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THIS YEAR'S ALUMNI REUNION

fell on the perfect holiday—Best Friends Day! Seriously, it is a “recognized” holiday on the Web. While the origin of the holiday is not known, it is always celebrated on June 8. Best Friends Day is set aside to enjoy and appreciate your best friend.

For many of us, some of our best friends are those we met during college at a time when we became independent and began making major decisions about careers and family.>>>

We spent countless hours together studying, hanging out and discussing everything from family to finances. We shared happy times, sad times and even disappointing times. Our friends became our lifelines as we shared moments that prepared us for the next phases in life. The bonds formed during these years can be some of our strongest friendship ties.

If you are lucky, you still have a best friend from that time. If you are really lucky, you still have several friends you cherish. While we may not spend as much time together due to distance and new interests, the friendships we formed during that time in our lives are special. I do not think I would have made it through nursing school if it had not been for my friends and their encouragement along the way.

Reunions are special because they are times set aside to honor those memories. This year's reunion was no different as the 25- and 50-year anniversary classes of 1988 and 1963 gathered to renew friendships and catch up on life events. Gail Winkler and Betty Dozier from the class of 1974 shared that their journey as best friends developed into being more like sisters and family than just best friends. Class of 1978 best friends Linda Haley Atwood and Vicki Aubertine Long attended the reunion and shared that they started off as roommates and their friendship grew to taking vacations together and their

children knowing each other as well. Karen Hill Dye, Norma Hall and Annis Gholson from the class of 1963 grew up together as best friends. Their friendship continued in nursing school, and they became more like sisters than friends.

*Everyone hears what you say.
Friends listen to what you say.
Best friends listen to what you
don't say.*

- Unknown

Even though June 8 has passed, it is never too late to take a moment and think of those you were close to in school or college. If you have lost touch with someone, call us to see if we have contact information. Search for them on Facebook. Call other classmates to see if they know how to get in touch with that special friend. Any day is a good day to make the effort to tell someone they mattered to you and why.

To my BFFs (best friends forever), you are still precious blessings to me each and every day.

Warmly,

BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, DSN, RN
- President

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ON THE COVER: Shelly Branch, nursing class of 1982.

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Alumni Reunion

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION was held the weekend of June 7-8 with more than 120 alumni participating in the festivities. Alumni gathered at Memphis Opera House on Friday evening for a nice dinner and fellowship with former classmates. On Saturday, a luncheon was held at the College with Erma Oliver, president of the Alumni Board of Directors, as the host of the event.

Jenny Nevels, director of Development for the Baptist Foundation, introduced the featured speaker, Ellen Rolfes, also of the Foundation. Her topic was "In the Fullness of Time" which shared her reflections on changes that happen over time and making a difference in the lives of others.

The class of 1963 celebrated 50 years since their graduation and had the highest number of alumni of all classes represented. They also had gatherings at two of their classmates' homes over the weekend.

Oliver presented the 2013 Alumni Awards at the alumni luncheon on Saturday. This year's Distinguished Alumni Award went to Betty Dozier (1), nursing class of 1971. Dozier works in the hematology/oncology field and is a registered nurse at The Jones Clinic in German-

town, Tenn. She is an active member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies and facilitates a cancer support group called Live Life Cancer Network for newly diagnosed patients. Dozier is also a Raki Master Level II Therapeutic Touch Practitioner with more than 20 years of experience helping those suffering with pain and anxiety. She teaches a weekly tai chi class and is very active in Gracewood Baptist Church where she works with young adults.

The 2013 Alumni Service Award was presented to Kathy Fish (2), medical radiography class of 1977, and a member of the College Ambassador Board. Fish has been instrumental in working with the College on two fundraisers and silent auctions. Fish has helped raise awareness of the Baptist College and helps recruit other Memphis business owners to the committee. She is actively involved in the Memphis community and serves on the board for the Playhouse on the Square and Project Green Fork. She previously served on the board for Friends of Life.



LEFT: Class of 1988 celebrates 25 years

BELOW: Class of 1963 50-year celebration





April 2013 Commencement

THE TWENTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences was held on April 11, 2013, at Bellevue Baptist Church, in Cordova, Tenn.

Betty Sue McGarvey, President of the Baptist College, presided over the ceremony introducing platform guests and distinguished speaker Dr. Fitz Hill, president of Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Ark. One hundred eleven baccalaureate degrees were awarded with 74 in nursing and 37 in the allied health degree programs.

Special Graduation Awards

JAMES GLASGOW, CHAIRMAN of the Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences Board of Trustees, presented the prestigious College Board of Directors Award to Sarah Lewis (1), graduating summa cum laude in medical radiography. An additional five awards were given to outstanding graduates—the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award to Sean Elrod (2), graduating magna

cum laude in nursing; the Joseph H. Powell Award to Rebekah Sherlin-Chaplin (3), graduating summa cum laude in radiation therapy; the Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award to Jessica Harris (4), graduating summa cum laude in medical radiography; the Dr. John F. Rockett Award to John B. Collins (5), graduating cum laude in nuclear medicine; and the Sarah Ainsworth Award to Michael Klesges (6), graduating cum laude in nursing. These students were nominated and selected based on

specific guidelines, including grade point averages, leadership qualities, community service, clinical expertise, and commitment to lifelong learning.

