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I have been inspired by jazz great and North Carolina native John Coltrane’s “Giant Steps,” a song and album that revolutionized music and influenced other fields including math and physics. As we prepare to launch our strategic plan and celebrate our 125th anniversary, Giant Steps has also been a way for me to talk about our aspirations for this university. It has become a collective call to action for our community to raise our sight lines and ambitions.

From its origins, the School of Nursing has always embodied this idea; the creation of the program itself represented a Giant Step forward. Sixty years ago the Woman’s College established an associate degree in nursing (ADN), the first of its kind in North Carolina and one of only 28 such programs in the entire United States. Our program laid the groundwork for the North Carolina New Nurse Practice Act and paved the way for future programs across the state.

Nursing took another Giant Step when it launched a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN) 50 years ago. And, in the 50 ensuing years, Nursing has been a leader and innovator. From establishing an adult health/gerontology specialization to its doctoral programs, the UNCG nursing program has consistently evolved to stay both relevant and ahead of the curve. The faculty have been able to predict and respond to the needs in our community and the state. They work on a variety of issues, from health disparities among underrepresented groups to creating the Veterans Access Program, a unique initiative which gives our medically-trained military veterans an accelerated path to a BSN.

Like UNCG itself, the School of Nursing is stronger than ever. In the past year, we took two more Giant Steps. First, we opened Union Square in downtown Greensboro — a joint venture of UNCG, NC A&T, Guilford Technical Community College, Cone Health and other local organizations. It houses cutting-edge healthcare training facilities and is the home of our new Doctor of Nursing program. Second, with the success of the Connect NC bond, which passed last spring, UNCG will have access to $105 million in funding to build a new, state-of-the-art nursing and instructional building on our campus where today the McIver Building stands.

The future is very bright for our nursing program. It is one of our true pillars of excellence, and it plays a key role in our new strategic plan as an essential, enduring part of our long-term commitment to health and wellness, and a cornerstone of our health and wellness corridor in our new “millennial campus” proposal.

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, students and more than 8,000 graduates of the UNCG nursing program. Here’s to 50 more years of Giant Steps.

Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.
Chancellor
In 1966, when the UNCG School of Nursing began, the world was a different place.

Think of the songs playing on the radio:
Simon & Garfunkel’s “Sounds of Silence” and “I am a Rock.”
David Bowie’s “Can’t Help Thinking About Me.”
“Monday Monday” by The Mamas & the Papas.
The Supremes’ “You Can’t Hurry Love.”

On the television, we’re watching “Shindig,” “Batman,” “Star Trek,” “That Girl” and the sci-fi soap opera “Dark Shadows.”
The holiday favorite “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” premieres, and Mary Tyler Moore wins an Emmy Award. At the theatre, “Dr. Shivago” is one of the year’s most popular, award-winning movies.

In the world of sports, Richard Petty wins the Daytona 500; Muhammad Ali is the heavyweight boxing champ; Jack Nicklaus wins the Masters Golf Tournament; and Roberta Bignay becomes the first woman to run in the Boston Marathon.

Important events unfold around the U.S. A nuclear test is performed in Nevada. The Supreme Court issues the Miranda Decision mandating that suspects must be informed of their rights. NOW, the National Organization of Women, is founded. Edward Brooke (R-Mass) becomes the first African American elected to the U.S. Senate — and Ronald Reagan is elected governor of California.

Around the globe, Indira Gandhi is elected India’s fourth Prime Minister, the USSR launches Luna 9 toward the moon and the U.S. begins bombing in North Vietnam.

What does nursing look like in the mid-sixties? The path to a nursing career involves completing a two- or three-year program; nurses who want to pursue higher education typically obtain additional degrees outside the discipline. In the clinical setting, they wear white caps denoting the school from which they graduated, and uniforms are most often dresses, crisply starched, with white polished shoes.

Flash forward 50 years.

When was the last time you saw a nurse wearing a cap? Uniforms have changed dramatically, replaced with colorful surgical scrubs.

Classrooms and labs have evolved. It is rare to find flip charts and overhead projectors. Instead we have PowerPoint presentations and YouTube videos, live streaming instruction, and high-fidelity mannequins and robots. To capture salient points covered in class, laptops and devices such as iPhones and Droids have replaced the paper and pen. Courses are now offered on campus and online, along with hybrid versions of both.

More importantly the nurse’s work of 50 years ago bears little resemblance to the work of today’s nurses. Treatments traditionally reserved for the acute setting now occur in outpatient settings and in the home. Today, nurses practice independently and take on many roles traditionally filled by other healthcare disciplines. They assume leadership roles in the health system, many running entire hospitals and health systems.

A lot has changed throughout the span of our 50-year history, but we take comfort in knowing that a few things have remained consistent over the years. Our primary mission was, and continues to be, providing exceptional learning experiences for all of our students and making sure they are ready from Day One. Founding Dean Eloise Lewis set high expectations for excellence and compassionate care. An exceptional leader, she expected our graduates to be leaders in the health system, the community and the profession. When Dean Lewis launched the BSN degree in 1966, she intended for nursing education at UNCG to be a visionary program — and it is.

Fifty years later, we offer master’s and doctoral programs. Our graduates are leaders in education, practice, administration and research. We are proud of each and every one of our alumni and we expect nothing less than what our founding Dean Lewis expected: excellence, compassionate care and leadership. I am thrilled to count myself as a UNCG School of Nursing alumna and to be a part of our next 50 years!
Textile industrialist Moses H. Cone dies and leaves instructions for a new hospital to be built in Greensboro after his widow’s death. He establishes a memorial trust fund to be held by the estate and leaves $20,000 specifically for the education of nurses.

From this first seed grows a thriving community dedicated to quality nurse education and healthcare. Today, UNCG School of Nursing proudly partners with Cone Health, carrying forth the vision that Moses H. Cone began more than a century ago.

1942

The Woman’s College of The University of North Carolina begins offering a course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

1945

World War II ends. Women who had served their country at such high cost return home, and there is a galvanized effort to ease their transition into society. Woman’s College offers female veterans a special opportunity: All those who had completed diploma degrees in nursing prior to and during WWII can enroll in a two-year course of liberal arts study and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

This BSN for WWII veterans is the first of many efforts that continue today in support of our military personnel. Learn more about the Veterans Access Program on page 24.

1947

Bertha Cone, widow of Moses Cone, dies, and the funds held in trust become available for the construction of Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. This sets the stage for the education of nurses and what will eventually become the UNCG School of Nursing.
A growing nurse shortage throughout the nation, and especially in Greensboro, leads to a critical decision. Woman’s College establishes the Department of Nursing to prepare qualified women for RN responsibilities in two years, collaborating with Moses Cone Memorial Hospital to develop the Associate Degree program.

The first of its kind in North Carolina, this Associate Degree program, pioneers the future establishment of associate degree programs in the state’s community colleges.

**1959-1967**

Woman’s College awards 194 Associate Degrees in Nursing from 1959-1967. Above, the first graduating class in 1959.

**1963**

The Woman’s College becomes The University of North Carolina at Greensboro by an act of the North Carolina General Assembly.

