



From the President

By Patrick Brady '83

Changes, Changes, Changes! Our lives have changed so much lately, and now more changes! Good changes, for sure - and we are so ready!

New Digs for Nursing

I had the honor to represent the Alumni Association at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new building on Delgado's City Park campus - the Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health! *(See the story on page 3.)*

Lista, Doris Burvant '60, Roberta Barteo '66 and I attended the ceremony - as well as, of course, **Debbie Skevington '79**, the Acting Dean of Charity Nursing School, and a whole bunch of local leaders who are celebrating what this will mean for our community.

We were so impressed with the plans for the new facility that will be available to Charity students. This partnership will provide our graduates with the most advanced opportunities in nursing education and preparation for practice.

Bigger and Better

The current Education Building is bursting at the seams, and fraying at the edges! But this will be so much more than a nice modern building where the water fountains work and the roof doesn't leak.

Just as so many of us older alumni trained at Big Charity alongside other medical professionals, now current Charity students will gain a more in-depth understanding of the collaboration and teamwork that makes for better health care and patient outcomes.

And not to worry! - the Nursing School will retain the Charity name, and our Alumni Office will be there too!

Cherish the Past, Eyes on the Future

Since 1894, Charity School of Nursing has been educating great nurses. In the early 90s, when Charity Hospital decided to get out of the business of teaching nurses, Delgado College took us in. It has been a wonderful partnership. Together we have continued to prepare thousands of students to become Charity nurses - and heroes in this community.

While we will mourn the loss of 450 South Claiborne Avenue, we are looking forward. Our reputation for



CHSNAA President Dr. Patrick Brady '83 speaks at the March 2021 Groundbreaking Ceremony.

producing graduates of the highest quality and preparedness will live on way into the future. We are excited to welcome this new chapter and this new partnership with Ochsner, and grateful that Ochsner sees the tremendous value in investing so much in future nurses and medical workers.

New Plans for Old Charity Hospital

Things are happening at Big Charity, too! The redevelopment of that beloved limestone edifice is underway, and I think everyone will be delighted by the what's in store! *(See the plans on page 4.)* It will truly be the revitalization of a great building and a catalyst for renewal in that area of the city. Big Charity will still be providing medical education. How cool is that? And we can look forward to having an alumni event there in a couple of years! Maybe Homecoming 2025!

And now you can get a cool piece of history, too! Check out the chunks! *(See the story on page 8.)*

Events Still on Hold

Even though Covid restrictions are loosening, we are still cautious. Vaccination rates are fluctuating, and variants could flare up. We all want desperately to have a safe Alumni function, and it is never out of our minds as we plan for the fall and the coming year. We are getting closer, but no plans are in place yet. But rest assured that soon, very soon, we will be together again! We have so much to celebrate and can hardly wait!

But “no events” doesn’t mean we aren’t staying busy! The Board has kept in touch by email and this summer we are hoping to have our first in-person meeting since February 2020. We are so fortunate that all the members of our Board and Advisory Committee have carried on so graciously in difficult times.

Alumni Hearts are Open

We’ve been helping students with Emergency Assistance grants and the Scholarship Committee just finished interviewing applicants for our Fall 2021 scholarship awards. Your support for the Alumni Association and the influx of scholarship donations and other funding from all of you has been truly amazing and deeply appreciated. Supporting students during the pandemic has been a priority and ever so needed to ensure completion and graduation from the program, especially at a time when every nurse counts.

We are all in the business of healing bodies, but there are no hearts bigger than the Charity Alumni. You make everything we do possible! Thank you - and stay safe until we meet again!

Patrick

Dean’s Report

By Deborah Skevington ‘79
Interim Executive Dean CSN Campus/
Interim Dean of Nursing

Greetings, Fellow Charity Alumni!

Our spring semester got off to a great start with 819 students enrolling. Classes were live virtual sessions, and the clinical component was held in our usual clinical sites. Unfortunately, we could not hold our Promotion Ceremony for third level students due to Covid restrictions at the College. But we were able to hold a live pinning ceremony in May for our 121 graduates!

How we have missed having our celebrations for our graduating class! One celebration that was held this spring was the groundbreaking for the new nursing building at City Park. Planning continues on the building with an anticipated opening in 2023.

As we look to the future, we are looking forward to having students return to the building this fall and to begin more face-to-face activities.

We anticipate having 243 students in our first level class this fall with the second and third level, also, having approximately 200 students. The fourth level will again have 120 students. We anticipate a very busy fall with students and faculty returning to campus!

It has been a gratifying - if somewhat overwhelming - experience to serve as acting dean. I never had any desire to make it a permanent role, and Delgado is deep in the process of finding a new Executive Dean for Charity School of Nursing. With so much change on the horizon, we are all looking forward to embracing new leadership as we work toward an exciting future for our school.

Thank you, Fellow Alumni, for all your support for the students of Charity! I hope we will be seeing you all again soon!

Deborah

From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank ‘97

So many of you wrote articles and sent in updates on what you’re doing - this edition of the *White Cap* is as fat and juicy as a cheeseburger! We love it! Keep those cards and letters and emails coming! Send pictures, too!

Lot’s of news about the school and Big Charity to chew on! You know, we all love the history of the hospital and the memories of our school days. It can be tempting to want everything encased in aspic forever! Change is scary - but remember when you walked up those front steps to Charity School of Nursing that first time - with a flutter in your heart? Life is all about new chapters!

We do not know what the plans are for the Education Building once we move out. Like the old dorm, it is owned by LSU. We can hope it will one day be given a new life and purpose like Big Charity!

The future of the Commemorative Brick Wall has not been decided. If the Education Building is redeveloped, and our wall fits into the plans, we’d like it to remain at the historic School of Nursing. If it can’t remain, we may move all the bricks to an interior wall in the Ochsner Center. In the meantime, we have all the new bricks that were ordered since 2015 in production, and we will have them ready to install once we have a plan of action!

But it’s not too early to start thinking about elections coming up this winter. If you are interested in serving on the Board or Advisory Committee, please contact the Alumni Office for information.

One last thing to ward off the rumor mill: The School of Nursing will still be called **Charity School of Nursing!** Hail to Charity - and keep in touch!!

Lista

Groundbreaking!

New Building for Nursing and Allied Health to Open in 2023

With the scoop of a shovel, it has begun – a new building for Charity School of Nursing and Delgado’s Allied Health programs is now clearly on the horizon. Ochsner Health and Delgado Community College have joined together to create the **Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health**.

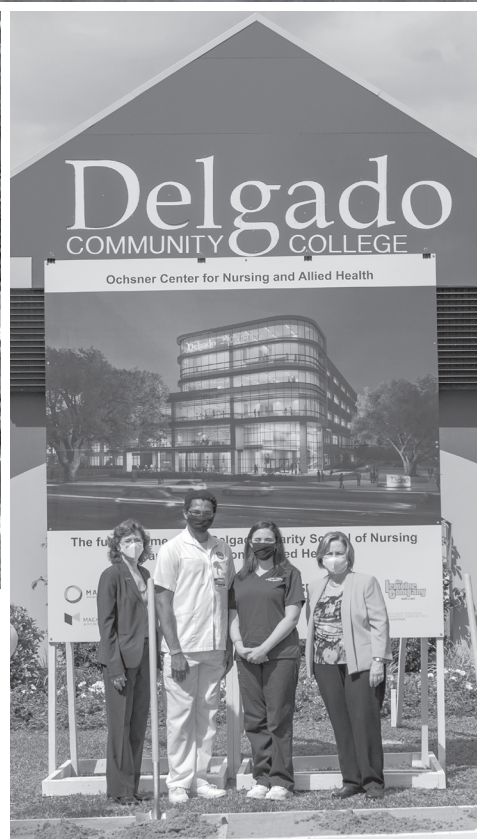
At a groundbreaking ceremony in March, the governor and a host of educational and political leaders gathered to celebrate this public/private partnership that will bring a new state-of-the-art facility on Delgado’s City Park campus to life.

The new building will house Charity School of Nursing and Delgado’s Division of Allied Health. It has been more than a decade-long aspiration to house all of these programs under one roof, allowing for cooperation and synergy among the programs.

The Ochsner Center is expected to open in early 2023. It will be 120,000 total square feet – with capacity for 1,500 students, including nearly 900 nursing students. There will be new modern classrooms with advanced educational technology, and state-of-the-art labs – including the **Rose Ella Chenevert Miller Skills Lab** funded by the 1958 Charity graduate. A simulated hospital setting will facilitate collaboration among students in all the programs.

Ochsner has committed \$20 million to expand Delgado’s nursing and allied health education, including \$10 million toward the building. The other \$10 million will go toward full-time tuition for Ochsner employees to pursue degrees and credentials in nursing and allied health at Delgado. In addition, two adjunct faculty members from Ochsner will augment the programs beginning in Fall 2021.

In Delgado’s Allied Health Division, students can train as radiologic techs, respiratory techs,



pharmacy techs, occupational therapy assistants, paramedics, phlebotomy techs, and in many more fields.

The new facility will be at the corner of City Park Avenue and Orleans Ave, right across from beautiful City Park. ❖

Top to bottom, left to right: The artist's rendering of the Ochsner Center; Delgado Chancellor Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib, Governor John Bel Edwards, Mayor LaToya Cantrell, and other community leaders wield shovels; Vice-Chancellor and Provost Dr. Cheryl Myers, CASN President Dereck Williams, radiologic tech student Tessa Maggiore, and Interim Dean of Charity Dr. Deborah Skevington at the March 2021 groundbreaking ceremony.

Big Charity:

The Story Continues to be Written

As the redevelopment process at Big Charity got underway, marble was pulled from the walls, and often broke into pieces. Two members of the construction team realized there were people out there who would love to have those pieces of marble. They approached the developer with an inspiration, then began a monumental undertaking. Volunteering their time, laboring after the workday, often all night, they collected and cataloged chunks of the marble walls, tiles, even sinks and other fixtures. Then they offered all these artifacts for sale, with proceeds going to funding of the project and to local charitable organizations, including the Alumni Association. They responded to thousands of requests, arranged for pick up or packed and shipped the pieces of Big Charity. For them it has truly been a labor of love. These two wonderful people have graciously submitted the following articles about the plans for the building. They wish to remain anonymous, but we thank them for so many happy memories from those who know and love Big Charity. (An order form for the mementos is on page 9).

A Test of Time

The story of Charity Hospital is a tale of compassion, determination, resilience, love, and a desire to serve anyone in need of medical care. It is easy to see why it was referred to throughout Louisiana as Big Charity or by her nursing staff as Mother Charity. She truly was a place of relief and treatment for many.