Since graduation, the College was notified that Rebekah Sherlin-Chaplin has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Science School of Medicine. She will attend the “white coat ceremony” this summer and begin medical school in August 2013. Her goal is to become a radiation oncologist.



Student Honors Convocation

STUDENT SERVICES HOSTED the Student Honors Convocation with a reception in the College Assembly Hall on March 25. Students were recognized for their academic, service, leadership, and spirit within the Baptist College community. Three special awards were presented by Jeremy Wilkes, director of student services. The 2013 Leadership Award was presented to Avonlea Brewster (1), the Service Award to Sarah Lewis (2), and the BCHS Spirit Award to Gabriela Suarez (3). Various faculty members presented certificates or special recognition to student leaders for their work as tutors, those who set examples for other students, and those who assisted with various events throughout the year.



Faculty and Staff Honors Convocation

THE ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF Honors Convocation was held at the College on Monday, March 18. Drs. Linda Reed, Dean Anne Plumb and Barry Schultz recognized faculty from each division for their accomplishments in the past year. College staff members were recognized by Dr. Adonna Caldwell, vice president of Administrative Services. President McGarvey announced the 2013 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty—Judy LaBonte (4), associate professor of nursing in absentia. Ms. LaBonte was defending her doctorate and unable to attend. Dr. McGarvey also presented the 2013 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Staff Award to Denise Bowman, (5) registrar in Academic Affairs. Plumb presented Tracey Powers (6), adjunct clinical instructor, the 2013 DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty at the Baptist College.



NURSE-PINNING CEREMONY

Seventy four (74) nursing graduates were recognized at the Spring 2013 Pinning and Recognition Ceremony held on April 11, 2013. This pinning ceremony is a nursing school tradition that marks the graduate's rite of passage into the profession of nursing. Nursing faculty pinned proud graduates. During the ceremony, nursing graduates also were recognized for additional achievements. Those recognized included student nurse mentors and inductees into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Michael Klesges received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from the Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau in recognition of his academic achievement and leadership ability. The spring graduating class, represented by Sheila Arnold, presented a check to Dr. Plumb for the Baptist Foundation in support of the Diane Rubin Brown Scholarship Fund in memory of Patricia Irby, College librarian.

PHOTO: Everett Bryant, April nursing graduate

A Mission of Purpose



BY MARIE MITCHELL

Health Care Management Student

IN LATE DECEMBER 2012, a special committee selected students from the Baptist College of Health Sciences to attend a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Interested students completed an application with essay questions that told about their character and how they could contribute their time and talents to the week-long experience. Priority consideration was given to students who had completed the introductory clinical course,

Patient Care and Basic Skills.

After months of planning, our April 20 departure date was fast approaching. Fifteen students, a recent graduate nurse, six Baptist faculty and staff and six partners from Seeds Ministries gathered at the Memphis airport at 4 a.m., anxious to use our gifts for the work ahead. After a three-hour flight to the capital city, Santo Domingo, we made a four-hour bus trip west to Barahona.

Once in the Dominican, getting our medicines together was our first team priority, then establishing what task each of us would perform in clinic. Prayer was another essential, every morning and every night we would all pray together for guidance and direction. We would then spend four days in medical clinics with the very sick women, men and children of the impoverished country.

Our introduction to the Dominican culture came late Sunday afternoon at the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana Church (the Evangelical or Protestant Church of the Dominican Republic) in Barahona where we experienced an awesome worship service. After service, we toured the church's orphanage facilities with Pastor Johnson, then engaged with a few of the children residing there.

Monday and Tuesday's clinics were in the two Dominican communities of Jaquimeyes and Fonda Negra. There the team tended to many of the sick people who came seeking medical attention—some with serious ailments, such as advanced pneumonia. The team ministered to the young and elderly alike.

Wednesday was spent at the Rancho de Don Cesar in the mountain community of Paraiso (Paradise). This particular experience brought

a sense of wanting and compassion to each of us. Applause from a crowd of 100 or more welcomed us for coming to provide services at the makeshift clinic at Don Cesar's home. The beautiful, natural setting was a place of serenity that made each of us speechless, but thankful for the opportunity to be a blessing to the neighbors of Don Cesar and his wife.

Our final but most challenging day of community clinics was on Thursday. It was spent in the Batey 7. (A batey is a company town for sugarcane workers, most of whom are Haitian.) This nameless community (just a number) was the poorest of all the communities we served. At times, it was difficult to hold back tears from the illnesses seen, such as chronic pneumonia, severe burns, extreme cases of ringworms and impetigo. Touring Batey 7 showed us that family or friends are sometimes all we have to maintain our sense of happiness. But having spirituality is what sustains us in the face of grave challenges, such as the struggle to survive in the bateys. In late afternoon, we toured the large public hospital in Barahona and were reminded again of how wide the gap is between those who have access to modern health care and those lacking it.

