DONOR SPOTLIGHT
Supporting students to grow community-based care

VISITING HIS MOTHER at her pharmacy, writing pretend prescriptions and soaking up all aspects of the health care environment shaped Ron Ordona as a child. In his Filipino grade school, he thought that would be his future. Ultimately, he chose nursing—a decision that brought him to the United States and will bring opportunity for future nursing students at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis.

“I knew I could get a job directly after completing a bachelor’s degree and support myself,” Ordona says. “I never regretted that decision and my parents’ dedication to invest in my education. They told me then, that this is their legacy.”

The financial reality of obtaining a nursing degree was not lost on Ordona. Scholarships supported his college endeavors. His parents filled the gap. Today, he juggles roles as a nurse practitioner in his practice, a medical house call provider in Lincoln, California, a business owner of four residential care facilities for the elderly and a bedside nurse at UC Davis Medical Center. He first invested in the School of Nursing through payroll deductions. Seeing the value of that smaller contribution, he decided to increase his impact and establish the Roleto and Amparo Ordona Endowed Scholarship in Nursing for Community Based Senior Care, to honor his parents and reward future graduate students interested in community-based nursing.

“When I care for homebound seniors in their homes, rather than having them visit the emergency department for preventable reasons, I know I’ve made a real difference in a family’s life,” Ordona says. “I want future nurses to experience that sense of fulfillment. Plus, I want to ensure someone is there to take care of me when I enter that phase of life.”

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT PROFILE: Sheree Criner**

**Motivated mentor**

**GROWING UP IN OAKLAND,** Sheree Criner recognized her passion for helping others. Supported by a dedicated grandfather and a host of strong women in her family, she chose nursing and works to be a role model and mentor so others can do the same.

“I never really had a mentor to help me focus my educational trajectory,” says Criner, a master’s-degree leadership student. “Now my mission is to mentor girls, so they are more prepared than I was.”

Currently, as nurse manager, Criner leads a team at the UC Davis Spine Center and Neurosurgery Clinic. She chose to embark upon a graduate degree now because of scholarship opportunity.

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**FAMILY CAREGIVING INSTITUTE:**

**Launched to support those who care for the well-being of others**

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS** provide more than 80 percent of long-term care to older adults. Yet, these dedicated individuals remain largely invisible in the health care system. In order to support them, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis launches a new Family Caregiving Institute, dedicated to the well-being of those who care for others, with a $5 million grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

Through a number of research projects and community initiatives, the School of Nursing demonstrated expertise in the family caregiving space. Through the institute, nursing leaders will discover and disseminate knowledge to improve systems of support for caregivers, enhance the capabilities of caregivers and augment abilities of health care professionals to better partner with those facing care challenges.

“Caregiving involves one in five American households,” says Terri Harvath, associate dean for academics and lead researcher of the institute. “Family members typically coordinate complex, disconnected and even contradictory clinical oversight from multiple providers and institutions. They need solutions that work for them.”

Harvath leads collaboration with AARP to develop a series of caregiving video tutorials to empower people thrust into the caregiver role. In addition, a critical mass of faculty exists who already conduct caregiver research and are experienced with family caregivers.

“The Family Caregiving Institute will build upon the School of Nursing’s foundation of advancing traditional hospital and systems-based solutions to meet the needs and demands for care in the community,” says Janet Corrigan, chief program officer of patient care with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

The grant represents a strong affirmation of the quality and work-to-date of School of Nursing faculty. The Family Caregiving Institute will be established over the next decade, leveraging the strength of UC Davis, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and partners.

“It is a great opportunity to bring together existing researchers here at UC Davis, recruit new faculty and further enhance our work for the well-being of caregivers everywhere,” says Heather M. Young, founding dean.

**MAKING CAREGIVERS VISIBLE, REDESIGNING EDUCATION**

Continued from page 1 and I am honored that the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation will promote the launch of a new Family Caregiving Institute with a $5 million grant to the school (see left). I look forward to collaborations and partnerships to champion this often invisible workforce.

We continue to redesign and refine our approaches to education to address important health priorities in our communities. With our five programs, we contribute to the health care workforce in several ways: clinicians who can deliver care at the individual, family, community and global levels; researchers who advance nursing science and inform practice and education; educators who optimize learning; and leaders who advance organizations, programs and policy.

