

The Pulse

Message from the Dean: The Golden Thread

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



The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has much to be thankful for during this season of Thanksgiving. As you will see in this issue, we not only have outstanding students, but also extraordinary faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

Throughout the 90th Anniversary year, I have had the privilege of reconnecting with many of our Moffett nurses. While we have always believed that the Moffett legacy has remained central to the school's programs and mission, it is inspiring to see how Mrs. Moffett's vision for academic excellence,

caring, compassion and service, is permanently etched on the hearts of our alumni throughout our 90 year history. At each event, as I looked around the room, I was reminded of just how special the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is and how blessed I am to be a part of it. **Moffett nurses care** and their commitment to serving others expands far beyond their professional careers to the world at large. As you will see in the video on page 2, the Moffett Legacy is very much alive today.

I want to take this opportunity to offer a tremendous "thank you" to the hundreds of alumni and friends who supported us during this special anniversary year. Your gifts of time, talent and resources are greatly appreciated—**we could not have done it without you**. It is my hope that you will stay connected to us and to one another for many decades to come. You are a special group of individuals and you will always be a part of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing family.

Finally, on the heels of Veteran's Day, I want to thank the brave individuals who serve and have served in the armed forces, particularly those Moffett Nurses who have done so. To all of you, thank you for so selflessly giving of yourselves to protect and preserve our great nation. **You are true heroes and may God Bless .**

With a thankful heart,
Nena F. Sanders, DSN, RN
 Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor



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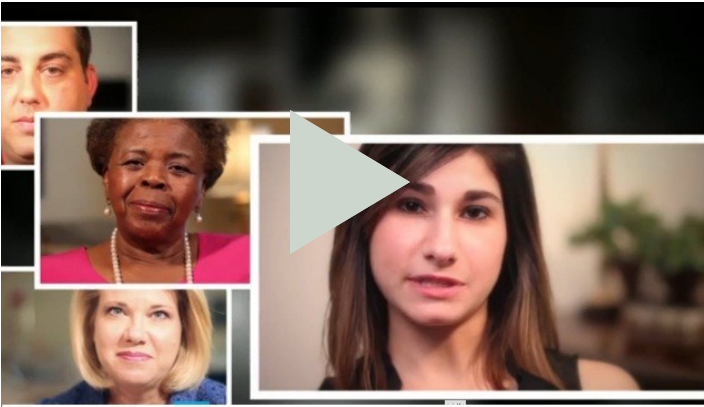
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IVMSON 90th Anniversary Wrap Up



The anniversary year began with a sky full of balloons and concluded with an evening overlooking Birmingham. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing wrapped up its 90th anniversary celebration during homecoming weekend, celebrating the school's rich history and numerous alumni.

The celebration kicked off on January 23 in the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for Healing Arts plaza with alumni, students, faculty and staff in attendance. With birthday cake and a balloon release, the day marked the official anniversary of when the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, later renamed the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, opened its doors in West Birmingham.

The 90th Anniversary presented a unique opportunity for the school to bridge the gap between alumni from various decades and programs. Throughout the year alumni groups worked with the school to plan special reunions for the anniversary weekend. "We were pleased to welcome alumni from classes as far back as 1948 and as recent as 2012. It was a blessing to see Moffett nurses united for this special occasion. Mrs. Moffett would be very proud," said nursing Dean Nena Sanders.

The anniversary weekend began with the Cap and Cape Society lunch on Friday, October 12 in the Pete Hanna Center. The lunch honored the history and traditions of the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The school was later renamed and eventually relocated to Samford University in 1973. More than 100 alumni participated in the inaugural gathering of the group; guests enjoyed food and fellowship with one another and the event concluded with alumni sharing their favorite memories from their years as nursing students.

Saturday presented numerous opportunities for alumni and their families to gather in celebration of the school. The day began with class reunions, followed by a barbecue lunch and Family Fun Zone at the Center for Healing Arts. Nearly 200 alumni and their families participated in the day of fun that included inflatables, games, and numerous other family friendly activities.

Appropriately, on Saturday evening the celebration concluded with the Living Legacy Gala at The Club in Homewood, Ala. With more than 425 guests in attendance, the event honored 50 outstanding alumni for their significant impact on the mental, physical, or spiritual wellbeing of others. Watch the [video from the evening](#). See pgs. 6-7 for details.