“...In the fall of ‘63, when I’d been on campus less than two months, President Kennedy was assassinated. At that time, we were required to live on the Quad. Like many of my classmates, I had to go to an individual consultation with my pharmacology professor because I had not done well on an exam. Despite the news of the assassination, Miss Korn kept my appointment, and we talked about what our country was experiencing. She was so caring and understanding. She was with us a lot. She taught me how to make a bed, how to give an injection — all the things you learn in basic nursing training.”

Camille Townsend ’65, Camille Crowell Townsend Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
1964
The North Carolina legislature passes the “New Nurse Practice Act of 1964,” solidifying the UNCG Associate Degree program in nursing and opening the door for other programs of its kind. This decision lays the groundwork for the establishment of the baccalaureate in nursing degree at UNCG.

Because we had become, in essence, the demonstration program of associate degree nursing in North Carolina, we were anxious that this legislation be enacted and that the university assume its rightful role and have a baccalaureate program in nursing.” Alice Boehret, Director of the Associate Degree Program

FALL 1964
UNCG becomes a coeducational institution, paving the way for outstanding male nursing students like Ernest Grant, Matthew Williamson (page 21) and Matthew Partridge (page 25).

1965
Gov. Dan K. Moore, chair of The University of North Carolina Board of Trustees, announces the appropriation of funds for a four-year program in nursing. UNCG faculty members approve by unanimous vote the inauguration of the Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing in 1966.

The Academic Policies Committee recommends to Faculty Council that the Associate Degree program be phased out with the Class of 1967 and the BSN Program begin in 1966.

FIRST NURSES SOCIETY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO PAVED THE WAY
For as long as she can remember, Camille Townsend ’65 has had a passion for the sciences. Her father was a pharmacist, her sister a biologist.

“My father was adamant that we would go to college. He wanted that to be his legacy.”

Camille soon realized her calling: nursing. At this time — the 1960s — North Carolina faced a nursing shortage, so the timing was ideal. The legislature worked to solve the shortage, ultimately deciding to create an accelerated path to move nursing students through a program of study and out into the field. They chose Woman’s College for an associate’s degree, right when Camille was applying to schools.

“My mother graduated from Woman’s College. I had applied to Carolina but didn’t get in. That nearly unravelled me,” Camille says. But, as often is the case, another door opened. “The associate’s degree program was experimental, but it ended up being the precursor to the School of Nursing.”

Camille’s father didn’t just want his daughter to get a degree. He wanted her to become immersed in the residential experience. Woman’s College offered that. “We were in the mainstream of campus, but they had things designed just for our program as well,” Camille recalls. “It was an intense, year-round program with outstanding training and great professors.”

Some of her fondest memories: Clinical days, when the bus picked them up at 6:30 and delivered them to Cone Hospital. A summer spent at John Umstead Hospital in Butner. A visiting professor from Columbia University. Achieving the highest score on the psychiatric section of the state board examinations.

“The associate’s degree program was a crucial building block to what exists in the School of Nursing today. The early nursing students helped pave the way. I am glad that we now have the First Nurses Society as a way to acknowledge the role of our core of nurses.”
UNCG appoints the first dean of the proposed School of Nursing — Eloise R. Lewis, Ed.D., MSEd, BSN. Lewis arrives on Sept. 1 to plan the curriculum and recruit faculty.

“... when I came here were the many ways in which there was evidence of caring about the human beings on this campus. That’s part of what it’s all about in nursing. And I think it’s critical in the medical world, and in nursing particularly, not to forget that … when we set forth the philosophy in the School of Nursing, we said we believe in the dignity of every human being.” Eloise R. Lewis, 1920-1999, Founding Dean

In September, Dean Lewis meets with the first 30 students admitted to UNCG who declare their intent to major in nursing. Twenty-four of these students continue in the nursing major for their sophomore year.

1967
The first six faculty members arrive: Billie Boette, MA, BSN, Psychiatric Nursing; Shelley Jones, MS, BSN, Public Health Nursing; Margaret Klemer, MS, BSNE, Maternal-Child Nursing; Margaret C. Moore, MS, MA, BS, Medical-Surgical Nursing; Sandra Reed, MS, BSN, Maternal-Child Nursing; Ernestine Small, MS, BSN, Medical-Surgical Nursing. Small is the first African-American UNCG faculty member.

JUNE 25, 1968
The North Carolina Board of Nursing grants full approval to the School of Nursing.
Eloise R. Lewis was recognized locally, regionally and nationally as a leader in nursing education. But her greatest achievements took place at UNCG. A scholar, nursing activist and patient care advocate, Lewis was the perfect leader to serve as the founding dean of the UNCG School of Nursing. She received her BSN from Vanderbilt University, a master’s degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in education from Duke University. Following an outstanding career as a nursing faculty member at the Women’s Medical College School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Army Nurse Corps, Lewis skillfully guided the establishment, growth and development of the UNCG School of Nursing. She remained a vital member of the faculty until she retired in 1985.

Congratulations on 50 years of excellence

We salute you, UNCG, and look forward to what your bright future holds

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JULY 2, 1968
UNCG breaks ground on the School of Nursing building, later named the Margaret C. Moore Nursing Building. The first class of nursing majors meets in Gove Infirmary in September, and a year later the School of Nursing building opens, with an official dedication following in Oct. 1969.

I WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO REINVENT MYSELF

Jana Wagenseller ’76 BSN looks back on her nursing career — and all that UNCG helped her achieve — with gratitude. Back in the 1970s, when she discovered that nursing was her calling, Jana wanted to attend a top school. “I’d been accepted to UNC Chapel Hill already,” she says. “But I knew that UNCG had the best nursing school in the Southeast.” And so it was.

Decades later, she reflects on the career her education afforded her. She served as staff nurse at Duke Hospital, head nurse on Long Ward (which housed all-male public medicine), in the oncology department and as a hematology oncology nurse clinician. She developed cancer programs in local communities throughout the Southeast. She became associate director of the Cancer Network, overseeing the research and education programs — and president of a consulting firm that provides services such as oncology program development and clinical research auditing.

“Our instructors were supportive and open. They challenged us to not accept what’s right in front of us, rather to always learn more.”

“My education gave me a strong foundation. When you start out, you don’t know where your career will lead, but I was always prepared to reinvent myself each time. I’ve been able to take care of so many patients and touch so many communities by providing healthcare opportunities they may not have ever had.”

“Eloise Lewis was an incredible mentor for so many of us. Her presence was always there.”
UNCG School of Nursing 50th Anniversary Edition

1970

The School of Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing. In May 1970, the university grants the first baccalaureate degrees in nursing to a class of 17 students. All graduates pass the State Board Examinations and are licensed to practice as registered nurses.

**Kathy Jordan ‘71** is elected president of the North Carolina Student Nurse Association.

**SPRING 1973**

The first nurse practitioner certificate program begins as a cooperative venture between the State Board of Health and the School of Nursing to prepare registered nurses as pediatric nurse practitioners under the leadership of **Sandra “Micqui” Reed**. The school admits 34 nurses to the first class.

“I have many fond memories of teaching and learning over nearly 50 years at UNCG. I will leave it to you, my cherished students, to figure out the images floating around in my head.”

