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President's Corner



DECEMBER 2012 was a bittersweet month filled with a rollercoaster of emotions. We juggled the overwhelming sadness of the shootings in Connecticut, the death of a Memphis police officer, illnesses and deaths of loved one, with joys and celebrations of our December 2012

graduates, satisfaction from the completion of another semester of learning, and the miracle of Jesus' birth. During the Christmas break, I spent time reflecting on all of the events that touched me emotionally and spiritually during the month. While I had real feelings of grief from some of the heartbreaking events, I was reminded again and again of one of my favorite scriptures: "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Hebrews 40:31).

Hope is defined as "to wish for" and "to expect." The very essence of hope is futurity. Jesus' birth was not just about the miracle birth, but about the hope His birth brought to a hurting world. The mission of Baptist College of Health Sciences is about hope—preparing future health care professionals.

The cover story on our December 2012 graduates is a story about the hope we all have as alumni for their impact as the next generation of health care professionals on the health of our communities.

Classes are underway once again. Faculty members are busy helping students gain the knowledge and skills needed as health care professionals. Hope fills every class room and hallway as our mission continues.

God's blessings to each of you for a wonderful 2013! Thank you for your support and prayers for our hope-filled mission.

Warmest regards,

BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, DSN, RN
~ President

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LEFT: Baptist College President Betty Sue McGarvey and Baptist Memorial Health Care President and CEO Stephen Reynolds.

BELOW: James Glasgow, chairman of Baptist College Board of Directors, presents awards to Lauren Guff (top), and Courtney Napier (bottom).



THE TWENTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences was held on December 6 at First Baptist Church, Millington, Tenn. President Betty Sue McGarvey began the program with the introduction of the platform guests and their roles for the afternoon. She also spoke about the Centennial year for the College and that each graduate was given a Centennial medallion to wear for the ceremony.

On one side of the medallion is the College Seal and the Baptist College Centennial logo is on the other side.

James Glasgow, chairman of the Baptist College of Health Sciences Board of Directors, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Stephen Reynolds. Reynolds, the President and CEO for Baptist Memorial Health Care, congratulated the December class on their significant accomplishments and desire to work as a health care professional. He shared with them the many achievements of Baptist during its 100 years of healing, preaching and teaching.

One hundred and two degrees were awarded with ninety four in Nursing and eight degrees in the six different Allied Health

majors. The presentation of diplomas was awarded by Mr. Glasgow and Jana Turner, the College Registrar.

Mr. Glasgow also presented the prestigious College Board of Directors Award to Bradley Skinner, graduating summa cum laude in Nursing. Mary MacKinnon, development officer for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presented three additional awards to outstanding graduates.

The following awards were presented: the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award to Jennifer Gimenez graduating summa cum laude in Nursing; the Joseph H. Powell Award was presented to Courtney Napier, graduating summa cum laude in Nursing and the Sarah Ainsworth Award was present-

ed to Lauren Guff, a Nursing graduate. These students were nominated and selected based on specific guidelines including grade point averages, leadership qualities, community service, clinical expertise, and commitment to life-long learning.

Dr. McGarvey announced to the graduating class that the Baptist Community Relations department and the Baptist Foundation together donated \$100 in each graduate's name for the Legacy scholarship. A total of 206 graduated from the College during 2012.



Thanksgiving Outreach Event

THE BAPTIST OPERATION OUTREACH VAN participated in the 28th annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless and Hungry at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. The event gave the homeless a traditional Thanksgiving meal, access to health care services, and free long-distance calling for the day to call family members.

"We gave care to 191 patients, with 30 given medicine onsite by physicians and pharmacists and referred for follow-up appointments with our free clinic," said Claire Hick, Baptist corporate communications PR coordinator.

Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp. provided 70 volunteers on Thanksgiving Day, including three physicians and one nurse practitioner giving primary care along with students from Baptist College of Health Sciences and employees from Baptist's 14 area hospitals who volunteered administering the blood pressure and cholesterol checks.

"The city and county have joined forces to tackle the homeless issue in our community. Caring for the homeless is not something you should do just around the holidays, it should be year-round," said Cynthia Allen, Baptist

Operation Outreach community relations manager. "We see a lot of women and children who are impacted by homelessness due to the economy. People have had loss of jobs and loss of homes, so what was once considered a traditional homeless person really looks like you or me now."

In January 2012, Community Alliance for the Homeless conducted a survey in the city of Memphis, and the Baptist Operation Outreach van served 33 percent of the homeless population at no cost, serving as the largest provider for the homeless in Shelby County.

"Our homeless patients are not utilizing the ER. When they have a need to be seen by a doctor, they know they can come to our Baptist Operation Outreach clinic to receive their ongoing care," said Allen, who explained



RIGHT: Cierra Fultz, Baptist College of Health Sciences student, screens a patient during the City of Memphis' Thanksgiving for the Homeless at the Cook Convention Center.

LEFT: This family was one of more than a thousand homeless and hungry fed at the event.

that this year they treated patients for asthma, diabetes, hypertension and blood pressure issues, psychiatric problems, and even stab wounds that had gone untreated. "At Baptist Operation Outreach, we provide primary acute care, medications, transportation to and from medical appointments, diagnostic procedures, and even surgery, in some cases."