Her journey began on May 10, 1736, from a grant, the modern day equivalent of \$1,600, made by the estate of Jean Louis, a shipbuilder, whose will provided funds for a hospital dedicated to indigent care. Hospital of Saint John or L'Hôpital des Pauvres de la Charité (Hospital for the Poor) opened at Chartres and Bienville Streets, establishing what was to become the second oldest continuously operating public hospital in the United States until it



closed following Hurricane Katrina. One man's dying wish has provided care to so many in New Orleans and across Louisiana, and as its reputation for excellence grew, the United States.

Throughout the ensuing decades the institution wore out, or lost to fire, four buildings. It was in the fifth, built in 1832 and located on what was then Common Street, now Tulane Avenue, that the Daughters of Charity assumed control and ran the institution for the next hundred years.

That facility was falling apart in 1933 when its board of administrators asked the Public Works Administration (PWA) to fund a replacement. Then Governor of Louisiana Huey P. Long stepped in to meet the demand for indigent medical services which far exceeded the capacity of the previous hospital.

The sixth and final building housing the Charity Hospital of New Orleans was constructed in 1939. It is on Tulane Avenue and at the time became the second largest hospital in the United States with 2,680 beds.

The doors of the 1939 building remained open until Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the fateful day in

August of 2005. A building established to care for all who walked through her doors continued to do so until the doors were closed for good after the last patient was evacuated after the destructive disaster.

Charity Hospital of New Orleans leaves a vast legacy of healthcare and training. She saw many take their first and/or last breath. She was the comfort to the hurt and celebrated every victory. She is our family, our spirit, our



strong and steady. Even through the change of locations and ownership, even natural disasters, the mission and spirit of Charity remained and grew stronger over the years. The purpose was to always provide care to those in need.

The Charity spirit is alive and well across the world. Hurricane Katrina forced many of the Charity staff to leave to find new employment, but they took something with them - the knowledge and servant's heart they acquired while laboring at CHNO. Charity lives in every nurse, health care provider, custodian, administrative staff, cook, maintenance staff, and doctor that served at Big Charity, and thus will live on forever as it was intended. The only difference now is her love and spirit are not in one location, but in countless places across the world.

Many thought her days were truly over after Katrina. The best part is her story continues to be written.

Charity Hospital of New Orleans sits in the heart of downtown New Orleans on what may seem a very small footprint but she definitely filled big shoes and was signed into the National Register of Historic Places in January 2011. The building could not be destroyed. Her beauty spans the ages. She is known not only for her care but also for her art deco embellishments. The ornamental aluminum grill, which will remain in place, was an idea originated by Governor Long and designed by sculptor Enrique Alferez to represent all areas of Louisiana at work and play. Charity will now exist in a different form but still provide knowledge to the medical field, a safe place in apartments, a spot to eat a meal, have a cup of coffee, or go shopping. CHNO has come full circle. Her story spans 284 years and is still going strong. ❖

A Vision of Rebirth

Joseph Stebbin's fascination with old buildings and antiques began when he was young. His father was an antiques dealer and interested in old buildings. Joseph grew up going through old mills, churches, theaters, and homes. His father was instrumental in the group that saved the Fox Theater in Atlanta, GA, in 1972 and Joseph still has his father's folder on this venture. Joseph spent a great deal of his youth in Georgia working with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation going on rambles. His grandmother's brother, Samuel Wilson, Jr., was an architect and very much entrenched in the historical preservation of Louisiana and New Orleans in particular.

Joseph earned his bachelor's degree in architecture at Georgia Tech University and completed his master's degree at Tulane, which began Joseph's life in New Orleans. Little did he know what the city had in store for



him. He worked for the City of New Orleans as an architect and project manager before venturing out in 2006 to redevelop historic properties. So begins the story of the rebirth of the facility so many call Big Charity.

Charity Hospital stood deserted and decaying on Tulane Avenue. "The first time I went through the building," says Joseph, "It was a picture in time of the day after Hurricane Katrina. There were cups and mugs and stuff on the tables. In the dental lab, there were teeth and dentures being worked on and still sitting there. In the administration area was a PBX phone with the on-hold light blinking. We joked: *Wow, that guy has been on hold a long time.* It was 2015 before the state cleaned it out, so it was like the adrift ship *Mary Celeste* of hospitals."

Joseph and his team saw potential in the old building. The hospital is iconic – the cornerstone of life in southern Louisiana and New Orleans before the art deco structure even existed. They saw a vision for the rebirth of Charity Hospital and, in 2014, they began working toward acquiring CHNO.

When the Charity building was offered for rehabilitation, Joseph and the team moved forward on submitting a proposal because the group felt they could both bring the building back to life and preserve its historical features.

There are many moving parts in a project of this magnitude. Joseph will be quick to say the Charity project is not a 'one man show' by any stretch of the imagination. It is a collaborative process; a team effort. The journey is not just his, but everyone on the team: from those working on the building, to the designers, to those financing it all. There are partners in New York, architects, designers, and the various visionaries who joined in putting together the application when the process began.

One of the first tasks at hand when leasing the building was putting together a qualifications package

for the State of Louisiana. *1532 Tulane Partners* was formed, with Joseph as CEO.

It only felt natural to make it a multi-functional facility with residential, commercial, and a solid anchor: Tulane Medical School. The crew did an amazing job of presenting their concept and it was ultimately the winning proposal. It truly took an army of people and still takes that many to work on the project daily.

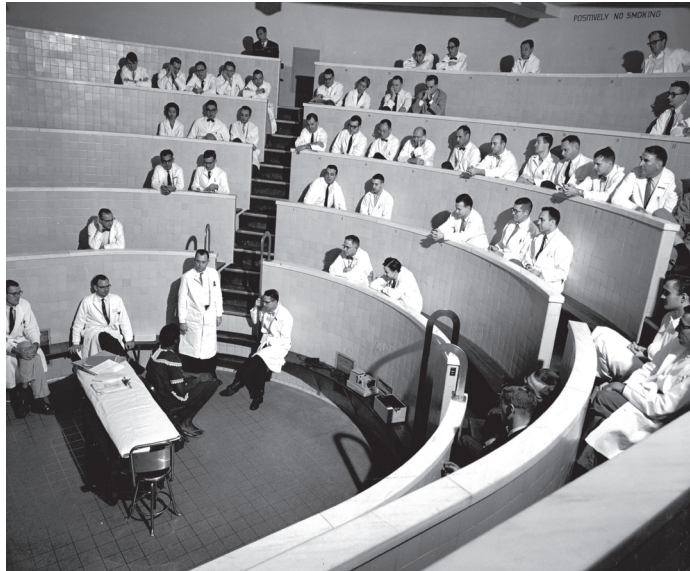
Many have asked about the future of the building and Joseph is eager to share the plans.

It was always intended that the journey be a *restoration* – to maintain the historical character so deeply ingrained within the walls. The marble (and Charity Seal) on the first floor will be cleaned and refurbished back to its 1938 decor. The second floor ‘white coat room’ auditorium will be restored as well. The plan is to put it back to its original design. The teaching theaters are also being refurbished. Workers will re-pin and tie-back the exterior limestone skin of the building and will replace all of the windows.

The project could be completed in as little as 48 months but may stretch past that timeline. The base construction is planned for thirty months but that does not include Tulane’s portion which will take longer.

The single biggest obstacle to date has been learning to adapt during Covid, and to work around the different restrictions. The team was not always able to have site visits and face-to-face meetings. They were extremely lucky that full construction was not underway when Covid altered ‘normal’ business life. Everyone involved got accustomed to meeting virtually so that it was no longer a huge challenge but simply a way of daily business life. Although work may have advanced a little more rapidly had Covid restrictions not been in place, it could have been much worse.

At the end of the day, the structure will go back into service for those living in New Orleans and the surrounding areas. Tulane will have a state-of-the-art facility for teaching students within the walls of a building that has always been a teaching facility. Tulane has some incredible plans that are perfect for the



building. The facility was a training hospital for Tulane and LSU medical students in the past. Now Tulane will have labs, academics, and administration functions in a portion of the building.

When the project is completed, the building will again be doing what it was created to do in 1938. She will serve as a place to live, work, and learn. The Spirit of Charity will live on through everyone that walks back through the doors of Mother Charity and through

the vision seen by a team of people who would not allow CHNO to die. ❖

A Place to Live, Learn, Work and Enjoy Again



The iconic Charity building is going to have a renewed face to show the world. Imagine living there in one of approximately 300 apartments ranging in size from one to three bedrooms. The Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund will lease about one-third of the entire space for medical school classrooms, labs and administration offices. Visualize walking to class without even leaving the building. Or coming home, knowing it is the place you once worked, or trained so hard for your medical degree.

Park your vehicle in the new parking garage formerly known as the basement. Yes, that is correct. No more basement – just safe, dry and secure parking. What you will find in the basement, original to CHNO, is the autopsy amphitheater!

Want to shop? There will be ample retail stores located on the lower floors to visit. A charter high school will help educate the youth of New Orleans inside these walls as well.

The outer shell of the building will remain much the

same, including preservation of the classic Alferez art deco artwork over the main entrance and throughout the project. When you stroll through the front foyer, it will be like going back in time. Sister Stanislaus will still look down at you from the elevator banks. Remember, **DON'T WALK ACROSS THE SEAL!** The seal is still there and will remain in its original place.

If you decide to go to the second floor, look at the auditorium. Like the foyer, the beautiful marble is historical and will not be removed. Head up a little higher and you can visit two of the original nurses stations.

Still not enough? How about walking into the two surgical amphitheatres on the 12th floor. From there you can venture to the roof tops for some fresh air, and green space. Selected roof spaces will have open access to amenities such as swimming pools and areas for your pet to join in on the fun.

Want to see the new face of the old basketball court? There you will find the new 'Emergency Room': a great restaurant, with a spectacular view to enjoy. Imagine having a class reunion or conference in one of our spacious community rooms! You can unwind where many have studied, burning the midnight oil.

As Charity begins its season of revitalization, she will remain much the same thanks to the developer's historic preservation efforts and goals. The building will still be a place to learn, educate, and provide knowledge to future generations. We have all heard the saying: *The more things change, the more they stay the same.* This statement holds true for the future of the building. The spirit long embodied by Charity is still representative of the city she calls home. She is a shining reminder of how the adaptive and creative abilities of a team of people saw that they could restore the luster to the diamond in the rough and thus the building will breathe life again. ❖

A Piece of History

Securing your piece of Charity history is easy. You can purchase pieces of the marble walls - plain irregular chunks, or smooth squares engraved with the Big Charity seal, the diploma pin design or the Charity Alumni logo. You can also get tiles (without engraving) from the fourth floor.

Contact us through Instagram, through Facebook at **Charity Hospital NOLA Memorabilia**; by email at **INFO@CPMConstructionLLC.com**, or by mail using



the form on page 9.