Sandra “Micqui” Reed, the first faculty member hired by Dean Lewis

**Dean Eloise R. Lewis** is appointed a charter Fellow in the newly created American Academy of Nursing.

The Maternity Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program admits eight nurses to its class under the initiation of **Marge Klemer**, left.

1974

An ad hoc faculty committee is formed to recommend waiving certain courses for registered nurses seeking the BSN — the school’s first attempt to move toward a more accommodating curriculum for RNs.

From this point forward, the School of Nursing commits to providing nursing professionals a timely and economical path to their goals. Whether establishing the RN to BSN in the 1980s or meeting nurses where they are with programs in their home counties in the 2000s, the school continually looks for ways to help practicing professionals advance.

**MAY 1974**

The first male nursing student, **Donald Moore ‘74 BSN**, graduates and receives the School of Nursing Student Excellence Award.

**1976**

**Dean Eloise R. Lewis** is awarded the Max Gardner Award, the highest honor the UNC system bestows on faculty members.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approves the Master of Science in Nursing degree program at UNCG with concentrations in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education.

**Kitty Parker**, national secretary of Sigma Theta Tau, installs the Gamma Zeta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing.

**Carol Post ‘74 BSN** is elected the first president.
In Dean Lewis’ history classes, I loved hearing how nurses must be prepared from the clinical setting to the board room, where decisions are made about the healthcare that all of us receive.” Col. Angelene Hemingway ‘77 BSN

“I was having an emotional day after an ‘Aha!’ experience in my first med surgery rotation. Nancy Courts, my instructor, asked how I was, and I tearfully told her I had just decided to become a nurse. She patted my shoulder and lovingly said, ‘Of course you will!’ So I did! You don’t argue with Nancy Courts.” Debbie Jones Smith ‘77 BSN

“I was so nervous the first time I had to give an injection. I could hardly get the Tubex loaded and together. But by the end of the semester, I could load one like Wyatt Earp! Dr. Reed was the funniest person I had ever met; she helped me appreciate humor as a part of caring.” Donna Summers Steele ‘77 BSN

MAY 1978
Ten students are awarded the Master of Science in Nursing, and the program is accredited for eight years by the National League for Nursing.

1978-80
Dean Eloise R. Lewis serves as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

1979
Awarded a $50,000 grant from The Kellogg Foundation, the School of Nursing and faculty led by Anne Landon developed a path for registered nurses to enter into a generic baccalaureate program. Six RNs take the theory and clinical performance exams in 1980.

1979-81
Faculty member Ernestine Small, pictured above right, serves as president of the North Carolina Nurses Association.
A LESSON IN THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPASSION AND HUMOR

“I had fainted not once — but twice — during a bone marrow biopsy. I was humiliated, frustrated and ready to quit! My clinical professor, Ernestine Small, left, asked me to join her for a Coke. While we sipped on our beverages, she told me stories about her personal experiences as a student. She was hilarious! She encouraged me to try again and I am so grateful she did. I did not become her star student, but she changed my life! She helped me learn not to make roadblocks out of bumps in the road and to understand the difference between success and failure is often trying again. Thanks, Dr. Ernestine Small!”

Lavonne H. Fisher ’70 BSN, ’82 MSN

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

The students, faculty and staff of UNCG’s School of Nursing extend our heartfelt thanks to our many donors, sponsors and community friends for the difference that they make for our students and the School of Nursing, not only in the past and present, but extending into the future.

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Ed Chesnutt
Resident since 2016
School of Nursing establishes the first joint research endeavor with Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. The Clinical Research Program aims to improve the climate in which graduate and undergraduate students learn; provide a setting where faculty members and graduate students may engage in research; and seek solutions to nursing practice problems.

**SEPTEMBER 1983**

With start-up money from the Evelyn Sharpe Foundation, nursing clinics for the elderly are established in two Greensboro public housing complexes serving the poor and elderly. The clinics provide students rich opportunities to expand their knowledge of geriatrics by carrying out assessment, counseling and teaching activities for our community’s aging population.

**1984**

The Hickory Outreach RN to BSN Program begins with funding from Northwest Area Health Care and Education Services. Doris Armenaki serves as first director of outreach (appointed in 1983).

**JUNE 30, 1985**

Eloise R. Lewis, founding dean, retires. The school establishes the Eloise R. Lewis Professorship Fund in her honor.

I remember the first time I saw Dr. Lewis. She was striding across the open area of the student center — 1976. So regal and such a commanding presence. She inspired me.”

Rita Pickler ‘79 BSN, ‘81 MSN

**SEPT. 1, 1985**

The School of Nursing appoints Patricia Chamings as its next dean.

**1987-88**

Dean Patricia Chamings is elected president of the North Carolina Council of Deans and Directors of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs in Nursing.

**1988**

Virginia Newbern, director of the Advanced Gerontological Nursing Specialty Project, takes instrumental steps toward establishing the graduate program in gerontological nursing with federal funding.

When graduating at the coliseum, our class entered with surgical masks and shoe covers and then we had an inflatable doll dressed in our nursing student uniform … a little fun after a lot of hard work!” Stephanie Ward Evans ‘87 BSN, ‘88 MSN

**JULY 1988**

Through a cooperative agreement with the North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University nurse anesthesia program, UNCG adds the nurse anesthesia concentration to the graduate program. Sandra Maree (Ouellette) serves as the director.
The offer to serve as UNCG’s second School of Nursing dean seemed like a wonderful position — and the experience exceeded my expectations, challenges and all! I always knew I was in a special place and had been afforded a special opportunity. The 50th Anniversary of the school causes me to look back with much admiration.

In 1985, we were a low-tech operation with a very low operating budget and one computer. Today, PhD-level faculty are standard, but at that time, 90 percent of our faculty held master’s degrees. UNCG had a very small graduate program with just two doctorally prepared faculty members, but a number of others were taking classes to earn a doctorate, mostly in fields other than nursing.

When I arrived, I soon learned that the school’s accreditation review was just one year away. We spent the next months examining all of our programs, our faculty and our challenges in order to prepare the report. That was hard work, but a good place for a new dean to start. I recall the faculty members being extremely dedicated to getting it done, and getting it done well.

After a very positive reaccreditation, we began planning for needed changes. Despite the fact that North Carolina is a retirement state and had been for some time, UNCG had nothing in the curriculum preparing nurses to care for the rapidly growing elderly population. This was an obvious imperative in addition to recruiting doctorally prepared faculty with gerontology expertise. Today, gerontology continues to be a strength of the curriculum, especially with a graduate program preparing gerontology nurse practitioners.

In 1986, faculty member Sandra Maree (now Ouellette) came to me with a proposal to incorporate the North Carolina Baptist Hospital Anesthesia Program into our graduate program. Following a number of meetings and tough discussions, we were able to form an agreement, write a federal grant (which was funded for three years) and accept students beginning in the Fall 1988. For the next 20 years, anesthesia nursing was the backbone and strength of our graduate program.

