THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: WHAT A CELEBRATION IT WAS!
Our Centennial Celebration reminded me all over again just how amazing ResU really is.

It was an exhilarating weekend! But after all of the speeches and the handshakes and all of the food and music, I once again stood in humble awe of the one thing that makes Resurrection University such a unique institution.

Our people.

When you’re privileged enough to meet someone like Doris Mesenbrink, Class of 1939, you’re reminded of the long tradition of the College of Nursing. How literally for generations, we’ve been providing educations that have empowered healthcare leaders with the knowledge to lead and shape the future of healthcare.

It was wonderful to see so many alums reconnecting, reviewing scrapbooks, sharing memories, and joining in fellowship. I was finally able to put some names to faces, and I found myself feeling fortunate and honored that I was part of the celebration and that I am part of the tradition that is ResU.

I have to admit, when alums sang "Eternal Life” at our Celebration Dinner, it was one of the moments I’ll never forget. Everyone I spoke to was moved and amazed. And having Dr. Sharon Bolin as our Honorary Chair was a personal highlight for me. Hearing her speak at our Homecoming on Friday night and again at the Centennial Dinner on Saturday connected the College’s past to the future.

I want to publicly thank our planning committee for doing such a spectacular job on the Centennial Celebration. You may not know this, but the committee worked for more than a year to make sure that every last detail was absolutely perfect. And it certainly was. From obtaining corporate sponsors to arranging speakers to incorporating the important traditions of West Sub, our committee was superb.

Thank you to everyone who shared in our Centennial Celebration, and thank you to all who made donations. It was a weekend that created too many memories to count. And it reminded me, all over again, just how amazing the people of ResU really are.

Beth A. Brooks, PhD, RN, FACHE
President, Resurrection University
Message from the President
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Duff Goldman’s one-of-a-kind anniversary cake
The first weekend of May was one to remember for the Resurrection University family. For three incredible days, we celebrated the College of Nursing’s 100th Anniversary with students, faculty, alumni, and special guests. As Honorary Chairperson Sharon Bolin, EdD, RN, said, “It was so special to be with many of my former students and others I had known during my 35 years at West Sub, either as a student, faculty member, or administrator.”

After more than a year of planning, the Centennial Weekend officially opened with the College of Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Friday, May 2nd. Seventy-five graduates received their nursing pins from Dean Sandie Soldwisch, PhD, APN, ANP-BC, following a tradition that dates back generations. It’s a special moment when students leave the academic world behind and are acknowledged at a formal, historic ceremony that welcomes newly graduated nurses into the nursing profession.

On Friday evening, it was Homecoming at the Hilton Rosemont near Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. More than 100 alumni representing classes dating back to 1939 attended, sharing stories and memories into the night. Dr. Sharon Bolin spoke at the Homecoming and shared many of her own memories as a student at West Sub. She also offered an Irish blessing: “May you never forget what is worth remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten.” She then joked and added, “The good thing about remembering is at least we haven’t forgotten!”

One thing that was shared by everyone at Homecoming: ResU is a place that creates leaders in healthcare, in the community, and in life.

Saturday, May 3rd opened with our Spring Commencement Ceremony at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. A total of 130 students graduated that morning; 74 earned bachelor’s degrees in Nursing, 47 earned master’s degrees in Nursing, and nine earned bachelor’s degrees or certificates in Health Informatics and Information Management. We were very fortunate to have Sandra Festa Ryan, MSN, RN, CPNP, FCPP, FAANP, FAAN, as our Commencement Speaker. Sandra shared some of her career challenges and highlights and spoke of the rapidly changing world of healthcare and how nurses need to embrace those changes.

Sandra inspired our new grads by saying, “There has never been a better time to help shape the future of healthcare! To do that, we must be at the table, be seen as change agents, forward leaning and innovators in healthcare delivery, and we must continue to do
research and promote evidenced-based practice, while remaining committed to putting our patients at the center of healthcare delivery.”

Another highlight of the commencement ceremony was the ovation given to 96-year-old Doris Mesenbrink, Class of 1939, when she received an honorary degree.