The Baptist Operation Outreach van, through a partnership with Christ Community Church, operates four days each week and treats roughly 1,400 patients per year for more than 3,300 doctors' visits.

The primary address for the van is 69 N. Cleveland St. in Midtown Memphis, and it is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for women and children. The mobile unit is also open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memphis Union Mission, 383 Poplar Ave.

Baptist Operation Outreach also held a holiday event Dec. 19 at the clinic on North Cleveland. Those who attended were served a hot holiday meal and receive a backpack with hygiene products as well as warm clothing and other necessities that will be useful in the winter months.

Baptist College Celebrates Sustainability Day

BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES held its second annual Sustainability Day to celebrate the implementation of the campus sustainability plan with education and action. The College notes sustainability is more than just "going green," it is a call to action toward the overall goal of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Sustainability is achieved when an initiative or organization operates at an optimal level where social, economic, and environmental stewardship intersect.

Simultaneously conserving both natural and financial resources is an objective of the campus sustainability efforts.

The College saved about \$30,000 in fiscal year 2012 through energy and fuel conservation; reduced paper utilization; and processing costs for student printing, refunding and document publishing.

Some of the additional sustainability goals:

- To increase sustainability awareness through targeted messaging.
- To generate a culture of sustainability through continued involvement and education.
- To improve operational efficiencies and conserve resources.
- To implement new initiatives to reduce the environmental footprint of the College.
- To maintain ongoing initiatives to increase the culture of sustainability.



Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey, president of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, speaks during Campus Sustainability Day and dedicates the Baptist College Centennial lawn.

Faculty/Staff Development & Accomplishments

Dr. Christopher Church, professor of Philosophy & Religion, participated in a panel discussion on "Acute Leukemia in a Pregnant Teenager: Medical, Sociocultural and Ethical Issues" for the Leukemia/Lymphoma/Hodgkin's Disease & Bone Marrow Transplant Conference at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on October 16.

Drs. William Sobotor, provost; **Linda Reed**, dean of Allied Health; **Cheryl Johnson-Joy**, associate dean of Nursing; and **Christopher Church**, professor of Philosophy & Religion, participated in the inaugural "Promotion in Rank Workshop" on October 1. The workshop was designed to clarify the promotion process and guide preparation of portfolios that document the case for promotion.

Dr. Lucia Vanderpool, **Dr. Janet Heath**, and **Mrs. Mary Millione** presented at the 2012 Assessment Institute at Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct 30. The presentation was entitled "Creating Assessment Tools for General Learning Outcomes".

Kathy Hunt, chair and assistant professor Nuclear Medicine Technology, participated as a member of a SACS Commission on Colleges Substantive Change committee. As part of the committee, Mrs. Hunt participated in a site-visit, Oct 8 - 10, to Mt. Olive College in Mt. Olive, N.C., involving the addition of a RN to BSN completion degree.

Faculty/Staff Development & Accomplishments

Christen Ganley, clinical coordinator radiation therapy, and **Julie Lasley**, chair and assistant professor for Radiation Therapy, attended the National Radiation Therapy Conference in Boston October 24-26. While attending the conference, Mrs. Lasley, an active member of the editorial review board for the Radiation Therapist Journal, presented her author topics recommendations for the professional journal.

Dr. Darius Wilson, chair and professor of Medical Laboratory Science, served as the site visitor team coordinator for two programs: MLT site visit in Collinsville, Ill. for initial accreditation for Sanford Brown College and a MLS site visit in St. Cloud, Minn. for initial accreditation of St. Cloud State University. Wilson also served on the advisory committee for the MLT program at Southwest Tennessee Community College and attended sessions to interview with site visitors as part of the NAACLS site visit review of the program for Continuing Accreditation.

Mona Patterson, assistant Nursing professor, defended her dissertation in December and has received her doctorate of Nursing from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis.

Melissa Surles, education specialist in Academic Services, received a Masters in Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Memphis, in December.

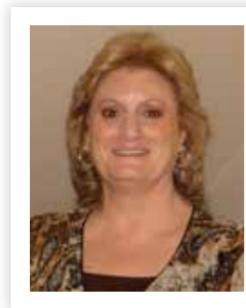
Denise Barlow Love Update

DENISE IS A GRADUATE OF BAPTIST Memorial School of Nursing (1990) and has been involved in missionary work particularly in Latin America for several years. She is the director of support services at Hospital Vozandes, in Shell, Equador. Denise works for an organization called HCJB which stands for Heraldng Christ Jesus Blessings. HCJB was the original call letters for the radio station in Equador.

HCJB's vision is to partner with Christians in media and health care to bring the voice and hands of Jesus to the unreached peoples of the world.

HCJB is unique in that they integrate radio communications and health care ministries by demonstrating God's love in a practical way.

Denise has been stateside since the end of October and returned to Equador in January. If you are interested in following her work she is on Facebook with the name 'Denise Barlow Love'.



