

## The Pulse

### Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Graduates 136 Moffett Nurses

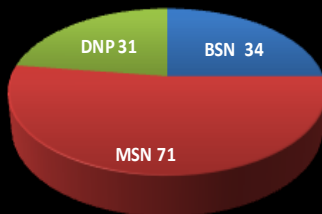
On Friday, May 18, 136 Moffett Nurses earned degrees from the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. As you will see in this issue, many of these graduates will be working at institutions in the Birmingham area and throughout the country. Congratulations Class of 2012!

#### Graduates by State

Ala. 62	Ill. 3	Ill. 1	Mo. 1
Texas 16	N.C. 3	Ind. 1	N.M. 1
Miss. 13	S.C. 3	Fla. 1	Wis. 1
Tenn. 13	Pa. 2	Ky. 1	Russia 1
Ga. 7	Ark. 1	La. 1	
Calif. 3	Idaho 1	Minn. 1	



#### May 2012 Graduates by Degree Program



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## Jessica Johnson Selected for Prestigious Nurse Practitioner Residency



**Jessica Johnson**, FNP 2011, BSN 2008, has been selected to participate in America's First Nurse Practitioner Residency Program, a program of the Community Health Center. The prestigious program is highly competitive; Johnson was selected from hundreds of applicants from across the country for one of only six residencies. She will begin the 12-month, full-time program in Middletown, CT in September 2012.

Established in 2007 to provide the breadth, depth and scope of training necessary for nurse practitioners, the Nurse Practitioner Residency program is the first of its kind in the nation. Residents must demonstrate a commitment to improving patient outcomes through excellence in providing primary care, commitment to research and a commitment to training future providers. The residency includes four primary components, precepted continuity clinics, independent clinics, didactic sessions and specialty rotations. [Learn more about the residency program here.](#)

## In Her Words: Alicia Phillips, BSN, May 2012

*"I did not realize how much weight the word nurse carried with it."*

We were all given the book about Ms. Moffett and in it were challenged by Ms. Moffett to allow ourselves to truly care about our patients. Compassion and respect started with my first semester of nursing school, and were carried out in every aspect of my education. We were taught to care for the patient, the person, and not to let ourselves become judgmental or withhold the proper care due to social status, nature of problems, etc.

**We were also taught that the patient was our purpose**, whether that includes the family, the partner, or friends does not matter. We are to care for that patient and all that comes with that care. We have also been taught about all of the professional organizations and the continuation of our education. Being in such a high stress, demanding career as nursing, we must take time to invest in ourselves and in our own goals. If we do not do this, we are doing an injustice not only to ourselves but to our patients, because we are losing interest in their care. Since our patients are our main commitment, then we must be willing to seek out new ways to improve the quality of care in which they receive. We have been told numerous times to become involved in a professional group when we find our interests.

Mrs. Marshall also opened our eyes to nursing the community, and the huge impact nurses can have on the average lay person. Through my community project at the Foundry, I saw how respected Mrs. Marshall, and the rest of our class was, by the people because they knew we were nurses. **I did not realize how much weight the word nurse carried with it.** The community class helped me realize that nurses are not just pill passers and assistants to the doctors, but **we are competent and respected professionals** that people trust to care for their most precious items. Lastly, we must always continually look back and see what can be improved in our profession.

*Alicia earned her BSN in May 2012. She was elected by her classmates to receive the Rebecca Lawson Horn Award, presented to the student who the class would most like to take care of their family members. She has accepted a position on the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.*



*Alicia receiving the Rebecca Lawson Horn Award*

## Accolades, Honors, and Acknowledgments—Alumni and Students

**Sydney Cobb, Andy Mears**, BSN 2012, **Tyler Nutt**, BSN 2012, **Emily Page**, BSN 2012, and **Mary-Katherine Pugh**, BSN 2012, presented "Perceptions of Prayer on Health and Healing" at the annual Samford Showcase on May 1. **Dr. Janet Alexander** served as advisor.

**Kelly Dyar**, MSN student, presented, "Therapeutic Plasma Exchange: When is it the Treatment of Choice for Acute Renal Failure?" at the regional conference hosted by the Dogwood chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association.

