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Alumni Newsletter

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Greetings from the College of Nursing!

It is really cold outside! The, "polar vortex" seems to have engulfed most everyone in the United States and Iowa City has not been spared. Record cold temperatures and near record snow fall amounts have been realized but have not negatively impacted the accomplishments of our students and faculty, as you will read.

The renovation work on first floor has been completed and the students have immediately begun utilizing the space. Redesigned learning rooms and spaces are consistently filled with our next group of health care providers collaborating with one another. The newly refurbished Dean's Suite is also open for business on second floor. Please consider this an open invitation to stop by and say hello! We would love to give you a tour of all of the beautiful new spaces with more on the way.

If you haven't heard the news, the University of Iowa has a new Executive Vice President and Provost. We are excited to welcome Montserrat Fuentes to the Hawkeye family. [Click here](#) to read the official announcement.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we will be asking for your nominations for our two alumni awards later this spring. The Outstanding Young Alumni and Distinguished Alumni awards were newly created last year. Look for an email with nomination information coming to you in the upcoming weeks. I'm certain many of you will know of deserving nominees for these College of Nursing awards.

Wishing you the best in 2019!

Sincerely,

Scott Ketelsen

Executive Director of Communications, Alumni and External Relations

Hometown Hawkeye: Stephanie Gilbertson-White

Patients in rural communities who are living with advanced cancer (stage 3B or 4, incurable), may not have regular access to renowned treatment centers such as the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive



Cancer Center, or evidence-based symptom management support. Using a web-based intervention called Oncology Associated Symptoms & Individualized Strategies, UI College of Nursing Assistant Professor Stephanie Gilbertson-White is helping these patients to learn more about their cancer symptoms and in turn apply evidenced-based symptom self-management strategies.

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Bunch, O'Sullivan, and Prunty Look to Put Simulation in Motion

A team comprised of UI College of Nursing faculty members Jacinda Bunch, Cormac O'Sullivan, and April Prunty, were recently awarded funding to assess current and future educational opportunities for emergency medical services, rural hospitals, and critical access hospitals in the state of Iowa.

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Alumna Receives National VA Award for Health Care Excellence

College of Nursing alumna Mary Ann Nihart (BSN '77 and MA in '81) was recently presented with the 2018 Department of Veterans Affairs' John D. Chase Award for Executive Excellence in Health Care. This prestigious accolade recognizes sustained VA executive leadership by an individual from any health care discipline who exhibits significant demonstrated accomplishments that support the agency's mission through high professional performance.

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Twin Sisters Pursue Similar Careers in Nursing

Brookanne and Morganne Pfaffle weren't necessarily planning to attend the same university. Yet they both chose Iowa in large part due to the College of Nursing's national reputation, and feel well prepared for their next step—pursuing doctorates in nursing practice in anesthesia at the UI.

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UI College of Nursing, Eastern Iowa Community College Announce New 3+1.5 Nursing Partnership

The University of Iowa College of Nursing and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC) have entered into a new agreement allowing EICC nursing graduates to seamlessly transfer to the UI and complete their Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree in a year and a half.

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[College of Nursing Building Open House – February 2019](#)

[Undergraduate Graduation – December 2018](#)

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

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