On Friday, we hosted a drop-in clinic for the staff at the Playazul. Throughout the day, the team served staff and family members who dropped by.

At the end of the week, our mission of purpose was accomplished. The life-changing experience left each of us thankful, with a sense of purpose. Our experience was best captured by Philippians 1:3-6:

"Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears."

Around Campus



1. The Baptist College organization known as Brothers and Sisters in Christ (BASIC) gathered at Grace St. Luke Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 14 to serve meals to the homeless and distribute hygiene kits. BCHS students donated the toiletry items weeks prior to the event and BASIC organized them for delivery. Students, faculty and staff worked with volunteers from Door of Hope and More Than A Meal.

Karen Smith is the director of Campus Ministries at BCHS and Ashley Alexander, a current nursing student, is the president of BASIC.

2. BCHS students were among students from the city who attended the Colleges of Memphis meeting convened by Mayor A. C. Wharton. The Mayor met with students from more than 10 Memphis colleges and universities to solicit their input on how to position Memphis as a college town.

3. On February 15, the Student Government Association (SGA) presented a \$1,000 check to the Baptist Operation Outreach Homeless Health Care Mobile Van. Formerly operating as the HOPE Health Center, the Outreach van provides acute and primary care, information on disease prevention and guidance to Memphians without permanent housing. Pictured left to right are Jennifer Mickens, social worker with the Baptist Operation Outreach mobile van; Ann Marie Wallace, coordinator for Baptist Community Outreach; Lauren Logan, SGA Vice President; and Sandra Grissom, current BCHS student.

4. The Alpha Eta Honor Society induction ceremony was held in April with one faculty and nine students as initiates. Alpha Eta is the National Honor Society for the Allied Health Professions and its members represent the top 10 percent graduates of Allied Health Schools and Colleges.

Front Row: Rebekah Sherlin-Chaplin, Jennifer Delashmit, Mary Grace Renfro, Dr. Carol Warren, Susan Flowers
Back Row: Jessica Harris, Brad Collins, Neal Beamon, Sarah Lewis, Lindsey Simon

Alumni Profile

LORI TURPEN

Class of 1982, Respiratory Therapy



AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS IN MEDICINE, Registered Respiratory Therapist Lori Turpen, MSA, RRT, has acquired a wide view of her field.

"I've been on staff, in education, in acute care and home health," says Turpen.

Her formal career began with her graduation in 1982 from the Baptist School of Respiratory Medicine; her primary interest in respiratory medicine started much earlier.

"My mother is an asthmatic and has struggled with difficult breathing," said Turpen. "It was during the 1960s and 1970s when asthma was handled much differently and with lots of hospitalizations."

In high school at Craigmont in Memphis, a mentoring teacher who led the Health Occupations Students of America group inspired Turpen to pursue a career as a respiratory therapist—and she's never looked back.

Her first position as a staff therapist with Baptist led to her promotion as a shift supervisor and then her role as the director of Clinical Education for Respiratory Therapy.

With the closing of that program in 1991, she worked with clinical students. Eventually, in 1993 under the leadership of Dr. Rose Temple, Turpen joined a small group of team members who collaborated and built the infrastructure of the current college program launched in 1995. She then worked in corporate America, but eventually found herself looking for a new position after a layoff.

"I contacted some of my Baptist friends with whom I had stayed in touch and told them I would love to come back to Baptist," says Turpen. At that time, a position became available in the Home Medical Equipment area. "I was the manager of the home medical equipment, delivering respiratory equipment to patients," says Turpen.

In 2005, Turpen moved to Baptist DeSoto where she is now the director of Cardiopulmonary and Respiratory Diagnostic Services. Looking back, Turpen reflects on how her work has changed.

"In our infancy, we used to be more task oriented," says Turpen. "Now, therapists practice by protocols to deliver care within a team environment."

Turpen notes that therapists are the only other staff members beside nurses that deliver

care 24 hours a day, seven days a week

"It was the vision of our college to reach a point where each profession not only respected the other but encouraged an environment where everyone knows what each discipline is doing," says Turpen."

Turpen, who watched her occupation become a licensed profession in the 1980s, believes strongly in teaching students and growing young leaders. In such a heavy-equipment-type profession, technology has further advanced the therapist role in ways Turpen couldn't imagine years ago.

A mother and wife, Turpen enjoys NASCAR and football when not working.

"During football season, you'll find me glued to the games all weekend," says Turpen. "My husband and I usually go to a couple of NASCAR races during the season. I'm a huge football fan."

And as for her mother?

