma Intensive Care Unit. She lives in San Francisco and is also pursuing her master’s degree at the University of California at San Francisco. Natalie looks forward to being an advanced practice nurse, specifically an adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist with a focus in palliative care.

Nicole Fontenot (MS-Nursing) relocated to Houston, Texas, where she worked as a critical care clinical nurse specialist. In September 2014, Nicole became the manager and educator for a group of 48 acute care nurse practitioners at a 1,000-bed quaternary care facility in Houston. She is excited about being in a position that allows her to blend the nurse practitioner role with the clinical nurse specialist role.

Jennifer Nicole Hill (MS-Nursing) is a family nurse practitioner at Chehaw Health Services, a federally qualified health center located in Pennsylvania. She is a part of the homeless team and provides health care services to underserved uninsured patients living in homeless shelters. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and two daughters.

Johnna Reggi (MS-Nursing) is working at George Washington University Hospital and Medical Faculty Associates as the midwifery fellow and student coordinator after having obtained her certified nurse-midwife and women’s health nurse practitioner certificates. She recently presented a poster titled, “Primary Cesarean Prevention. A Collaborative Model of Care Utilizing Pearls for Normal Birth,” at the ACOG annual clinical meeting in Chicago, Ill. She is looking forward to continuing research compilation for a presentation at the ACNM annual meeting.

Samantha Russomagno (BSN) has been working as a pediatric registered nurse at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C., since August 2014. She writes, “Although still a Tar Heel fan, she loves her hospital and patient population—which is inclusive of inpatient cardiothoracic, surgical, solid-organ transplant, gastrointestinal, and neurology patients that are two weeks to 22 years old.”

Ana Sraedeva (BSN) returned to Chicago to work as a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Rush University Medical Center.