The Centennial Celebration of Our College of Nursing

1914-2014
Our Centennial is a celebration of where we’ve been and where we’re going.

Being the President of this great University is an honor and of course there are challenges to address, but if I had to sum up my three years at ResU in a single word, that word would be “joy”.

It has been a joy to meet our alumni who have through their own careers built our reputation for excellence in nursing and healthcare. Trailblazers such as Doris Mesenbrink from the Class of 1939 who was a working mother before the term was ever coined—bringing her children to work with her during the night shift so that she could care for her patients and manage her staff of nurses. It has been a joy to work with our faculty who continue our tradition of providing outstanding nursing education. And a joy to see our students learning and developing the skills they will need to continue our legacy for another 100 years.

I now have the opportunity to be a part of the 100th Anniversary of our College of Nursing, a year of inspiring, momentous occasions that honor the legacy of nursing.

The Centennial Celebration Weekend in May is going to be amazing because the ResU family will be joining together to celebrate. That means alumni, faculty, staff, Board members, health system leaders and students coming together for three remarkable days. I’ll have the chance to put faces to names and celebrate with some of the people who have made our College of Nursing one of the very best.

I’ll also have the honor of hosting this incredible event with Dr. Sharon Bolin who is the honorary Chairperson for our 100th Anniversary. As a former West Suburban student, faculty member, Director of the School of Nursing, and Founding Dean of the Concordia–West Suburban College of Nursing, Dr. Bolin’s legacy and commitment is proof positive that our people are second to none.

And lastly, possibly my biggest joy will be to present an Honorary Degree to Doris Mesenbrink. The Faculty Senate and the Board of Directors voted and the award will be presented to Mesenbrink on Saturday, May 3rd at the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2014.

I’m looking forward to our Centennial Celebration Weekend. I’m also looking forward to continuing my work at the University—helping to build the foundation for another 100 years of excellence in healthcare professions education.

Beth A. Brooks, PhD, RN, FACHE
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The original hospital charter was very specific about the mission: establish and maintain a hospital and dispensary for the care of the sick and injured, to provide educational facilities to medical students and to establish and maintain a training school for nurses.

A training school for nurses was indeed established on February 17th, 1914 when the West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses opened its doors for the very first time. Miss Helen Scott Hay was the first Superintendent. The school’s first graduation ceremony was held on November 18th, 1915 at the First Congregational Church of Oak Park. The graduating class consisted of four nurses.

Just like the hospital, the school for nurses grew steadily over the years and by the twenties, more space was needed to accommodate an ever growing student body. In 1925, a new building was completed featuring state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, living quarters and a large ballroom on the seventh floor. The new building was described as a structure “equalled by few institutions in the country” for its beautiful architecture and furnishings. We were leaders in education from the very beginning.

The school’s reputation for excellence grew with each graduating class and in March, 1946, the institution entered into an affiliation with Wheaton College. The program, which had a strong missionary focus, attracted students from all over the United States, including daughters of missionary parents abroad. The Wheaton program had a global impact on the missionary work done by nurses. In the 1950s, over 50% of the missionary nurses serving across the United States and in foreign countries were graduates of West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses and the Wheaton program. (The affiliation with Wheaton ended in the early 1980s.)

In 1953 the name of the school was changed to the West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing. The institution continued to graduate large classes in the 50s, 60s and 70s. The last class to live in the dorms inside the original nursing building graduated in 1982.

Beginning in 1985 the institution entered into another affiliation, this time with Concordia College (now Concordia University Chicago) in River Forest and the name was again changed to Concordia-West Suburban College of Nursing. Dr. Sharon Bolin led the charge
and paved the way as Founding Dean during this historic shift to a degree-granting program. The idea of a single-purpose degree-granting college of nursing was unheard of at the time, and in fact this model was the first in Illinois and possibly second in the nation. The affiliation ended in 2003 and the name was again revised, this time to West Suburban College of Nursing.