An inadequate budget made my next charge clear: raising much-needed funds and cultivating a culture of giving. Toward that end, I received permission to develop an Advisory Committee for the school. That was a successful effort, with some very good members, but I don’t know that we raised much money. I do recall one of our greatest benefactors, however. Daphine Doster had studied music on our campus in the 1920s and went on to Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, eventually joining the Army Nurse Corps and becoming dean of the University of Arkansas School of Nursing. Early in my tenure, she called to establish a faculty endowment fund with $15,000. Daphine also supported the Nursing History collection in the library. When she died, her husband, Joe Mastroianni, established the Daphine Doster Mastroianni endowed professorship. What a wonderful gift, the first of many generous donors throughout the years.

I am proud that during my years as dean we made significant strides in faculty development, helping many faculty members earn advanced degrees and recruiting experts in a number of fields. Some of these recruited faculty are still here today. We also acquired computers for all faculty and staff and began chasing technology like everyone else.

My hope for the School of Nursing is that we stay on the cutting edge of new technology, take advantage of new techniques in nursing and be recognized as a premier school of nursing in North Carolina. I also hope that we continue gaining national recognition and inspiring outstanding students to join our ranks.

A RETROSPECTIVE
BY PAT CHAMINGS

Deans Pat Chamings, Robin Remsburg and Lynne Pearcey.
For more than 25 years, the UNCG School of Nursing Health Centers have collaborated with partners like the Greensboro Housing Authority, Faith Action International and Well•Spring Retirement Community to provide free weekly wellness clinics to residents located within elderly housing locations. Nursing students provide residents with basic health screenings and educational resources.

“Students say to me, ‘This reminds me of why I want to be a nurse.’ They went into this profession to help people.” Faculty member Jayne Lutz

FALL 1988

The Wellness Clinic at Village Green opens due to the efforts of faculty member Jayne Lutz and funding from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and the Gamma Zeta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Students get outstanding hands-on learning at the wellness clinics.

1989

The school organizes the Minority Support Student Nurse Group, which becomes the Black Student Nurse Association a year later.

The UNCG Board of Trustees approves the establishment of the School of Nursing Advisory Committee and appoints 16 members. Greensboro businessman Stanley Frank chairs the committee and serves until September 2005.

1990

The Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia is approved. The school is a unique partnership among Eastern North Carolina hospitals, anesthesiology practices and the UNCG School of Nursing. North Carolina nursing leader Nancy Bruton Maree serves as director.

The National Health Center for Health Services Research awards a $2 million grant for “The Healthy Kids Project.” Maija Selby serves as principal investigator.

UNCG implements the MSN concentration in critical care. Thirteen students enroll.

JULY 1990

Lynne G. Goodykoontz (now Lynne G. Pearcey) is appointed acting dean of the School of Nursing and becomes dean in August 1991.
FALL 1990
UNCG implements the MSN concentration in psychiatric and mental health nursing. Thirteen students enroll.

1991
UNCG establishes the RN-BSN program at Rockingham Community College. The program continues until grant funding ends in Fall 1995.

1992
The first Eloise R. Lewis Professorship is awarded.

**Eloise R. Lewis Professorship Award recipients:**
- Rebecca Saunders, 1992-1995
- Nancy Courts, 1995-1998
- Marilyn L. Evans, 1998-2001
- Hazel Nixon Brown, 2001-2011
- Denise Cote-Arsenault, 2012-present

The first Distinguished Alumni Award is presented by the School of Nursing Alumni Association to Mary Hawthorne ’71 BSN.

With funding from Northwest Area Health Care and Education Services, the School of Nursing initiates the MSN education concentration in Hickory and appoints Marilyn L. Evans director of the Hickory BSN/MSN program.

SPRING 1993
UNCG initiates the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner concentration with funding from the Division of Nursing in Washington, D.C.

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A MESSAGE FROM LYNN PEARCEY, DEAN FROM 1990-2013

As I reflect on my years as the dean, I see segments of time. The beginning was an era of building trust and cohesion. My focus was largely on keeping together administrators and faculty so that we could face accreditation issues and budget cuts collaboratively and with confidence. I am thankful that we had a wonderful team of people who pulled together to make it work.

My motto was “Lead, follow or get out of the way.” As we proceeded through a transition of chancellors and provosts, the school was fortunate to have a dedicated group of faculty and staff, alumni and advisory board members. We fared well with new programs and increasing enrollment, the development of a research agenda and the creation of a new PhD program. I value the relationships formed and the collaboration we had with one another on the Dean’s Council. I remember being called “the Nike Dean” for my “Just do it” demeanor. One cannot accomplish success without a team ready to pitch in and get the work done.

As always, I remain committed to a call to action that bolstered us all during my years as dean: “The only way to predict the future is to create it.” As the School of Nursing celebrates 50 years and looks ahead to the next half century, I trust that UNCG will always remember that the students are our future — and I hope that the school will continue to have the support to prepare our students to be the very best.
Hazel Brown and Rebecca Saunders begin the College Bound Sisters program with a grant from the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

1997

With funds raised during the Second Century campaign, the school updates the Eloise R. Lewis Performance Laboratory and names it in honor of Dean Lewis.

MAY 1997

The School of Nursing Alumni Association becomes an official constituency of the UNCG Alumni Association.

1998

The school’s graduate program in nurse anesthesia is ranked 8th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, recognition it will receive again in 2000.

The School of Nursing revises the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner concentration to form the combined Adult Nurse Practitioner/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program with Laurie Kennedy-Malone as director.

1999

UNCG establishes a unique program between the School of Nursing and Bryan School of Business and Economics — the combined MSN/MBA program, which includes a focus on health management.

Dean Emerita Eloise R. Lewis receives the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from UNCG.

UNCG charters the Sigma Chi Alpha-Beta chapter of Chi Eta Phi, a national nursing sorority.

OCT. 23, 1999

Eloise R. Lewis dies at the age of 79.

COLLEGE BOUND SISTERS

From 1996-2011, the College Bound Sisters program targeted young women with older sisters who gave birth as teens. The program encouraged them to stay in school, avoid pregnancy and enroll in college and brought 24 at-risk female students (ages 12 to 16) to campus for weekly meetings.

For each meeting, the girls received $5 for transportation plus $7 that was deposited in their own college fund. During meetings, students engaged in a curriculum that emphasized pregnancy prevention, academics, relationship management and other goals. In addition, students experienced college life by using the recreation center, attending classes, eating in the cafeteria and participating in other campus activities.

Statistically, the program worked. Compared with a cohort group of non-participants, the young women in College Bound Sisters fared much better than their classmates: more graduated from high school and enrolled in a college or university, and fewer became pregnant.

Despite racking up regional, national and even international awards for adolescent pregnancy prevention, the program ran out of funding in 2003. Just weeks away from closing down, however, a four-year grant from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services kept the program running, and once again College Bound Sisters won awards for the impact it made.
Greetings to each of our esteemed graduates! I’m excited that you’ve chosen to return to your alma mater for our 50th anniversary celebration. As a nurse leader at Cone Health, I’ve had the opportunity to mentor and coach many employees, many who thought that nursing school was out of their reach. What an amazing experience to nurture a nurse tech through nursing school and to have them report to you that they passed their NCLEX exam and will be working as an RN!