"She is 79 and quit smoking on her 72 birthday as her gift to me," says Turpen. "I think if she didn't have a daughter who was constantly teaching and coaching, she wouldn't be compliant. And I could never have helped her as much if I hadn't become a therapist."



WHITNEY WEEKS

Class of 2012, Nursing

WHEN WHITNEY WEEKS began seriously considering a career path, she knew one thing for sure.

"I like helping people, especially kids," says Weeks.

Teaching, not medicine, was her first thought.

"It wasn't my first choice until I discovered the Baptist program and really got into it," said Weeks. "I knew it wouldn't be easy and it wasn't; the studying and work were challenging but rewarding."

Weeks graduated in April 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and began working on the respiratory floor at LeBonheur, combining her love of helping kids and medicine.

"Because we see kids of all ages and cystic fibrosis patients, I am also treating young adults," said Weeks.

Single with no children of her own, Weeks however is surrounded by family these days.

"I have two sisters and one just graduated from the Baptist program and the other is just starting!" says Weeks.

Weeks hopes to continue to her education, possibly becoming a nurse practitioner one day.

"Right now, I really enjoy the work in pulmonary," says Weeks.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONFIRMATION

On March 13, Baptist College received confirmation from the Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation, Division of Health Related Boards, that Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences is fully approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Rules and Regulations 1000-1-.5(4)(b) state that full approval is granted to a school that has met the requirements that are set forth by the board and has demonstrated its ability to provide an educational program, which meets the boards standard's. Renewal of approval is granted annually based on survey visits, conferences, correspondence, the annual report and the NCLEX pass rate.

For 2012, the Nursing Board pass rate for Baptist College was 94.67 percent, which was above both state and national pass rates.

Alumni Profile

ADRIAN NEWSON

Class of 1992, Radiation Therapy

ARKANSAS NATIVE ADRIAN NEWSON, MS, RT, assistant administrator of Clinical Services at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, found his career path through an unlikely but fortuitous set of circumstances. The youngest of seven children from the rural, tiny town of Birdsong, Ark., Newson knew two things for sure about his early years.

“No one from my family had ever gone to college and everyone went from high school to the factories,” says Newson. “I never thought of doing anything different than my siblings.”

A series of fateful circumstances, however, would push him in an unfathomable direction. First, a beloved aunt developed cancer and needed help. Then Newson transferred high schools in 1977 during his senior year. When a counselor began closely reviewing his records for due diligence to ensure he would graduate, she observed something.

“She noticed I had good grades and told me I was obviously a good book student,” says Newson. Then, she asked me if I had ever thought of going to college. We didn’t have the money so she asked me, ‘If I get you a scholarship, will you go?’”

Newson went home and asked his mother and she agreed, but he still hesitated.

“My mother always said she wanted to retire after I graduated so I didn’t want to be a burden on her,” says Newson. “So I didn’t go back to see the counselor.”

The counselor called him days later, realizing the extent to which Newson was unfamiliar with the process and pressed the issue. “She ended up getting me a full scholarship to ASU in Jonesboro,” says Newson.

But that was just the start for Newson who had no real reference as to the college experience.

“My mother told me to go down the street and ask a teacher what we should do next,” says Newson. “I remember her saying that she would have gone to some college if she was a teacher.”

Becoming another real support, the teacher would help Newson understand everything.

“Even down to the fact I’d need a sheet and towel for the dorm,” Says Newson.

With no way to Jonesboro, Ark. the teacher

hired a man to move Newson.

He clearly remembers the day he arrived at school and all the familiar faces left.

“I didn’t know what to do, so I made the bed and laid down,” says Newson. “I remember looking at the ceiling and thinking, ‘What did I get myself into?’”

But his clear focus and strong faith sustained him. His affinity for people led him first to education, but he discovered his young age and maturity worked against him. His student teaching felt disastrous.

“I found myself in a foreign place again, so I sought out another counselor and attended a career day,” says Newson. “There, I learned about radiology and became fascinated with the images.”

And the rest is history. Newson would continue on with his education and now holds degrees from The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (bachelor’s in radiology), Baptist Memorial Hospital (certificate—School of Radiation Therapy) and The University of Memphis (Masters in leadership and policy studies).

His responsibilities grew with each position, and today he has leadership responsibilities for Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Respiratory, Laboratory Services, Blood Bank, Pulmonary, and Neurodiagnostics. He has 23 years of health care experience, ranging from radiographer, radiation therapist, educator, and director for both Radiology and Radiation Oncology.

While the world of higher education may have been foreign to the young Newson, understanding himself, his upbringing, and his faith at an early age gave him a rare grounding. “I always knew that my desires were different from my siblings.”

Today, he views his success with a cheerful



humbleness, sharing his thoughts with anyone who hopes to transcend their own limitations.

“Be true to thyself,” says Newson. “Seek out a path and figure out who you are.”

Years later, Newson returned to thank his high school counselor for her help.

His personal philosophy drives his work.