In 2004, Resurrection Health Care (RHC) purchased West Suburban Medical Center and the College of Nursing along with the Westlake Medical Center in Melrose Park, Illinois. Both were sold to Vanguard Health Systems in 2010. But RHC kept ownership of the College of Nursing as part of its educational vision. On July 1st, 2010, the West Suburban College of Nursing was joined by the College of Allied Health, forming Resurrection University.

In November 2011, through the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care (RHC), Presence Health, the largest Catholic health system based in Illinois, was formed. Presence Health has more than 150 locations around the state, 12 hospitals, 27 long-term care and senior living facilities, dozens of physician offices and health centers, home care, hospice, behavioral health services and more.

2013 marked the beginning of a new era for the University. After 98 years in Oak Park, we moved into our new home at Presence Saint Elizabeth Hospital in the heart of Chicago’s historic Wicker Park neighborhood. Instruction at the new facility began on January 7th, 2013 and a formal ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 13th, 2013 with Bishop Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Chicago who blessed the campus.

Our new campus includes 44 offices, 10 classrooms, and a state of the art simulation learning center—37,700 square feet on four floors. The building has received LEED-Certification for Commercial Interiors from the US Green Building Council based on its energy performance, waste management, use of low-emitting paints and coatings, and the use of local and regional products.

We were leaders from the very beginning. Our new campus ensures we will enter our next century of caring fully prepared to meet the evolving needs of our students.

Our New Advanced Simulation Center is as real as they come.

It was designed to allow students to put classroom instruction to the test under “real-world” conditions using actual hospital and clinic equipment. The center features four hospital beds with adult human simulators, one bassinet with an infant human simulator, and five exam tables to resemble clinics and private medical offices. If it happens in practice, chances are we can simulate it right here.
We were here before traffic lights?

It’s true! And here are a few other historic moments from our first 100 years.

1914: World War I begins
1914: Panama Canal opens
1914: World’s first red and green traffic lights are installed in Cleveland
1916: Albert Einstein introduces his Theory of Relativity
1917: World-wide influenza pandemic strikes
1917: Russian Revolution
1918: Daylight Savings Time goes into effect

1918: Treaty of Versailles ends war
1919: Eighteenth Amendment passes prohibiting alcoholic beverages

1920: Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote
1922: Lincoln Memorial is dedicated in Washington D.C.
1922: King Tut’s tomb discovered

1926: Antifreeze allows people to use cars year round
1927: First feature length “talking” movie “The Jazz Singer” debuts
1927: Big Bang Theory proposed
1927: “Lucky Lindy” Charles Lindbergh crosses the Atlantic in solo flight
1927: Penicillin is discovered
1928: First television sold
1929: St. Valentine’s Day Massacre in Chicago
1931: “Star Spangled Banner” becomes National Anthem
1931: Frigidaire introduces the electric refrigerator

1929: Stock market crashes triggering The Great Depression
1934: Prohibition is repealed
1934: Unemployment hits 25%
1936: First artificial heart invented
1937: Hindenburg zeppelin explodes at Lakehurst, New Jersey
1939: “Gone With The Wind” premieres
1939: Germany invades Poland, World War II begins
1940: Pennsylvania Turnpike opens – first multilane U.S. Superhighway
1940: First television station debuts in New York
1941: Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, United States enters war
1941: First HMO established
1942: First programmable digital computer invented
1943: Antibiotics are introduced
1944: D-Day – Allies invade France
1945: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies
1945: Germany and Japan surrender ending World War II
1945: Grand Rapids, Michigan becomes first community to fluoridate its water supply
1947: Yankees beat Dodgers in first televised World Series
1949: Cable Television introduced

1951: Twenty Second Amendment limits presidency to two terms
1951: Color Television introduced to U.S.
1952: Dwight Eisenhower elected President
1952: Jonas Salk introduces Polio vaccine
1953: First open-heart surgery performed using heart-lung machine
1953: Resurrection Hospital founded
1955: Rosa Parks refuses to sit in the back of the bus beginning the Montgomery Bus Boycott
1957: Civil Rights Act passes
1959: Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states
1960: John F. Kennedy elected President
1962: Cuban Missile Crisis
1963: Civil Rights march on Washington D.C.
1963: JFK assassinated in Dallas
1964: Surgeon General affirms that smoking causes lung cancer
1965: First U.S. combat troops arrive in Vietnam
1966: Medicare begins
1966: FDA declares “the Pill” safe for human use
1968: Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated

1969: Neal Armstrong walks on the moon
1972: Watergate
1972: HBO becomes first pay cable network
1972: CAT Scanning is developed
1973: U.S. troops withdraw from Vietnam

1974: Nixon resigns and Gerald Ford becomes President
1975: Saturday Night Live premieres
1976: Nation celebrates bicentennial
1978: First “test-tube baby” born
1979: American Embassy in Iran seized by militants
1980: John Lennon murdered in New York
1981: Sandra Day O’Connor becomes first woman on U.S. Supreme Court
1981: AIDS is first identified
1982: Michael Jackson releases “Thriller” which becomes the best selling album in history
1982: MRI machines are introduced
1983: 239 Marines die in Beirut terrorist attack
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We’re simply continuing the mission that started it all.

It’s the intersection of the Old and the New!
While thinking about all of the wonderful things that I wanted to share with you on the 100th Anniversary of our College of Nursing, a Girl Scout song keeps drifting through my mind: Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold. The song is fitting for our 100 years as an educational institution! We have changed names (several times) and changed locations, but we have never changed our focus.

The school, and now university, retained its focus on education of students for nursing and health care. Our student population continues to be people who have a professional persona, compassion, a desire to serve others, and live the life of professional caring. Whether you graduated from West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses, West Suburban plus Wheaton or Concordia College, West Suburban College of Nursing or Resurrection University, you are part of the history and legacy of this school.

You are the gold!

So, what is the silver? New graduates who are beginning their careers. They are learning the joys and challenges of being a nurse. They are exploring all of the ways that they make a difference to their patients and the world-at-large. Many are engaging in the social services and mission work that began while a student.

We also have pewter! Current students are the pewter of the university. They are strong yet easily shaped and dented just as our students are strong and yet vulnerable. Pewter is most often used in items which are special but placed into daily use just as our students are special and are found daily in classrooms, Simulation Center, and clinical experiences.

While each of us have a preference for gold, silver, or pewter, as you walk through jewelry and fine living sections of your favorite stores you may notice a trend which blends precious metals together. It is my hope that we can bring about that same blending of graduates. The gold nurses can reach out to the silver nurses with career hints and mentoring. Gold and silver nurses can provide support and encouragement through cards, emails, or a box of candy for the pewters. I would be very happy to make that connection if you are willing. I can envision the beauty of this intertwined precious design!

Sandie Soldwish, PhD, APN, ANP-BC
Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the College of Nursing
Sister Gregory Krzak Endowed Chair
What’s new at ResU?  
More than you might imagine.

It was just one year ago that we moved to our new campus in Wicker Park – over 37,000 square feet of the most advanced classrooms and labs in healthcare. Classrooms all feature Apple TV and the advanced simulation center is three times the size of our previous lab.

We’re also proud that our building received LEED-Certification for Commercial Interiors from the US Green Building Council based on its energy performance, waste management, use of low-emitting paints and coatings and the use of local and regional products.

And our new campus was just the beginning.

The College of Nursing received a ten-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for our bachelor and master’s level programs. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing.

Not to be outdone, our HIIM program moved from the ICD-9 to the ICD-10 coding system which is a national initiative that begins this year. As our President, Dr. Beth Brooks said, “If a University isn’t moving forward, it’s falling behind.”