**Agnes DiStasi**, DNP 2011, has accepted a position as Program Coordinator of the new RN-BSN and BSN Programs being developed at The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences in Cincinnati.

**Agnes DiStasi**, DNP 2011, and **Kelly Simmons** DNP 2011, have been selected to present a podium presentation entitled "A Problem-based Learning Strategy to Promote Self-Direction and Leadership" at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute on June 21, 2012 in Savannah, Georgia.

**Agnes DiStasi**, DNP 2011, presented "Problem-based Learning" to the Southwestern Ohio League for Nursing Membership Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 12, 2012.

**Agnes DiStasi**, DNP 2011 and **Kelly Simmons**, DNP 2011, presented a poster entitled "A Problem-based Learning Approach to Teaching Evidence-based Practice to Second-degree Pre-licensure Nursing Students" at the Ohio League for Nursing Education Summit: Ohio 2012 March 30, 2012 in Columbus, Ohio.

**Chris Hulin**, DNP 2010, has been appointed Dean/Program Director of the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) effective July 1, 2012.

**Lori Lioce**, DNP 2010 earned a Certificate in Simulation Education from BryanLGH College of Health Sciences in May.

**Lori Lioce**, DNP 2010, has been selected as AAN State Representative and Vice President of Operations for the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning.

**Yolanda Ryce**, BSN student, was selected for Samford University's "Family Studies Multicultural Competence Award." Selection was based upon her attitude, her outstanding class presentations, and her clear efforts to increase her own cultural competence.

## Join IVMSON for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk



Make plans to join the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing for the American Heart Association's Birmingham Heart Walk  
**Saturday, June 30, 2012**  
**8am-12pm at Linn Park**  
**The three mile walk begins at 9 a.m.; there is also a 5K option.**

To register and/or donate, go to [www.birminghamheartwalk.org](http://www.birminghamheartwalk.org). Once on the website, look on left side of screen to "Find a company"....then "Samford University". You will see Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing listed under category "Group structure" and faculty member Tracey Dick's name under that. You can join the IVMSON team, or start a team of your own where you can invite friends and family to participate! Just make sure to designate your group as part of IVMSON.

Please contact Tracey Dick at [tdick@samford.edu](mailto:tdick@samford.edu) if you have questions.



On Friday, April 27 IVMSO N hosted its annual Awards Day ceremony. At the ceremony, twenty-six students received nursing awards and more than 115 received medals and certificates.

Academic Achievement Award	<b>Lindsay Robinson</b> <b>Lindsey Terry</b>
Ida V. Moffett Caring Award	<b>Molly Coplin</b>
Elizabeth Calhoun Memorial Award	<b>Michelle Atkinson</b>
Lucy Jarrell Estes Memorial Scholarship	<b>Caroline Smith</b>
Marion A Marx Nursing Scholarship Award	<b>Anna Jankowski</b>
Ida V. Moffett Memorial Scholarship	<b>Megan Bryant</b> <b>Taylor Jordan</b>
Student Life Award	<b>Irene Cantu</b>
Christian Leadership Award	<b>Courtney McAlister</b>
Alumni Association Award	<b>L. Steve Knighten</b>
Don R. Craft Nursing Award	<b>Kelly Dyar</b>
Sigma Theta Tau International Award	<b>Emily Page</b>
Mrs. T. M. (Kathryn) Hodge Scholarship	<b>Jessica Smith</b> <b>Brian Harrison</b> <b>Rachel Stark</b>
Lucille Stewart Beeson Nursing Award	<b>Crystal Wade</b> <b>Ashleigh McIntosh</b> <b>Rhonda Bowen</b>
Rebecca Lawson Horn Award	<b>Alicia Phillips</b>
Funderburg Award	<b>Candace Gullung</b>
Nena F. Sanders Scholarship	<b>Enos Ngetich and</b> <b>Clara Rustin</b>
Theresa Culpepper Award	<b>Justin Carroll</b>
Head Family Missions Award	<b>Anna Beth Shelton</b>
LeeAnna Grace Cunningham Family Nurse Practitioner Award	<b>Brandi Carbonie</b>