Today’s learners are technologically savvy, thirsty for lifelong learning and represent a greater diversity than in decades past. When Betty Irene Moore Hall opens later this year, its new learning spaces and simulation suites address these dynamics and promise to advance our ability to prepare nurses for the future.

I invite you to join us in October for the grand opening of Moore Hall, and in the meantime, show your appreciation for a nurse who inspires you. Together, we move forward with big priorities and big dreams to improve health for everyone.
CONSTRUCTION OF BETTY IRENE MOORE HALL reaches a milestone in the coming weeks when UC Davis assumes ownership of the new home for the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. After 20 months of construction, officials with McCarthy Building Companies and Vanir Construction Management, Inc. will soon hand over the keyes to the 70,000-square-foot building. School of Nursing leaders anticipate moving into office spaces this summer and beginning coursework with students in the fall.

Alumni and faculty got a sneak peek of the innovative spaces and simulation suites during two hard-hat tours in February. Yukko Feletta, a master’s-degree leadership alumna from the Class of 2015, says, “The vision of the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing is definitely represented here.”

“Thinking about the 33 of us who started and the school growing to more than 400 students,” adds Lori Madden, an alumna from the inaugural doctoral class, “it’s great to see the school’s growth and the capacity here for that to happen.”

Health care scholars will deepen their connection between classroom learning and clinical experiences when Moore Hall opens this fall. CAN A TABLE GIVE FLIGHT TO A BETTER EDUCATION?

THE DAYS OF 100-SEAT LECTURE HALLS and passive note-taking are numbered. Health care students need spaces that encourage collaboration and inspire active discussion. Imagine a piece of furniture that fosters conversations like those around your dinner table. Propeller-shaped tables—strategically designed to support out-of-the-box teaching—pilot new ways for graduate students to learn. Each wing—seating seven students—creates an atmosphere where new ideas are fostered and retained. “Rather than being packed shoulder to shoulder in a lecture hall, this open environment sets everyone at ease and facilitates ease of discussion during class,” says Justin Palmer, physician assistant student.

Students recognize the value and choose to invest in the innovative learning tool. Members of the master’s-degree leadership and doctoral classes, as well as the Master’s Entry Program in Nursing students, pledged gifts for innovative learning in Betty Irene Moore Hall. They will be recognized with a plaque on the table and ensure future students learn how to work together better. “As a class, we understand that a big part of learning is attributed to the learning environment,” says Andrea Vega-Breaux, a master’s-degree leadership student who spearheaded the Class of 2017’s gift. “My hope is that the use of these tables will inspire team building, collaboration, and the sharing of ideas which leads to improvements in the way we deliver health to our communities.”

Opportunities exist for additional support, whether in honor or in memory of a family member, current student or alumna. Contact Sallie-Grace Tate, sgtate@ucdavis.edu or 916-734-2783, for more information.

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School of Nursing on KVIE
Research at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing recently appeared on KVIE Public Television in Sacramento.

“Healng Beyond Medicine” showcases a quality improvement initiative aimed at improving dementia care in skilled nursing facilities. Music and Memory uses tailored playlists and iPods to transport residents back to happier times in their past. Associate Adjunct Professor Debra Bakerjian, who is featured in the documentary, says her family was moved by the segment. “If coverage like this speaks to my 30-year-old son, I hope our work can reach a new generation and highlight this issue.”

School of Nursing ranked among nations best
For a third year, U.S. News & World Report named the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis among the nation’s best for master’s-degree nursing programs. “I am honored that our peers continue to recognize that, while we are still a young school with relatively small enrollment, our contribution to higher learning and the nursing profession are worthy of this distinction,” says Dean Heather M. Young.

SPLICE grant
How future clinicians are prepared to lead within health care teams is the focus of a recent grant to the School of Nursing and the UC Davis School of Medicine. With the $2.49 million Primary Care Training Enhancement Award known as SPLICE—System-transforming, Patient-centered Longitudinal Interprofessional Community-based Education—faculty will develop, test and disseminate a community-based, collaborative, primary care practice model that improves the patient experience, advances population health, reduces costs and enhances provider well-being.

To learn more about these advancements at the School of Nursing, contact Sallie-Grace Tate at sgtate@ucdavis.edu or 916-734-2783.

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