“I treat every experience as an opportunity to capture something,” says Newson. “Even as an X-ray tech, I knew I wanted to do the very best job and to distinguish myself. I knew my character was my trademark.”

At a time when the health care industry is in a major state of change with government and insurance involvement, Newson believes patient access needs to remain at the forefront of all discussions.

“It’s a very uncertain environment and we live in a legalistic society,” says Newson. “I want to be the best advocate for the institution and the patients, working to meet patient and institutional needs.”

Watching from afar, his mother knows Newson does something in health care.

“Mom realized I had the power of influence in my work but she still just sees me as that youngest child,” says Newson.

As a father of three children, he can relate. And his work remains more than a job.

“It’s a wonderful career choice,” says Newson. “I don’t view this as a job but a calling. When my feet hit the floor, I am excited about work. My faith keeps me grounded and I walk in it every day. When I feel like I have stopped making a difference, I will quit.”



BCHS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Deidre Malone joined the Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences Board of Directors in May 2013.

Malone is the President/CEO of the Carter Malone Group public relations firm. Before opening the firm in 2003, she served as vice president of Marketing Development for ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. ALSAC is the fundraising arm of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the third largest health care charity in the United States. For 10 years, Malone was the director of Public Relations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Malone also worked for WMC-TV Channel 5 as a news producer and WMC-AM radio as a news reporter and anchor. She also served as the news director for WLOK-AM radio early in her professional career. She was nominated for an Emmy and has won many professional awards for her work in the field of public relations.

During her service as Shelby County Commissioner, Malone was selected as the first African-American female to serve as chair.

She is a graduate of Jackson State University, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communications with a minor in marketing.

Malone is married to Dr. Patrick Malone (internal medicine), has two sons, Patrick II and Brian, and also one grandson Patrick III.

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

DR. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of philosophy and religion, was elected to the Board of the Mid-South Comfort Care Coalition. The Comfort Care Coalition is a citizens' group dedicated to helping individuals live with dignity, comfort and peace as they near the end of life. It serves as a broad-based community network to educate community members and advocate for people with life-threatening illnesses and end of life concerns.

DR. JANET HEATH, professor of mathematics, presented "Applying a Competency-Based Learning Model in Math 110" at the fifth annual faculty symposium on March 28, 2013, at Baptist College.

KATHY HUNT, program chair for nuclear medicine technology, attended the Health Professionals Board Meeting and Healthcare Workforce Summit in Las Vegas, Nev. from February 26 to March 1. The summit featured speakers from current and pending workforce development programs, education associations and national strategic leaders from U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and Health Workforce Information Center.

LINDA REED, dean of allied health, represented Baptist College of Health Sciences at a Tennessee College Association meeting in Nashville, Tenn. on March 27-28. The meeting brought together academic administrators from a variety of two-year, four-year and research colleges and universities representing public and private institutions of higher education in Tennessee. Topics discussed at the meeting included closing the gaps of educational opportunity and achievement in Tennessee; best practices in student success, retention and graduation; reducing the achievement gaps of underrepresented minority and low-income students; and Tennessee fiscal policy analysis and development for public institutions.

MITZI ROBERTS, program chair and assistant professor of diagnostic medical sonography, served as item writer for the Abdomen and Ultrasound Physical Principles and Instrumentation national credentialing examinations given by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

DEBRA SMITH has joined the medical radiography program as a full-time instructor. Smith is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Radiography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging. She will teach classes in Medical Radiography and MRI. Smith is a 2006 graduate of BCHS.

PATTI WAGGENER, associate professor of English, and Dr. Greg Freeman, associate professor of mathematics, presented "Competency-Based Education: Does It Work for Everyone?" at the fifth annual faculty symposium on March 28.

CAROLYN DANLEY, director of the Center for Academic Excellence, was named president-elect of the Junior League of Memphis for 2013. Junior League of Memphis is an organization of women committed primarily to volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Danley participated in a community foundation panel at the Junior League grant information session on February 5.

NURSING HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large ceremony was held on April 5, 2013, at the University of Memphis, Fogelman Executive Center. Thirty five BCHS graduates—including spring and summer graduates, along with graduates from the University of Memphis Lowenburg School of Nursing and University of Tennessee College of Nursing-Memphis, were inducted into this prestigious honor society that recognizes academic excellence, academic integrity and potential for leadership in nursing.

Baptist College Acquires State-Of-The-Art Teaching Tool With Foundation Grant

by MARY MACKINNON

BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 2013, radiation therapy students at the Baptist College of Health Sciences will have the experience of treating patients—virtual patients, that is.

Thanks to a grant from the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, the College has purchased the latest teaching tool available to colleges and universities. Using state-of-the-art rear projection technology and special

goggles, the Virtual Environmental Radiotherapy Training (VERT™) system creates a three-dimensional environment that replicates a radiation therapy treatment room. “VERT is going to change the way we teach radiation therapy,” said Julie Lasley.