*Alicia Phillips and Doug Horn*



*Enos Ngetich and Dr. Jane Martin*



*Anna Beth Shelton with Mary Austin and Jane Head*



*Brandi Carbonie with Dr. Jill Cunningham and LeeAnna*

**Congratulations to all of the  
outstanding recipients.  
It is our privilege to honor you!**

To see more photos from Awards Day, [click here.](#)

## Accolades, Honors, and Acknowledgments—Faculty and Staff

**Dr. Andrea Collins, Dr. Cyndi Cortes, Dr. Jill Cunningham, Mrs. Belinda Isley and Mrs. Jane Holston** presented “Innovative clinical supervision strategies for distance education nurse practitioner programs” at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) in Charleston, SC, April 12-15.



*Cyndi Cortes, Andrea Collins, Belinda Isley, Jane Holston and Jill Cunningham*

**Dr. Andrea Collins** is one of only 10 nurse practitioners invited to attend an invitation only conference June 14-17 in Washington D.C. sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association. The Self-Care Institute offers opportunities for faculty to learn about the latest innovations for teaching students how to promote and teach self-care to patients.

**Dr. Andrea Collins** will present, “Practice Implications for the Prevention of Population Vulnerability related to Vitamin D status” at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners conference in Orlando, Florida June 19-23.

**Dr. Cyndi Cortes** and **Dr. Debra Whisenant** will be speaking at the Third Biennial Innovations in Faith-Based Nursing Conference June 18-21, 2012 in Marion, Indiana. They will discuss research on the benefits of a faith based weight loss program

**Dr. Leigh Ann Poole**, published “Mrs. Bessie, RN: A Life in Service to God” in the April/June 2012 issue of *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

## ALN Lamplighter Awards Banquet

**Katie Stripling**, Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, received a 2012 Lamplighter Award from the Alabama League for Nursing. The award was presented at the annual banquet on March 29, 2012.

The Lamplighter Award program is designed to acknowledge individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the cause of a better society. In order to be considered for this honor, individuals must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Displays evidence of high professional/ethical standards in service to others
- Exemplifies leadership qualities
- Consistently demonstrates a caring attitude in delivering quality nursing care/health for citizens of Alabama.
- Displays support of the development and improvement of teaching, research and service programs in nursing, and
- Provides for the development of students projects and/or programs designed to impact the quality of life.



*Stripling with IVMSON faculty and alumni at the banquet*

## Nominate Alumni for the Living Legacy Awards

*Join us as we honor those whose “local touch, has a global reach.”*

The Living Legacy Awards will honor distinguished alumni who have made a significant impact on the mental, physical, emotional or spiritual wellbeing of others. If you would like to nominate a Birmingham Baptist Hospital or Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing alumnus for this award, [please click here to download the nomination packet](#). Nominations are due June 30.

Award recipients will be honored at an elegant Gala on October 13. If you have questions or need assistance with your nomination, please contact Katie Stripling at [kstripli@samford.edu](mailto:kstripli@samford.edu) or 205-726-2265.

### [DOWNLOAD NOMINATION PACKET](#)

*Make plans to join us for the celebration weekend: October 12-13, 2012.*

## Plan a reunion for your classmates!

**Now is the perfect time to start planning a reunion for you and your classmates—IVMSON is here to help!  
We would love to provide support for your efforts.**

In celebration of the 90th Anniversary, classes are encouraged to reunite the weekend of Oct. 12-13. There will be time on both Friday and Saturday to schedule a reunion. IVMSON will gladly reserve space for your class, but reunions must be scheduled in advance. Each class of Moffett Nurses is an integral part of our rich 90 year history and we hope that you will unite to join us for this momentous occasion.

**If you would like to plan a reunion or help with the 90th anniversary plans,  
please contact  
Katie Stripling at 205-726-2265 or [kstripli@samford.edu](mailto:kstripli@samford.edu).**

## Update your Alumni Record

Have you recently moved? Changed your name? Changed jobs? If so, please take a moment to update your alumni record. Updates can be made by [clicking here](#), or contacting Katie Stripling. Please be sure we have the most up to date information so that we can keep you informed of the exciting things going on at IVMSON!