We love to hear from you! Countless stories have been told to us over the last several months as pieces of CHNO have found new homes. Charity lives on in many states and these pieces have provided closure, joy, and peace to many.

We have learned so much – even about the elevator as one person shared, “What I wouldn’t give to walk the halls again. When I was there, we had elevator operators and we had to get there 30 minutes before clinic started just to get to the upper floors because they were so

slow - haha!”

We have learned closure comes in many forms when we hear, “Thank you again for the awesome pieces of marble that brought some healing I needed - sorry I was a mess.”

There are still items available and many stories left to tell. It brings us all a great deal of joy to see each person secure their piece of such an important part of their life. We are blessed beyond measure to have met so many and look forward to meeting many more CHNO family.

You can either arrange with us to pick up your selection at the old ER ramp, or we can ship it to you.

CHNO is a piece of history that lives deep within the heart and soul of so many across the great country. We have seen many come back to say their last goodbye, met students who never trained at CHNO but wanted a piece of history, and talked with those who worked many long hours creating medical history and saving lives.

This journey would not be possible without the support of so many. For this, we thank you all.

We do not know how much longer these items will be available so do not wait long to reach out. We want to make sure everyone who wishes to give these pieces a new home has that opportunity. Once the items are gone, they will be gone forever.

We want to leave you with a message from one of our team members, “Bringing much needed closure and smiles to so many is such a blessing. It’s serving on a level I could never have imagined. It’s simply humbling.” ❖

Where The Unusual Occurs
& Miracles Happen

A Few Words from You...

"I went to Big Charity today to pick up a piece of marble from the third floor psych ward. I hadn't been there since I snuck back into the city a month after Katrina. I've lived ten minutes away, but could never bring myself to drive by. I lost so many patients after the storm. Today was a goodbye I didn't realize I needed. It is time for a new start." - *Dara W.*

"So glad to have met ya'll today - and yes, I cried all the way back to Mississippi! My dad loved to help heal people." - *Rosalia L.*

"This has really meant a lot to my father and me. My grandfather was in the first graduating class of the LSU Medical School on New Orleans. He practiced as a physician for seven years and died in 1943 - six weeks before my father was born. My father worked in government accounting and later worked for the Louisiana Health Care Authority and LSU managing the state's charity hospitals. He had the opportunity to visit Charity Hospital in New Orleans many times over the years. When I saw the news story that items from the hospital were being sold, I immediately told my father. He was very excited to get to go back there and pick up his piece of granite. It's now sitting on my grandfather's desk that was used in his medical office." - *Christy S.*

"We appreciate the opportunity to have just a small piece of her - more than you know!" - *Sharon Z.*

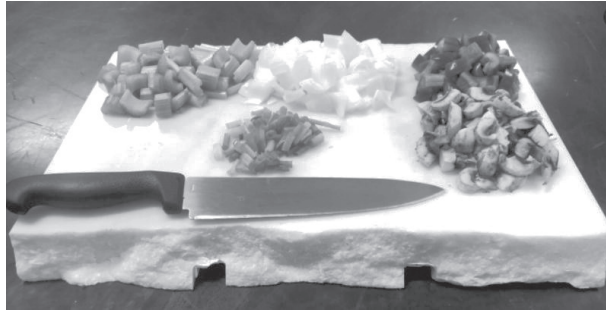
"My great aunt attended Charity School of Nursing, then later Charity Anesthesia School, and also taught there (she got a 12th floor piece). My mom went to Charity's X-ray school (7th floor piece). And I am currently a RT at UMC. Thank y'all! This meant so much to us!" - *Kaleigh G.*

"I'm so excited! That place leaves an impression like no other. I'm so happy you are able to give us a little piece of it. Thank you so much!" - *Lisa B.*

"It means so much to me because I am a native New Orleanian and they saved the life of one of my brothers when he had a motorcycle accident. He will for sure love it as well!" - *Tracy T.*

"I so wish I could see the old girl one more time. Thank you for allowing me to keep a physical piece." - *Patti S.*

"I still remember when I walked into Charity Hospital for the first time as a medical student and the joy and pride I've felt treating patients there. It's been sad seeing it in ruins since Hurricane Katrina. Walking away with a piece of this building feels like coming full circle." - *Nilong V.* ❖



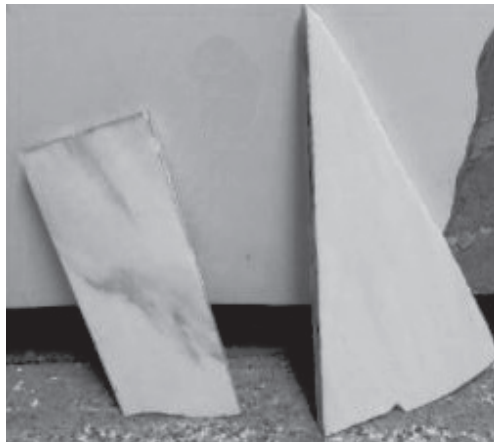
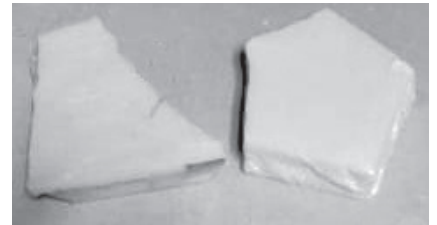
A 1.25 square foot chunk of marble makes a great cutting board.

A Chunk of Memories

From the walls of Big Charity, marble chunks and tiles, and engraved marble squares are available for purchase from the construction company. Proceeds go to local charitable organizations, including the CHSN Alumni Association, and project development..

You can order by messaging on their Facebook page at **Charity Hospital NOLA Memorabilia**; by email at **INFO@CPMConstructionLLC.com**, or by mail using the form on page 9. ❖

Marble chunks from 2" to over a foot long are available from Floors 2 to 12.



Engravings available are the Charity Seal, the Charity Nursing Diploma Pin, and the CHSN Alumni Logo. Also available is "Where the Unusual Occurs and Miracles Happen" (photo on page 7).



Charity Hospital NOLA Memorabilia - Piece of History Order Form

<p><i>Please print clearly!</i></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone Number _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip _____</p>	<p>Make all checks payable to: CPM Construction Management, LLC and mail your check with this form to: CPM Construction Management PO Box 24580 New Orleans, LA 70184 Contact INFO@CPMConstructionLLC.com for additional information.</p>
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A	Marble chunk, irregular shape, broken edges - blank <i>No two are alike!</i> <i>Perfect for paperweights!</i>	Approx 2" x 2"		27.36	20.00	\$		\$
B	Marble chunk, irregular shape, broken edges - blank <i>No two are alike!</i>	Approx 6" x 6"		54.73	20.00	\$		\$
C	Marble chunk, irregular shape, broken edges - blank <i>No two are alike!</i>	Approx 9" x 9"		82.08	30.00	\$		\$
D	Marble chunk, irregular shape, broken edges - blank <i>No two are alike!</i>	Approx 1 sq foot		109.45	40.00	\$		\$
E	Marble chunk, irregular shape, broken edges - blank <i>No two are alike!</i> <i>Good size for cheeseboards!</i>	Approx 1.25 sq foot		164.18	40.00	\$		\$
F	Marble square, finished edges, engraved with Charity Seal	6" x 6"		218.90	30.00	\$		\$
G	Marble square, finished edges, engraved with Charity Diploma Pin	6" x 6"		218.90	30.00	\$		\$
H	Marble square, finished edges, engraved with CHSN Alumni Association logo	6" x 6"		218.90	30.00	\$		\$
I	Marble rectangle, finished edges, engraved with "Where the Unusual Occurs & Miracles Happen" <i>Silver color engraving only.</i>	6" x 18"		218.90	30.00	\$		\$
J	Room 4 Wall Tile, blank	4.5" x 4.5"	Room 4	218.90	20.00			\$
Total								\$

- Back Orders will occur. Expect an 8 to 16 week waiting period for all engraved pieces.
- Sinks; doors; tiles from floors 2, 3, 7 and 11; and FRP prices are available on request.
- All items are sold in "as is" condition, including but not limited to: discoloration, chips, scratches, markings, and dirt. We recommend you clean, sterilize and seal all marble.
- The marble is about 100 years old, and broke as it was taken off the walls. We do our best to package it for shipping, but cannot control how USPS handles it. We are not responsible for damage incurred during shipping.
- You will have a piece of history that not many others possess! Proceeds will go to project development and local charitable organizations. ❖



Acceptance

By Jeanne Alleman '06

I am a proud graduate of Charity School of Nursing's Class of December 2006. I currently work for DePaul Community Health Centers where we serve all, including the underinsured and uninsured. NO ONE is left behind. I wanted to share some of my experiences, and photos, of working as a

frontline nurse during this pandemic.

Attending Charity School of Nursing, which was my foundation in nursing, helped me prepare for what we face today. I've assisted with Covid-19 testing and with administering the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines as they became available. I am truly humbled and proud to be able to serve our community, especially during this time of uncertainty.

I was honored to administer the Covid-19 vaccine to Sophia Thomas, President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Here is a link where you can listen as she leads by example and encourages others to get vaccinated:

<https://fb.watch/32ny0uYuGB/>

This pandemic does not discriminate and has touched each of us in some way. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the families of all who have succumb to this. This includes my family in which three members fought the battle and lost. I've learned that no one could ever have imagined facing something like this and our community, including health care professionals, is anxious and afraid. We're all aching for some sense of 'normalcy.'

On Christmas 2020, my husband and I attended Midnight Mass at the Cathedral. The pandemic loomed. I was born and raised in New Orleans and never can I remember the French Quarter being so quiet. Few cars and hardly anyone on the streets. There was a heavy, cold air that night... ominous. I felt relief as we entered the church. To be able to attend during the pandemic, there was a registration process: signing up online, getting an acceptance email from the church to attend (due to limitations on numbers of people gathering and social distancing), and show the confirmation email we received as we entered. This experience was strange for me, but I accepted that we had to follow process.

That acceptance, in every sense of the word, is something that has helped me personally and professionally through the difficulties of this pandemic.

As nurses, we continue to heal and protect, as always, not knowing what we will face each day. I've reflected quite a bit over the last year. The commitment I've made along this particular journey truly reflects why the nursing profession chose me – to make a difference.

I am so proud to be a Nurse. ❖



Left to right, top to bottom: Jeanne at graduation in 2006; receiving her vaccine; promoting vaccinations at DePaul; Jeanne and her husband with the Archbishop at Midnight Mass, Christmas 2020; Jeanne today, masked and ready for anything!