In her Christmas letter, she wrote *"I have been on Home Ministry Assignment since the end of October. I'm enjoying my time back and have been able to spend more time with family than what I had anticipated. This month I will be traveling to Alabama to visit friends and family and to Florida to attend a wedding. My trip to Texas to get my visa has been postponed until January. I plan to return to Ecuador at the end of January 2013."*



ABOVE: Hospital Vozandes in Shell, Equador, where Denise serves as director of support services.

Colleague's Journey Through the RN-BSN Program Enhances Career, Fulfills Goals

INSPIRED BY A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE in her family who demonstrated kindness, generosity and a willingness to help those who needed it, Charity Brees decided when she was 6 years old that she would become a nurse. Brees attended Northwest Mississippi Community College for her associate degree in nursing and graduated in 1996. She began her nursing career at Baptist Memorial Hospital- DeSoto as a nurse intern the same year.

After working there for 10 years, Brees was promoted to head nurse at Baptist DeSoto and decided to go back to school, feeling she needed more education to effectively lead her team.

As Brees searched for a program that would fit into her work and home life, she decided on Baptist College of Health Sciences over online programs in case she had questions throughout the courses.

Baptist College's RN-BSN program is for registered nurses who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

The one-year program includes both online and in-class courses and accommodates the working professional.

"The RN-BSN program was perfect because we were all professionals, and there was little time wasted," said Brees. "We had our goals and were given our assignments and allowed to be professionals and complete these assignments without having our hands held. Baptist College of Health Sciences allowed us to work at our own pace and have the support we needed, when we needed it."

General education requirements must be completed before beginning the RN-BSN courses.

"I was able to fit the courses into my life, and the professors supported me when I needed help," said Brees. "Going back to school after so many years was scary but Baptist made it easier to obtain my goal."

Initially, Brees was reluctant to pursue a BSN. However, through the program, she was able to learn more about her community's needs and the different ways nurses affect patient care.

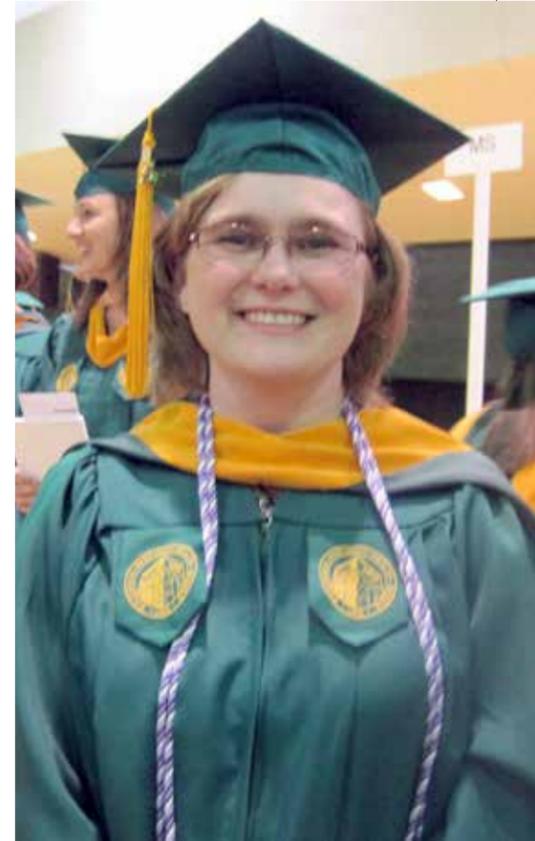
"We are not just 'task' oriented, but we can also do research and effect change for our patients to improve outcomes and work more effectively as a team," said Brees.

"I am able to be more effective in my role as head nurse and soon become an educator for not only our unit, but also the Baptist system," said Brees.

At Baptist College of Health Sciences, courses in the RN-BSN program consist of about 20 nurses per class, allowing professors to spend more time with each student.

"The small class setting allowed us to have more individual attention and to ask questions in a safe, non-threatening environment," said Brees.

Since Brees has advanced her education, she has been promoted from working nights as a charge nurse in postpartum to



head nurse in the nursery and finally, to advance practice nurse for the Baptist system.

"None of this would have been possible without my education," said Brees. "While I was happy being a bedside nurse, I am still affecting the bedside by educating nurses throughout our system to provide excellent care to all of our neonatal patients and their families. I am now touching more than just one family at a time by providing our nurses with the education to improve the care they provide to all of our patients."

Nursing Student Follows Plan from God and His Desire to Help People



BRADLEY SKINNER CALLED HIS MOTHER and revealed his aspiration to make difference in the world and help people every day in his career. “She always told me to do what I love,” he said.

Skinner had three degrees but says this graduation and his fourth means the most because he finally accomplished his dream of working in the medical field.

He was one of 103 graduates at the Baptist College of Health Sciences commencement on Dec. 6, where Baptist Memorial Health Care President and CEO Stephen Reynolds was the keynote speaker.

Staying involved was nothing new for Skinner, who was a member of the pinning ceremony committee, senior and junior awards committee, nursing honor society and a senior nursing student mentor during his final year of nursing school.

He first earned a bachelor of arts in Biology from the University of Mississippi. His love for working with students as an orientation leader and an ambassador led him to a master of arts in Higher Education.