Saturday evening, almost 400 guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Rosemont for our Celebration Dinner. Our emcees were Janet Davies from ABC 7 Eyewitness News and Dane Neal, co-host of WGN radio’s Flavor HD. They did a magnificent job of keeping the night moving on schedule. Speakers included Dr. Sharon Bolin, our Honorary Chairperson, Dr. Beth A. Brooks, President of Resurrection University, and Sandra Bruce, President and CEO of Presence Health. Our Keynote Speaker was Chicago Bears legend Mike Singletary, whose speech focused on courage, faith, and love.

Duff Goldman, the owner of Charm City Cakes and the star of the Food Network’s Ace of Cakes, created a special 100th Anniversary Cake for our Centennial Celebration. It was actually two cakes, one that featured our original home — West Suburban Hospital and College of Nursing — and the other, our brand new campus — Resurrection University at Presence Saint Elizabeth Hospital. The cake was so detailed that it even had working lights — a nurse of the past in front of West Suburban in her cap and cape with a nursing lamp that glowed! On the other side, there were nurses of the present, a male and female working from a device that resembled an iPad that had a working, lighted display. Duff also spoke to the crowd about how nurses actually saved his life.

An unexpected highlight of the evening was the singing of “Eternal Life” by alumni. One by one, they rose from their seats and added their voices to the chorus. It truly captured the spirit of the entire weekend. The ResU family really is a family.

After the official ceremonies ended, guests danced the night away, and the celebration didn’t end until the hotel closed the ballroom, the restaurants, and lounges. Even then, guests lingered, not wanting the night to be over.

The weekend ended with a Prayer Service Sunday morning led by Resurrection University’s College of Nursing Assistant Professor Nancy Reese, MSN, RN, CNE. More than 30 alumni, faculty, and staff attended the morning service, which was a great way to end the spectacular weekend. Professor Reese’s musical accompaniment on the guitar was by Nick Stark, husband of Resurrection University Nursing Professor Jackie Stark, MSN, CPNP, Class of 1998.

**Chicago Bears Legend Mike Singletary visits ResU!**

He inspired us at our Celebration Dinner, and it turns out that he was just getting started. NFL Hall of Famer Mike Singletary visited ResU on Monday, June 23, joining Dr. Beth A. Brooks, Dr. Sandie Soldwisch, Sister Sandi Sosnowski, and four nursing students for breakfast before taking his first tour of a simulation center. Students had the chance to talk about their goals, what led them to ResU, and their areas of clinical interest. Singletary said he felt that nursing was a calling and compared it to coaching, noting that nurses and coaches were both nurturers and teachers. It was an inspiring day sure to be remembered by everyone there.
Dream big!
Dream dreams bigger than your fears. Always have a dream of what you want to be and how you want the world around you to be. Believe in yourself.

Be passionate!
Be excited to go to work every day! I am driven by my passion for the greater good, to providing high-quality care, for the utilization of nursing to our fullest extent and advocating for patients. When you stop having passion for what you are doing or you stop having fun, it is absolutely the right time to find something new to do!

Get excited when someone says that you can’t! When retail clinics started, the outside world of lawyers and business people said the retail model wouldn’t work, that we wouldn’t be able to hire enough Nurse Practitioners (NPs), that patients wouldn’t want to be seen in a clinic in a Walgreens, that we wouldn’t make it through the efforts of the American Medical Association and others to stop this innovation, that state regulatory barriers to NPs’ practice would be too hard to overcome. Today, there are over 1,600 retail clinics in the U.S. that have seen over 25 million patients and employ over 5,000 NPs. So get excited when someone says you can’t — it probably is a great idea!

Have courage and communicate!
When I started with Take Care, I was hired as the National Director of Nursing. We were a start-up company with no job descriptions, no policies, and no office. Months later, when I finally received a job description, I noticed that it said I reported to the Chief Medical Officer. Coming out of the military and always seeing nursing holding the same high-level position as medicine and every other discipline, I was confused and frankly upset when I realized there was a CMO, a CFO, a CIO, a Chief Marketing Officer, and no Chief Nurse Practitioner Officer. I went in to speak with our two co-founders and asked them a very critical question: “Did they know that nursing was its own profession and that we did not report to Medicine but worked in collaboration with Medicine?” They asked me if they could have 20 minutes — at that moment, I thought for sure that I was being fired! After 20 minutes, they came to my office and apologized for their lack of knowledge regarding nursing. From that moment on, our business changed, the organizational structure changed, and I became the first CNPO in the retail industry. So be courageous and speak up!

