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THE BETTY IRENE MOORE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT UC DAVIS

JEANETTE M. SPAULDING RURAL NURSING RESEARCH ENDOWMENT

Rural roots run deep

WHEN JEANETTE

SPAULDING grew up on a dairy farm in rural Ohio, family and community framed her life. Driven by her interest in serving others, she pursued a career in nursing. In 1943, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and embarked upon a 40-year-long nursing career that contributed to the health of her community along with future nursing science and education at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis.

“She loved nursing, especially the time she worked in outpatient care in Alameda County,” recalled Jeri Bigbee, Spaulding’s daughter and an adjunct professor at the School of Nursing. “I remember how the families she worked with left an indelible mark on her.”

While Bigbee didn’t originally intend to follow in her mother’s footsteps, she has had a 30-year-



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plus career as a nursing educator, researcher and clinician. She worked as a public health nurse and a nurse practitioner in rural communities before entering the world of academia and a research trajectory focused on promoting the health of rural populations.

After Spaulding passed away in 2012, Bigbee created an endowed research fund for students and faculty at the School of Nursing. The Jeanette M. Spaulding Rural Nursing Research Endowment supports nurses who are conducting research

related to rural health, where funding is limited.

“This grant is more than just a statement about my family’s belief in the power of nursing and the importance of finding innovative approaches to health care,” Bigbee said. “This kind of giving is a way to memorialize those incredible women, like my mom, who have shaped our lives and our societies for the future.” ♦



A VISION OF CHANGE FOUNDING DEAN HEATHER M. YOUNG

AT 3 MILLION STRONG, nurses represent the largest segment of health care professionals and, polls show, are the most trusted providers of care. Five years since we welcomed our first classes to the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, faculty, students and alumni are moving toward the common goal of improving quality and safety of care, while decreasing its cost. Our graduate programs place an emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking and individual accountability to engage students and promote application of knowledge to practice.

I’m happy to share with you two firsts. Recently, Dignity Health, along with its

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A SHARED VISION

Sallie-Grace Tate, Assistant Dean for Development

LEADERS AT the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation share a vision of academic excellence and health care leadership. The generosity from our donors, along with others in the community who believe in our mission, is instrumental in helping us ignite innovation in future health care leaders and transcend current approaches in health care.

The School of Nursing awarded \$115,000 in scholarships to 29 students during the 2014-2015 academic year. Financial gifts enable us to support our bright students and recruit high-caliber researchers and clinicians who leverage that investment to improve health care quality.

We are a vibrant community of motivated learners and dedicated educators who are unleashing the power and passion of nursing. In this issue of Advancing the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, you will learn how investment translates into opportunities for future nurse leaders, groundbreaking research and, ultimately, a better health care system of the future. ♦

STUDENT AND ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO FIRST STUDENT

Fund invests in future of health care leaders

JO ANN HAMBLEY is the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree, the first among her relatives to pursue a master's degree and the first student at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis to receive a scholarship from the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Student and Alumni Fund.

"I never imagined that graduate school was possible because of the huge financial commitment," Hambley said. "Thanks to the students who made a commitment to invest in future students, my education is possible."

Humbled by the support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, members of the master's-degree and doctoral cohorts stepped up to pay it forward.

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a contributor, whether of your time, your knowledge or your finances," said Terri Wolf, a graduate who was part of the fund's inaugural Class of 2012. "We're really excited to see the dream of providing this opportunity, finally come to fruition."

Rather than establish individual class gifts, creators recognized the value of one fund that could grow into an endowment, which would be invested and maintained in perpetuity.

"We are developing health care leaders who not only embrace multiple perspectives and communicate as teams, but through their generosity demonstrate their commitment to future generations of nursing students," said Heather M. Young, the school's founding dean.

"I'm so grateful to all the former students and their investment in future leaders of health care, like me," Hambley added. ♦

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Five years ago, 80 percent of new nurses began their career working in a hospital**
- **Today, less than 60 percent move into acute-care settings**

Not only are settings changing, but the perspectives and skills needed by today's nurses evolve as well.

School of Nursing leaders embrace change and prepare graduate students to both assume and further develop these professions.

QUESTION:

What do you think are the future roles of nursing?