“I had a friend whose daughter was a patient at St. Jude and she had cancer 8 out of 13 years of her life. Seeing her in the hospital setting helped me know that nursing was the best career path for me.”

He received a second bachelor’s degree in microbiology that helped with the transition into nursing school.

“I did my research and applied to three schools. I fell in love with Baptist the moment I got here. It was a no brainer. The administrators, the personnel and everything about the school helped me to know I was supposed to be here,” he said.

The fourth time around in school has not been an easy road for Skinner. While in general studies courses, he worked full time serving and managing in fine dining restaurants but cut down his hours once he began clinical rotations.

“The similarities between the two professions made the transition into nursing very easy. Everything from training and maintaining service standards to dealing with different types of people, always thinking quickly, on your feet and three steps ahead while being really great with people are the same.”

While going to school and serving, he injured his back and suffered two herniated disks.

“I had back surgery and by the grace of God I was able to come back to nursing school a year later and finish where I left off. I was sad at first

because I wouldn’t graduate with my original classmates but then again, if I would’ve graduated a year ago, I wouldn’t be able to accept this job that just opened up.”

Skinner accepted a nursing position in a new unit at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. During one of his clinical rotations, he met his mentor, Betsy Brooks, nurse manager in the myelosuppression unit, a Baptist School of Nursing graduate and former Alumni Board president.

“This is another reason why nursing has just worked out for me and I know I am meant to do this. Meeting Betsy and this job opening up is just a blessing.”

The myelosuppression unit protects patients who receive chemotherapy and radiation from infections with rooms that have a positive pressure airflow that ensures that no bacteria from the hallway will enter the room. Strict rules about hand washing, visitation, mouth care and ongoing care are enforced to protect patients in the unit.

“I just fell in love with that staff, and I have the ability to help open a new unit and still work with myelosuppression and gain experience. Everything is just falling in line for me and God continues to work it out.”

Skinner’s former teachers at the College praise his work and determination and have confidence in his future as a nurse.

“Brad was the ideal nursing student. He has the determination and commitment necessary for the rigors of the nursing program as exhibited when circumstances forced him to sit out for a short time,” said Sandra Lea, RN and associate professor at Baptist College.

“Brad has a friendly, positive personality as well as the nurturing spirit so important to those called to the ministry of nursing. He was a model student and it was a pleasure to teach him and watch him grow and mature into the graduate nurse. I am proud of him and the nurse he has become and I hold him in the highest esteem.”

ABOVE: Bradley Skinner receives the College Board of Directors award from board chairman, James M. Glasgow Jr., during the December 2012 commencement.

New Biomedical Sciences Degree Gives Students More Choices at Baptist College



PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER in a health-related field but have not been able to choose which profession they want to enter have a new option. Baptist College of Health Sciences now offers a biomedical sciences degree ideal for students who are faced with this dilemma.

“I like this program because I’m not locked into a specific career path,” says Kanesia Shaw, a student in the biomedical sciences program.

“The coursework spans several health care areas, preparing me for a graduate program for any health care or biomedical profession.”

BCHS launched the new biomedical sciences program in October, and classes will begin next fall.

“We felt this degree could give students an opportunity to prepare for graduate studies in many of the health care professions such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and other health care fields,” says Kendrick Hooker, chair of the biomedical sciences program.

Alongside general core education, the biomedical sciences program combines dynamic human health science courses.

“It took some time because we wanted to compare what other similar programs and institutions were offering,” says Hooker. “Additionally, we got feedback from local institutions to ensure that we were offering the best curriculum to our students. “We believe

have opportunities to shadow current health care practitioners and join organizations that develop leadership skills.

“As a result, we want Baptist College of Health Sciences students to be comfortable in a clinical environment, even before they enter graduate programs,” says Hooker. “This should give them a competitive advantage when applying to graduate programs.”

Biomedical Sciences students will create and develop health care research projects to enhance the strong science-based curriculum, not only preparing them for graduate school, but also helping students determine their career path.

The program requires 124 hours of coursework and includes advanced science courses like pathophysiology, immunology, genetics, organic chemistry, biochemistry, and histology.

“These new courses are designed to prepare students for pursuing graduate degrees in health science fields that are beyond the current scope of Baptist College of Health Sciences,” says Lisa Hight, associate professor of biology. “The curriculum will prepare students to be competitive in advanced health care studies.”

“Graduating from Baptist College of Health Sciences will not only be an honor for me but it will also provide opportunities to work with Baptist Memorial Health Care,” says Shaw.

that a challenging curriculum will prepare the students as they move forward in their academic careers.”

The Biomedical Sciences program at BCHS is the only program of its kind in Memphis. Students will be surrounded by clinicians and

“We are proud to offer this degree to our students; this degree will further expand our impact on the health sciences both here and in other communities. Baptist Memorial Health Care is an established, well-respected leader in medicine, and Baptist College of Health Sciences has a track record of educating bright young minds. We are confident the biomedical sciences program will continue that tradition.”