Embrace change and embrace failure!
Fail and fail often. I have a saying: “Bad news is OK; bad surprises are not.” Early on in Take Care, we scrapped an Electronic Health Record that didn’t support the way NPs practiced. If we didn’t know,
hadn’t listened or just stayed the course, we could have lost many great NPs and potentially our business. Instead, we built the proprietary system that exists today in the Walgreens clinics. Learn from your failures, fail often, and don’t lose your enthusiasm.

Be authentic!
Being authentic makes you a real person, someone who makes mistakes, someone people will trust and follow. I have made plenty of mistakes in my career, but being true to myself, people knew that every decision I made was from a place of good intent, so be real.

Invest in people and relationships!
Surround yourself with incredibly smart, talented, positive, nice people and invest in them. Avoid the naysayers and negativity. Devote time supporting, grooming, mentoring, and growing the next generation of nursing and help them to succeed beyond their belief. Today, two leaders of my previous team lead new healthcare organizations as their most senior clinical leaders, and two remain in senior leadership positions within Walgreens.

Keep a sense of humor – and don’t take yourself too seriously!
Healthcare, taking care of patients, and representing the role of nursing is serious business. But, in the words of Mark Twain, “The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.” Have a great laugh every day; it is the cheapest medicine.

Keep your eye on the future!
The roles of nurses are shifting. We will see more roles like Patient Nurse Navigators, Health Informatics nurses, transitional care nurses, and new nurse leader roles looking at processes and systems to improve care. The possibilities are endless in the way nursing will be utilized and led in the future. Class of 2014, you must be the catalyst for helping to identify and develop roles where nursing presence is needed to help guide patient care.

Celebrate the Centennial of our College of Nursing by investing in a future nurse.

Donate to our Alumni Scholarship Fund and help provide scholarships to eligible nursing students.

The best way to honor our past is to invest in our future. Your gift to the Alumni Scholarship Fund will help a hard-working student become a nurse and make lasting contributions to healthcare as we enter a new century of making a difference.

For more information about making a donation to our Alumni Scholarship Fund, contact Jeri Bingham at jeri.bingham@resu.edu or (773) 252-5131. Also, you can still donate on our Centennial website at resu.edu/100.
The Pinning Ceremony is a cherished tradition for nurses. On Friday, May 2nd, 75 graduates received their nursing pins from College of Nursing Dean Sandie Soldwisch, PhD, APN, ANP-BC. During this formal ceremony, graduates receive their nursing pins and are welcomed into the nursing profession. Graduates from our nursing program have taken part in this same ceremony starting with our first graduating class of four nurses in 1915.

Nursing pins: A tradition that started centuries ago.

The nursing pin evolved in the early ninth century as part of a succession of military campaigns in Western Europe called the Crusades. Kings and military leaders knew that for the battles to be successful someone had to keep men alive and fighting.

Pope Urban II called on Christian knights to join forces under papal leadership in an armed pilgrimage to defend the Byzantine Empire. He selected a small group of dedicated and compassionate men to provide physical and religious care for the men and animals in battle. The distinction of being selected was equal to battle leader status and led to special privileges in battle. In order to protect these “healing knights,” a special tabard (apron) was created so that all involved in battle knew that these persons were not to be injured. The mark placed upon the tabard is known as the Maltese Cross. The Maltese Cross was worn as a symbol of courage and service to Christianity. During the Renaissance period, variations of the symbol arose as knights began to incorporate the Cross into their family coat of arms.
Fast-forward a few centuries to the 1800s. The tradition of marking “healing knights” was brought from the battlefield to the bedside. Anyone who had completed training in the treatment of communicable diseases, chronic infections, and skin diseases was given a badge that identified the place of their education. Again, it was a mark of honor to indicate that the wearer was a “nurse” (not knight) who was trained, had experience, and was dedicated to meeting the health needs of society.