ResU is committed to staying a step ahead for years to come.
“There’s a certain satisfaction you feel when you help a patient that you can’t attain from sitting behind a desk, and we all have such varied backgrounds—that’s nursing!”
Doris Mesenbrink, RN, ’39

“You are always a nurse whatever phase of life you’re in. Nursing is a part of you, helping others, cleaning the skinned knee of a grandchild, comforting the friend who has just been diagnosed with cancer, counseling relatives to seek medical care, teaching good health practices in the community. Some of us serve close to home. Others have gone to the ends of the earth but we all continue to care for others even in retirement.”
Betty Johnsen, RN, ’52

“Nursing is a great profession with many different fields or specialties from which to choose within the discipline: from pre-natal to old age, health and wellness promotion to critical care, from clinical to academic and administrative to research. The opportunities are boundless for professional and personal growth.”
Cynthia Sander, PhD, RN, ’60

“Nursing is a global service and mission. As a nurse I was able to work across the borders of our world to help HIV/AIDS patients in Uganda as the pandemic was reaching its peak during the civil war that raged in the country.”
Grace Tazelaar, MS, RN, ’70

“I use my nursing skills every day in one way or another. As nurses, we will always be on one end of the stethoscope or the other, whether we’re practicing or as a patient.”
Alice Teisan, BS, RN, ’84
“Nursing embodies everything that I am. It allows me to be a voice for the voiceless, a light that guides patients toward recovery, and a pair of hands that can comfort one’s heart with a simple touch. West Sub taught me that at times I will be surrounded by challenges and carry an immense amount of responsibility but through it all there will be resounding triumphs that I will experience. Experience has made into a strong, gentle, independent, self-sacrificing, caring nurse.”

*Tamara Bland, BSN ’99, MSN, RN*

“To know that you can, and have made a difference in the lives of others—this is WHY I entered the profession of nursing years ago; it continues to be the focus of my career today as a Nurse Manager. West Suburban enabled me to solidify my profession through my MSN program. The knowledge I possess from my MSN degree allows me as a professional Nurse Leader the opportunity to view life differently, for continued growth and vision for myself and my teams. I am confident that I continue to make a difference in the lives of others.”

*Linda Ramirez, MSN ’09, RN (Graduate of the first MSN class)*

“I love it. This is what I was born to do. I love taking care of people.” And as a nursing instructor now, I love working with the students, seeing them grow from having no knowledge about nursing to having a better understanding of how to advocate for their patients.”

*Kimyon Lewis, MSN ’11, RN*

“Being a student at Resurrection University is both a rewarding and an inspiring experience. I know when I graduate, I will be among a group of nursing leaders who are advancing the field. I am ready to make an impact and the opportunities I’ve been given at Resurrection have helped make that possible.”

*Aric Shimek, BSN student, Class of December 2014*
The Centennial Celebration.

Join us May 2 – 4 as the Resurrection University family joins together to celebrate the past, present, and future of our College of Nursing.

Friday, May 2
2:00 pm College of Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare
6:00 pm Homecoming & Class Reunions
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

Saturday, May 3
10:00 am Commencement Ceremony
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois
2-4 pm Mission Fair
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare
7:00 pm Centennial Celebration Dinner
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

We’re proud to welcome Sandra Festa Ryan—MSN, RN, CPNP, FCPP, FAANP, FAAN as our Commencement Speaker
Ryan has over 25 years of healthcare and leadership experience in various clinical, management, and leadership settings. She is a highly decorated Air Force Officer and is a nationally certified nurse practitioner. Ryan has been recognized for her leadership as the recipient of the Nancy Sharp Cutting Edge Award by the American College of Nurse Practitioners; as the first NP inducted as a Fellow of the Philadelphia College of Physicians; through her inductions as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and a 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow; and by the Convenient Care industry for her contributions to NP practice. Ryan earned a BSN in Nursing from Niagara University, and an MSN from Arizona State University. She is currently the Chief Clinical Officer for CareCam Health Systems.