Lasley, M.S.A., R.T. (T), is chair of the radiation therapy program at Baptist College and a BCHS graduate. Comparing VERT to an airplane flight simulator, Lasley said, “When a student practices with a virtual patient in a virtual treatment room, failure is an *oæption*.”

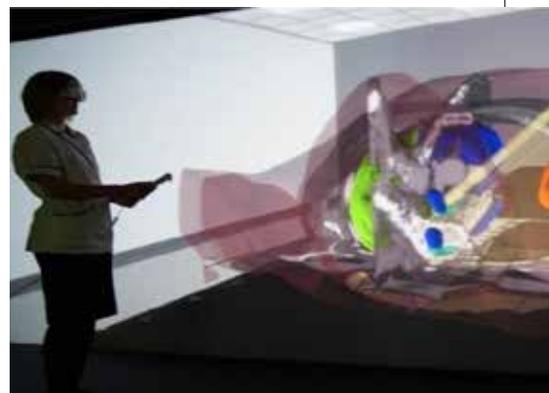
Using actual patient data and life-sized graphics, VERT can reproduce almost every scenario virtually in the classroom. Students can take their time to learn and ask questions. The entire treatment process from start to finish can be replicated so students can see the results and discuss what could have been done differ-

ently. The VERT system provides students with a safe environment free from time pressures commonly encountered in busy radiation therapy departments.

“Of course, nothing can replace the real world clinical experience and the many issues and illnesses real patients can present,” said Lasley. “But with VERT, we can better prepare our students by allowing them to get hands-on experience in a less intimidating environment before they go into the clinic.”

While VERT was developed for radiation therapy education, the technology can be used in other imaging majors at the College and even in the biomedical sciences field.

Along with MD Anderson’s School of Health Professions at the University of Texas, Baptist College is currently one of only 10 sites in the United States and 80 worldwide to have this



new teaching technology.

In addition to VERT, the Foundation grant also provides for the purchase of PEARL, a new and innovative patient education computer program that enhances the ability of radiation oncologists, nurses and therapists to communicate complex treatment planning to patients and their families, thus decreasing anxiety prior to therapy. With PEARL, clinicians can show patients how their actual treatment is planned and administered.

PEARL will be available at the Baptist Cancer Center in Memphis in late 2013 and at five additional Baptist locations in 2014.

To watch a video demonstration of VERT, visit www.bchs.edu/radiation-therapy.

Gladys C. Holcomb Nursing Scholarship Fund Established by Colonial Baptist Church

The Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Gladys C. Holcomb Nursing Scholarship, available to a deserving nursing student beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year. This scholarship was made possible by a generous donation from Colonial Baptist Church in Memphis in memory of long-time church member Gladys Cordle Holcomb who passed away in 2010.

Growing up on a farm near Munford, Tenn., Holcomb always knew she wanted to be a nurse. The first in her family to be educated past high school, she was accepted to the nursing diploma program at the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in the fall of 1949.

Some Baptist alumni from the class of 1952

might remember Holcomb from their first year of training. Why only the first year? The rules were extraordinarily strict back then, and as Holcomb told her family, she might have been told she was a little too opinionated and talked a little too much to come back the next year! By all accounts, Gladys Cordle Holcomb lived up to the stereotype of a “fiery redhead,” all 4-ft, 10-inches of her.

Never one to be deterred—especially from her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse—Holcomb was accepted the very next fall at the University of Tennessee, obtained her bachelor’s in nursing, and spent the next 40-plus years pursuing her passion.

Described by her sister, Jean Barron of Brigh-

ton, Tenn., as intelligent, determined, strong-willed, business-minded and persevering, Holcomb also had a servant’s heart. She never met a stranger and was an avid reader and a faithful Baptist. And according to Baptist School of Nursing alumni Annabel Taylor and Ludine Carlisle, who worked with Holcomb at the VA Hospital in Memphis, she always held Baptist Hospital and the nursing school in high esteem.

Holcomb worked at the VA for 32 years. It was there, while working in the spinal cord unit, she met her husband Len Holcomb. Gladys and Len loved to travel and often took his children, grandchildren, their nieces, nephews and even children from church on cross-country trips.

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Please take a moment to help us improve your experience at BCHS. When completed, please return the survey to the Alumni Office at 1003 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104. Or you can take the survey online at www.bchs.com/alumni&friends.

PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS

How often do you come to BCHS?

- Once a month
- 4 or 5 times a year
- Fewer than 3 times per year
- Rarely

How would you rate our alumni reunion?

- Consistently high quality
- Generally good
- Fair
- Poor

What did you like best about the reunion?

- Food
- Program
- Giveaways
- Location
- Alumni update on College
- Other _____

How can we improve this event in the future?

- More entertainment
- Speakers
- Change in food
- Video with photos from your school days
- Prefer the entire time to visit with classmates
- Other _____

For the Friday evening alumni dinner, would you prefer:

- A class-sponsored dinner (e.g., the class of 1945 only)
- Continue with all alumni at one location

SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENT

What is an appropriate length for the alumni dinner?