The School of Nursing was, and continues to be, a major part of my life since I joined the UNCG family as a BSN undergraduate in 1995. I know many of you feel the same. As I reflect on my time at UNCG, I am most proud of the lifelong friendships and professional relationships that I have maintained. In my current course of study as a DNP student, I continue to cherish the high caliber of leadership and instruction. I’m grateful for the school’s continued investment in students as we work to advance the science of nursing.

Thank you for being a part of the School of Nursing’s proud heritage of outstanding nurse leaders. I am eager to share some laughs and many fond stories during our anniversary weekend together.

Tamara Caple RN ’99 BSN, ’06 MSN, DNP Candidate President, UNCG School of Nursing Alumni Association

“Nursing was always what I wanted to do,” says Tamara Caple, who is on the cusp of earning a DNP — her third nursing degree from UNCG.

Back when Caple was in middle school, her grandmother suffered from Parkinson’s. “It was natural for me to just care for her.” Whether she made grocery lists, helped with the cooking or put things away, Caple enjoyed the time she spent caring for her.

Now, she is a nurse leader with 50 direct reports at Cone Hospital. “I’m mentoring constantly, giving feedback to newer nurses while meeting needs of patients.” It’s hard work and long hours, but she loves it. “After a while, it’s not work. It’s your life passion. It’s what you do.”

One of my favorite professors was Joan Mathews, who unfortunately passed away in 2013. She took us under her wing, especially as we were chartering the nursing sorority. She was willing to have the difficult conversations with us to prepare us for what was coming next. One lesson she instilled was that your reputation was the one thing that proceeds you: Protect it.”
The National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities awards a $1 million grant to fund Teamwork in Research and Intervention to Alleviate Disparities (TRIAD). Debra Wallace is principal investigator. In the coming years, Wallace and her research team secure multiple large grants exceeding $11 million to continue their mission to improve the health of underserved populations in the Triad and beyond.

MAY 2006
Ernest Grant ‘93 MSN, ’15 DNP becomes the second alumnus of the School of Nursing to receive the prestigious UNCG Alumni Distinguished Service Award. Grant has worked for the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center, part of UNC Hospitals, for more than 30 years. His job takes him around the state, talking with children and training firefighters, doctors, nurses and military medics to prevent and treat burns. Active in the field, Grant also served as a director-at-large on the American Nurses Association’s Board of Directors, president of the North Carolina Nurses Association and vice president of the ANA.

FALL 2003
The online MSN Education Concentration begins with a cohort of 15 students.

A cohort of 30 students is admitted to the new UNCG Triad Education Center RN-BSN Program located near Piedmont Triad International Airport.

2004
The School of Nursing receives authorization to establish the Center for the Health of Vulnerable Populations, focusing on the detection and treatment of hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular disease through research, collaboration and education.

2005
The School of Nursing is named a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for Ongoing Faculty Development (2005-2008) by the National League for Nursing.

2007
Eileen Kohlenberg is named president of the North Carolina Nurses Association.

The School of Nursing celebrates its 40th year as an accredited school.

2008
Daria Kring becomes the first graduate of the PhD program in nursing. Kring received her BSN in 1988 and her MSN with a concentration in education in 1995. In 2012, the School of Nursing bestows her with the Distinguished Alumna Award. She currently serves as the director of clinical education at Novant Health.

Margaret Dick retires as director of the Hickory Outreach Program. Donald Kautz is appointed the new director.
After earning a master’s degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University and accepting her first teaching position at the University of Virginia, Ginger Karb set her sights on UNCG, working under Eloise “Patty” Lewis. She remained at the School of Nursing from 1978 until she retired in 2009. Karb considers herself fortunate to have worked with supportive deans and faculty who always had her back. After Karb gave birth to twin boys, Lewis allowed her to take a leave of absence, even as a relatively new hire. Later, while Karb pursued a doctorate at UNC-Chapel Hill, Lewis approved a part-time work schedule. In turn, Karb’s loyalty to the nursing school grew deeper every year. So much so that following the death of her husband’s mother, Karb and her husband, Ken, set up a special gift with Ken’s father, Max. They established The Betty Karb Fund to support faculty development. “It always seemed the right thing to do,” says Karb, who continues to donate to the fund every year.

When Lynne Pearcey came on board, the new dean wanted Karb on her leadership team. “Lynne and I just hit it off. I complemented her skills and we worked together for 20 years. I was assistant dean, and then associate dean, with her.”

Over the next two decades, the School of Nursing experienced explosive growth. New programs, increasing enrollment, a growing faculty and development of a research agenda all enhanced the reputation of the school. Karb played a key role in making that happen, overseeing undergraduate student affairs.

She also served the greater university community, twice chairing UNCG’s annual State Employees Combined Campaign. For her devotion to UNCG, Karb received the Gladys Strawn Bullard Award for outstanding leadership and service.

Karb is proud of the huge strides the School of Nursing has made in its first 50 years to prepare nurses for critical roles in today’s complicated healthcare system. “Qualified nurses really make a difference in good patient outcomes. As healthcare gets more complicated, nurses should be at the table talking about healthcare needs and how to best address them,” she says.

“We need academically qualified people to do that. And that is what UNCG prepares.”

LOYALTY GIVES RISE TO LEGACY

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Through financial support from Well•Spring Retirement Community and a continuing partnership with Greensboro Housing Authority, Suzanne Lineberry is appointed the university’s first health center coordinator for Hall Towers, Gateway Plaza and Hampton Homes.

The School of Nursing is celebrating a milestone — its 50th anniversary. It’s been a godsend to the local community. Well•Spring would not be as successful without the School of Nursing. They provide the bulk of our BSN-trained nurses and nurse practitioners in this area and have been doing so for the past 50 years.” Steve Fleming, President/CEO of Well-Spring Services Inc.

FALL 2008
For the second time, the School of Nursing is named an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education.

JULY 2009
American Assembly for Men in Nursing establishes a chapter at the School of Nursing.

FALL 2009
The School of Nursing launches the online MSN nursing administration and education concentrations with a total enrollment of 69 students.

PARTNERSHIP WITH A MISSION
The perfect partnership. That’s how Steve Fleming sums up the relationship between the School of Nursing and Well•Spring Retirement Community.

“We both want to make Greensboro and Guilford County a better place,” says Fleming, President and CEO of Well•Spring Services Inc. and chair of the School of Nursing Advisory Board.

“We are both mission-based organizations — ours is to serve older adults, theirs is to serve students. Our partnership literally combines those efforts by investing in health centers, which serve older adults, students and the larger community.”

The partnership began in 2008, when the School of Nursing and Well•Spring teamed up to enhance three health centers at the Greensboro Housing Authority’s residential complexes for older adults. Well•Spring provides primary funding for the centers, which are staffed by nursing professors, students and allied professionals who offer health screening, assessment and wellness programs.

The centers provide a unique learning environment for nursing students and embody several of the school’s core values — service-learning, engagement with the community and holistic care provided by collaborative teams of healthcare providers. The centers also figure prominently in the school’s five-year strategic plan, which includes expanding staffing and implementing new strategies for healthy aging.