"As I reflect on the 90th Anniversary events, I believe that we accomplished what I hoped we would," said Dean Sanders. "We not only reconnected with numerous alumni, but we also showed that although the school has evolved throughout the decades to meet the changing demands of healthcare, Mrs. Moffett's legacy for nursing excellence and compassionate care is still very much alive in our students, alumni and programs." The anniversary year was appropriately themed, "Celebrate the Living Legacy: 90 Years of Caring."

With the anniversary celebrations complete, the school's focus now turns to maintaining and growing relationships with alumni who reconnected during the special year. The school will continue to offer a variety of opportunities for alumni to remain engaged. The Moffett Nurse Network, an alumni program designed to take alumni events to the cities where Moffett nurses live and practice, will be back on the road in spring 2013. Alumni are essential to the school's continued success, and leadership embraces every opportunity to connect with them. Alumni interested in hosting a Moffett Nurse Network event in their city should call 205-726-2265 or e-mail kstripli@samford.edu.

**[CLICK TO VIEW ALL OF THE PHOTOS
FROM THE WEEKEND](#)**



Students Have the Opportunity to Share the Good News in Ecuador in 2013

Nursing Missions to Ecuador June 8 – 16, 2013

- Cost \$4855 – includes tuition & all trip expenses
- Serving others and spreading the Good News - **PRICELESS**
- Earn your 3 hour nursing elective credit along with 15 Convo hours
- Questions? Contact Lora Shelton or Julie Head
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Register through International Studies **TODAY!**

IVMSON is grateful to have the opportunity to share our mission and commitment to service with others around the world. If you would like to help support students' participation in mission trips, [please click here](#). To view the video chronicling last summer's trip, [please click here](#).

Nurse Anesthesia Students Participate in ALANA Fall Meeting



Senior nurse anesthesia students gathered information, wrote, and presented White Paper for Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists at their Fall Meeting in October 2012.

Undergraduate Students Elect Class Officers

Freshmen



Bailey Doyle (Vice President), **Elizabeth Snyder** (Secretary/Treasurer) and **Anna Foyt** (President)

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Diana Hudson (Vice President) and **Brittany Rush** (President)

Sophomores



Sam Hurley (Secretary/Treasurer), **Lucy Bevill** (President), **Lily Crain** (Vice President)

Spring 2013 Class



Sarah Smythe (Secretary/Treasurer), **Ryan Fleming** (President), **Elizabeth Haverkamp** (Vice President)

Nurs 241



Lenni Enslein (Secretary/Treasurer), **Stedman Poe** (President), **Martha Kate Goforth** (Vice President)

December 2013 Class



Rachael Holst (Secretary/Treasurer), **Erin Gettel** (Vice President), **Sallie Rhodes** (President)

Nurs 381



Lisa Musolf (President), **Diane Storie** (Vice President), **Alex Ledbetter** (Secretary/Treasurer)

Accelerated Second Degree 2013



Katie Holsonbock (Vice President), **Sam Egger** (President), **Katie Sams** (Secretary/Treasurer)

Accolades, Honors, and Acknowledgments—Faculty and Staff

Dr. Cindy Berry and **Mrs. Jill Pence** presented “Are Your Students Ready? Staging a Realistic Mock Intruder Drill for Senior Baccalaureate Nursing Students” at the Region 8 Sigma Theta Tau International Conference in Jackson, TN.

Dr. Andrea Collins, **Mrs. Lisa Gurley** and **Mrs. Belinda Isley** attended the Region 8 Sigma Theta Tau International Convention in Jackson, TN.

Mrs. Jill Pence received the Alabama Board of Nursing, Nursing Educator Scholarship for 2012 and was accepted in the Golden Key International Honor Society at the University of Alabama.



Gurley, Collins and Isley with Region 8 Sigma Theta Tau Director, Ellen Buckner

Remember to share your news and accomplishments with us! The deadline for the December issue is Monday, December 10.

Nursing Students to Participate in Better World Theater



The Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership is pleased to invite you to join us on Monday, November 19th for a series of one-act plays on nursing ethics, produced and performed by students in Dr. Jennifer Coleman’s *Healthcare Trends and Issues* class. The program will be held in Studio 60 (in the basement of the Wright Center) and will last from 12:30 – 2:30, with three separate plays followed by discussion.