— Lisa Hight, BCHS associate professor of biology

To learn more about the Baptist College of Health Sciences biomedical sciences program, please call 1-866-575-2247 or visit www.bchs.edu.

Blue Mountain College Affiliation



BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES (BCHS) and Blue Mountain College (BMC) on Monday (December 17th, 2012) signed a working agreement that will enable BMC students to earn dual degrees in the health care field. Under the working agreement, BMC students will be able to earn Bachelor of Science degrees in three areas: biology at BMC and Bachelor of Health Science at BCHS; biology at BMC and B.S. in Nursing from

BCHS; and business administration at BMC and with a concentration in Health Care Management at BCHS.

The dual program of biology and health science includes majors in Radiation Therapy Technology, Respiratory Care, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Medical Radiography, and Medical Library Science.

Both the Health Science and Nursing degree programs are "3+2" curriculums where students attend BMC for three years and their final two years at BCHS, and both degrees are awarded at the conclusion. In the Business Administration program, BMC students will complete their final 21 hours at BCHS.

Dr. Barbara Childers McMillin, president of BMC, Dr. BettySue McGarvey, president of BCHS, Stephen Reynolds, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation, Dr. Sharon Enzor, vice president for academic affairs of BMC, and Dr. Bill Sobotor, provost of BCHS, participated in the signing ceremony. It was noted by both Reynolds and McMillin that the agreement with BCHS – an outgrowth of the original Baptist Memorial Hospital – is also historical.

One hundred years ago Dr. B.G. Lowrey and Dr. W.T. Lowrey, both BMC presidents, articulated a vision that ultimately influenced the formation of the Baptist health care system that has now touched the lives of thousands

upon thousands of Mid-Southerners. That vision will be extended to include new opportunities for Blue Mountain College to partner with BCHS in the provision of healthcare education, a venture which we trust will serve to enhance the original mission.

Brothers B.G. and W.T. Lowrey were sons of BMC founder Mark Perrin Lowrey who also served as school presidents. W.T. Lowrey served as president of Baptist Hospital's board of trustees from its founding in 1912 until 1943. Lawrence T. Lowrey, grandson of the founder and fourth president of BMC, was president of the hospital trustees 1943-46.

ABOVE: Baptist College President Betty Sue McGarvey, Baptist Memorial Health Care President and CEO Stephen Reynolds, Blue Mountain College President Dr. Barbara Childers McMillin, Baptist College Provost Dr. Bill Sobotor, and Blue Mountain College Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Enzor participated in the signing ceremony.

Q&A with Damon Mays



NAME: Damon Mays

HOMETOWN: Parsons, Tenn.

CURRENT CITY: Jackson, Tenn.

FAMILY: I am single, recently divorced actually, and have two children. My son Dakota is a student at the University of Memphis studying Civil Engineering, currently on the 7 year plan but I'm seeing the light at the end of this tunnel! My daughter Jessica recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Memphis December 2012 graduating class. She graduated with a BS in Education with a concentration in Human Development in Learning. I am very proud of both of my children; they are the best thing that ever happened to me!

GRADUATION YEAR: 1985

DEGREE: Diploma of Nursing

FIELD OF STUDY: Nursing

CAREER PATH: ICU Nursing

What was your first job?

After graduation, I worked my first year in orthopedic surgery at the old Baptist Central.

What did you do next?

After one year, I moved back home to Parsons, TN and began a career in ICU nursing at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. I worked the majority of my career in MICU, SICU, and CCU as a bedside nurse. I served as the Critical Care Coordinator/House Supervisor for several years in the early 1990's and worked for several years in our Nurse Education department where I taught ECG classes, Critical Care Classes, BLS, ACLS, PALS classes and was the Nurse Educator for newly hired ICU staff. In 2008, I was promoted to Director of Clinical Services for Jackson Madison County General Hospital and served as Director over the Staffing Office which included the ICU/Acute Care and Med Surge Administrative Nursing Supervisors, Medical Response Team, a 150 FTE Staffing Resource Pool composed of RN's, LPN's, CNA's, CRS, and Sitters, and I also managed a 32-bed telemetry overflow unit on an as-needed basis.

What do you currently do?

In 2011, I was promoted to a position in Nursing Administration and now serve as Executive Director of Staffing and Patient Flow for West Tennessee Healthcare. I continue to manage our centralized Staffing Office including our ICU/Acute Care and Med Surge Administrative Nursing Supervisors, Medical Response Team, Staffing Resource Pool, and telemetry overflow unit. I now have responsibilities of our Wound Ostomy department including our Outpatient Ostomy Clinic as well.

I also serve on the Alumni Board of directors.

Why did you attend BCHS?

I knew a couple of previous graduates from the school and had heard about the good reputation for providing a quality education.

Who or what inspired you to work in the medical field or have your occupation?

As a senior in high school, I had to spend a little time in our local hospital after suffering from a short illness and my time there really opened my eyes to the opportunities in health care.

How has BCHS affected your life for the better?

I have been very blessed by the opportunities my Diploma in Nursing has given me. I have had a great career and feel the education I obtained at SON was the best anyone could have asked to receive. I was prepared to actually WORK in a hospital, not just pass a test.