Sunday, May 4
10:00 am Prayer Service
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

Share Your Mission
Does your charity organization need volunteers and promotion? Would you like to share your story of making a difference? The College of Nursing 100 year Anniversary weekend includes a mission fair so that alums can share their good works with others. On Saturday afternoon May 3rd from 2-4pm, between the Commencement and evening dinner, a small ballroom has been reserved for this purpose. The room will have a number of skirted tables, chairs and electricity. Alumni are welcome to display their work during this time. There is no fee to do so, but donations to the alumni scholarship fund are welcome. Please register your intent to display at the event on our website prior to April 15th, 2014. This is a great opportunity to recruit volunteers and support from Chicago’s very best pool of volunteers! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Reese, MSN, RN, CNE, Class of 1996, at nancy.reese@resu.edu
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. That’s why Resurrection University has set a goal of raising $50,000 for our Alumni Scholarship Fund in time for the College’s 100th Anniversary. Contributions from alumni and friends of the University are used to award a $5,000 scholarship annually to an eligible nursing student.

Initiated by West Suburban School of Nurses and West Suburban College of Nursing alumni, the scholarship is awarded on the basis of superior academic achievement, clinical qualities, scholarship, professionalism and leadership. A faculty letter of endorsement, interview with the College Scholarship Committee, essay and full-time status are required for eligibility.

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 jери.bingham@resu.edu or 773.252.5131.
When I joined the staff at Resurrection University and began working with the Alumni Association, a couple of alumni quickly made me aware of an old saying, “The sun never sets on a West Suburban (now ResU) graduate.” At the moment, I thought those words were sweet, but during my time here, I have learned just how true that statement has proven to be throughout the past century.

In this issue we will highlight 100 years. From that small graduating class of four in 1915 to the now approximately 500 students who represent cultures from all over the world. Not to mention the more than 4,000 graduates, who have and continue to serve the needs of the sick, always carrying with them the light of the institution’s expertise, mission, and ministry.

As I speak with alumni, yes, I hear countless stories about the rigors of an amazing program that has taught them exemplary clinical skills. However, more often, I hear about the wonderful and supportive family that students and alumni alike have gained from their time at West Sub. For some, it is a family that has remained a strong presence in their lives for decades. I love to hear the stories about the extraordinary choir, big “sisters” who mentored new nurses, both in school and throughout their careers, and faculty who inspired authors, world missionaries, founders of non-profits, administrators, and so many nursing professionals, who rank among the most exceptional in the field.

It’s been an incredible journey for our University and for me.
I have also enjoyed working with that small, but dedicated group of truly amazing ladies who formed and developed an Alumni Association and its board in order to promote tradition and service in our graduates through the decades. Their stories are an inspiration to us all.

No matter the era, it can never be disputed that this College of Nursing, and now of Allied Health, has produced exceptional alumni and benefited even more individuals throughout the world. Although I did not have the honor of graduating from this school, I am honored to now be grafted in the fabric that gives us reason to celebrate, and I am excited for our second century of making a difference.

Esther Wallen, MA, CPRW
Assistant Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations
Call for nominations.

Ever wonder how you could contribute to the legacy of your alma mater?

Become a Member of the RUAA Board!
The Resurrection University Alumni Association Board is recruiting members. The purpose of the RUAA Board is to serve in an advisory capacity to the ResU community and provide leadership and direction to the RUAA by fostering lifelong relationships between the university and its alumni.

In order to accomplish this, board members must strive to:

• develop a strong organization able to facilitate career goals, increase visibility, and improve communication with graduates;
• serve alumni, the university, and the community by assisting with continued education opportunities and other services; and
• foster philanthropic support to help meet the university’s programmatic and financial needs.

Contact Esther Wallen, Assistant Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations at esther.wallen@resu.edu for additional information regarding what it means to be a part of the ResU Alumni Association Board. The deadline for applications is March 15th, 2014.
Nominate an Outstanding Alumnus—Deadline is March 15th

As part of the College of Nursing’s 100th Centennial Celebration, we will recognize outstanding alumna/alumnus for each decade. You may select a fellow alumnus or may identify yourself as a possible recipient. The awards will be given at the Centennial Celebration Dinner on the evening of Saturday, May 3rd. The deadline has been extended to March 15th, 2014.