Barbara Philipps Endowment to Encourage Careers in Nursing Education

The Charity Hospital School of Nursing is delighted to announce the establishment of the **Barbara Ann Pitre Philipps Endowed Scholarship Fund**. The endowed fund was created by James Philipps, his brother Charles Philipps, sister-in-law Linda Philipps and his sister Natalie Philipps Mead.

This endowment fund will provide financial assistance to outstanding Charity students to help pay for tuition, books, and fees. Scholarships will be administered by the Delgado Foundation, and awarded on the basis of academic and clinical excellence. The fund will help promising students who are striving so hard, often while working to support their families, to become accomplished and compassionate Charity Nurses.

The Barbara Ann Pitre Philipps Endowed Scholarship Fund was created through the Delgado Community College Foundation. The Philipps family's donation of \$30,000 will be matched by the Louisiana Board of Regents, bringing the principal of the fund to \$60,000. Only the interest and dividends will be used for the scholarships so the fund will last indefinitely, providing scholarships in Barbara's name for generations to come.

A Career in Nursing Education

Barbara graduated from Charity's School of Nursing in 1961. She was a Med-Surg nursing instructor at the school for 15 years, and served as Assistant Educational Director. Barbara received her BSN from Northwestern State University and, after earning her master's degree in nursing from UNO in 1984, she was the Associate Director of In-Service Education at Charity Hospital of New Orleans for over a decade. She also worked with the Joint Commission doing site-visits, and developing accreditation policies. She was recognized as one of the 100 Best Nurses in Louisiana by the American Health Council. In the late 90s, Barbara moved back home to southeastern Louisiana, and was the Nursing Staff Development Specialist in Service Education at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette until her retirement in 2010.

Barbara loved teaching and inspiring nurses to be their best, and the Philipps family hopes the scholarships



will encourage nursing students to pursue careers in nursing education.

We are so grateful to the Philipps family for their generous gift to create the Barbara Ann Pitre Philipps Endowed Scholarship Fund. It will make so much possible for so many future nurses. Barbara was brilliant, always positive, full of good humor and grace. We are so very honored to continue to keep her memory alive at Charity School of Nursing and in the hearts of our graduates. ❖



Top, Barbara Philipps '61 as a new faculty member at Charity. Left, Barbara in 1977, working as Assistant Educational Director at Charity Hospital School of Nursing.

Spring 2021

Graduation Awards

Congratulations to the seniors who graduated in Spring 2021! The Pinning Ceremony was held socially distanced and with limited attendance, but joyfully in-person on May 17.

Class of Spring 2021

Launa Reed, Honor Pin

and Margaret Palmisano Alumni Award

Kiesha Brown, Award of Distinction

and NODNA Award

Makayla Wright, Sister Blanche McDonnell Award

Elizabeth Brown and **Jennifer Todesco**, Highest GPAs

Kathryn Boudoin, Sister Stanislaus Malone Award

Theresa Bittenbring and John Henry Marque Fund Award (Top five graduates by GPA for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters):

Justine Hamrick (Fall 2020 Grad)

Gabrielle Bezett (Fall 2020 Grad)

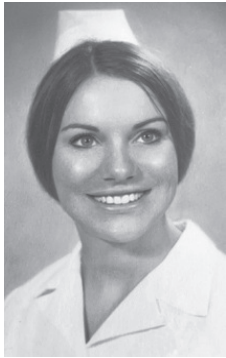
Jennifer Todesco (Spring 2021 Grad)

MacKenzie MacQueen (Fall 2020 Grad)

Elizabeth Brown (Spring 2021 Grad) ❖

End of Duty Call

By Agatha Authement King '72



My nursing career as a Charity graduate followed many paths. Initially, I pursued cardiac and intensive care, then delved into hemodialysis, followed by a break to have two beautiful children, Ashley and Alex, who were 17 months apart in age. I put nursing on the back burner to raise them, while doing PRN on weekends

to stay current. After the kids entered school, my career was highlighted again. I returned to nursing full-time, and began working in PACU where I remained for the next eighteen years.

Misfortune entered our lives when we lost our 17-year-old son to a tragic car accident. I found myself shattered, broken and unable to look forward to another day. My ministry to him as a mother was no longer essential. But I had a wonderful marriage to preserve and I still had a daughter in college. This was my turning point, when my career allowed me to be useful and productive as well as able to nurture those in a medical forum.

I went on to work in pre-assessment in an outpatient surgery facility. Finally my career led me to participate on the joint replacement team at St. Francis Bon Secours Hospital in Greenville, SC.



Top left: Agatha King at graduation. Top right: the Nursing Honor Guard of South Carolina with Agatha at the far left. Below: Elements of the Honor Guard funeral ritual include a lamp, white rose and bell.

In November 2019, I retired after forty-seven amazing years in nursing. It was so bittersweet! Then Covid-19 arrived in our world and plans for my husband Mike and me to travel the world were dismantled. My days were spent on long walks with a friend near our home in Easley, South Carolina. We did a lot of talking on those 4 to 6 mile walks.

A New Phase

God's plan is always the best! To my surprise, a new phase of my career developed. I received an invitation to join the Nursing Honor Guard of South Carolina. The Guard pays tribute to our fellow departed nurses, recognizing individuals who have dedicated their lives to the profession.

The Nursing Honor Guard is steeped in tradition. Volunteers join together to celebrate the service of fellow departed nurses and bring peace and comfort to their grieving family.

At the family's request, we will work closely with the funeral home to ensure a seamless integration of the Honor Guard into the funeral arrangements. We will quietly stand guard at the head of the casket during visitation. We will perform a five-minute Florence Nightingale Tribute as part of the funeral. This is a choreographed ritual where the guard members acknowledge the nurse's service and the lives they touched.

We light the Nightingale Lamp to symbolize their light shining into the future, and present the lamp to the family. We place a white rose on the casket to symbolize our appreciation for the nurse's service. Finally we ring



a bell to signify the end of duty call, and the Guard releases the nurse from their earthly duties. It can be very emotional!

The volunteers all dress in our white uniforms with our caps and capes, white hose and shoes. Like me, many recreate their school uniforms. It can be a challenge to assemble the necessary attire! I had to scramble to put mine together! My cap was several shades of yellow from being packed away since 1972, not to mention sandwiched between photo albums in a dresser drawer. I explored ordering a new one, but I decided to try to resurrect my own yellowed nursing cap.

On the internet I found the secret to a white cap: soak it in equal parts Dawn dish detergent and Clorox bleach.



Wash, rinse and starch. Next I needed to return the cap to its original shape. After several attempts I was rewarded with a divine, white, starched nursing cap! I was so excited! I added a black ribbon stripe to complete my Honor Guard uniform.

The Nursing Honor Guard of SC accepts volunteers who are active or retired RNs, LPNs, CRNAs and NPs in good standing with the Board of Nursing. Several other states have their own Honor Guards. We all join together to be there at the end to thank our fellow nurses for a job well done.

So, when it seemed I had no more to offer nursing, I once again found a new role. My love of nursing led me to a new avenue. The Ministry continues! ❖

Rescue on the Menu

By Mary Trosclair '73

CSN Faculty, Coordinator of the Simulator Lab

Once again, one of our Charity graduates made us proud. **Cinden Skalos**, Class of December 2020, resuscitated a person who developed distress while eating at a local restaurant in Harahan. One of our former faculty members, **Barbara Hebert**, was also eating there. Cinden gave me permission to share the event with faculty, students, and alumni.

"After working the Friday nightshift in April," says Cinden, "I wanted to go have lunch at a restaurant with my best friend and coworker Josie Whitlock (Nicholls 2018). Josie and I are both working on the same ICU unit at Ochsner main campus on Jefferson Highway.

"As we settled in at our table, Josie and I were talking about the ACLS class I had taken that Monday. Josie

asked me if I had experienced a code in the ICU yet. I had not. The only code I'd experienced was with Josie, about a year and a half earlier on the Med-Surg floor where we were working before I graduated. Josie and I were the second and third people in the room for that code, and I had taken over compressions from the nurse who called it while Josie brought the code cart to the room. How ironic that conversation seems now!

"While we were eating, a woman in front of our table suddenly fell out of her chair, hit another group's table, and landed face down on the floor. Josie and I jumped into action! We quickly got the woman rolled over onto her side and Josie got the food and dentures out of the lady's mouth, but she was turning purple. She wasn't breathing! Josie yelled for someone to call EMS and get an AED (as it happens, the place did not have one). We rolled her onto her back, I started compressions, and Mrs. Herbert was on the floor with us, holding the woman's head. I counted compressions out loud and as Josie started rescue breaths, the woman began coughing. I felt a pulse! Return of Spontaneous Circulation!

"We all let out a sigh of relief, but we were still on high alert. The woman actually woke up and we learned she had recently had stents and pacemaker surgery. The police and EMS arrived and the ambulance took the lady to the hospital. I'm not exactly sure what all the other patrons were doing all that time, but when I did look around it appeared everyone was calm and eating. We sat down and basically had a debriefing at the table with us nurses as well as the staff of the restaurant, talking about what happened.

"Josie and I asked for boxes for our food because we could not eat after that adrenaline rush. We did get a drink to calm our nerves! As we left, we were thanked by some of the other patrons as well as by the staff – and the restaurant was nice enough not to charge us for our meal.

"It's our role to help and save others – I just didn't expect to be called to duty at lunch that day!"

It is with great pride that I thank Cinden for her professional actions in response to a medical emergency. She is a very special graduate. ❖

Left to right: Best friends Josie Whitlock and Cinden Skalos '20.



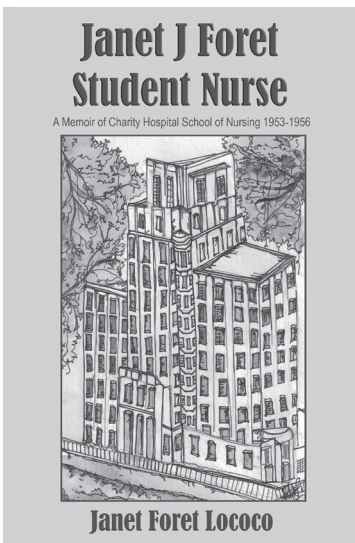
Book News

“Janet J. Foret, Student Nurse”

Author: Janet Foret LoCoco

Janet Foret Lococo, Class of 1956, has just published her nursing school autobiography about her experiences at CHSN from September 1953 to 1956.

“Nursing education and practice today is TOTALLY different from what I experienced in the early 1950s. I was innocent, and seventeen years old when I left my home in the tiny town of Raceland, Louisiana for Charity



Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans. There were no private rooms – only wards filled to the brim with indigent patients. It was tough, make no mistake. But I would not change it one iota. That is where my dream to become a registered nurse was realized and life-long friendships were formed.”