The tradition of the nursing pin and the ceremony known as pinning has its modern origin in 1855, when England’s Queen Victoria awarded the Red Cross of St. George (a broach) to Florence Nightingale for her service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War. Florence was so moved by the badge that she chose to extend this honor by giving a medal of excellence to her most outstanding graduating students from the St. Thomas Hospital Nightingale School of Nursing. The graduates wore their medal every day they worked, and the public began to recognize the medal and its value. As a result, Wolverton Royal Hospital (also in England) initiated the tradition of presenting all of its graduates with a badge. And the practice grew. The first nursing pin in the United States was presented to the Class of 1880 upon their graduation from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. The significance of receiving and wearing the nursing pin remains a time-honored symbol representing the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to nursing. It stands for the graduate’s commitment to using that knowledge and skill upon completion of the nursing curriculum. It represents pride in one’s professional education. It is more than a simple rite of passage from student to nurse; it is worn with pride throughout their career as a symbol of distinction.

Homecoming

Homecoming brought together more than 100 alumni from classes dating back to 1939. Alums reconnected and looked through scrapbooks as they shared memories and experiences from their time as students and as professionals. Dr. Sharon Bolin spoke to the Homecoming crowd about her own experiences as a student at West Sub. It was a great start to a remarkable Centennial Weekend.
A few memories of our Celebration Dinner.

It’s the intersection of the Old and the New!
We may have held our Centennial Weekend in May, but our actual “birthday” is February 17, 1914. That’s when the West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses opened its doors for the first time. As you might imagine, this year’s Founder’s Day was even more memorable.

After all, it isn’t every day when you turn 100.

The day was marked by several events, including a student-led Bone Marrow Registry that lasted all day and brought in more than 120 people. The idea came from Megan Hebeisen, a nursing student who said that she wanted to leave a legacy for the Class of 2014 by hosting a registry with a goal of securing samples from at least 50 participants — her goal was met and exceeded. If you’ve ever thought about registering, all it takes is a swab of your cheek and you could save someone’s life.

We started Founder’s Day with a Liturgy of Thanksgiving Mass in the Chapel. A mid-day event included cupcakes — because what’s a birthday without cake? Dr. Beth A. Brooks, PhD, RN, FACHE, President, Resurrection University, and Sr. Sandi Sosnowski, CSFN, spoke to the assembled guests. The highlight was Irene Stemler, BSN, author, *Heroic Acts in Humble Shoes: America’s Nurses Tell Their Stories*.

Irene spoke about her book and the special “Heroic Acts in Humble Shoes” display that was on the sixth floor across from the Administration Offices until March 17th.

Founder’s Day was truly special this year. It officially marked the Centennial of our College of Nursing, and it was a great way to kick off celebrations and events that culminated with our Centennial Celebration Weekend in May.
ResU honors the best of the best.

Resurrection University was honored to recognize College of Nursing alumni for their leadership, commitment, and dedication to the profession of nursing. The honorees’ names were submitted and presented to a selection committee of peers so that one person per decade could be chosen.

1950s – Betty Johnsen
Betty received her diploma in 1952 and soon became head nurse, then director of nursing for all of West Suburban Hospital. Betty was a nurse leader, trailblazing the way for other nurses to become nurse managers and leaders. She was instrumental in supporting nursing education at West Suburban and continues to support the College of Nursing. She is an active member of the Resurrection University Alumni Association Board. She also served on the Centennial Celebration Planning Committee.

1960s – Andrea Propst
Andrea graduated from West Suburban in 1969 and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1971. She worked as a staff nurse and taught at West Suburban from 1973 to 1975 before becoming a missionary to work in the Comoros Islands. Currently, she serves in the International office of Africa Inland Mission in Nairobi and provides assistance to arriving missionaries and their families; cares for the health of missionary families; and teaches Lamaze and breastfeeding training programs. Andrea was in Africa during the awards presentation, so Grace Tazelaar accepted on her behalf.

1970s – Grace Tazelaar
Grace graduated from West Suburban in 1970, completed her nursing degree at Wheaton College, and came back to West Suburban to teach basic sciences for several years. Today, she is the Missions Director for Nurses Christian Fellowship, where she connects with Christian nursing leaders who are developing guidelines for service learning programs abroad.
1980s – Shelley McGhee
Shelley earned a nursing diploma at West Suburban in 1984 and a Bachelor’s degree in Christian Leadership and Management from Lincoln Christian University in 2005. She has been a pain management nurse since 2008. Shelley is a true nurse who fosters sensitivity to the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional needs of family, friends, and patients. In doing so, she brings comfort and hope to those she encounters.