“We have a world-renowned School of Nursing with many honors, especially in geriatric medicine. People look for a community that has those kinds of resources.”

With 10,000 people a day turning 65 in the United States, Steve notes, the demand for excellent nurses and leaders in the profession is only going to increase.

“The need is great. We could probably double the enrollment at the school if we had the funding and the professorships. Now, more than ever, it is so important for us to have this resource and asset in our community.”
Ask Matthew Williamson how a young man deals with a cancer diagnosis, and he’ll fix his blue-green eyes on you. “Grace,” he’ll tell you. “Nothing else makes sense.” It got him through the tough times, he says, and it gave him his calling — becoming a nurse.

Williamson, a 2012 graduate, was diagnosed with Stage 3 Hodgkin’s Lymphoma at 15. It had invaded almost every part of his body. What caused his dry cough and tiredness was a tumor in his chest, necessitating chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

“Of course I had the natural human reaction, this is awful and my life is falling apart,” Williamson says, pictured above. “But I finished high school. God was good. Extra good.”

Williamson came to UNCG as a music major, but his cancer had other plans for him. A recurrence meant more chemotherapy and a transplant of his own bone marrow.

He spent 30 days in isolation at Duke Medical Center. He came to depend on the nurses who took care of him and to recognize the impact they make every day.

“At that point it was obvious to me,” he says. “This is what I am supposed to do. I can reach patients better than most people.”

Nurses, even more than doctors, work in the trenches, Williamson says. “As a nurse, you are in a position to say, ‘I’m here and I’m not going anywhere. Whatever you need, I’m here to give it.’”

So he switched his major to nursing. He was named a North Carolina Nurse Scholar and earned the Tom F. Nolan Memorial Scholarship — but his road to graduation remained an uphill struggle.

His cancer came back again, leading to a second transplant, this time from donor bone marrow. This transplant gave him his donor’s healthy immune system, but also wiped out his existing immunities, including those gained from childhood inoculations. Despite the risk, he returned to school. Armed with the immune system of a 2-year-old, he completed clinicals at Cone Health System and worked in Duke’s Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit, where he was once a patient.

After earning his degree, Williamson married classmate Angela Willis and continued working at Duke, despite several health scares over the years.

“It’s like home to me,” he says. “I can tell the kids, ‘Hey, this was my old room and all the drugs you are getting I’ve taken. It doesn’t last forever.’ I think it’s helpful to the entire team on the transplant floor because they usually see patients during the worst time and they are constantly surrounded by bad outcomes. When they have a bad day, I can walk by and it’s a reminder that what they do each day does work.”
The National League for Nursing once again names the School of Nursing a Center of Excellence, making UNCG one of only two schools to earn this distinction for three consecutive terms.

The Dean’s Legacy Fund/School of Nursing Dean’s Endowed Faculty Professional Development Fund is established with gifts from alumni, faculty, students, staff and friends in honor of Dean Pearcy’s retirement.

**FEBRUARY 2013**

The UNC Office of the President and the UNC Board of Governors approves the DNP program, with tracks for nurse anesthesia as well as the Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program with post-baccalaureate and post-master’s plans of study.

> “When the post-baccalaureate DNP starts in the fall of 2015, it offers separate tracks for nurse anesthetists and adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioners. “Demand by employers for DNP graduates is expected to be very high. Ninety to 100 percent of our master’s nurse anesthesia and nurse practitioner graduates are certified and employed in healthcare positions. The added preparation at a DNP level will enhance their potential for employment in a variety of settings.” Eileen Kohlenberg, associate dean for graduate studies in the School of Nursing

**SUMMER 2013**

Dean Lynne Pearcy retires after 23 years of service. Chancellor Linda Brady appoints Robin E. Remsburg the new dean of the School of Nursing.

**2015**

UNCG launches the Veterans Access Program, an accelerated BSN degree program for medically trained veterans.

The Veterans Access Program is one of only 31 programs across the country and the first in North Carolina to receive federal funding to support accelerated degree pathways for veterans with military medical training and experience. This innovative program enables student veterans to use their training to complete the BSN degree sooner.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program opens in fall 2015. Twenty-six students enter the three-year Post-BSN Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) concentration, 35 students enter the three-year Post-BSN Nurse Anesthesia concentration, and 24 advanced practice nurses enter the two-year Post-MSN DNP program. As of Spring 2017, there are 158 students enrolled in the DNP program. The first class of the Post-MSN DNP program is preparing to graduate in May 2017.
MARCH 2015
The School of Nursing dedicates its new Simulation Center for Experiential Nursing Education (SCENE), opening a new era for nursing students. With SCENE, the school can more than double its number of simulation scenarios, which help prepare students for real-life medical situations.

Jackie Wolfe received her BSN at UNCG in 1971. Like many students, she viewed Dean Lewis as a great mentor and powerful influence, which she carried with her throughout her career as an intensive care nurse, a cardio-thoracic nurse clinician and a head nurse of the cardio-thoracic intensive care unit at Duke Medical Center. To show their gratitude, Jackie and Walter Wolfe made a substantial contribution in support of the SCENE lab.

2016
The School of Nursing is selected for the fourth consecutive time by the National League for Nursing (NLN) as a Center of Excellence in recognition of its sustained efforts in “Creating Environments that Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty.” The School of Nursing is one of three schools in the country to be continually designated as a Center of Excellence since 2005.

MARCH 2016
Voters across the state approve the Connect NC Bond, bringing a new nursing building to UNCG. The building will leverage the state’s $105 million capital bond investment for modern labs and classroom construction to address immediate space shortages, as well as accommodate strategic anticipated growth in response to clear demand from students, employers and the needs of the state.

The School of Nursing and Instructional Building will provide an innovative hands-on educational space that simulates “real world” clinical and lab settings using flexible design that can adapt to the rapid pace of change in high-impact academic programs, while also eliminating a longstanding renovation cost by replacing the outdated 1950s-era McIver Building in the existing footprint.

“... The impact [of The School of Nursing and Instructional Building] will be far-reaching, affecting students, employers, UNCG’s academics and the state of North Carolina.” Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.
HEART FOR NURSING. HEAD FOR BUSINESS.

Susan Safran is retired now, but she can still feel the rush that filled so many of her days as a critical care nurse back in the 1980s.

“I loved the challenge of Code Blues and the adrenaline surge and endorphins that come with them,” she recalls. The need to be decisive and action-oriented under pressure suited her. As did standing up for her patients when the need arose.

“I didn’t start out assertive,” she says. “But I learned very quickly that you’ve got to be. It’s so important to be a patient advocate and, to do that, you have to be prepared to make quick decisions on your patient’s behalf.”

Susan was a critical care nurse at the bedside for 20 years and also was involved in education and staff development. “I worked with AHEC (Area Health Education Centers Program) conducting workshops and delivering lecturers. The impact the School of Nursing had on my life and career was tremendous.”

Susan went on to get her MS in nursing from Duke and become a high-level nurse educator, teaching CPR and advanced life support to healthcare providers. After a few years, she saw an opportunity to convert her nursing experience into an entrepreneurial venture: As a certified instructor with a streamlined approach to high-quality education, she could offer American Heart Association training in a quarter of the time. Time equals money. Doctors and dentists lined up for her services.