Janet has dedicated all profits from the sale of her book to the CHSN Alumni Association. Janet has

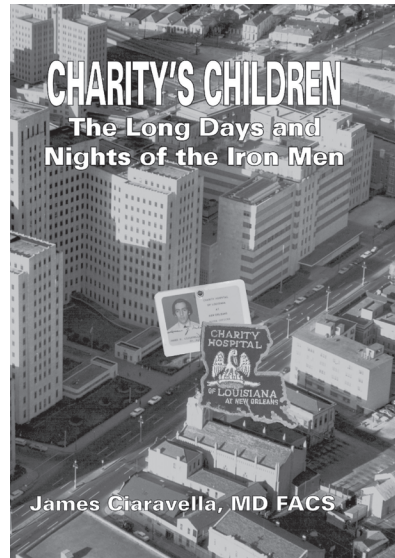
already sent us \$200 for scholarships!

Order your copy from Janet at janlopub@me.com (87 pages, 8.5” x 5.5”, \$12 incl S&H).

“Charity’s Children: The Long Days and Nights of the Iron Men”

Author: James Ciaravella, MD

“*Charity’s Children* tells the true story of the training of a cardiovascular surgeon, from his internship through his year as chief resident at Charity Hospital, one of the world’s largest and most important teaching hospitals. This story is set in the early days of cardiac surgery – the late 1960s through 1970s. The author takes you into his life, from the lowest-level intern performing round-the-clock tasks and duties to his later role as teacher with the life-and-death responsibilities. Ciaravella documents the many ‘only at Charity’ stories that he was involved with, but he was also able to interview thirty of his contemporaries who were either chief residents when he was an intern or, now-practicing surgeons that were interns or junior residents when he was chief resident. The early history of Charity is chronicled, as are the



professors who significantly impacted his life and his training. He includes many never-before-told eye witness accounts of sacrifice and dedication.”

– *Google Books*

“An insightful glimpse into the golden age of New Orleans and American surgery, filled with stories of growth, triumph, tragedy, and

commitment to serve. As described on the walls and the soul of the hospital: Where the Unusual Occurs and Miracles Happen. Charity’s doors may be closed, but these stories live on.”

– *Mary T. Killackey, MD, FACS, Chair, Dept. of Surgery, Professor of Surgery & Pediatrics, Tulane University School of Medicine*

Order your copy at www.westernmirrors.com.

Update on “Tales of Charity”

Authors: Mark Brinker, MD and Bo Frederick, MD

Mark and Bo were orthopedic surgery residents at Big Charity in the 80s and 90s. They are still working on their book *Charity Tales*. “We really need to get more stories about Big Charity. We’ve got about 70 that we’ve selected to use, but we would really like to have 150-200 for the book,” says Bo. “We worked with some amazing nurses at Charity. We were dealing with some very sick and seriously injured patients, and it was a real team effort. We want this book to be about that team – from the nurse, medical student, and resident perspective. We all have stories from our days at Charity – some are funny, and some are just plain unbelievable.

“We want your stories about funny patients and experiences while you were at Charity. We want stories about the amazing Charity ‘third world’ medicine that really worked. We are proud to have been trained at Charity and want to celebrate Charity by sharing our stories with the world.

“Just go to www.charitytales.com to submit your story. You will need to register your name and sign the copyright release. Submit as many stories as you like, and please include as many details as you can remember.”

If you have any questions, you can contact Bo through his email: bo@upperextremitycare.com. ❖

Scholarships and Awards

In February 2021, the Charity Alumni Association presented \$10,000 in scholarships and awards to seventeen students of Charity School of Nursing. These awards are made possible through generous donations from Charity alumni, family, faculty and friends.

Congratulations to these recipients of the awards for the Spring 2021 semester (*pictured left to right, top to bottom*):

LEVEL 2

Cherese Mallet – Jan Carrio '76 Scholarship \$500

Heather Meza

– Sister Blanche McDonnell Scholarship \$500

Lacey Muller

– Lorraine Landry Shaheen '50 Scholarship \$500

Janay Tyler

– Verline Chapman Olinde '56 Scholarship \$500

Margaret Claire Samford

– Class of 9/11/64 Scholarship \$500

LEVEL 3

Nnamdi Aluge – Georga Helmer '79 Scholarship \$500

Anabel Velazquez Borjas

– Leona Kruebbe Hilbert '46 Scholarship \$500

Daisjah Collins (*Not pictured*)

– Hugh and Maria Garcia Roach '38 Scholarship \$1,000

Katelyn Jones

– Margaret Robichaux Elliott '49 Scholarship \$500

Kevin Olano

– Sister Camilla Gaudin DC Scholarship \$500

Katie Pendergrass

– Rose Ella Chenevert Miller '58 Scholarship \$1,000

LEVEL 4

Kathryn Boudoin

– Sally Cooper '59 Alumni Scholarship \$1,000

Kiesha Brown – Maudie E. Bates '50 Scholarship \$500

Shareace Guidry

– Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot '46 Scholarship \$500

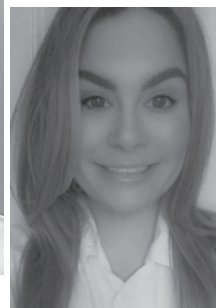
Launa Reed

– Joycelyn Gondolfo Jeansonne '78 Scholarship \$500

Federation of Registered Professional & Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity Hospital Awards \$500 each

Crystal Garnier – RN Program

Sokhna Syll – PN Program ❖



Alumni Notes

Barbara V. Signorelli, daughter of **Elizabeth Knight Vanderwall '42** sent us a lovely holiday card (Elizabeth passed away in the summer of 2020). "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the lovely people we've enjoyed through the years of luncheons, breakfasts and newsletters! Love and happiness to all."

Carolyn Hays Reich '55 (*Vestavia, AL*): "My years at Charity were the greatest of my life. I entered as a 17-year-old teenager and emerged as a responsible adult! My husband Louis A. Reich, MD (Tulane Med School 1955) passed away in 1966. My children were very young and close in age. It was a lot to handle, suddenly being a 31-year-old single mother. I worked in the Emergency Room when I could while raising my kids. They turned out wonderfully! The field of medicine continues to run in the family. My daughter is a Nurse Anesthetist and has recently retired. My daughter-in-law is a Radiologist with her own practice, managed by my son. God bless my Charity experience!"



Evelyn "Toni" Amis Thomas '57 (*Meridian, MS*) sent us her dues for Blue Ribbon memberships through 2024. "Thank you for sending me the newsletters. I enjoy hearing about what's going on. My days at Charity are fond, if fading, memories!"

Lovely "Ann" Naquin Holbrook '58 (*Schriever, LA*): "My treasured Charity friends, enclosed is my Sustaining Membership – I regret my negligence in missing a few years of dues! Love to read the *White Cap* to catch up with classmates. I worked as a nurse in the Operating Room for 30+ years; worked in the Emergency Room for 20+ years! Spent my last five years doing travel nursing until the age of 70. My Charity years are the best ever!"

Lynda Dixon Abney '59 (*Missouri City, TX*): Lynda sent a very generous donation to the Sally Cooper Alumni Scholarship fund in memory of her classmate **Geraldine "Jerry" Owens Fields '59**. **Sally Cooper '59** was also a classmate of Lynda's. The great class of 9-10-59!

We heard from Judy Kitt, daughter of **Geraldine Nolan Fulks '59**: "My mom is 83 now and we spent a lot of time during my visit this week talking about her fond memories of nurse's training at Charity. I checked the internet to see if the nursing school was still around and

found your website! I am paying her membership dues and ordering a commemorative brick for her. Please send the member card and brick certificate to my mom, and put *A gift from your daughter Judy* at the bottom. Thank you so much!"

Maxine Blackmon Jones '59 (*Pelham, AL*): "I always enjoy getting the *Alumni News*. I especially enjoyed the latest edition, with the articles by **Lillian Barron Rupert '59** and by **Anneta Stanton Kraus '60**. I knew both of these ladies and thought their articles were very well-written! I am happy to know about the literary skills of our alumni! Lil and I were in the same class and were lab partners in nursing fundamentals. We were assigned to give each other our first hospital-style baths. Anneta was in the class behind us and I knew her from student activities. Keep up the good work! I am glad to see the Alumni are providing so many scholarships for the students."

Right, Judy Danos '61 in PPE.

Judy Addy Danos '61 (*The Villages, FL*): "I am 81 years old and still working Labor & Delivery sixty hours per two weeks. Probably the oldest active nurse in the hospital – only doing around 100 to 120 deliveries a month! People are amazed! Looking forward to attending our next reunion!"



Jim Philipps, the widower of **Barbara Pitre Philipps '61**: "Received the *Alumni News* in the mail today. The articles are outstanding. Everything is so current and flows smoothly. Barbara always said, *Nurses get it done*. Great job! I knew **Sally Cooper '59** through Barbara. In fact she moonlighted for me! I paid her to help me with my job as an outside salesman. She would construct excellent letters for me, typing, etc. I would stop by her home on 34th Street to pick up the finished letters. I never knew she was the originator of the *Alumni News*. I also knew **Marylou Medlin '59**. In fact, she bought a condo next to Barbara's and mine. I used to see her quite often walking her dog – and smoking out by our parking spaces!"

Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62 (*Zephyr, TX*): "Enjoyed the last newsletter! So nice to hear about all of you alumni, and the nursing student news. We are still here in Texas, fighting the virus and politics! 2020 was

terrible and 2021 is still rough - so many jobs and lives lost! My prayers are for our country and everyone!

Kathy Hynes Hug '65 (*Columbus, NJ*): "Pediatric Nursing had always been my calling – for 36 years! I remember a phrase from our pediatrics instructor, *At this stage of our growth and development...* which I have often used during my nursing career. So at this stage of my life... I am retired and living in an Active Adult Community which has a Wednesday morning breakfast meeting. I am now known as the Wednesday morning 'Blood Pressure Nurse.' We also have an active volunteer CPR/AED team.

"I was thinking of what to do with my stimulus check, and I decided the best way to thank all the nurses, who helped us so much during this pandemic, would be to give the \$1400 to scholarships for nursing students. I am giving it in memory of my classmate **Rita Bares Raphael '65**, who passed away in 2018. Rita and I were roommates at Charity and remained friends for 56 years. We both got married right after graduation one month apart, and we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversaries together at Commanders Palace. One of my favorite memories of nursing school was the orange tree which Rita and I grew from a seed."

Right: Rita Raphael and Kathy Hug at graduation 1965

Lorraine Fearheiley '69 (*Duplessis, LA*): "Love the pocket planner! Hail, Alma Mater! Hail to Charity!"

