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ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

A letter from the Board of Directors:

Homecoming! We are so excited for our celebration on October 18, 2025 to gather together with our fellow St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumni. If you've never been to a homecoming event, please, consider joining us for food, laughs, raffles, camaraderie, networking, and time together to reminisce about the positive impact St. Luke's School of Nursing has made on each of us. It is truly memorable to gather with your fellow classmates and alumni to catch up and connect. See event details on page 2.

For those celebrating a milestone graduation years (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, etc.), consider attending with your classmates and organizing a class gift.

The board has been working hard to support our student nurses – including sponsoring a purse for the Student Government Association (SGA) purse bingo event and providing monetary awards to students at three promotion and three graduation ceremonies.

We have been updating our alumni contact information, social media connections, and involving alumni from across the generations to participate in our vision. Please, update your contact information to continue being a part of our important vision and mission.

With Gratitude,
2025 St. Luke's School of Nursing
Board of Directors



Vision • To unite St. Luke's School of Nursing graduates in the common goal of education and dedication in the healing arts profession. • To encourage active participation of association members.

Mission • To uphold the traditions, standards and progress of nursing as a profession. • To maintain a professional society which promotes mutual collegiality and communication among graduates of the School of Nursing. • To provide financial assistance to eligible students of St. Luke's School of Nursing.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING HOMECOMING

When: October 18, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. - 50th Anniversary Class Brunch (by invitation only)
- Noon - All Alumni Welcome! Doors open for fellowship
- 1 p.m. - The Annual Alumni Meeting begins in Lecture Room 1
- Light refreshments - following our alumni meeting

Where: Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center
801 Ostrum Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015

Parking – Ample parking near the education center is available. If needed, the parking garage below the education center has elevator access.

Who: All Active St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumni

*Active members are current on their dues. We accept dues at check-in.

*Consider attending with your classmates as a group

*Consider a donation in honor of your class.

Why: Catch up with fellow alumni, enjoy raffles (bring cash to buy tickets), prizes, food, check out the St. Luke's School of Nursing swag, and reflect on our amazing school of nursing and its alumni!

*Proceeds will benefit current and future alumni.

RSVP: by October 1, 2025 via

- E-mail: sonalumni@sluhn.org
- Call: 484-526-3400
- Scan the QR code
- Visit the alumni website:

<https://www.slhn.org/school-of-nursing/students-and-alumni/alumni-association>



ATTENTION: MILESTONE GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

ALUMNI WITH GRADUATION YEARS ENDING IN A 0 OR A 5

Alumni dues and donations are a vital part of helping support future generations of nurses. Traditionally, milestone graduation alumni also create a fundraising plan to donate a class gift - contributing to future nursing scholarships. Organizing Homecoming attendance with your fellow classmates is a great way to connect with each other. Don't forget to RSVP to homecoming, and submit your alumni dues prior to October 1st. We can't wait to see you in October!



2024 HOMECOMING RAFFLE WINNERS

Patricia Kremmy - \$100
Nancy Sippos - \$50
Eleonor Scott - \$25
Marybeth Makoski - \$25



GRADUATION AWARDS – \$250

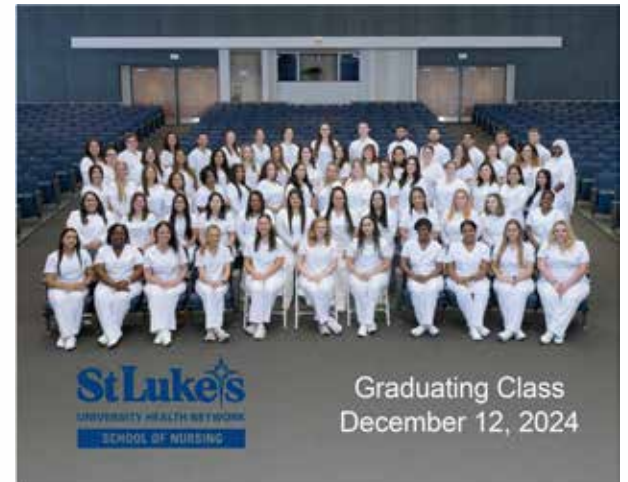
August 2024

- Grace Ashmar - M. Naomi Houser Award
- Jamie Janetzko - Julia Ritter Award
- Nicole Stein- Mary Youngkin Award
- Natacia Russell- Eunice Smith Award
- Tina McHale- Evie Coeyman Award