Specific Criteria may include but are not limited to:
- Exemplifies the values of nursing and the University (respect, integrity, excellence, concern)
- Serves as a role model of professional nursing
- Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching, learning, and nursing
- Develops collaborative working relationships with health care team
- Demonstrates interest in and respect for all
- Assists through professional service within the community
- Contributions to the profession have been recognized by the nursing community

Complete the nomination form on the Centennial website at resu.edu/100
Join our Alumni Association

If you’re a ResU grad there’s no better way to stay connected with the University. Visit http://resu.edu/alumni/register and we’ll keep you informed about all of the news and networking events that make our Alumni Association extraordinary. There’s no cost, no catches, no kidding. Register today and stay connected!

In Memoriam…
Edna Vaughan (Rosser) died March 2011 – Class of ’47
Rita Ann Hopkins (Langford) died May 2013 – Class of ’52
Joan Sinsabaugh (Krieger) died January 2014 – Class of ’52

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 the Reflections magazine and the newsletter. Resurrection University also wants to know about the passing of an alumnus so that it can be shared.

Please send any notes to Esther Wallen, Assistant Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations to esther.wallen@resu.edu.

Resurrection University extends its gratitude to the family of Helen Woodard Urban, ’30. Helen Woodard Urban passed away in 2011. Since her passing the Urban family donated her nursing pin to be a part of our archives. We are very grateful for the donation. ResU welcomes donations of past nursing materials that represent your time during nursing school.

If you would like to make a donation please contact:
Esther Wallen
Resurrection University
1431 N Claremont Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622
Gifts to Resurrection University allow us to improve virtually every aspect of everything we do.

From our facilities to our technologies to our capabilities, your gifts help keep ResU a step ahead of the constantly changing world of healthcare education. Your support makes a difference for today’s students as well as tomorrow’s. If you’ve donated in the past, thank you for your support. If you’re looking for a great way to invest in the future of healthcare, here are some great options:

**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 the 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.

**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 a City College 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.

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**A SPECIAL “THANK YOU”!**

We recently received a $375,000 donation (over the next 5 years) from the Foglia Family Foundation to support students in our College of Nursing. We also received a $5,000 donation from Bear Construction for the Resurrection University Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The generosity of our alumni and friends continues to make a lasting impact on our University, our students, and the community we serve.
Presence Health is proud to have as part of our continuum a college of nursing with such a long history of excellence. Resurrection University plays a significant role in training a new generation of health care professionals. We know the health care delivery model of today is shifting from a model focused on treating people only when they’re sick to one that enables our communities to achieve and maintain their best health. ResU fosters the innovation that’s needed to make this shift by equipping the next generation of health care professionals with the skills they need to create a better care management model for all of those we serve.

Sandra Bruce, FACHE
President & CEO, Presence Health

The word pride comes to mind when I think about my association with Resurrection University. As chairman of the Board of Directors, it is my privilege to play a role in the decision-making processes that shape the future of a University that has changed the lives of so many. Not only are students’ and graduates’ lives changed by the quality of their education, but also the lives of the patients and organizations that they touch. I have always been excited to be a part of ResU, but even more so now as the College of Nursing reaches a very important milestone in its history. Congratulations students and alumni, and much success to the Colleges of Nursing and Allied Health at Resurrection University for the next 100 years.

Mary Anne Kelly
Resurrection University Board Chair
“I am confident that He who began a good work in you will carry it on...”
(Philippians 1:6)

Legacy is an underrated notion today. In the past people would regularly talk about wanting to make a positive contribution by leaving some form of a constructive mark on their family, in the community, and even on the world.

As Resurrection University celebrates its 100th anniversary, we are reminding ourselves that our service promises: our commitment to each other, and the people we serve, are inspired by the values of Resurrection University: Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Service Excellence.

Aristotle said it best. “Excellence is not an art. It is a habit.” And habits, like our service promises, touch people. I believe that a legacy is a by-product of a life lived well and is part of the ongoing foundation. Those who came before us planted seeds of greatness in the lives of others in authentic ways. Those who will come after us will have only what we leave them.

May we each ignite our sense of legacy of God’s grace being manifested in ways that bring God glory—so that those who come after us can continue to help others in the future.

Sister Sandi Sosnowski, CSFN