Lynn May Griggs '72 (*Baton Rouge, LA*): "My mom was a polio victim and I was the eldest of seven children, so I grew up doing a lot of caregiving. I attended Charity on a scholarship, and for the first time in my life it was only me to take care of! Charity has been so incredible to me – to my life and career and to the person I am today. I have very cherished memories of my days there. I sure do miss it – and will never forget it! Thank you for everything the Alumni Association does. I so look forward to the newsletters!"

Mary Doucet Hains '72 (*Crowley, LA*): "Got my mask!!!! Thanks, it's so cute!!! Thanks for all your years of dedication to Charity nurses!"

Lynn O'Niell '75 (*Franklin, LA*) ordered two badge holders and shared some Charity love. "The badges arrived in Franklin safe and sound. I work with a sweet LPN who is getting her RN and she loved mine, so I gave her one. Can't wait for her to graduate so I can get her a nice gift! Thanks ever so much!"

Cynthia Mendoza D'Elia '88 (*Pearl River, LA*) became a Sustaining Member and also sent us very generous donations for the Scholarships Fund and Art & Archives Preservation Fund. "Forgive me! I'm very late with dues, but CHSN was never forgotten. CHSN gives priceless gifts to her students and staff – gifts that last a lifetime, wherever life takes us."



Gwendolyn George '88, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC (*Palos Park, IL*): "I moved to Palos Park to accept the position of Dean and Professor for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at St. Xavier University in Chicago in April 2020. It has truly been challenging assuming this

new role in the middle of a pandemic, but all of my education and experience in academia post-Katrina has served me well."

Kathleen Hyzy '92 (*Lake Ann, MI*): "Hello, Charity! I can't believe it will be 30 years in 2022 - time has really flown by! All this time, for all these years, Charity has been impacting my nursing career in so many ways. I am forever thankful for the learning opportunities at Charity School of Nursing and at Charity Hospital. I am a better nurse, and a better human being! With love and gratitude!"

Kathleen Hermo Kinkaid '11 (*Metairie, LA*): "On our first day of school, the faculty said that nursing would be the most versatile career we would ever have. I believed them,

but didn't truly understand the vast reality of that statement. In just 10 years, I transitioned from critical care, to cardiac rehab, to hospice – which is where I found my calling. Unfortunately, not all hospice patients are old, some are even pediatric. Hospice nurses hold the hands of many young patients and family members who are angry because they want to try non-conventional treatments not covered by either regular health insurance or hospice care, yet they do not have the resources to pay out of pocket. This dilemma led to the most recent way of me using the versatility of nursing to help serve



others. I am now licensed to sell health and supplemental insurances. While a bit untimely for my current hospice patients, introducing others to the concept of critical illness coverage provides the resources to pay for non-conventional treatments. Pursuing such treatments gives patients and families the peace of mind of knowing they have truly tried everything which, in turn, helps them accept the outcome of their terminal status easier. For more information contact me at 504-931-3113 or info@insurancekat.com.”



Monica Hevessy '18 (Mandeville, LA): “Who would’ve thought the beginning of my nursing career would start off with a pandemic? Since I graduated from Charity in December of 2018, I have been working at Lakeview Regional Medical Center in Covington. I participated in the nurse residency program StaRN that HCA offers to new grads. I worked on my facility’s Covid unit as a float during the spring of last year. I’ve worked on Med/Surg for two and a half years now. In April I accepted a position as clinical Supervisor and enrolled in a BSN program. I’m excited to see where my career takes me. I am so thankful to have a great foundation from Charity. I think it’s so great to meet veteran nurses along the way that are also Charity graduates. I feel like we share a very special bond, even if we graduated 20 years apart. I can’t wait until we can all get together again.” ❖

Faculty & Friends

Jennifer Fernandez, MSN, RN, CPN is an Assistant Professor for Level III, teaching Pediatrics at Charity School of Nursing. She was named a 2020 NODNA Excellence in Nursing for Beyond the Bedside for Academic School of Nursing Educator.

Pat Smart, MN, RN-BC, CNE, Professor of Nursing and Coordinator for Level II at Charity, wrote an article for the Summer 2020 Edition of *The White Cap* about adjusting to online teaching at the onset of the pandemic. The article was republished in the Sept 2020 MED-SURG MATTERS magazine where it was titled *The Pivot: How I Learned to Teach Online in One Week*.

Deborah Meis, retired CSN counselor (Tipp City, OH): “You did it again! The Winter 2020 *Alumni News* was awesome, so uplifting and inspiring. The theme of alumni telling their stories was very moving. You could

tell while reading them that they loved sharing their Charity experiences. One can’t help but feel the love and devotion each one still has for Charity. What a beautiful tribute and legacy of Charity School of Nursing. The *Alumni News* was a masterful piece of work and you are to be congratulated – again!”

Megan Murrell (Tylertown, MS): “I’m not a Charity graduate. I worked at Lallie Kemp Medical Center in the lab from 2014-2016 but unfortunately never had the opportunity to work at Charity (I’m 31 and was in 10th grade when Katrina hit). I just love the history and the SPIRIT that I’ve heard so much about. My cousin did his residency at Charity and loves telling me about all his experiences there. I was fortunate enough to get a private tour of the building in 2018, even though it was mostly bare. Getting to actually go in for the first time was something I’ll never forget. I came across your website after searching for any Charity memorabilia and I had to have the mask and badge holder. I also purchased a piece of marble with the state seal yesterday and am so excited to have a small piece of history!” ❖

In Memoriam

Shirley Labbe Dastugue '48 (5/3/21)
 Wilene Dyson Marshall '48 (5/30/21)
 Florence Uzee Coleman '49 (1/31/21)
 Marion Leathem Newitt '49 (7/21/19)
 Geraldine Harrington Allen '50 (4/29/21)
 Katie Wager Barnes '55 (1/20/21)
 Honore Wright Ebert '55 (5/17/18)
 Frances Locascio Blanchard '56 (5/13/21)
 Donna Jean Aronson Donelon '58 (11/20/20)
 Grace Terracina Shaw-Broussard '61 (9/15/20)
 Carolyn LaFleur '62 (4/27/21)
 Katherine Guzman Robichaux '64 (4/25/21)
 Kathryn Sullivan Zitzmann '69 (5/9/21)
 Carol Anne Landry '70 (2/10/21)
 Christine Hurley Carbon '71 (8/12/20)
 Cynthia Cole Marsh '74 (1/7/21)
 Shirley Landes French McBrayer '79 (5/7/21)
 Elizabeth Drueding Ours '86 (11/23/19)
 Paula Stallard Evans Whitehead '92 (10/29/20)
 Kim Eulalume Johnson '94 (4/15/21)
 Louis Joseph Nicolosi, Jr. '03 (4/11/21)

Faculty and Staff

Dr. Myrna Lois Harris Cassimere (12/6/20)
 Mary Ellen Volz Myers (1/5/21)



Heart and Soul

By Alexandra Fahrenholtz '04

My mother **Elizabeth D. Ours** graduated from CHSN as a Registered Nurse in May 1986. She worked in many different areas in her 33 years of nursing, including



NICU, Pediatrics, Ortho, Recovery Room, Home Health, and Director of Nursing. I wanted to walk in her footsteps because of the fantastic person she was – and I did just that, graduating from Charity in May 2004. My daughter **Valarie Malasovich** wanted to join in on the fun and also graduated from Charity in May 2018. Three generations of nurses!!!

Mom's enrollment in nursing school in her mid-thirties

convinced our cousin **Peggy Trapani McSpaddin '90** and her daughter **Jessica Davis** to attend Charity, too! We have many other nurses in our family – the list is quite long! We are all very proud to be associated with such a fantastic nursing school. The education and the experience was the best!

I am coming up on my 17th year as a RN and have worked in many different areas as well, including Oncology, Psychiatry, Telemetry, MedSurg, Home Health and now doing travel contracts in various states. Valarie has been working in the ICU since graduation, married in 2019 and earned her BSN at LSU of Alexandria.

Mom was married to her wonderful husband Fred Ours for almost 40 years, and they were always on the go – to festivals, Mardi Gras, or just to listen to music somewhere in the city. A self-taught classical pianist and terrific seamstress, my mother loved her family, her friends, her fur babies – and her profession! – with all her heart. She was the proudest Charity graduate that ever lived!!

In the spring of 2018, my

Top left: Elizabeth Ours in 1986. Right, three generations, from left to right: Elizabeth Ours '86, Valarie Malasovich '18 and Alexandra Fahrenholtz '04.



daughter Valarie received the **Kirk LeVasseur '79 Pin Award** from the Alumni Association. My mom and I were able to attend the ceremony and watch Valarie receive the award. The three generations together – we were so proud! I thought it was such a great idea to have a graduation pin in an alumni's memory – never thinking that I would one day lose my own mother!

Mom passed away in November 2019, but what a legacy she left! I would love for her to continue to inspire new generations of Charity students. She was a nurse in her heart and soul – it was her passion! In memory of my beloved mother, I will donate the funds to award the **Elizabeth D. Ours '86 Pin Award** each semester so her legacy will live on. ❖

Goodbyes

"My mother **Wilene Dyson Marshall '48** passed away on May 30, 2021. She wanted me to make sure and inform you so she would be included in the next newsletter." - *Gene Marshall*

Florence Uzee Coleman '49 was born in Raceland, and after graduation worked at Big Charity, becoming the pediatric ward supervisor. She met and married Tulane medical student Jack Coleman, they moved to Mobile, AL, and raised four children. She was a Lifetime member of the Alumni Association. Her daughter Valerie Williams



wrote to let us know that Florence passed away in January 2021. "My mother was very proud to have received her training at Charity Hospital School of Nursing. She looked forward to every issue of the Alumni newsletters."

Marion Leathem Newitt '49: Marion passed away in July 2019. She worked for Gulf Oil, Texaco and Chevron as a corporate nurse, and was living in Texas. Her daughter Cheryl Newitt sent us Marion's yearbooks and other souvenirs of her days at Charity, which we are honored to include in our archives.

Geraldine Harrington Allen '50: "Just wanted to let you know that my mother passed away in April at the age of 91. Mother was always very proud to be a graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing." – CGA



Katie Wager Barnes '55 passed away in January 2021 at the age of 86. A native of Florida, Katie lived and worked in New Orleans until moving to Picayune, MS, in 1999. Her family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Charity School of Nursing. We heard from her classmate **Carolyn Hays Reich '55:** "I am enclosing a gift in memory of Katie. She was my

roommate at Charity and we graduated together in 1955. She remained a close and dear friend for many years."

After **Honore Victoria Wright Ebert '55** earned her Charity Pin, she went on to earn a different pin – her flight wings as a TWA stewardess. She lived in Texas with her husband and passed away in 2018.