1990s – Tamara Bland
College of Nursing faculty member Tamara Bland was an interventional gastroenterology nurse at Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation. She also served as an RN in the cardiac care unit, in the gastroenterology office, on the medical-surgical floor, and as an outpatient/inpatient endoscopy nurse — section of gastroenterology and nutrition at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. Tamara earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree from West Suburban College of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Concordia University/West Suburban College of Nursing. Currently, Tamara is an instructor at Resurrection University’s College of Nursing.

Instructor Bland was also listed on the Top 100 Inspiring Nursing Professors to Watch in 2014, and she received the DAISY Faculty Award in 2013.

2010s – Adrianne Kajmowicz
Adrianne earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Resurrection University in 2010. She currently is a Cancer Research Nurse for West Suburban Hospital’s Cancer Center — the sole Research Nurse at the Cancer Center. Adrianne is also currently an Oncology Research Nurse at Loyola University Chicago.

CALL FOR CLASS NOTES
Your fellow alumni want to hear from you. Share your accomplishments, new job positions, and publications with the Resurrection University Alumni Association for Reflections magazine and the newsletter. Resurrection University also wants to know about a passing of an alumnus so that it can be shared.

Please send any notes to Jeri Bingham, Director of Marketing and Communications, at jeri.bingham@resu.edu.
Coming together and moving forward.

Henry Ford said, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” This quote is perfect as the talisman for both the Centennial Celebration and the next 100 years!

The Centennial Celebration Weekend was a wonderful opportunity to come together. I saw connections occurring between classmates, among class groups who lived together in the dorm, and with students and faculty; each of those connections had a magic and joy of its own. I had the great pleasure of connecting with alumni from several decades and hearing the stories of their time as a student. I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with Sharon Bolin and realized that, even with a few years between our services as a dean, the challenges and successes are the same. But the pinnacle of coming together was the joining of voices at the alumni reunion and celebration!

Keeping together was the promise made not only upon graduation but a promise murmured several times over that wonderful weekend. Yes, you must send that photo or make that call to a classmate just to say hello again. Yes, you must reach out to your class and set up another weekend together and tour the new school location. Yes, you should join the Alumni Association and become active within it. And, yes, it is important to focus on keeping together (your class + this dean + ResU) so our collective good works can be extended for another decade or generation.

Finally, working together is necessary so that the legacy is sustained. By working together, we can reach farther, stretch higher, and go farther. If every person reading this story would say a prayer for ResU, send a card to a current student, donate a dollar to defray the cost of student participation in service learning, or serve as a mentor to students and new graduates, our working together will move the University toward new heights of excellence.

Thank you for your part in creating a wonderful first 100 years and for remaining on the journey into the second 100!

Sandie Soldwisch, PhD, APN, ANP-BC
Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the College of Nursing
Sister Gregory Krzak Endowed Chair
Our HIIM program continues to lead by example.

ResU’s Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) students are volunteering locally at Erie Family Medical Center in Chicago to aid in the center’s conversion from paper to Electronic Health Records. This work includes assembling loose paper records into organized files, analyzing deficiencies in the records, and then indexing and scanning before storage or destruction of obsolete paper records.

HIIM students are also completing Professional Practice Experiences at Care Communications, Presence St. Mary’s and Presence St. Joseph’s Health Information Management departments, Medical Diagnostic Services, and the Alliance of Chicago Community Health Centers. Many healthcare organizations are completing Stage 2 of Meaningful Use (attesting to the validity and meaningful use of the Electronic Health Record Systems that have been implemented). The HIIM students are assisting these organizations in extracting data for statistical analysis for attestation reports.

On July 1st, the Director of Health Informatics and Information Management Program, Catherine McIlwain, MS&Ed., RHIA, was inducted into the Board of Directors of the Chicago Area Health Information Management Association (CAHIMA) as Treasurer. Theresa L. Jones, MSEd, RHIA, Assistant Professor, Health Informatics and Information Management, will become the Past-President of the Illinois Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA).

In other news, Resurrection University Board of Directors member Patricia T. Sheridan, MBA, was honored with the Professional Achievement Award by the Illinois Health Information Management Association in June. The award was presented for her innovative achievement in advancing the ideals of the health information management profession.

