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## Dinner and silent auction

The next dinner will be during Sigma’s 48th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA on Sunday, 9 November 2025. We are working on venue arrangements for this event, and more information will be shared in the future. We are collecting silent auction donations. If you have items that you want to donate, please contact Nikki Aleman at [nikki@sigmanursing.org](mailto:nikki@sigmanursing.org).

## New Heritage Society donors

We gratefully recognize the newest Heritage Society donors who’ve made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.

### Pillar Society



**Karen Stiefel, PhD, RN**  
 Retired  
 Alpha Xi, Delta Alpha at-Large, and Gamma Iota Chapters  
 Shavano Park, Texas, USA

### Virginia Henderson Fellows



**Renée Bridges**, DNP, RN, PCCN, NE-BC  
Unit Manager  
UNC Health Rex  
Alpha Alpha Chapter  
Cary, North Carolina, USA



**Donna Hedges**, PhD, MSN, MBA, RN, CNE  
Assistant Dean, San Antonio Campus  
Galen College of Nursing  
Delta Lambda at-Large Chapter  
Shavano Park, Texas, USA

## News about fellows

**Jose Alejandro** was elected Treasurer for the American Association of Men in Nursing (2024-2026).

**Jerico Alicante** received the [2024 American Nurses Association \(ANA\) Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award](#) and was appointed to the ANA Committee on Bylaws from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

**Mary Bemker** co-edited the newly published textbook, *Advancing Organizations by Exemplary Nursing Leadership*.

**Teri Boyd** is now the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs at Barnes Jewish College Goldfarb School of Nursing.

**Marion Broome** retired in June as Dean Emeritus for Duke University School of Nursing after 51 years. She will continue her practice as a Certified Coach for Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) specializing in executive coaching in healthcare and universities.

**Karen Brown** is enjoying retirement and spending a lot of time traveling the world. She has visited five new countries this year: Japan, China, Montenegro, Slovakia, and Croatia.

**Cathy Catrambone** will assume the co-chair role of the Board of Directors of the Respiratory Health Association in July 2024.

**Esther Emard** co-authored an article "[Standardize Workforce Competencies to Improve Quality, Safety](#)" published in the February 2024 issue of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

**Deborah Jones** shared that her son recently graduated with his DNP from The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) School of Nursing. He is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

**Sarah Marshall** received the [Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, NY \(NACLI\) Community Service Award](#) and was recognized as one of the [Women of the Month in May 2024](#) by the Professional Organization of Women of Excellence Recognized (P.O.W.E.R.). Her article "Reflection on Social Determinant of Health a Lesson Learned" was published in the *NACLI*.

**Angela McBride** was awarded the Dean’s Medal from University of Maryland School of Nursing on 14 May 2024. Her [leadership profile](#) has been shared on the Tobias Leadership Center website.

**Betsy McDowell** received the [2024 Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award](#) from the Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Fellowship through the University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

**Shannon Perry** was the 2024 Saint Anselm College Showcasing Our Art and Research (S.O.A.R.) distinguished speaker on 17 April 2024. She was the keynote speaker for Beta Upsilon Chapter’s fall induction on 9 December 2023. In May 2024, she drove 2,520 miles through six states to visit her six siblings whom she had not seen in four to 11 years.

**PK Scheerle** was honored with the [2023 Lifetime Achievement Award](#) by the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Louisiana.


**Gwen Sherwood** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Foundation for Nursing, served as senior faculty in the Academy for Emerging Leaders in Patient Safety, and taught a virtual Health Policy course for Hong Kong University. She co-authored a book chapter, "Nursing Education: The Bridge to Patient Safety in The Nexus of Nursing and Patient Safety" and two manuscripts, "Learning from Experience: Mitigating Imposter Phenomena in Academia" in the *African Journal of Health Professions Education*, and "Using an Online Story: Teaching SBAR as a Critical Communication Skill in a QSEN Framework" in the *Journal of Nursing Science and Professional Practice*. She published an invited editorial, "Transforming Education: Developing a Practice-Ready Workforce" in the *International Journal of Nursing Sciences*.

**Kathleen Stevens** was named a [2024 Leaders and Legends of Texas Nursing](#) by the Texas Nurses Association (TNA).

**Stephanie Turrise** was promoted to full professor effective August 2024 at University of North Carolina Wilmington School of Nursing.


**Terry Valiga** is enjoying retirement by reading, walking, vacationing, and enjoying time with her husband. Professionally, she is serving as a manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Nursing Education* and serving on two dissertation committees where she connects with former colleagues.

**Joachim Voss** was named [Associate Dean of Academic Programs](#) for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing beginning 1 March 2024.



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