What would you say to encourage someone to attend BCHS?

The traditions of a 100 year institution cannot be replicated in just any setting. Baptist Memorial Health Care has had a storied past as a leading provider of health care and is positioned to provide that same level of superb health care for the next century as well! BCHS has been there all the way and continues to provide a quality education. With its unique relationship with Baptist Memorial Health Care, it affords opportunities that may not be available from other programs.

What makes BCHS special?

The memories and friendships I made during my time at SON are very special to me. There is a strong sense of tradition that is hard to explain but I feel I was prepared to handle most any situation I encountered as a new nurse.

What message would you like to relay to your fellow alums?

Come to the Alumni Reunion if you can! You will have a great time and it's time for the Class of '85 to be well represented! I look forward to seeing you all at our next Alumni Reunion!

Alumni Gatherings



ABOVE: Jonesboro Alumni Luncheon held on January 23 (left to right) Betty Sue McGarvey, Mary Rowlett, Delores Adams, Glenda Ozier, Jane McDaniel, Jennifer Collomp, Vivian Alston, Janet Simpson, Nancy Henson and Mari Mullis

BELOW: Nashville Alumni Dinner held on February 18 (front row-left to right) Faith Parrish, Marie Randolph, Linda Forrest, Fay McRady, Edith Vaughn, Kathy Gwinn, Debbie Cothorn, Debby McMillin (back row-left to right) Carol Martinez, Carol Thomas, Joanne Hardin and Betty Sue McGarvey



2013 Nominations are Being Sought for Alumni Awards

THE BAPTIST COLLEGE of Health Sciences is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be given on June 8, 2013, during the alumni reunion luncheon. The award recognizes and honors alumni for distinguished personal and career achievements and for exemplary contributions to society that bring credit to the Baptist College of Health Sciences. One award is presented each year.

The criteria include the following:

1. Recipients must be of such integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that the award reflects honor on the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
2. Personal achievement through outstanding service to their community.
3. Achievements, patent on a new discovery or an innovation in a new technology.
4. Outstanding contribution to health care.
5. Regional, national or international reputation in the alumnus' field.

If you would like to make a nomination, please complete the form below and return to Bamby Counce, director of marketing and alumni services, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe, Memphis, TN 38104. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize our graduates who have had a very positive impact on their profession and their community.

Also, you can send an email to alumni@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The purpose of the Alumni Service Award is to acknowledge significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the Alumni Board/Association. Award selections will be made by a subcommittee of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Criteria includes:

1. Significant contributions – Recipients have shown dedication to their alma mater over time by volunteering their time to assist in whatever way they feel they can best serve. We want to acknowledge “significant” meaning above and beyond the norm. Their dedication has been an inspiration to others.
2. The recipient *must* be a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, any of the Baptist schools and/or the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
3. Candidates must perform community service in addition to service at the College
4. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character that have positively affected the College.

Selection process:

1. Recommendations for the Outstanding Alumni Service award are received by the

Alumni Office and made available to the awards committee. The recommendations may be made by alumni, faculty, staff and students of the College.

2. A letter must be submitted indicating the significance of the service rendered to the College by the nominee, along with a detailed list of accomplishments.
3. Mail to Baptist College, 1003 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104; email to alumni@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (fewer than 10 years) whose early volunteer service for BCHS sets an example for their peers, helps to keep other young alumni involved and shows promise for continued service and leadership in the future. Qualified candidates will also have made significant strides in their chosen profession.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty and staff. The nomination is in the form of a written letter to the BCHS Alumni Office. Nomination forms are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee as is the Alumni Service Award.

The award is granted on an annual basis and announced at the June alumni reunion.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 2013

Please address nominations to: Bamby Counce, director of marketing and alumni services, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Deadline for submission is May 17, 2013.

Nominated by: _____

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Future Generations to Benefit from Gurke's Generous Donation

By MARY MACKINNON

BILLIE SUE GURKE, a 1958 graduate of the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, makes it her mission to enrich the lives of young people and with her generous donation to the Baptist College of Health Sciences, she has secured herself the opportunity to this even after her death.

"I felt my inheritance would be better used and I wanted to repay to Baptist for what they had done for me," says Gurke, explaining her reason for designating a donation in her will.

Gurke says Baptist provided her with the foundation upon which she built a highly rewarding career that allowed her to touch an immeasurable number of lives.

After Baptist, she earned a B.S. in nursing from Texas Christian University and a master's degree at Texas Women's, and eventually became a school nurse practitioner in Texas for the Dallas Public School System, where she pioneered a project called "D-Tag" that garnered national recognition and adoption.

