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Highlights

We have much exciting news to share from 2016, and much to look forward in 2017!

[Dr. Linda Sarna](#), an internationally recognized scholar in promoting the role of nursing in tobacco control and oncology research focused on patients with lung

cancer, was appointed the 7th dean of the UCLA School of Nursing. Having earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from UCLA, she is the first UCLA alumna to serve in this position.



Events: On April 30 we held a very successful [Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon](#) at the UCLA Faculty Center where we honored Evelyn Ruiz Calvillo DNSc '91, Susan Speraw MN '92, and Eleanor Saltzer Weinstein BSN '66, MN '68, for their significant contributions to the nursing profession.

Our [Commencement Ceremony](#) took place on Saturday, June 11 and our keynote speaker was alumna Linda Burnes Bolton MN '72, MPH '76, DRPH '88, who received the prestigious [2016 Living Legend Award from the American Academy of Nursing](#). Many thanks to those who joined us to celebrate the 187 graduates from our four programs– 43 Bachelor of Science (BS), 77 Advanced Practice (APN), 57 Masters Entry Clinical Nursing (MECN) and 10 PhD.

Student Funding: The School received \$650,000 for the next four years, a total of \$2.6 million, for [Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration](#).

The School of Nursing's request for Chancellorial support for 2016–2017 was approved for \$630,000 to upgrade the A-level auditorium, the Sim lab and classrooms, and to provide administrative support.

Additionally, our friends Ralph and Shirley Shapiro established a new fund to encourage support for a new program in mental health and substance abuse in

the School. If you would like to find out more about supporting this effort, or would like information about other areas of need within the School, please contact Amy Drizhal, Executive Director of Development at adrizhal@sonnet.ucla.edu.

Awards and Recognition: For 2017, UCLA was ranked No. 12 by *U.S. News & World Report*, in the Top 5 percent of for nursing graduate schools and No. 5 in NIH funding. Additionally, the UCLA School of Nursing was named the top public nursing program (and No. 4 overall) on the “[30 Best Nursing Programs in the United States](#)” list released by *Mometrix*, the test preparation company.

Faculty members Patti Taylor and Young Kee Markham recieved [2016 Daisy Awards](#), selected by students from each degree program, as well as faculty peers, to honor exceptional faculty. Professor Jo-Ann Eastwood was inducted as a Fellow in the in the American Academy of Nursing at the Annual Meeting in October. Lecturer Deborah Rice was selected as West Region Nurse.com GEM finalist for Excellence in Clinical Nursing. Dean Sarna was elected to serve as the first National Board Chair for the [National Clinician Scholars Program](#). Click [here](#) to see more awards given to our doctoral students.

As you can see, we have much to celebrate as we head into the new year. We wouldn't be who we are without our dedicated alumni and friends, so thank you!

The More You Know...



Becoming a Nurse Scientist



UCLA School of Nursing Health Clinic at URM



School welcomes new Alumni Director

Interested in continuing your nursing education and receiving a Ph.D. in nursing? Learn more about the program by clicking [here](#).

The UCLA School of Nursing opened its [Health Center at Union Rescue Mission](#) in 1983 to serve the residents of downtown L.A., many of whom are homeless. [Click here](#) to read more about the center and how you can help.

Through the generous contributions from our friends Ralph and Shirley Shapiro, and Steve Gordon and Laurie Gray, we were finally able to begin our transition to Electronic Health Records at the Center, expected to go live this month.

In August we welcomed the new Director of Alumni Relations, Jonathan Adrias, who joined Executive Director Amy Drizhal and Development Coordinator Sarah Low in our office of Development & Alumni Relations. Jonathan is spearheading a revamped alumni program collaborating with the team, so stay tuned for upcoming alumni events! You can reach Jonathan at jadrias@sonnet.ucla.edu or (310)983-1140.

Save the Date

Nursing Career Day

We invite you to attend our inaugural Career Day featuring job recruiters and a professional panel made up of alumni professionals.

When: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 9:30am–12pm

Where: Tamkin Auditorium (B-Level), Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

Click [here](#) to RSVP!

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Save the Date: Saturday, May 6, 2017

Please watch for the Distinguished Alumni Awards call for nominations.



Dinner with Nine Nurses

A new opportunity for School of Nursing alumni, staff, and students to come together to share a meal and engage in meaningful conversations. We are launching our first dinner at the home of alumna Susan Given on January 22.



If you would like to host a dinner, please contact Jonathan Adrias at jadrias@sonnet.ucla.edu.

Why I Give:

"My husband and I have included UCLA School of Nursing in our estate plan because supporting the School, and our wonderful students, contributes to what we believe makes a difference."

~Donna McNeese-Smith

Donna has been a nurse for 54 years, many of those spent as a faculty member at the School of Nursing. Throughout her career, she has worked as a Public Health Nurse, a surgical and medical-surgical nurse, and then in psychiatry. She taught undergraduate students at Seattle Pacific University and then went on to senior nursing leadership roles. She later earned her doctorate at Seattle University in education and business and was recruited to UCLA School of Nursing, primarily to teach the Nursing Administration Program.

Join Donna and William, and support the UCLA School of Nursing Annual Fund by clicking [here](#). Thank you!



Pictured above: Drs. Donna and William McNeese-Smith

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