December 2024

- Brian McCloskey - M. Naomi Houser Award
- Amirah Napier - Julia Ritter Award
- Yesenia Gonzalez - Mary Youngkin Award
- Kelly Delaney - Eunice Smith Award
- Kate Jendral – Evie Coeyman Award



April 2025

- Delaney Frank - M. Naomi Houser Award
- Portia Ellis - Julia Ritter Award
- Morgan Barna - Mary Youngkin Award
- Arianna Troxell - Eunice Smith Award
- Caitlin Burke - Evie Coeyman Award



August 2025

- Karly Thomas- M. Naomi Houser Award
- Omar Tariq- Julia Ritter Award
- Jaylynn Sanes- Mary Youngkin Award
- Joseph Monaco- Eunice Smith Award
- Krista Eisenhower- Evie Coeyman Award



The Honor of Pinning a Loved One: A St. Luke's Tradition

At St. Luke's School of Nursing, the pinning ceremony is a sacred tradition—one that honors not only the graduate's achievement but the legacy of those who came before them. When alumni return to pin loved ones, they participate in a moment steeped in pride, history, and deep emotional connection.

This act is more than symbolic. It's a generational bridge—where past and present meet in a gesture of love, mentorship, and shared purpose. Whether it's a mother pinning her daughter, a cousin honoring a new nurse, or a host mom celebrating a student's journey, each pin tells a story of dedication, resilience, and the enduring spirit of nursing.

To be the one who places that pin is to say, "I see you. I know what this means. I've walked this path, and now you do too." It's a moment that binds families, uplifts communities, and celebrates the legacy of St. Luke's—the oldest continuously operating nursing school in the country.

April 2025



- Morgan Barna pinned by her cousin, Ricki Noto ('05)
- Maxine Hoffman pinned by her cousin, Taylor Gruber ('18)
- Yuehao Liu pinned by his "Host Mom" Judy Keller - a SLUHN employee since 1993



August 2025

- Taylor Heese pinned by her mother, Jennifer Heese ('09)
- Madelyn Kutney pinned by her mother, Tara Kutney ('01)
- Joe Neff pinned by his sister, Jade Neff Kunkle ('09)
- Reagan Pender pinned by her sister, Darby Skinker ('21)
- Maria Romero pinned by her brother, David Romero ('22)
- Olivia Peterson pinned by her sister, Jillian Peterson ('20)
- Arianna Troxell pinned by her mother, Mary Troxell (Dec '13)



- Taylor Billheimer pinned by her brother, Dylan Billheimer (E/W '23)
- Lawrence D. Hanig, Jr. pinned by his wife, Jessica (Rodriguez) Hanig (FA '22)
- Nadia Villegas pinned by her mother, Alyssa Villegas (SU '14), a Nursing 1-Fundamentals Instructor at the School of Nursing

PROMOTION AWARDS

September 11, 2024

\$1,000 Awards

- Allan Brown-Midyette
- Richard Tekpetey



May 7, 2025

\$1,500 Awards

- Nikita Williams
- Taylor Schad



January 9, 2025

\$1,000 Awards

- Lacey Borger
- Krista Suvorov

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS



PASSING THE TORCH



This year was full of changes for the St. Luke's School of Nursing (SON) staff as Senior Associate Dean, Lisa Storck announced her retirement after an amazingly impactful 44-year career with the network. She passes the leadership torch to the new Senior Associate Dean, Sandy Cohen, MSN, CRNP, CNE. Sandy is a 2011 graduate of the SON, experienced educator, and recipient of the 2020 Nursing Excellence Award for Leadership. Congratulations, Sandy!

NURSES' WEEK 2025



ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS



In April, 20 St. Luke's School of Nursing students traveled across the country to the NSNA Convention in Seattle, Washington. They had a great time enjoying ample opportunities for education, professional development, and leadership.