The program is part of the Mann Center’s Better World Theatre initiative, a collaboration between the center and the Samford Department of Theatre and Dance. The program allows students to explore ethical issues in their field of study by acting out scenarios they are likely to encounter in the professional

world. Students are not assessed on their acting skills (although these have always proven excellent), but are instead evaluated on how well they lead the audience in a discussion of the ethical issues raised.

We hope you will consider joining us on the 19th. Two convo credits are available for students who attend.

To learn more about the Mann Center’s Better World Theatre, visit www.samford.edu/manncenter.

Alacare Presents Parish Nursing Scholarships

Alacare Home Health and Hospice extends its sincere congratulations to the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing for representing the field of nursing with excellence. With this in mind, Alacare awards two honorary Parish Nurse Preparatory Class scholarships each year. Recipients of the 2013 awards have been selected.

The Martha Williams Loveland Scholarship for Parish Nursing:
Jennifer Dardy-Addington DNP, MSN, FNP-BC

The Deborah Phillips Bice Hann Scholarship for Parish Nursing:
Virginia Branson RN, B.A., M.A.

Recipients will receive their awards at the annual Alacare Awards Banquet on November 16, 2012. Each year Alacare is pleased to work with the Congregational Health Ministry of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and the school is grateful for their partnership.



Learn more about the Congregational Health Ministry

Distinguished Alumni Honored with Living Legacy Awards



Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing honored 50 alumni with Living Legacy Awards during the October 13, 90th Anniversary gala.

More than 425 guests attended the celebration at The Club in Homewood, Alabama. The honorees, said nursing dean Dr. Nena Sanders, “were selected for the impact they have had on the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of others. These individuals have perpetuated Mrs. Moffett’s legacy of academic excellence, caring, compassion and service around the world in order to make a significant impact on humanity.”

The award recipients all hold degrees from the School of Nursing or its forerunner, Birmingham Baptist Hospital. They represent a variety of specialties within the nursing profession, entrepreneurship and missions.

The program included remarks by Samford president Dr. Andrew Westmoreland who was noticeably moved by the stories of each recipient. Dr. Westmoreland noted that the night was about numbers—the School’s 90 year history and the 50 outstanding alumni who represent the more than 6,000 Moffett Nurses around the world.

Award recipient Teresa Stanford, a 2010 graduate of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, said, “I am deeply honored to have received such a prestigious honor and gracious to have been able to enjoy the event with family and friends. I am so proud to be able to identify myself as a part of the Samford family.”

In addition to recognizing alumni, the Living Legacy Gala raised essential funds for student scholarships. Presenting sponsor was Princeton Baptist Medical Center; gold sponsors included Pete Hanna Charitable Foundation and Money Family Trust. Jo and Robert Kicker were benefactor sponsors.

Patrons included Alexander, Sheffield and Warr Families, Birmingham Baptist Hospital Class of 1959, Birmingham Baptist Hospital Class of 1967, Friends of LeeAnna Cunningham, Sallie and Greg Eagerton, Paula and Kerry Gossett, Frances Watts Johnston, Gretchen and Randall McDaniel, Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2005, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Pope, Dean Nena F. and Dr. Tommy J. Sanders, Gloria and Carl Schaefer, Samford CRNAs 4 Kids, Sherlock, Smith and Adams, St. Vincent’s East, Trinity Medical Center and UAB Hospital. To view photos from the evening, please visit our [flickr album](#).

Living Legacy recipients included:

Brandon L. Bailey	Case Manager for the National Capitol Region (NCR) Wounded Warrior Regiment
Sandi Begley	Retired in August 2012, Lt. Colonel in U.S. Army
Karen K. Belcher	Certified Pediatric Nurse, Clinical Supervisor, Children's of Alabama
Carolyn B. Chalkley	Adjunct Clinical Instructor, UAB School of Nursing
Sherri Heard Chatman	Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, Alacare Home Health and Hospice
Patricia J. Cleveland	Retired Faculty, UAB School of Nursing
Cristy Marie Daffron	Parish Nurse; Nursing Program Coordinator, Jefferson State Community College Pell City campus; Hospice nurse, Lakeside Hospice in Pell City
John Westly Derrick	Pediatric Nurse Clinician and a Child Health Consultant, Member Care Program for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF)
Deborah Dutton Duke	Congregational Health Program Director, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing; Parish Nurse Faculty
Gregory Eagerton	Associate Director for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at the Birmingham Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center
Denise Elliott	Consultant
Heather Fields	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and partner, Riverview Anesthesia Associates, Valley, Ala,
Juanzetta S. Flowers	Associate Professor, Emerita, UAB School of Nursing

Living Legacy Recipients, Cont.