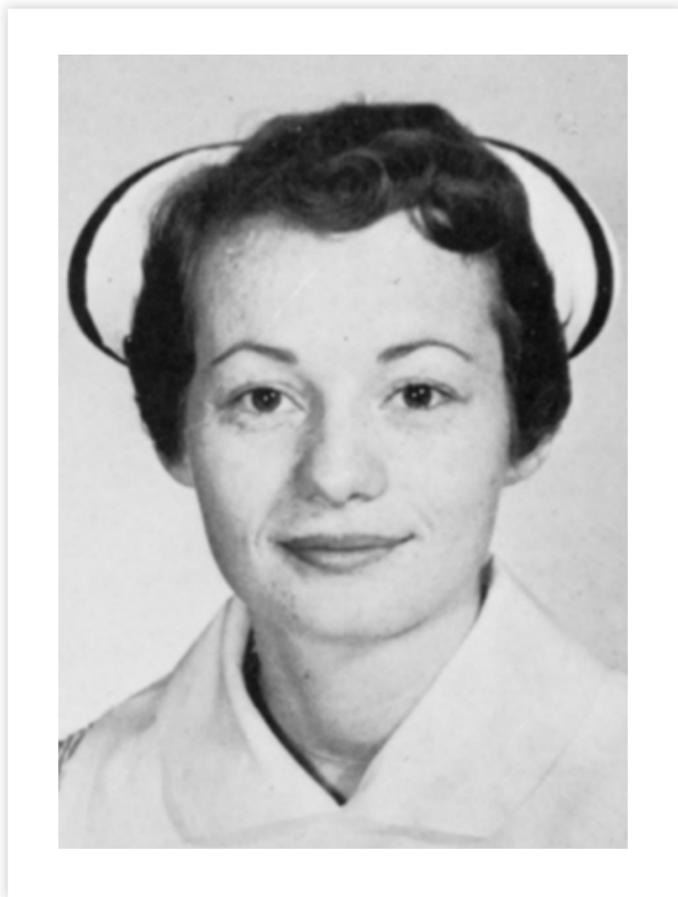
D-Tag is a tattoo removal program for high school students with previous gang involvement who were seeking a new lease on life.

She worked with hospitals and doctors to remove the tattoos, opening up opportunities for student like those who wished to join the armed forces after graduation. The military prohibits any visible tattoos and this program made serving their country a possibility, she says.

Gurke says she still keeps in touch with a D-Tag participant who greatly benefited from the program. After her tattoo removal, she went on to graduate valedictorian of her high school class, became a registered nurse and now is a practicing physician.

"None of this would have been possible without the education that Baptist gave me in the beginning," she says. "I want to do that for someone else."

Like 1958 graduate Billie Sue Gurke, several Baptist alumni have com-

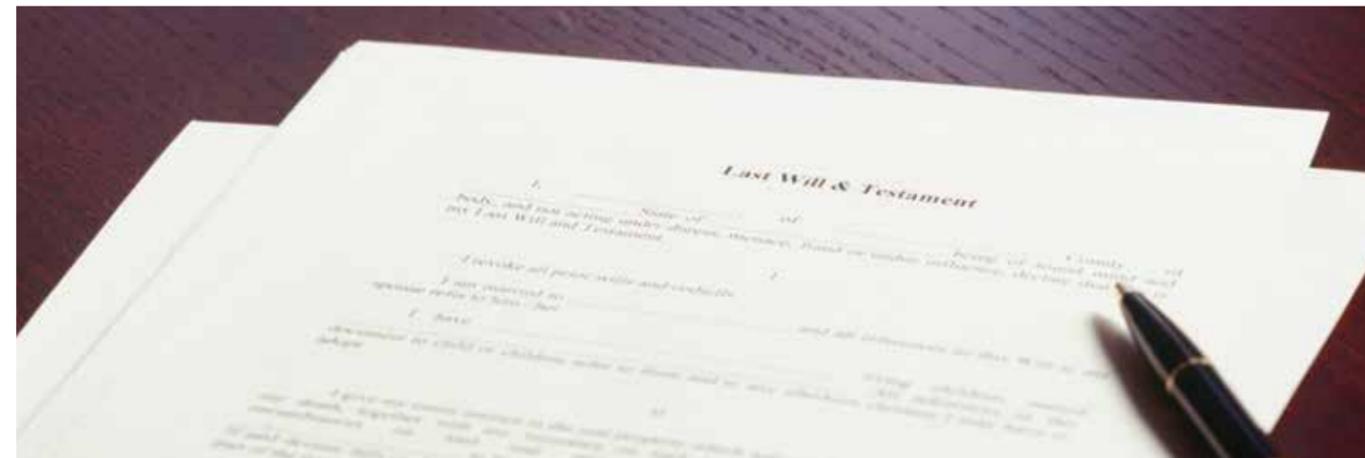


pleted a thorough review of their estate plans by meeting talking to Jeremy Pharr, a representative from Thompson & Associates. Thompson & Associates is an estate planning firm we have engaged to assist our alumni and donors accomplish their estate planning objectives. Thompson & Associates has no products to sell and all information shared with them is strictly confidential. There is no obligation to the company or to Baptist by meeting with them or talking on the telephone, nor is there a charge to participants for services provided.

This service is available for alumni regardless of where you live. If you are interested in a confidential no-cost, no obligation review of your plans, or if you need advice on how to get started making estate plans, please call Jenny Nevels, Foundation Executive Director, at (901) 227-7141 for more information.