Also, if you do not currently receive the IVMSON Alumni Directory, please complete the form and be sure to check the box giving your consent for inclusion in the Directory. In order to receive a Directory, you must be listed. If you notice classmates who are missing from the list, encourage them to give IVMSON permission to include them!

## Your generosity makes a difference—thank you for being our partners!

Tremendous thanks to everyone who has given so generously to support our scholarships and programs this year. Funding has never been more important and your support is integral in our efforts to continue providing a premiere nursing education in a Christian environment.

[If you would like to make a secure gift online, please click here and select the fund of your choice.](#)

Please note that classes with the highest percentage of participation in giving will be recognized during the 90th Anniversary weekend! Together, we're educating the Moffett Nurses of the future!



## Sigma Theta Tau Inducts New Members

On Thursday, May 17 the Gamma Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International welcomed 74 members into the Honor Society of Nursing. Members include:

### Baccalaureate

Elizabeth Bryan  
RaeAnna Cooner  
Mallory Fort  
Morgan Frost  
Lissa Lehman  
Courtney McAlister  
Tyler Nutt  
Emily Page  
Alicia Phillips  
Sarah Rutledge  
Leah Vaughn

### Master's

#### ***Nurse Educator***

Jennifer Acker  
Deborah Duke  
Kelli Godwin  
Tara Sullivan  
Chandra Thomas  
Sara Watts

### ***Nurse Anesthesia***

Justin Carroll  
Isioma Keazor  
Heather Kent  
Amy O'Neal  
Katherine Ricciardone  
Ryan Sorenson  
Danielle Wilson

### ***FNP***

Jewel Abbott  
Troy Alderman  
Jeffrey Angell  
Wayne Bryson  
Daniel Buentello  
Brandi Carbonie  
Lindsey Chandler  
Susan Chiusano  
Aaron Cidor  
Brittney Lollar Davis  
Anthony Del Genovese  
Takeshia Dent

Anna Dixon  
Lindy Drollinger  
Andrew Fields  
James Fields  
Charlie Foster  
Leah Gann  
Steve Garzone  
Brent Grimes  
Paul Hill  
Cynthia Jaffe  
Steven Knighten  
Douglas Lolley  
Pam Lolley  
James Lundin  
Amy Marshall  
Dana McCullar  
Traci Morrison  
Molly McGowan Odum  
Jeremy Neuner  
Russ Pisano  
Paul Rieselman  
Virgil Robertson  
Rachel Shaneyfelt  
Allison Smith

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

#### ***Administration***

Robin Correll  
Stephanie Herrin  
Sharon Jones  
Sandra McCarthy  
Rebecca Newton  
Brenda O'Neal  
Kimberly Rawson  
Katherine Pendleton-Romig  
Kendra Strength  
Melisa Walker

#### ***Advanced Practice***

Cristy Daffron  
Melissa Dunaway  
Andrea Gore  
Clem Hill



## Nursing Students Inducted into ODK National Honor Society

Three Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing students were selected for initiation into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. **Amanda Long**, nurse anesthesia student, **Sarah Watts**, MSN 2012-nurse educator, and **Cristy Daffron**, DNP 2012, were inducted in a ceremony on May 3.

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is one of the country's oldest and most prestigious honor societies. The organization was founded in 1914, and operates today on more than 300 college and university campuses around the country. The Samford "circle" of ODK dates back to 1950 and has hundreds of accomplished former students and faculty in its membership.

This year marks the first time the Samford University circle of ODK has inducted graduate students, so these nursing students along with six students from the Cumberland School of Law were among the inaugural group of graduate ODK initiates on the Samford campus. The 35 junior and senior undergraduate students who belong to the ODK circle are the most accomplished student leaders on our campus. Learn more about ODK at [www.odk.org](http://www.odk.org).



Amanda Long and Cristy Daffron

## Foundations of Nursing Practice Students Host Scoliosis Screening

Six IVMSON students enrolled in the Foundations of Nursing Practice course and two faculty members volunteered their time to provide scoliosis screening for 125 fifth graders at Clay Elementary on April 6.

The students took time from their studies to help the school fulfill the state law that students be screened for scoliosis beginning in fifth grade.