Sandi Gordon	Director of Pleasant Hill Community Mission, Springville Alabama
Kerry Gossett	Director of Clinical Anesthesia, St. Vincent's Birmingham
Lindsey M. Harris	Charge Nurse for the benign gynecology/ gynecology oncology unit at UAB Hospital
Mary Sue Morrison Heyer	Retired, CRNA
Cecelia Edmunds Holden	Associate Dean of King College School of Nursing in Bristol, TN
Ginger Howell	Retired Family Nurse Practitioner
Christopher P. Hulin	Dean/Program Director at Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA)
Bettie Sue Phillips Jackson	Retired, RN
Jessica Eva Johnson	Family Nurse Practitioner, America's First Nurse Practitioner Residency
Frances Watts Johnston	Retired Consultant and Nurse Educator
Jo Dobson Kicker	Retired Nursing Administrator and Educator
Paul Lawrence	Team Strategy Leader, International Mission Board
Elaine Epperson Lay	Hospice nurse with New Beacon Hospice in Alabaster, AL
Wanda Seay Lee	Executive Director, WMU
Lori Lioce	Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville School of Nursing
Marcia A. Lowe	Advanced Nursing Coordinator in the Medical Nursing Division at UAB Hospital
Sidney J. Martin	Retired, RN
Marie Mompont	Nurse Manager for the Palliative Care Unit at the Atlanta Veteran Affairs Medical Center.
Barbara Money	Assistant Professor, Emerita, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing
Deborah A. Moss	Minister of Health and Wellness, Dawson Family of Faith, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church
Lee Mac Nail	Vice President of Provider Services for Accountability Health Care Inc.
Stuart Pope	Assistant Professor at Auburn University School of Nursing
Heather Rankin	Senior CRNA, Children's of Alabama
Carol Jefferson Ratcliffe	Nursing Administrator and Nurse Co-Leader, Alabama Health Action Coalition
Sylvia Wright Rayfield	Chairwoman of the Board, Sylvia Rayfield and Associates, Inc.
Bhrata Reddy	Consultant, Family Nurse Practitioner
Janet Dixon Reeves	Family Nurse Practitioner, Naval Hospital Beaufort in South Carolina
William F. Reid	President of Ophthalmology Anesthesia Management
Josephine Snider	Chair. Dept. of Health Care Environments and Systems, College of Nursing; Assoc. Professor, Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing and Nursing Ethics, University of Florida
Robin Denise Spann	Instructor, Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi
Gayl-Julie Spence	Nurse Practitioner, Growing Up Pediatrics in Birmingham, Alabama
Teresa Stanford	Hospitalist Nurse Practitioner, Gilmore Memorial Regional Medical Center in Amory, Miss.
Susan B. Stillwell	Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon
Kimberly Swaisland	Family Nurse Practitioner
Roma Lee Taunton	Professor Emerita
Connie Yarbro	Editor, Seminars in Oncology Nursing; Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing
Regina Yarbrough	Chief Nursing Officer, Princeton Baptist Medical Center

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Dates to Remember

November 22-23:
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29: Hanging
of the Green/Lighting of
the Way

December 14: Pinning at
Dawson Memorial
Baptist Church

December 15: Fall
Commencement in the
Wright Center

December 24-January 1:
University closed for
Christmas Holidays



**A Patient Story to Brighten
Your Day**

Recently Greer Mileski, the 4-year-old daughter of Instructor Megan Mileski, was hospitalized for a few days. While there, Greer had the privilege of having an undergraduate Peds student Anna Jankowski one evening and Greer really loved her. Just a week later, the Mileski family attended the Homecoming BBQ where Greer was thrilled to see Anna serving food for all of the alums, faculty, and staff who had come to enjoy the day. Anna recognized Greer and was so sweet to spend some time with her. Following the lunch, the Mileskis overheard a funny conversation between Greer and their 8 year old, Lucy. Greer said, "Did you know that my doctor from the hospital is a LUNCH LADY at Samford?!?"

Just a fun story to lift your spirits today. Praise God for our amazing nursing students and the lives they touch!

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Thank you for your consideration!

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