Donna Jean Aronson Donelon '58 worked as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska, Indiana, Iowa and Virginia. She began and ended her career in the Operating Room. She also worked the 11 to 7 shift in the Emergency Room for a few years. She was President of the local chapter of the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1992-93. "If you asked about her long nursing career," says her daughter Suzanne. "She would proudly say she helped repair hearts and heads."

Grace Terracina Shaw-Broussard '61: "Please accept this donation to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund in memory of my sister Grace. She died in September 2020 due to complications from CoVid. She gave it a good fight, but after a two-month struggle she gave up, two weeks before her 80th birthday. She had no pre-existing conditions and was very active, doing water aerobics three times a week. She lived in Sulphur, LA, was mother of four, grandmother of eleven, and great grandmother of four. She was an active member of the Alumni Association." – **Carol Terracina Saltz '68**



Annel LaFleur Kelley '62 wrote to us: "My sister **Carolyn Claudette LaFleur '62** passed away in April

2021. She worked as a registered nurse for over 50 years in Emergency Departments and ICUs at several different hospitals – even travel nursing in Barrow, Alaska! When she lived in Virginia, she and I worked together at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria. Carolyn was the mother of six children. She always put the needs of others before herself. She was a loving, kind and caring individual – and loved animals. She was laid to rest in our family cemetery and will be missed by all who knew and loved her." Carolyn is also survived by her sister, **Gretchen LaFleur Lambert '59.**



Lena Ann Tiesi Porche '62: "Lena passed away in November 2020 and was listed in the Memorial Column of the 2020 *Alumni News*, but the personality and presence of this life force could never be captured in a single line.

"Lena was born in Tickfaw, Louisiana, in 1940. She grew up in that area, going to school and working in her family's grocery store. In August 1959, she joined girls from all over the country (no guys in those days!) at Charity Hospital School of Nursing. From the beginning, she knew no strangers. It didn't



matter if they were upper classmen, lower classmen or instructors, Lena was a people magnet. Her full-blooded Italian ebullience was always on display, and she was trigger fast with a joke – ribald though it might be. She was not intimidated by doctors, med students, interns, residents or otherwise. One time, after assisting all day in a gynecological clinic, Lena casually asked the assembled young men, *So what do you guys do for fun?* It quite brought the house down.

"Lena would occasionally invite some of us to her home in Tickfaw. Most of us had never seen a meal with four kinds of meat, plus cakes AND pies for desserts. We assumed a banquet was happening, but no, it was just Lena's Mamma cooking for the weekend.

"During her senior year, Lena met Jacques Porche; they would marry before we graduated in August 1962. They had two children, Jacques Jr. and Pamela. Pamela would later become a nurse, too!

"Most of Lena's nursing career was in the Recovery Room at Terrebonne Parish Hospital. She was a very capable and caring nurse, and a favorite among the staff of the hospital. She worked there for 22 years and

achieved the rank of Nursing Supervisor.

“Lena was the one who kept in touch with everyone in our class and encouraged us to attend Alumni functions. She orchestrated both our 25th and 50th class reunions. She was truly the heart and soul of our class, and everyone who ever knew her is missing her terribly!”

– **Mary Ross Curtis '62**



Kathryn Sullivan Zitzmann '69 passed away in May 2021 in Covington, LA. Kathy grew up in El Paso, TX. While attending Charity Hospital School of Nursing, she met her husband, Fred, and they were together for 50 years and raised four children. She was a NICU nurse for over forty years, working at Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and St. Tammany Parish Hospital.

Carol Anne Landry '70: Carol graduated from the School of Nursing in 1970, and earned her CRNA at Charity Hospital Anesthesia School. She worked as a CRNA at Mercy, Baptist and Touro Hospitals. She was 81 years old when she passed in February 2021.

Christine Hurley Carbon '71 passed away in August 2020. Chris graduated from Charity and later earned her BSN from Fitchburg State College. After 15 years of nursing, Chris decided to become a Licensed Realtor and worked for over 30 years in the area of Lunenburg, MA, where she lived with her family. She retired in 2016 after a very successful career. Chris was a two-time breast cancer survivor, but succumbed to liver disease. Her husband Robert wrote us to say, “Chris loved Charity School of Nursing and was very proud to be a Charity Nurse. She even got hired in Hawaii because a Tulane doctor saw she was a Charity Nurse!”



Robert made two very generous donations in Christine's honor. He donated \$500 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund to create the **Christine Hurley Carbon Scholarship** which will awarded this fall to an outstanding Charity student. He also made a gift of \$1,000 to **Michelle Theall Landeche**, a 2011 Charity graduate who suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm last year. It is truly a testament to the empathy and connection among our graduates that Robert would reach

out to help Michelle and the Charity students in Christine's memory. We know Chris would be proud.



When **Lynel Pinkozie '73** passed away in November 2020, three of her classmates – **Mary Moore Staudinger**, **Peggy Nicaud Prosser** and **Mary Iannazzo Trosclair** – joined together to make a donation to create a Pin Award in Lynel's honor. Lynel's husband **Dennis Pinkozie**, also an alumni from Charity's Class of 1973, was very touched by this gift in Lynel's memory. “I know she

would be proud of this honor,” he wrote. He also sent a check for \$500 to continue the Pin Award in Lynel's name for future seniors. Lynel worked in surgery and in Home Health, and was office manager for D.P.P. Anesthesia for the last 14 years.

Cynthia Cole Marsh '74 married Dr. Thomas Marsh in 1976 then became a military mom for over 20 years. Settling in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, she returned to clinical nursing at Landmark Hospital and Chateau Girardeau, and advocated for LPNs to become registered nurses. Cynthia retired from nursing in 2014 and passed away in January 2021.

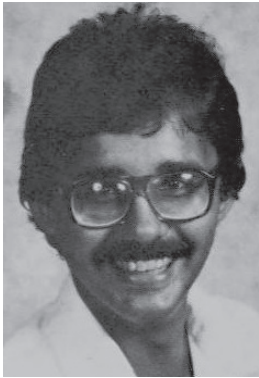
Kirk “Doc” LeVasseur '79: “Thank you for the opportunity to memorialize our friend and classmate, Doc LeVasseur. We lost contact with him a few years after graduation, and only just found out about his passing – too early at the age of 56 in 2013.

His nursing career, spanning 34 years, began in the Accident Room at Charity Hospital, and culminated at Concepts of Care of Lafayette and Keys for Sober Living of New Iberia while also serving as Program Director of the Opiate Replacement Therapy Center of Breaux Bridge. Doc embodied the spirit of the Charity Nurse, both as a student and professional. He worked and studied hard, but also enjoyed life to its fullest. He had a charismatic personality and an infectious smile. He was a friend to everyone. Doc loved nursing and he was proud of the Charity legacy as was reflected throughout his career. We would like to keep his memory alive by committing to funding a yearly Pin Award in his name.”

– **John and Collette Falgout '79**



Shirley Landes French McBrayer '79 passed away on May 7, 2021 at the age of 86 after battling cancer. She was a native of Oklahoma, retired as a RN from Baptist Hospital in Gadsden, AL, and most recently was a resident of Slidell, LA.



George Martinez '82 was killed in a tragic fire in 2019. His Last Will and Testament designated \$1,000 to go toward a scholarship in honor of **Doris Tucker Burvant '60**. The funds will be used for two \$500 scholarships, and the first will be awarded this fall. He is survived by his brother **Robert Martinez '79**.

Paula Stallard Evans Whitehead '92: Paula was born at Hotel Dieu hospital in New Orleans. In 1992, following treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma, she



graduated from Charity. Paula served as a registered nurse in multiple settings in the Asheville, North Carolina area. She earned a Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Education in College Teaching and Learning from Walden University, and was a Certified Nurse Educator (CNE). She taught in the nursing programs at South College in Asheville,

NC and Western Governors University, all while battling breast cancer. Paula participated for several years in the National Gingerbread House Competition in Asheville, NC, placing in the top 10 nationally in 2013. She and her husband were beekeepers for several years at their home in Candler, North Carolina, before moving to Gulfport, Mississippi. Paula passed away in hospice care at age 58 in October 2020. Says her husband Craig, "Paula was always extremely proud to have graduated from Charity."

Louis Joseph Nicolosi, Jr. '03 was a native of Plaquemine, LA, and was living in Texas when he passed away in April 2021. He was a combat veteran of the Iraq War and a retired member of the Louisiana National Guard where he served for 23 years and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. While attending nursing school he worked as an EMT in New Orleans. As a registered nurse he worked in hospitals in New Orleans and Houston areas.



Dr. Myrna Cassimere was a professor of Nursing at Delgado Charity School of Nursing. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Dillard University's College of Nursing, a Master's in Nursing from Louisiana State University in New Orleans, an Education Specialist Certificate and a Doctor of Philosophy in

Education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She also received a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology from the University of New Orleans and Board Certification in Faith Community Nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center of the American Nurses Association. She retired from the United States Air Force Ready Reserve as a commissioned officer with a rank of Major. She was a member of several community organizations: The Lawless School Based Health Clinic, The Medical Center of Louisiana's Advisory Board, Chairperson of the Family Selection Committee for Habitat for Humanity, Advisory Board Chairperson for EXcelth Family Health Center, and Nurse Consultant and Academic Coordinator for Baptist Community Ministries Congregational Wellness where she coordinated the curriculum updates. She served as Lead Nurse Planner for the Approved Provider status of the Nursing Professional Development by Louisiana State Nurses Association for the curriculum. Additionally, she served on the Westberg Institute (formerly International Parish Resource Center's) Curriculum Revision Team and Curriculum Update in Memphis Tennessee. Dr. Cassimere was the Faith Community Nurse at Blessed Francis X. Seelos Catholic Church since 2000. There she established a blood pressure monitoring program and mental health follow up program, a cancer survivor's program and provided diabetes resources. She set up programs specific to the Hispanic population, which ensured accessibility to community resources, and established a Sign Language training for the Hearing-Impaired. Dr. Cassimere passed away in December 2020.