- One hour
- Two hours
- Three hours
- Doesn't matter to me

Additional Comments:

Do you prefer to have a seated meal or buffet?

- Seated
- Buffet

How would you rate the staff?

- Friendly and helpful
- Average
- Varies on each visit
- Poor service

Do you have a preference for locations?

- Both days on campus
- Banquet room/off campus
- One event on campus, one off campus
- Doesn't matter to me

COMMUNICATIONS

How satisfied are you with each type of Communication?

Alumni News	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Email	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
BCHS website	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Facebook	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in any of the following?

- Being a Chapel speaker
- Speaking to a class
- Family day (October)
- Helping with orientation in the fall
- Assisting in a career fair
- Alumni travel group
- Alumni discounts
- Other _____

Class Notes

ALLIED HEALTH

CLASS OF 1971

Annette Hairston, nuclear medicine technology, is a nuclear medicine technologist with GE Healthcare, a nuclear pharmacy in Memphis, Tenn. When not working at the pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her grandson Spencer who is now 10 years old.

CLASS OF 1973

JoEllen Reed, respiratory care, was promoted to director of Pulmonary Physiology Laboratory, EKG, and Electro-neurodiagnostics departments at Baptist Memphis.

CLASS OF 1994

Dawne Dodson, nuclear medicine technology, is the immediate past president of the Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Tennessee. Recently, Dodson completed the leadership academy sponsored by the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging–Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS). Dodson is an adjunct instructor in the Allied Health division at Baptist College of Health Sciences.

CLASS OF 1996

Amy Burgess, nuclear medicine technology, completed the nursing program at Southwest and received her license on March 12. She is now a registered nurse working at Baptist Memphis full time. In addition, Amy works PRN at the Med as a training specialist in IT training and implements CPOE and various programs in the Electronic Medical Records department. She has a Master of Science in administration with a concentration in health services administration from Central Michigan University.

Russ Landers, nuclear medicine technology, is the chief nuclear medicine technologist at Lister Healthcare in Florence, Ala. When not working, Landers enjoys spending time outdoors camping and hiking.

CLASS OF 1997

Julia Craig Karaszewski, nuclear medicine technology, is a technologist with the Nuclear Imaging Management Corporation in Gallatin, Tenn. Karaszewski stays busy with her three children under the age of five. Her children are Ian (4 years old), Anastasia (2 years old) and Tanner (8 months).

Tonee Porter, nuclear medicine technology, is working for Methodist Hospitals as a staff technologist in nuclear medicine. Her son, Tevin, is entering high school this fall.

CLASS OF 2001

Amanda Powell Anderson, (1) nuclear medicine technology, is a nuclear medicine technologist with Memphis Cardiology and ProActive Heart and Vascular. She was named the 2009 winner of the Amateur Salsa Competition in Memphis, Tenn. For the past four years, she has been a member of the semi-professional salsa team named Salsa Memphis.

CLASS OF 2006

Autumn (Forbes) Byars, (2) radiography, gave birth to a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on March 1, 2013.

CLASS OF 2008

Patti Whitlock Honnoll, (3) diagnostic medical sonography, wed Scott Honnoll on May 4, 2013, at Cedar Hill Farm in Love, Miss. Patti is a sonographer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She is also a past recipient (2011) of the Baptist College Young Alumni of the Year.

CLASS OF 2009

Steven Gonzalez, nuclear medicine technology, is working as a technologist in the Nuclear Medicine department of two hospitals. During the week, Steven is working full-time in Dyersburg, Tenn. On weekends, he provides coverage for a hospital in Jackson, Tenn.

CLASS OF 2010

Saphia Jaffery, (4) nuclear medicine technology, works as a nuclear medicine technologist for a radiology group in Jackson, Miss. The group manages outpatient radiology at Baptist Medical Center. She recently completed the 2012 Ironman Triathlon in Tempe, Ariz. The triathlon is an endurance event encompassing a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run.

CLASS OF 2013

Rebekah Sherlin-Chaplin, (5) radiation therapy, was accepted to the University of Tennessee medical school. She will attend the "white coat ceremony" this summer and begin medical school in August of 2013. Her plan is to become a radiation oncologist.

NURSING

CLASS OF 1986

Donna Oliver Hale, (6) MSN, RN, was promoted to chief nursing officer at Baptist Rehabilitation-Germantown. Donna has held a variety of positions in the Baptist system for the last 27 years and most recently was the manager of Infection Control, Employee Health and Staff Development at Baptist Rehab-Germantown

CLASS OF 2010

Destiny Williams Ike (7) and husband, Daniel, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Daniel Clayton, born on April 24, 2013. Daniel has a big sister, Lani.

Sandra Miller (8) recently received two recognitions—DAISY winner and Service First Champion. DAISY recognitions are for extraordinary nurses caring for patients, and Service First Champions are employees nominated and then voted by their peers as someone who has gone "above and beyond." She works in the

ED and received the Service First award for her assistance with an out of town patient.

