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Honoring Kitasato University

On August 14, the School held a reception to honor the Kitasato University School of Nursing faculty and students and celebrate our successful partnership for 28 years.

We were honored to be joined by Mr. Akira Chiba, Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, who spoke about the important role of nurses and expressed his appreciation to the administration and faculty of both schools for their support of this exchange program. He also shared that Dr. Shibasaburo Kitasato, Kitasato University's namesake, was his great grandfather.

News & Updates

Leading UCLA's World-Renowned Health System

A recent article featured in the UCLA Women & Philanthropy newsletter highlighted a conversation between three visionary leaders who stand at the helm of UCLA's premier health system: Linda Sarna, dean of the UCLA School of Nursing, Kelsey Martin, dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine, and Johnese Spisso, president of UCLA Health, CEO of UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences.



See the full story [here](#).

English Garden Tea with Dean Sarna

On August 13, Dean Linda Sarna '69, MN '76 hosted Chuck Griffis MS '83, PHD '05 and his guests MarySue Heilemann, Mary Ann Lewis DRPH '84, and Huibrie Pieters PHD '09 at her home for a delightful Afternoon Champagne Tea in her English rose garden.



Thanks to Chuck Griffis for his winning bid and bringing the group together, and to Dean Sarna for making this lovely afternoon possible while supporting our school through this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards' silent auction. Next year this could be you!

Cheryl Puntil receives APNA Award for Distinguished Service

UCLA School of Nursing alum, Cheryl Puntil '90 is the 2017 recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA).



Puntil will be recognized for her commitment, initiative, loyalty, integrity and exceptional and meritorious service at the 31st Annual National APNA Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on October 18. Puntil and several APNA colleagues worked on the APNA Essential Suicide Competencies for nurse assessment and management of individuals at risk for suicide.

"Through [Cheryl's] vision, determination, and perseverance, the APNA suicide competencies initiative became a reality and an exemplar, continues to expand, and addresses both a major national public health problem and gap in nursing education," Puntil's colleagues stated.

Cheryl, you make us proud!

Whitney Harris is featured in *Bold Voices* magazine

Whitney Harris MSN '15, a pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, talks about the Privilege of Nursing in an interview with *Bold Voices* – the

monthly magazine for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

Read the transcript of the interview [here](#).



Giving Back

Chancellor's Centennial Scholars Match

Student debt is one of the most urgent challenges affecting college graduates, their families and the U.S. economy. An investment in scholarship support for students at the UCLA School of Nursing has a great return for the recipient and many ripple effects for nursing education.



The UCLA School of Nursing is excited to share an exceptional opportunity for alumni and friends of the school to increase the impact of your scholarship gifts through matching funds. As UCLA enters the latter part of its Centennial Campaign, Chancellor Block is expanding the UCLA Chancellor's Centennial Scholars Match to include graduate scholarships. The match program goes through June 30, 2018, or until matching funds are exhausted.

For more information and to make a gift, please visit our [webpage](#).

Planned Giving

Did you know it is possible to make a gift to benefit UCLA's School of Nursing while creating an income stream for you, your spouse, and/or other loved ones? In fact, you can choose from among a number of ways to give that feature income for life or other period of time you choose.



To learn more, please contact [Joe Ward](#) at (310) 794-8823, or visit our [website](#).

One Word, One Gift Campaign

Since we launched our *One Word, One Gift* Campaign, we have been overjoyed by the response. Many of you wrote in to share what the School of Nursing means to you and to make a gift to pay it forward. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and contributes to their educational experience. If you have not yet made a gift or shared with us what the School of Nursing means to you, you can still do so by clicking [here](#). Thank you!

Spotlight: Student Affairs



Craig Kusunoki
Director of Financial Aid

Rhonda Flenoy-Younger
Director of Recruitment

Shelli Shepherd
Director of Student Services

Grateful

My word is "grateful" because I fought cancer in 2011 and faculty member Dr. Suzette Cardin used her expertise to guide me toward the best care. I'm still alive today and maybe wouldn't be if I didn't work at the UCLA School of Nursing.

Family

I've worked in the School of Nursing since 1985. Throughout the past 32 years the faculty, staff and alumni have been a huge part of my life. We are not only colleagues, but are also family!

Honor

The word that describes my UCLA School of Nursing experience is "honor". I am honored to work every day with talented faculty, staff and students. It is indeed an honor to contribute through my life's work to the noble profession of nursing.

Job Board

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for more information.



AltaMed is hiring!

AltaMed seeks qualified and passionate individuals to lead, guide, and support their team to help eliminate health care disparities in the communities they serve. If you are committed to making a difference in people's lives and ready to take your career to the next level, AltaMed invites you to join their team!

You can see their job openings [here](#).

The UCLA School of Nursing often receives requests for job information so we include this Job Board in our newsletters. References in these newsletters to specific companies or jobs does not constitute our endorsement or recommendation. If you have a job you would like us to post, please send to nursing.alumni@sonnet.ucla.edu for consideration. We do not guarantee that all submitted positions will be posted.

We want to hear from you!

Have you recently received a promotion, been honored with a special award or have other news to share? Please let us know by sending an e-mail to jadrias@sonnet.ucla.edu. We'll be delighted to consider inclusion of your news in a future newsletter.



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