Retired Charity faculty member **Beth Winger Pesses '76** contacted us with the sad news that her niece, **Shana Karen Babin** died in December 2020 of a heart attack. She was only 45. "Shana was a beautiful person who LOVED animals," says Beth. "My husband and I want to donate \$100 towards a Pin Award in Shana's honor." Shana was not a Charity alumni or even a nurse but, says Beth, "We want to help Charity students in her memory." Later Beth wrote to say how touched Shana's parents were by the remembrance. "I truly believe the Pin Awards stir up a special kind of emotion." ❖

2020-21 Outstanding Donors



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Delgado Foundation Endowed Scholarship Funds

Margaret Robichaux Elliott Endowed Scholarship Fund
Margaret Robichaux Elliott '49
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Georga Helmer '79

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James "Gym" Philipps
Natalie Philipps Mead

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son of Virgis Verret Boudreaux '56
In Memory of Mrs. Gloria Kuritz
In Memory of Mavis Thibodeaux
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Waguespack
Mary Smith Singletary '49

Alumni Scholarship Fund

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Lynda Dixon Abney '59 for the Sally Cooper '59 Scholarship
In Memory of Geraldine "Jerry" Owens Fields '59
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Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Peggy Begnaud Johns '63
Martha Meaux Genin '65
Roberta Purvis Bartee '66
Jean Barga Gordon '67
Sandra Cazenave Graugnard '67
Bonnie Glover Williams '67
In Memory of Teresa Hebert Dias '67
Margaret "Peggy" Nicaud Prosser '73
Connie Bousquet '77
Myra Lee DiGange '77
Maritza D'Avila '84
Cynthia Mendoza D'Elia '88

Pin Awards

The CSN Family, the CSN Level 4 Faculty and the
CSN Administration Team – In Memory of
Jane Hardy Barrow, mother of faculty Mary Barrow
The CSN Level 2 Faculty, the Alumni Board and Advisory
Committee – In Memory of Gerald E. "Jerry" Camus,
father of Bryan Camus '12, CHSNA President Emeritus
Roberta Purvis Bartee '66
In Memory of Aloysius Scallan Watermeier '42
Lee and Sharon Pankey
In Memory of Patricia Carreras Pankey '69
Mary Moore Staudinger, Peggy Nicaud Prosser
and Mary Iannazzo Trosclair, Class of '73
In Memory of Lynel Pinkozie '73
Dennis Pinkozie '73
In Memory of his wife Lynel Pinkozie '73
David and Beth Wininger Pesses '76
In Memory of their niece Shana Karen Babin
John and Collette Falgout '79
In Memory of Kirk "Doc" LeVasseur '79
Alexandra Fahrenholtz '04
In Memory of her mom Elizabeth Drueding Ours '86

Art & Archives

Madeline Tolson Markwood '52
Carolyn Hays Reich '55
Elizabeth Lillian Barron Rupert '59
Diane McMinn Scott '59

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Betty Wilson Guin '49
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Lorraine B. Fearheiley '69
Jo Ann Rizzuto '71
Charlene White Persich '74
Jan Carrio '76
Kay Beaulieu Kenney '76
Connie Bousquet '77
Myra Lee DiGange '77
Frances Zink Hodnette '78
Karen Six Rabalais '80



Delgado Chancellor Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib, left, presents her diploma to Kiesha Brown, Charity's Class of Spring 2021, at Delgado's May 22 graduation ceremony. Kiesha received the Charity Award of Distinction and the NODNA Award at the Pinning Ceremony on May 17.



Members of Note 2020-2021

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

* = New since June 2020

Margaret Robichaux Elliott '49
Rowena Smith Christensen '51
Celina Machin Haynie '51
Betty Ogea Moore '51
Martha Phillips Gentry '53
Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth '55
G. Maurice Weber Curtis '57 *
Jean Altice Blake '58
Anne Matthiesen Daigle '58
Lovely Ann Naquin Holbrook '58 *
Anna Martino Meinert '59
Diane McMinn Scott '59 *
Esther Ogea Doucet '60
Joan Arceneaux Levasseur '60
Frances Petho Aponte '61
Evelyn Boudreaux Hollier '62 *
Joan Bero '63
Barbara Johnson Roger '63
Dorothy Russell Stagg '63
Penny Kistler Tolchin '63
Ethel Marie Vidrine '63
Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle '64
Janette Foy Forsythe '64
Charlotte Voinche Guinn '64
Judith Wellman Quigley '64
Estelle LeBlanc Rome '64
Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot '65
Roberta Purvis Bartee '66
Rita Fay Borne Broussard '66 *
Susan Nebel Nielsen '66
Beverly Poche Chapoton '67
Paulette Gallant Gravois '67
Jean Hageney Houin '67
Karen Moulliet '67
Peggy Portie Parigi '67

Betty Schweitzer Touns '67
Louanna Cardinale Whiddon '67
Mary Wood '67
Dr. Marelle Yongue '67
Barbara "Bobbi" Bonner Folse '68
Patti Rouchon Burcham '70
Janie "Trudy" Carrier Lefort '70
Lucille LeBlanc O'Regan '70
Charlotte Arras '71
Sarah Percy LeBlanc '71
Marian Foret Offner '71
Janice Gates Redlich '71 *
Jo Ann Rizzuto '71
Kathy Garrard Rolston '71
D. Paxson Barker '72
Chelsa Duhon Kuhnell '72
Sharon Graffeo Lowrey '72
Rosalie Parenton Vincent '72
Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie '73
Wilda Taylor '73
Mary Iannazzo Trosclair '73
Charlene Breaux Broussard '74 *
Karen Leitz Clayton '74
Susan Duhon '74
Nancy O'Pry Gentry '74
Charlene White Persich '74
Mary Susan Le Compte Farrar '75
Jamie Walker Jensen '75
Julie M. Joyce '75
Vicky P. Kent '75
Donna Blanchard Landry '75
Maureen Connelly Mayeux '75
Barbara McClees '75
Joseph Nigliazzo, Jr. '75
Graciela Pinto-Leyva '75
Jeannette Milligan Saal '75
Jan Carrio '76
Bryanne Murray Hamill '76

Kay Beaulieu Kenney '76 *
Lane E. McAlister '76
Helen Roubion '76 *
Myra Lee DiGange '77
Debra Dumas-Hicks '77 *
Ellen Williams Manieri '77
Sheila Perrault Dahlgren '78
Marilyn Nola Hammett Gentry '78
Joycelyn Jeansonne '78
Kimberley Hoppe Keim '78 *
Rebecca Mayo '78
Sandra Tracy Bailey '79
Vickie Morrow Gibert '79
Georga Helmer '79 *
Cindy Tschir Nusslein '79
Karen DelValle Tampira '79
Claudette Boudreaux '80
Belinda Hutchinson Janeski '80
Cydney Trahans Begnaud '81
Gloria Hallal Jarreau '81
Elizabeth Kelly Carlini '82
Renee Rago Schuller '83
Patricia Dufrene '85
Elaine Riecke Bergeron '86
Gina West Ragland '86
Cynthia Wild-Mendoza D'Elia '88 *
Lisa Palmer Strain '89
Kevin Besse '91
Michael Harrison '92
Betty Trosclair Loumiet '92
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Mitzi Ridgell Arnold '93
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Brenda Shields Simmons '96
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Lista Hank '97

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Eva Crosby '01 *
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Cynthia Fernandez '10
Elaine Lauga '12
Danielle Chambers '14

SISTER STANISLAUS 2021

Claire Wallace Culver '51
Sheila Mitchell Feigley '53
Evelyn A. Schroeder '58
Joyce Allen Urode '60
Linda Megehee Benson '60
Leona Lipari Lee '63
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68
Patricia Darcy Weed '68
Ginny Graves Clark '69
Carolyn Bartsch '70
Gayle Guerin Fertitta '70
Bonnie Hensley Mowe '70
Loretta Jenne Sitton '71
Patrice Polito Bruno '72
Stephanie Laws '73
Pamela Landry Walsh '73
Renee B. Guidry '87
Catherine Konrick Berns '14

SILVER STAR 2021

Betty Wilson Guin '49
Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Marion Thibodaux Gatti '54
Agnes Larsen Hughes '54
Sylvia Fulton Busey '56
Nancy Mynihan Comish '57
Marilyn "Jody" Jacob Klein '58
Ethel Faciane Friend '60
Beryl Ann Forgey Olhasso '60
Sandra Strauser Clement '61

Members of Note

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Pamela Maycock Coulter '62
Madeleine Moreau Crawford '63
Judith Pourciau Mestayer '63
Kathryn Kirking Schmuelgen '64
Susan Thibodeaux Grace '65
Mary Lynn Aymami Hymel '66
Jo Ann Pierce Ligon '66
Sandra Cazenave Graugnard '67
Jacqueline Henry Terrell '67
Bonnie Glover Williams '67
Mary Landry Bocz '69
Francine Taaffe Dyer '70
Camille Bourgeois Whittaker '70
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Maria Compagno Roth '71
Darilyn Ziifle Schieffler '71
Mary Doucet Hains '72
Rosemary Clayton Hemelt '72
Madeline Cerniglia Totten '72
Barbara Bordelon Glover '73
Sherry Simmons '73
Donna Vidrine Brown '74
Janice Breaux Samson '75
Jan Thomas Vrooman '75
Sylvia Fulton Busey '76
Rebecca Carter Fisher '76
Frances Zink Hodnette '78
Elaine Schulz Navaille '78
Cathryn Tereskerz Smith '78
John and Collette Falgout '79
Patricia Lane '79
Robin Bowman '82
Dina Taormina Behrens '85
Estelle Collins Vincent '85
Lori Hebert Seither '86
William Rintala '95
Anne McCutchen Silverstein '98
Beverly Rainey '05
Mary Elaine Ponce-Gaudin '16
Deborah Meis, retired counselor

BLUE RIBBON 2021

Marilyn Landry Roccaforte '46
Ola Mae Miller Brown '50
Jewell Poole Slade '50
Mary Katherine Brune Mollere '52
Marilyn Massey Carter '54
Glynis Marlene Smith Chadwick '55
Tommye Crooks Halphen '56
Soledad Pedreira Cheramie '57
Joan Burgess LeBlanc '57
Mona Robicheaux Rojas '57
Evelyn "Toni" Amis Thomas '57
Louise "Jo" Stolf Wagner '57
Rosemary Myers Breau '58
Pat Aulenbrock Crotwel '59

Geraldine Nolan Fulks '59
Antoinette Keating Sykes '61
Judith Guion Barousse '63
Camella Christensen '63
Lynne Gordon Cook '63
Brenda Rabren Putman '63
Dixie Berlage Fabre '64
Barbara Avenel Thibodeaux '64
Diana Hilborn Cammatte '65
Martha Meaux Genin '65
Diane Blumberg Howell '65
Constance Kennedy Proctor '65
Katherine Eskridge Crawford '66
Barbara Mahoney Helm '66
Janet Kelly Hiss '66
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Judith Fontenelle Himel '67
Peggy Kozak Jackson '67
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Lana Collins Craig '68
Susan Balser Edwards Berry '69
Mary Ann Scheuermann Lish '69
Faye Leatham Flaherty '70
Dianne Theriot Clavin '71
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Patricia LaFleur Lewis '71
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Susan Pye Stone '72
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Karen Bulanowski Cook Rice '01
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