Senator Dick Durbin comes to ResU!

On Tuesday, July 1st, Senator Dick Durbin visited Resurrection University and met with President Beth A. Brooks, Sandie Soldwisch, faculty members, and students. He spoke about student loan debt and the role of for-profit education providers, and he even paid a visit to our Simulation Learning Center. Students demonstrated “low-tech” simulation by administering a TB skin test on hotdogs and “high-tech” simulation with our own SimMan®. Senator Durbin asked Sandie pointed questions about the nurse faculty shortage and was pleased to hear about our HRSA Faculty Loan Forgiveness funding. He also spoke to several students during his visit. It was great to have a national leader visit with future nurse leaders!
We couldn’t have done it without you.

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People say my best feature is my smile. I’ll let you be the judge of that. Still, I can’t help but smile when I reflect on the past five years — my time — here at ResU. It seems like forever ago, or was it yesterday? My time here started rather humbly. The school was much smaller then; simpler, some might say. We went by the name West Suburban College of Nursing, which was always a mouthful. Many people outside the nursing community in the Chicago area had never heard of the school. But even back then I always felt we could be part of something big!

In the Office of Enrollment Management (OEM), we would recall a great story from back in those days, when the counselors would be asked: “Do you think we’ll have enough students this coming term?” Today, we are no longer asked that question. In five years, the school gained new leadership, West Suburban became part of Resurrection University, the size of the school doubled, prospective students started to hear about us as a great nursing school, and OEM was an integral part of it all!

I wish I could tell you tales of brilliant admissions strategies and ancient enrollment secrets. But that is just not the case. The formula for our success is fairly simple — living the University mission, investing in each other, and having a genuine regard for the student. Ironically, these qualities are not something you can really teach in a school. Still, these are the characteristics we seek as OEM moves toward the future. I have found that when we devote ourselves to these tenets, enrollment goals, and positive feedback from our “customers,” the students tend to come.

As a whole, ResU is blessed that we are encouraged to embody and live the University mission. This is very true in OEM. We truly hold ourselves to the role of ambassadors for the University to the public at large. OEM takes personal responsibility and ownership for the success of the programs. Indeed, as a team, we are invested in each other not just as colleagues but also as friends. This, in turn, promotes collective success. Our cohesiveness is perhaps our greatest strength. Living the mission and our investment in each other allows us to adhere to a strong and wise work ethic, and then transfer that into our interactions with our stakeholders.
I feel that our ways of counseling the potential student are based on guidance and a genuine regard for the individual’s educational plans, as opposed to sales. Admission into ResU is more than the incoming GPA and meeting admission criteria. For us, the potential to succeed and graduate is far more important than the ability to start. We approach the admissions process with the end in mind. But not the end of the admissions process per se, which is a student starting school. Instead, when we interact with potential students, we gauge if they can succeed in the program. We probe deep into their goals and motivations, trying to measure fit. If the fit is not there, we are honest with them, and present options for them to reach their goals even if it means referring to another school.

The past five years gave us an idea not of where ResU is, but where the University can be! I am very proud that we have been part of this growth. But we aren’t satisfied. We will continue to strive for excellence and to be something greater than what we are now. In other words, it is currently not in our make-up to simply maintain the status quo. We see our potential stretching to broader areas in health sciences. I see ResU becoming more than a good school for nurses, but a great university for the health sciences! We are at a time in which we are limited only by our imagination and our will to be great.

Ron de los Santos, MA, MHRIR
Director of Enrollment Management
Gifts to Resurrection University allow us to improve virtually every aspect of everything we do.

If you want to invest in the future of healthcare, consider donating to ResU. Your donations help us ensure that our facilities and technologies keep pace with the rapidly evolving world of healthcare. If you’ve donated in the past, thank you for your continued support. If you want to help make a difference for students today and well into the future, here are some great ways to help:

**The President’s Fund** – This critical fund allows our President to rapidly respond to areas of opportunity as they arise. This helps keep our University current with the world of healthcare.

**Service Learning Fund** – Service Learning is a critical component of our students’ education. This fund supports student and faculty travel as well as necessary medical equipment and supplies.