CLASS OF 2011

Hannah Zarshenas (9) married **Justin Cole**, nuclear medicine graduate in 2012, on Friday, June 14. Hannah is a nurse at Baptist Memphis in transplant. Justin is a nuclear medicine technologist at Baptist Memphis.

CLASS OF 2012

Samantha Rankins Robbins (10) wed Michael Robbins on June 1, 2013. They live in Little Rock, Ark. where Samantha is an RN at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Sydney Ray and Christopher Gully (11) were married on June 7, 2013. Sydney is an RN at Baptist Memphis in Oncology and Christopher is also an RN at Baptist Memphis in CVICU.



IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Pat Perez, class of 1958, passed away in March 2013.

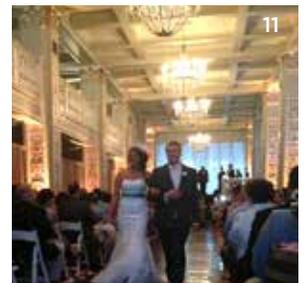
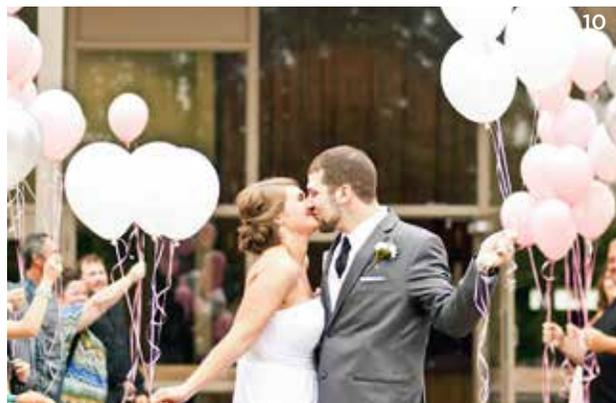
Peggy Allen Woodhouse, class of 1961, passed away in March 2013.

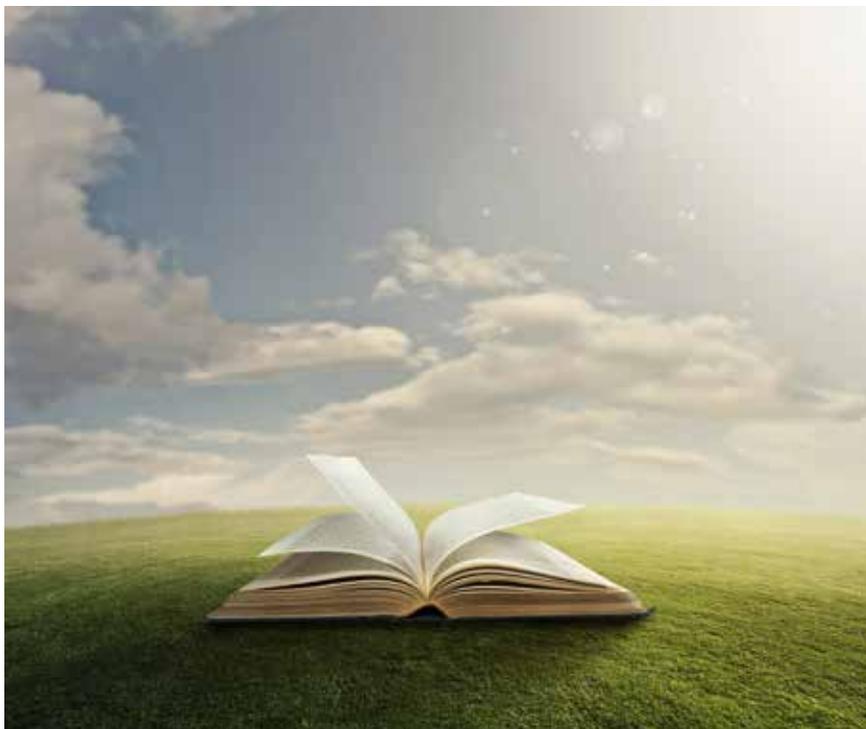
Kathy Antwine Golliver, class of 1980, passed away in August 2013.



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Spiritual Renewal Activities

Campus Ministries sponsored the annual Spiritual Renewal Days, February 25-27. The theme was Character Over Compromise Equals Integrity. Local clergy were invited to be the special guests this year. They included Ed Newton, a bible communicator; Dr. Noel Hutchinson Jr, pastor of First Baptist Lauderdale; Rev. Jeff Jones, BCM Director at the University of Memphis; Hernan and Jennifer Gimenez, pastors of Iglesia Bautista La Buena Esperanza; Clay and Renee Crosse, founders of Holy Homes Ministries; and Rev. Rudy Howard, executive director of Luke 4:18 Ministries. The diversity and greatness of God's kingdom.