Support for The NOOK Pantry

The NOOK is a student pantry located in the Trexler building, offering non-perishable food items and toiletries to those in need. We welcome donations of these items, and monetary contributions to help us purchase essentials like food and gas cards. The pantry is overseen by the SON Student Government Association and Student Nursing Association, who ensure it remains well-stocked and responsive to student needs.

How you can help:

If you'd like to support The NOOK, please consider donating non-perishable food, toiletries, or funds. Every contribution makes a difference in a student's day. Donations can be dropped off at the Trexler building or coordinated through the Student Association Advisors Heather Assise and Amanda Wilbur.

For questions or to arrange a donation, please contact:

- Heather Assise:
heather.assise@sluhn.org
- Amanda Wilbur:
amanda.wilbur@sluhn.org

Thank you for your continued support and all that you do with the Alumni Association.

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<https://forms.office.com/r/qqiqu/7JSKx/>

SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF NURSING

THEN AND NOW



To commemorate the 140th anniversary of the St. Luke's SON, alumni gathered in front of Trexler building to recreate the 100th anniversary photo shoot. It was wonderful to gather with fellow SON alumni to reminisce about our alma mater's rich history!



SGA Bingo

On February 22, the St. Luke's SON Student Government Association held a purse bingo fundraiser. The St. Luke's SON Alumni Association was able to support this fundraising initiative by donating a designer purse to the event. Efforts such as this donation are made possible by the generous support of alumni and community partners.



Pictured: Alumni Association President Jill D'Alessandro and Senior Associate Dean, Sandy Cohen

SON ALUMNI DONATE PICNIC TABLE

A picnic table was donated to the St. Luke's SON students on May 6, 2025 through generous donations made by the St. Luke's SON Alumni Association members. This picnic table was donated to commemorate the school's 140th anniversary and to provide a place for rest, reflection, and camaraderie. Alumni representatives were present to dedicate the picnic table to future generations of nurses.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

DID YOU KNOW?

The St. Luke's SON Alumni Association has several committees to help keep us connected, organize our finances, and reflect on our school's rich history. Please, reach out to the alumni association board of directors if you have any feedback or would like to assist in any way.

E-mail: sonalumni@sluhn.org

Phone: 484-526-3400

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Student awards
Account updates
Manages dues and donations

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Share interesting facts from the SON's long history

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Organize the yearly alumni newsletter
Gather pictures from SON and alumni events



SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Look for us on Facebook!
St. Luke's School of Nursing
Alumni Association

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Plan future alumni social events

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Plan yearly alumni homecoming event
Help with setup and cleanup of event

Interested in becoming a future board member?

Reach out to Jill D'Alessandro at sonalumni@sluhn.org for more information.

St. Luke's SON Alumni Board of Directors:



From left to right: Kyle Schwartz '17 (Treasurer), Deborah Barrell Martin '74 (Corresponding Secretary), Rosalyn Wentko Polacek '13, Nicole Bogari Seargent '13, Alex D'Antonio '19, Sandra Tirpak Davidyock '69 (Ex-officio), Beverly Neiser Couch '68 (Recording Secretary), Jill Hager D'Alessandro '06 (President), Erin Cortes Martinez '07

Not pictured: Janel Gilbert '89, Jacqueline Meck Heffner '08, Corrie Durnin Holland '06, Lori Fields Tonetti '82, and Kathleen Connell Willner '82

ALUMNI UPDATES

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT



As we prepare for our annual Homecoming celebration, we're reminded of the importance of staying connected with our incredible alumni community. To help us keep our records accurate and honor our shared legacy, we ask for your support in the following ways:

Keep Us Updated

If you've recently changed your address or contact information, please notify the Alumni Association and the School of Nursing. This ensures you continue receiving important updates and invitations.

Honor Our Classmates

If you are aware of any classmates who have passed away, please let us know. Each year at Homecoming, we formally recognize and remember the nurses who are no longer with us.

Share Your Milestones

We love celebrating your achievements! Whether it's a new job, retirement, award, or personal milestone, please share your news and photos with us. You can email updates to sonalumni@sluhn.org or post directly to our St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumni Association social media page.

Your stories inspire current students and fellow alumni alike. Let's continue to celebrate the legacy of nursing excellence together!

