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Dear alumni, colleagues and supporters,

A few weeks ago, we welcomed back alumni from across many decades to the University of Iowa for the 120th anniversary of nursing at Iowa. It was a fantastic four days of meeting new friends, reconnecting with classmates, remembering the good times and creating new memories. Thank you to all that were able to return and share all of your experiences. It was truly a memorable weekend. For those who weren't able to attend, there will be future opportunities to reunite! I promise to stay in contact with you and let you know of upcoming events.

One of the ways we intend to stay connected to our alumni is via this newsletter. You can expect to receive a newsletter every three months. Please contact me with ideas and/or feedback on the newsletter. You are our audience and we want to make sure you stay informed about the topics that are important to you.

On November 29, we signed an articulation agreement with Eastern Iowa Community Colleges at their Bettendorf campus. This RN to BSN 3 +1 agreement allows EICC nursing graduates to seamlessly transfer to the University of Iowa and complete their Bachelors of Nursing Science degree in one year. Similar agreements are in place with Des Moines Area Community College and North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. This is another strategic alliance to strengthen our relationship with Iowa's community colleges and assist with the shortage of health care providers with BSN credentials within the state of Iowa.

Finally, I'm excited to announce the creation of two new awards for our alumni. We will now be selecting recipients for the Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni awards on an annual basis. There is a nomination process for these awards. We will be distributing more information on these awards and how to nominate someone in the March edition of this newsletter. This year's Distinguished Alumni Award winner is Ann Rogers (class of 1975). The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient is Sarah T. Armstrong Loken (class of 2015), who will be the guest speaker at the December 2018 commencement ceremony. Dr. Rogers will return to campus as our guest speaker for the May 2019 commencement ceremony. Please join me in congratulating both of these outstanding alumni!

Happy holidays and GO HAWKS!

Sincerely,

Scott Ketelsen

Executive Director of Communications, Alumni and External Relations



Dean Emeritus Felton Selected to Receive Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Memorial Award

Seven members of the University of Iowa family, including UI College of Nursing Dean Emeritus Geraldene Felton, were recognized during the Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Awards on Nov. 15.

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UI College of Nursing Prepares Next Wave of Modern Health Care Leaders

The college's longstanding innovative education practices create professionals who advocate for optimal patient care and outcomes.

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Herr Awarded Kelting Professorship

Professor Keela Herr, PhD, RN, AGSF, FGSA, FAAN, associate dean for faculty, has been awarded the Kelting Professorship at the University of Iowa College of Nursing.

The Kelting Professorship was established in memory of John and Catharine Kelting through a bequest from the estate of the late Lillian S. Kelting of Williamsburg, Iowa. This professorship provides resources and opportunities for continued research engagement, mentorship of faculty and students, and shaping the future of health care and the profession.

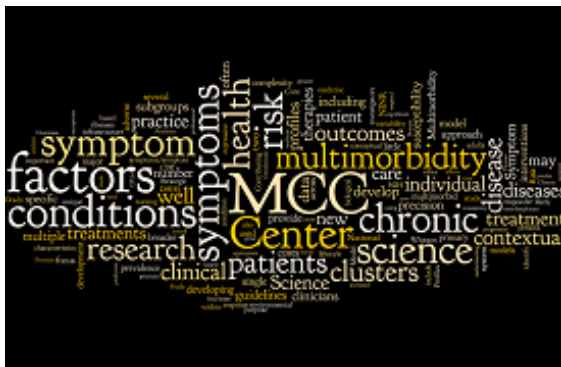
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Alumna's Biotech Firm Receives Funding from JDRF

Leslie Jansa Williams (BSN '82), founder, president and CEO of ImmusanT, a biotechnology company focused on developing treatment, diagnostic and monitoring tools for patients with autoimmune diseases such as Celiac disease, received an investment from the JDRF T1D Fund, a venture philanthropy fund exclusively devoted to finding and funding the best type 1 diabetes (T1D) commercial opportunities.

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College of Nursing Awarded Nearly \$2 Million from NINR to Help Patients with Multiple Chronic Health Conditions

The University of Iowa College of Nursing was recently informed that it has been awarded a five-year, \$1.9 million grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health. Funding will be used to establish an Exploratory Center of Excellence, which will be called the UI Center for Advancing Multimorbidity Science.

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Three More CON Faculty Selected as Academy Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) recently announced its selection of 195 highly distinguished nurse leaders as part of its 2018 Class of Academy Fellows. Among this extraordinary group of new Fellows are three University of Iowa College of Nursing



faculty members: Sandra Daack-Hirsch, PhD, RN; Maria Lindell Joseph, PhD, RN; and Susan Van Cleve, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, PMHS, FAANP.

With this latest class of inductees, the number of UI College of Nursing faculty members who are AAN Fellows has grown to 20.

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MSN Alumnae Making a Difference in Pediatric Nursing

Sara Neff, Rachel Francois, and Keeli Irwin have several things in common. All three are pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) who love working with and caring for children, and they all work at the same Mercy pediatric clinic in Cedar Rapids. In addition to sharing similar clinical interests, all three of these PNPs just happen to be Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduates from UI's College of Nursing, who are now passing along some of their knowledge and expertise to current Iowa nursing students by serving as preceptors for the college.

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College of Nursing Renovation to Memorialize Former Dean

A new student commons will be named after the late Rita Frantz and her husband, David.

Rita Frantz (73MA, 78PhD) was a tireless promoter of her profession—even at the end of her life. Though the former University of Iowa College of Nursing dean was battling ovarian cancer, she continued to work from home during her treatments, finally resigning

her position on Sept. 6, 2016, just one day before her death.

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Death notices for UI College of Nursing alumni. Links to online obituaries provided when available.

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