Send your thoughts to Sallie-Grace Tate: sgtate@ucdavis.edu ♦





SCHOOL OF NURSING PROFESSOR RECEIVES GRANTS TO IMPROVE NURSING-HOME QUALITY

AS MEMBERS OF the baby-boom generation reach retirement age, they present increasing concerns for the quality and value of nursing-home care. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, more than 1.4 million people received nursing-home care in 2012. With the aging population expected to escalate, more individuals will require long-term care.

Elena Siegel, an assistant professor at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, recently received three grants to support research that will advance nursing policy and quality of care in nursing homes.

One award, \$299,000 from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant Program, enables Siegel to develop and test a resource manual that directors of nursing can use as a reference to ensure that registered nurses safely and

effectively delegate day-to-day tasks in nursing-home settings.

“This research is at the intersection of practice and policy and holds the promise of improving nursing-home care for all who receive it,” Siegel explained.

Delegation regulations vary from state to state and resources to support the director of nursing in the implementation and oversight of delegation practices in accordance with state regulation are limited.

For the two-year study, Siegel and her research team will convene an expert advisory panel consisting of representatives from state boards of nursing to help develop a set of guidelines that can ultimately serve as a resource for directors of nursing across the country. The guidelines will reflect the flexibility needed to guide directors of nursing to their respective state regulations.

“My goal is to equip directors of nursing with valuable resources that enable them to follow policy confidently, protect nursing-home residents in their care and navigate the barriers they encounter on a day-to-day basis,” Siegel said.

Siegel brings multiple perspectives to nursing-home research, including nursing, industrial and organizational psychology sciences, as well as business administration and management experience as a certified public accountant and controller. Her work over the past seven years aims to close an alarming knowledge-practice gap

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president and CEO, Lloyd H. Dean, completed a pledge to the School of Nursing of \$2.5 million to establish the first endowed deanship at UC Davis.

I’m honored to be the inaugural holder of the Dignity Health Dean’s Chair for Nursing Leadership and have the opportunity to advance the school’s vision through this investment.

For the first time, the School of Nursing was listed in *U.S. News and World Report’s* annual ranking of “Best Graduate Schools.” Editors placed us in the top 25 percent at No. 43 for nursing schools and recognized our school as one of only three in the nation that provides grants to 100 percent of its master’s-degree students.

Your insight, involvement and investment enable us to improve how people live their lives. The launch phase of the School of Nursing flew quickly. As our next chapter ushers in more challenges, milestones and successes, I thank you for continuing to partner with us. Together, we fulfill the vision set forth by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and prepare nurse leaders who can meet the complex challenges of health care. ◆

in nursing homes, focusing on the nursing-home leaders who carry overarching responsibility for quality improvement. ◆

L A T E S T N E W S

Doctoral students surprise Dean Young with new scholarship

THE SIX DOCTORAL STUDENTS from this spring's graduating class of the Doctor of Philosophy program presented Founding Dean Heather M. Young with a check totaling \$26,556 and the establishment of the Class of 2015 Doctoral Student Scholarship Fund. The endowment provides support for future doctoral students demonstrating career achievements in scholarship, leadership, advocacy, community engagement or research. The new fund joins 36 scholarships at the School of Nursing.

Betty Irene Moore Hall

A GROUNDBREAKING is slated

this fall for the new Betty Irene Moore Hall. This 70,000-square-foot educational facility features collaborative learning spaces and engages students through simulation suites and interactive learning platforms. This new building will embody the school's education philosophy and further the capacity to advance health and health care.

Dignity Health endows historic deanship at UC Davis

DEAN YOUNG accepted a \$2.5 million endowed deanship from Dignity Health President and CEO Lloyd H. Dean during a special event in San Francisco in April. The Dignity Health Dean's Chair for Nursing Leadership, the first



endowed deanship at UC Davis, will allow Dean Young, and future deans, to shape the role of leadership, advance the teaching and research endeavors and touch the lives of the school's students and the communities they serve.

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

Engage with us.

- BY THE NUMBERS
- Approximately 150 students
- More than 138 alumni
- 4 graduate-degree programs
- 36 scholarships
- Top 25 percent of nursing schools in *U.S. News and World Reports* "2016 Best Graduate Schools"
- 50 plus community partners and collaborators
- 150 clinical sites for student rotations

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