HONOR GUARD

The Nursing Honor Guard can be requested for visitation to services of remembrance, funerals, or burials. Services are performed by one to four members of the Nursing Honor Guard and are offered free of charge.

**Honorary Pallbearers
Casket Honor Guard
The Nightingale Tribute
Final Call to Duty**

Currently serving Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Montgomery, Monroe and Schuylkill counties in Pennsylvania and Warren and Hunterdon counties in New Jersey.

To arrange for a tribute and verify availability, please contact: 1-866- STLUKES (785-8537) Option 4, then Option 1, and leave a message or email mystlukes@sluhn.org.



WWW.SLHN.ORG/ABOUT/PATIENTS-VISITORS/NURSE-HONOR-GUARD

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

St. Luke's Hospice is looking for volunteers! Hospice volunteers are a vital part of the Hospice Care Team. Volunteers help by providing socialization for patients and caregivers. Many of our volunteers are retired nurses and they find volunteering fulfilling and a wonderful way to stay connected to the profession. For more information about volunteering with St. Luke's Hospice, please visit St. Luke's - Volunteer Opportunities at St. Luke's - slhn.org or www.slhn.org/visiting-nurse-association/hospice you may also contact

Bethany Gray at Bethany.gray@sluhn.org or 484-526-2779

IN MEMORY

Remembering our classmates who are no longer with us.

- Bette Motto Askren (1968) - 12/17/2023
- Patricia Christman Dietz (1947) - 1/6/2023
- Elizabeth Raber John (1974) - 1/7/2023
- Jennifer Conley Paul (2005) - 2/14/2023
- Patricia Kuhn Mittimyeyer (1954) - 05/9/2023
- Joyce Begies Szailagyi (1959) - 5/15/2023
- Dorothy Mayor Taylor (1957) - 7/19/2023
- Cherolyn Meitzler Washburn (1963) - 7/19/2023
- Elizabeth Velez (FA/EW 2022) - 8/2/2023
- Helen Zimny Margie (1950) - 12/9/2023
- Elizabeth Diaz Ortiz (1997) - 2/6/2024
- Lorna Thompson Fitz (1954) - 5/12/2024
- Catherine Neiser Beidelman (1961) - 5/31/2024
- Virginia Kellner Wetzel (1968) - 6/14/2024
- Ruth Zahn (1986) - 6/25/2023
- Joseph McDevitt (2010) - 7/4/2024
- Francis Latherow Ivankivich (1949) - 7/28/2024
- Maryann Luisser Maritch (1963) - 8/20/2024
- Susan Eberwein Heckman (1988) - 9/8/2024
- Carolyn Guss Burke (1955) - 9/16/2024
- RuthAnn Henry Scherer (1960) - 9/17/2024
- Hildegard E. McGee Bradney (1961) - 12/16/2024
- Elizabeth Reczek (1957) - 2/12/2025
- Galdys Wagner Schulz (1951) - 5/16/2025
- Mary Skutches (1965) - 5/18/2025
- Cynthia Mills Slayton (1993) - 5/18/2025
- Shirley A. (Muth) Gabler (1956) - 8/10/2025
- Francis "Frank" P. Rossi (1986) - 8/22/2025
- June (Starr) Pukansky (1949) - 2020*
- Jeanne Horoschak Surma (1974) - 2008*

“Those
who touch
our lives
stay in our
hearts
forever.”

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Anonymous



2025 ALUMNI DUES AND DONATIONS

Dues can be paid by scanning one of the QR codes at the bottom of this page or by completing the dues form and attaching a check made payable to:

Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing.

2025 Alumni Dues Form

Date: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Name (First, Last): _____

Maiden Name: _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Dues: (\$20.00) _____

(\$10.00 - after 25 years) _____

Donations: _____

Donations to be used for (circle one):

Scholarship

Fundraiser

Other _____

Dues and completed form should be mailed to:

Alumni Association

St. Luke's School of Nursing

P.O. Box 1857

Bethlehem, PA 18016-1857

If you are scanning a QR code, please include:

1. Your name and address
2. Your class year
3. How you would like the funds to be used (dues, scholarships, fundraising, etc.)

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