Then, a phone call. IBM was on the line.

“They had 22,000 employers and their own emergency response team,” she says. IBM needed an experienced nurse educator, and Susan’s business was primed for the opportunity. “We held that contract for 17, 18 years.”

In 2008, when she sold the business, her company was training about 50,000 people per year. At one time, CPR Consultants was one of the first official American Heart Association Training Centers in the U.S. and consistently recognized as one of the top 10 AHA Providers on the East Coast.

An active supporter of the School of Nursing, Susan Safran directed her father’s inheritance to UNCG’s Veterans Access Program. Her gift also supports services and resources for military students.

Veterans bring a richness of experience that their non-military classmates really love and benefit from. So this gift is perfect. It honors my father, who was a veteran, and it supports the profession that called to me so many years ago and that has treated me so well.”

FALL 2016

Greensboro celebrates the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Union Square Campus, a partnership between area businesses, city leaders and several local universities. Union Square houses the school’s RN-BSN and new DNP programs. Plans call for the school to serve registered nurses working on the BSN, many of whom are employees of Cone Health in Greensboro.

DECEMBER 2016

The School of Nursing graduates its first class of Veterans Access Program students, 18 months after beginning the program. All students pass the state licensure exam on their first try.
A NURSE TO THE CORPS

Service has always been a way of life for Matthew Partridge. The Charlotte native joined the Marines straight out of high school, drawn by the Corps’ high standards and strong reputation for molding leaders. Partridge got what he bargained for — and then some. An infantryman, he completed two tours in Fallujah, Iraq, and served as a combat instructor during eight years of active duty.

Back home in North Carolina and ready to pursue a college degree, Partridge zeroed in on UNCG and the opportunity to study in a highly regarded nursing program.

In 2013, after completing his first year, Partridge had to take a year off to receive training as a medical technician for his new role with the N.C. Air National Guard. He resumed his studies in 2014, eventually entering the School of Nursing as a member of its Veterans Access Program, an innovative initiative that puts military veterans with medical training on the fast-track to earning nursing degrees.

Now, Partridge is a proud alumus who graduated with a B.S. in nursing in December 2016. One of our first two veteran graduates, he plans to become a nurse anesthetist.

Partridge believes nursing is a career that will challenge him in ways similar to the Marines — pushing him to learn new information quickly, perform under pressure and work collaboratively to get important things done. “The field also offers great opportunities to make a positive contribution to other people’s lives.”

Union Square Campus is a symbol of partnership and revitalization in downtown Greensboro. The high-tech, energy-efficient building includes a 340-seat auditorium, multiple classroom and lab spaces, informal study and common areas, and a state-of-the-art simulation lab. It serves nearly 200 UNCG students each day. The DNP program, with about 150 students, is emerging as a preferred advance practice degree in the field.
A NEW LEGACY BEGINS

What an honor to carry forth what Eloise Lewis started 50 years ago and to bring about a new era — an era that I believe would make Dr. Lewis proud. Alumni and friends: Dr. Lewis was the beginning. We are the future.” Robin Remsburg, dean

APRIL 2016

The university begins planning for the new School of Nursing and Instructional Building slated for a July 2020 occupancy.

FALL 2017

The incoming class of PhD students includes a cohort of five students from the western part of the state who will participate in the program via videoconferencing from Asheville. This is the first effort to extend the reach of the School of Nursing PhD program in order to prepare more nurse researchers in North Carolina.

IMAGINING THE FUTURE

With investment, the School of Nursing could become a top-tier state school, achieving a top 25 ranking in the nation alongside many prestigious state universities, including Washington, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Arizona State, Utah, Alabama, Virginia and UNC Chapel Hill.

TO REACH THIS GOAL, WE MUST:

Increase the number of faculty experts to create a critical mass of scientists/teachers in each specialty area.

Expand the infrastructure for experiential education (e.g., simulation, interprofessional learning and practice/service learning).

Recruit top students.

Continue to provide exceptional learning experiences to educate nurse leaders of the future.

Looking ahead at 2017 and beyond, the school intends to position UNCG to develop leaders who are prepared to meet nursing and healthcare challenges worldwide. Steps forward include supporting more intercultural and international exchanges for students and faculty, offering a pathway for international students to receive a master’s or doctoral degree from UNCG, and integrating more intercultural experiences and perspectives into teaching, research and service.
LET US BE BOLD, LIKE OUR FOUNDING DEAN.

The Eloise R. Lewis Society honors our founder while giving us the collective opportunity to follow in her footsteps as we chart the next 50 years for the UNCG School of Nursing. Lewis’ efforts brought to life an idea — that UNCG would respond to the state’s critical nurse shortage and pave the way for students to become leaders in a field that greatly needed them. Since our founding, we have graduated more than 8,100 nurses and nurse leaders, developed programs that respond to the needs of our community and profession, and conducted research that shines light on important questions and challenges.

And yet, in many ways, we are just beginning.

Let us be bold like Eloise Lewis. Let us be committed to our vision and focused on the future. We invite you to join your fellow alumni and friends of the School of Nursing and become a member of the esteemed Eloise R. Lewis Society.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FOUNDER. ACTING BOLDLY FOR OUR FUTURE.

The Eloise R. Lewis Society honors alumni and friends who’ve made a legacy commitment to the School of Nursing that will help honor our past while shaping our future.

Whether directed to support scholarships, faculty development or programs, your gift will become a proud legacy that will inspire our school and all who come here to make an impact. The School of Nursing will place your name on a custom plaque to be hung on the walls of the school to honor your vision for all to see.

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POINTS OF PRIDE

The school is currently ranked No. 99 among 250 top U.S. nursing schools.

Areas of distinction and top 10 rankings in the school’s history include Geriatrics, Nurse Anesthesiology and Health Systems Leadership. These specialty areas offer great potential for significant impact in evidence-based practice, clinical education and research.

The Center for Vulnerable Populations has spawned more than $12 million in federal and state funding for research, research training and community education in health disparities during the past 15 years.

The Veterans Access Program, which provides accelerated paths for completion of the BSN, has great potential for expansion both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

2016 NOTABLES

Current enrollment (Fall 2016):
Pre-licensure BSN: 228
RN-BSN: 245
Location of RN-BSN cohort sites:
  Union Square
  Cone Health
  Alamance CC
  Rowan Cabarrus CC
  Davidson County CC
  Forsyth Tech CC
  Gaston College
MSN Nursing Administration: 22
MSN Nursing Education: 46
MSN-MBA: 7
PhD: 41
DNP: 162

Graduates 2015-16
Pre-licensure BSN: 91
NCLEX first-time pass rate: 88 percent
RN-BSN: 98
MSN Nursing Administration: 6
MSN Nursing Education: 14
PhD: 7
UNCG SCHOOL OF NURSING FUNDS

PROFESSORSHIP FUNDS
Cone Health Distinguished Professorship in Nursing
Forsyth Medical Center Distinguished Professorship in Health Care
Eloise R. Lewis Excellence Professorship in Nursing
Daphine Doster Mastroianni Distinguished Professorship in Nursing