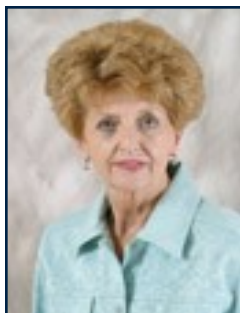
Students **Brittany Rush, Ha Na Kim, Alysia Lee, Octavia Heflin, James Robinson** and **Lee Wammack**, along with faculty members **Mrs. Rebecca Warr** and **Mrs. Jill Hightower** provided the screenings.



## IVMSON Recognizes 82 Years of Service



Judy Bourrand



Barbara Money



Judie Vinzant

After decades of dedicated service to the education of nursing students, three IVMSON faculty members retired at the conclusion of the spring 2012 semester. Their enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to the profession will be greatly missed.

**The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing would like to honor,  
Mrs. Judy Bourrand's 33 years,  
Mrs. Barbara Money's 29 years  
Mrs. Judith Vinzant's 20 years  
of loyal service to IVMSON students and the nursing profession.**

Words will never be able to adequately express our gratitude for all that these individuals have done to support our students, alumni and programs.



## New Moffett Nurses may be coming to a hospital near you!

IVMSO N is pleased that upon graduation, our graduates continue to earn positions at a variety of health care facilities around the country. If you are working in one of these facilities, please be on the lookout for these new graduates and wish them well! We're so proud of all that they have accomplished.

*Note: This list is a sampling of responses to requests for employment data, it does not include all graduates who have accepted positions. If you would like your position listed in a future issue of The Pulse, send us an [e-mail](#).*

### Brookwood Medical Center

Megan Light, Women's Health

Heather Kent, CRNA

Lindsey Terry, CRNA

### Children's of Alabama

Lizzie Bryan

Justin Carroll, CRNA

Kathleen Cleveland, CVICU

Mallory Kate Fort

Joshua Goodin, CRNA

Lauren Elizabeth Howard, Emergency Department

Lissa Lehman, Cardiac Care Unit

Amy O'Neal, CRNA

Kelsey Richter, Cardiac Care Unit

Leah Danae Vaughn, Pulmonary Care Unit

### Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande, Oregon

Paul Hill, Orthopedic Nurse Practitioner

### Jackson Hospital, Montgomery, AL

Tammy Castle, CRNA

### Lebhoneur Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN

Allison Mitchell, CVICU

### Northside, Atlanta, GA

Irina Gazenko CRNA

### Princeton Baptist Medical Center

Victoria Griffith

Christy Moore, CRNA

Emily Page, 4 Medical

Alicia Phillips, Surgical Intensive Care Unit

### Rush Medical Center in Meridian, MS

Cole Pompelia, CRNA

### St. Vincent's Birmingham

Jared Box CRNA

Katie Floyd

Tyler Ivy CRNA

Ashley LeCroy CRNA

Ryan Sorenson CRNA

Leigh Wallace CRNA

### St. Vincent's East

Katie Ricciardone CRNA

Nicole Sargent

### Tanner, Carrollton, GA

Jenn Zeyen CRNA

### UAB Hospital

Ashleigh Brooks

Brandi Carbonie, FNP, Indigent Care UAB Viva

RaeAnna Cooner Emergency Department

Sara Ann Driscoll Thoracic Surgery Unit

Robert Hooper Emergency Department

Courtney McAlister Emergency Department

Natalie Nichols UAB New Graduate BSN Intern Program

Tyler Nutt Emergency Department

Mary-Katherine Rebecca Pugh Heart and Lung Transplant ICU

Brandy Roberts Emergency Department

Melony Shelton Trauma Burn Unit

### Why IVMSO N?

*The faculty and staff of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing are student-friendly. I was most impressed with the openness to pray throughout the program. The faculty were tough but very helpful and encouraged students to set high standards and REACH them. I entered the program as a psychiatric nurse expert but completed the program as a scholarly prepared psychiatric nurse educator. Thank you!*

*Brenda O'Neal, DNP 2012*

“Caring is the shining thread of gold that holds together the tapestry of life.” Mrs. Ida V. Moffett

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...to all who participated in providing information for this newsletter.

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