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Class Notes

ALLIED HEALTH

CLASS OF 2012

Emily Tawater, (1) diagnostic medical sonography class of 2012, wed Anthony Rush on November 3, 2012 at Highland Street Church of Christ, Memphis. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Emily is a sonographer at UTMG Maternal Fetal Medicine.

NURSING

CLASS OF 1992

Dr. Cathy Stepter, class of 1992 and assistant Nursing professor at Baptist College, received the First-Time Author Award from MedSurg Nursing. Cathy's article "Maintaining Placement of Temporary Enteral Feeding Tubes in Adults: A Critical Appraisal of the Evidence" was published in the March/April 2012 issue of MedSurg Nursing.

CLASS OF 2006

Stacey Carmen Collins, class of 2006, received a Master's degree in Nursing, FNP, from University of Memphis, Loewenberg School of Nursing on December 13.

GINNA SNELL, class of 2006, received a Masters in Nursing Education from Union University in December. Ginna works as an adjust professor at Baptist College and PRN at LeBonheur.

Tiffany Renee Franklin, class of 2006, received a Master's degree in Nursing, Advanced Practice Nursing (FNP) from the University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing, on December 13.

CLASS OF 2008

Jena Burlison, class of 2008, received a Master's degree in Nursing, (FNP), from the University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing on December 13.

Christianne Marie Curbow, class of 2008, received a Master's degree in Nursing, FNP, from the University of Memphis Loewenberg, School of Nursing, on December 13.

CLASS OF 2009

Sheila Fleming, class of 2009, received a Master's degree of Nursing in Executive Leadership at the University of Memphis, Loewenberg School of Nursing on December 13.

Miranda King McGhee, class of 2009, received a Master's in Nursing, FNP, from the University of Memphis, Loewenberg School of Nursing, on December 13.

Karen Elaine Spencer, class of 2009, received a Master's degree in Nursing Education from the University of Memphis, Loewenberg School of Nursing, on December 13.

CLASS OF 2010

Alexandra (Allie) Harris Simmons, class of 2010, wed Eric Simmons on September 28, 2012. Allie is a RN at Baptist Memphis in CVICU.

Marilyn Culver Hunter, (2) class of 2010, married Jason Hunter on September 29, 2012 at Montrose in Holly Springs, Miss. Marilyn works as a RN at Baptist Germantown Rehab.

Sandra Miller, class of 2010, received the Baptist Service First Award for her outstanding patient care in the emergency department of BMH Memphis.

Tabetha Brennan Stehlik, (3) class of 2010, and her husband Joe, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Cole Anderson Stehlik. Cole was born September 27, 2012 at 8 lbs and 4 oz. Tabetha is a RN working at Baptist Memphis in the Emergency Department.

CLASS OF 2012

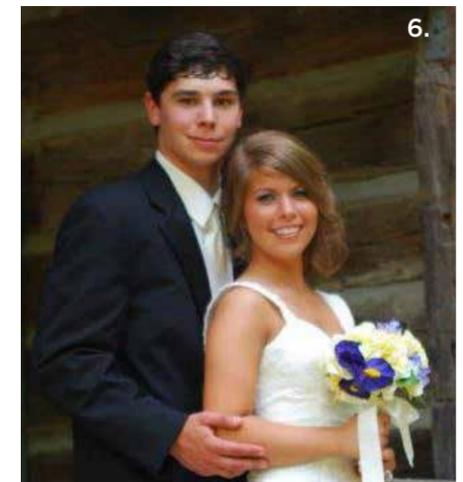
Lindsey Brady, (4) class of 2012, married Everette Bryant, current Nursing student, on August 25 at Spring Creek Ranch in Collierville, Tenn. Lindsey works at BMH Memphis as a RN on the pulmonary floor. Everette is working as an intern at BMH Women's Hospital in the NICU.

Anescia Collins, (5) class of 2012, and Dexter Wright were married on October 27 in Nashville, Tenn. Anescia is a RN at BMH Memphis in CV Step Down.

Jay Foshee, class of 2012, and his wife, Susan Foshee, are the proud parents of a baby girl born on December 7. Callie joins big sister Cordie Mae. Jay currently works at BMH Memphis as a RN in CV Step Down.

Tori Martinez Zuck (6) married Yaeger Zuck on May 18, 2012.

Correction: In the previous issue, the article featuring David Breedlove incorrectly stated that he worked in SICU at the Memphis VA hospital. Breedlove did not work in SICU while at the Memphis VA. After being transferred to the Birmingham VA hospital, he work in SICU there.



IN MEMORIAM

Mary Helen Cain Harkins, class of 1939, passed away on November 10, 2012

Bonnie Roberts Case, class of 1947, passed away on February 12, 2013

Ouida Riley McGehee, class of 1948, passed away on November 26, 2012.

Mary Alice "Penny" Pendergrast Yarbrough, class of 1948, passed away on August 8, 2012.

Anene Irby Ristow, class of 1953, passed away on December 12, 2012.

Noma "Rusty" Phillips Gargano, class of 1956, passed away on November 17, 2012.

Olivia Watkins Ledgerwood, class of 1963, passed away on June 28, 2012

Mary Lou Rowlett Lacey, class of 1957, passed away on June 8, 2012.



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