PROGRAM FUNDS
Nurse Anesthesia Program Support Fund
The Isabella Sharpe Barkley Student Grants-in-Aid Fund
Helen Elizabeth Brooks Faculty Program Endowment
Avalon Cain Staff Excellence Award
Jean B. Brooks, M.D. Endowed Fund for the Nurse Practitioner
Jean B. Brooks PhD in Nursing Program Endowment Fund
School of Nursing Dean’s Endowed Faculty Development Fund
Daphine Doster Nursing Faculty Enrichment Fund
Geriatrics Nursing Clinic Fund
Betty & Max Karb Nursing Endowment
NC Nursing Historical Archives at UNCG
The Dr. Filbert L. and Ruth S. Moore Endowed Fund for the Nursing Geriatric Clinics
Willard E. Peterson and Bettie Jo Peterson Endowed Program Fund in support of UNCG School of Nursing Veterans Access Program
Dean Robin E. Remsburg Nursing Habit of Excellence Award Fund
Dr. Jennifer B. Sandoval Fund in support of the School of Nursing
Elaine S. Scott Endowed Fund in support of the Eloise R. Lewis Excellence Professorship
The Ernest and Jean Spangler Endowed Fund in Nursing
LaVonne Huntley Fisher Fund
Maury and Kay Foust Fund
Sandra D. Reed Merit Scholarship in Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Mary Jo Abernethy Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
UNCG School of Nursing Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship
Nurse Anesthesia Endowed Scholarship in Nursing in School of Nursing
Edward M. Armfield, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund for Nurse Practitioners
NC Baptist Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Scholarship
Beth E. Barba Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
NC Baptist Hospital Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship
Ruby Gilbert Barnes Scholarship
Emma and Victor Bates Fellowship in Gerontological Nursing
Victor and Emma Bates Scholarship
The Adelaide Russell Bell and Paul Hadley Bell Scholarship in Nursing
William F. Black and JoAnn F. Black RN to BSN Scholarship
Hazel Nixon Brown Merit Scholarship in Nursing
 Mildred Perkins Caldwell/S. L. Leo’s Hospital Scholarship
Cassell Saperstein Scholarship
Patricia A. Chamings Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Brenda Kulychny Cline and Janice Kulychny Story Scholarship in Nursing
Cone Health Foundation: Vic Nussbaum Scholarship
Moses Cone Memorial Hospital Volunteers Scholarship
Dr. Nancy Courts Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Daphine Doster Scholarship
Lynn Kendrick Erdman Endowed Scholarship Fund in Nursing
Eileen G. Evans Graduate Scholarship in Nursing Education
Marilyn Lang Evans RN to BSN Scholarship in Nursing
Evergreens Senior Healthcare System Scholarship in Nursing
Wayne A. and Kathryn S. Foster Scholarship
Stanley and Dorothy Frank Scholarship in Nursing
Gamma Zeta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Arnold and Signe Gholson Scholarship in Nursing
Ernest J. Grant Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Greensboro Medical Alliance: Nell Hendrix Knight Scholarship
Dawn Striker Hailey Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Margie Fulp Hatley RN to BSN Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Heart Fellowship for Geriatric Nurse Practitioners
Cindy Jarrett-Pulliam Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Mary H. and Charles J. Jorgensen Scholarship in Nursing
Philip and Brenda Julian Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
The Sheltering Home Circle of The King’s Daughters and Sons Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Roena Bullis Kulychnych Fellowship in Geriatric Nursing
Vera Belle Copeland Lashley Scholarship
Letvack Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
The Eloise R. Lewis Scholarships in Nursing and Support Funds
Sue Ayers Beeson Fund
LaVonne Huntley Fisher Fund
Mary Jo Helfers Endowed School of Nursing Faculty Fund
Rachel Dawn Llewellyn Memorial Nursing Scholarship in International Service Learning
McGinley Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
McGoldrick-Propst Scholarship in Nursing
The Rita Jones Menzies & Robert McGregor Menzies Scholarship in Nursing in Honor of Jenn Rallings Jones
Stephanie G. Metzger Scholarship in Nursing
Helen Mieras Endowed Fund in Graduate Nursing and Music
Frances Newsom Miller Scholarship in Nursing
Sylvia and Graham Millward Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Cathy Curtis Moore Scholarship in Nursing
Margaret C. Moore Nursing Scholarship
Elta and George Mullikin Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Anne Murphy Scholarship
Tom F. Nolan Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
Elizabeth Byrd Norman Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Barbara Ogsthorpe Nursing Scholarship
Sandra M. and Richard G. Ouellette Graduate Scholarship in Nurse Anesthesia
Lynne and Ed Pearcey Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Drsusilla Pearson Trull and William B. Pearson Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
PhD in Nursing Student Scholarship Fund in memory of Dr. Carolyn Blue
Rita Hundle Sykert Scholarship in Nursing
John Joseph Rall, Jr. Scholarship in Nursing
Brenda Welling Rechtine Scholarship
Sandra D. Reed Merit Scholarship in Nursing
Clifton William and Shirley Talbott Remsburg Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Bridgeill Wilson Ridge Scholarship
William C. Roper, II and Laura A. Roper Scholarship in Nursing
Susan Morris Safaran Merit Scholarship in Nursing
Rebecca Jensen Scott Fellowship in Nurse Anesthesia
Phyllis & Stanley Shavit Student Scholarship in Nursing
Kate B. Shepherd Scholarship
Blanche Rigsby Shore Scholarship in Nursing
Kathleen Lynch Simpson Scholarship in Nursing
Jean Martin Spangler RN to BSN Scholarship
Frances Fowler Stanton Scholarship
The Summerlin Family Scholarship in Nursing
Sykes Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Gladys Thornton Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
Camille Crowell Townsend Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
John W. Umstead, Jr. Scholarship
Helen P. Vos Graduate Scholarship in Nursing Anesthesia
WEI Spring Scholarship in Nursing
Wesley Long Community Hospital Volunteer Scholarship
Tomika Williams Graduate Scholarship in Nursing
Annie D. Wilson Scholarship
Ruth C. Wilson Scholarship
Winchester Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Betty Sue Cheek Yarbrough Scholarship in Nursing
Еlla Reed Young, Margaret Anne Landon, and Mildred G. Shaw Scholarship in Nursing
Barbara Ziel & Alice Kautz Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Congratulations on your 50th anniversary

We salute you, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing, in recognition of your milestone and the outstanding nursing education program you provide. We are proud to partner with you on your journey.

We welcome new nursing graduates and look forward to working with all nurses for their continuing professional development.

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ALUMNI & FRIENDS // DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The UNCG School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award shall be presented to an alumnus/a who has made significant contributions to the nursing profession. Distinctive service shall have been rendered on the international, national, state, and/or local levels in the field of nursing in the areas of practice, education, and/or research.

Congratulations to our past award recipients!

YEAR  PAST RECIPIENTS
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2017    Laurie L. McNichol, MSN ‘73, Certificate ’96
2016    Sheila Bryson-Eckroade, BSN ’78, MED ’85
2015    Lynne K. Erdman, BSN ’77
2014    Dr. Deborah L. Green, Certificate ’01
2013    Elaine S. Scott, BSN ’77, MSN ’91
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