**The College of Nursing Dean’s Fund** – This fund was created to keep our graduate and undergraduate nursing programs on the cutting edge of the nursing profession.

**The College of Allied Health Dean’s Fund** – This fund provides scholarships that make it possible for talented students to pursue educations in health informatics and information management.

Faculty member Tamara Bland and Mike Singletary
A FEW OF OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

President’s Community Scholarship – Two scholarships per semester for one year (two semesters) to a student enrolled in our BSN pre-licensure or HIIM program who attended one of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Alumni Scholarship Fund – This nursing scholarship is available to juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time. It is awarded on the basis of merit and need.

University Scholarship – This nursing scholarship is available to juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time. It is awarded on the basis of superior academic achievement, clinical qualities, scholarship, professionalism, and leadership.

President’s Scholarship – All newly admitted and continuing students (including MSN students) are considered each year for the President’s Scholarship. The President’s Scholarship is awarded on the basis of a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.

For information about making a donation to one of our funds or scholarships, contact Matt Hughes at matthew.hughes@resu.edu or call (773) 252-5310.

WE NEED TO THANK THE FOGLIA FAMILY FOUNDATION AGAIN!

Last year, the Foglia Family Foundation donated $375,000 (over the next five years) to support pre-licensure students in our College of Nursing. Forty-five percent of our pre-licensure students are earning their second degree and often lack financial aid eligibility. The support of the Foglia Family Foundation plays a vital role in allowing these students to complete their educations.

This spring, Vince Foglia toured our new facilities and our new Simulation Learning Center. Upon hearing that our SimMan® was a little past his prime, Mr. Foglia donated $75,000 to have him replaced.

Our new SimMan® 3G is so realistic he even sweats!

Thanks again to the Foglia Family Foundation. The generosity of our alumni and friends continues to make a lasting impact on our University, our students, and the community we serve.
The Centennial Celebration of the College of Nursing is such an important and joyous milestone in the legacy of the College of Nursing and the future of the program. Year after year, the College of Nursing has led the way in transformation and growth. We are blessed to have Resurrection University as an extension of the Presence Health Mission — training a new generation of healthcare professionals and fostering the innovation and the vision needed for the future. We are at the forefront of a new day in healthcare. And we are fortunate to have a quality university to equip the potential care providers of tomorrow with the skills they need to be successful. Resurrection University is not only an important component of Presence Health — it is a perfect fit with the mission of the founding religious women who led the way in Catholic healthcare.

Sandra Bruce, FACHE
President & CEO, Presence Health

The Centennial Celebration Weekend was the perfect way to honor the legacy of the College of Nursing. As your Board Chair, I was delighted to see the camaraderie, the reunions, and the joy that filled each event in celebration of the past, present, and future. This is a great time for the University, and all of us — alumni, students, University leadership, faculty, and staff — are witnessing history as we celebrate our first hundred years and plan for the future.

It is magnificent to see that what began as a School of Nursing is now a thriving University with a College of Nursing and a College of Allied Health that is expanding by leaps and bounds. The Resurrection University Board and Leadership work hand-in-hand as we focus on stability, growth, and plans for the future. Congratulations again. It is an honor to serve as your Board Chair, and I look forward to continuing to work with our Board to help create and shape our plan for the next hundred years.

Mary Anne Kelly
Chair, Resurrection University Board of Directors
“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Resurrection University has gone through a number of name changes during the past century. The weekend of our Centennial Celebration was a tangible reminder that our mission of commitment to professional and personal growth is alive and flourishing in all who have passed through our hallowed walls.

In the words of one of the alumni, Deloris Straw Luetchford, Class of 1978, “It was a unifying event and will be forever remembered.”

Getting to know so many of our alumni who traveled long distances to recall the friendships they had formed as students was heartwarming. There was a common feeling of accomplishment and gratitude for having received a great education. While our present-day students no longer live on campus, building community remains one of our hallmarks. We do not see only with our eyes. Seeing with our hearts is looking at life with empathy and a willingness to learn and love.

Reunions are truly a special time to revisit favorite memories — and create new ones. Our future, built on the solid foundation that Resurrection has established, will continue, because the God who has begun a good work in us, will carry it on (Philippians 6:1).

Sister Sandi Sosnowski, CSFN