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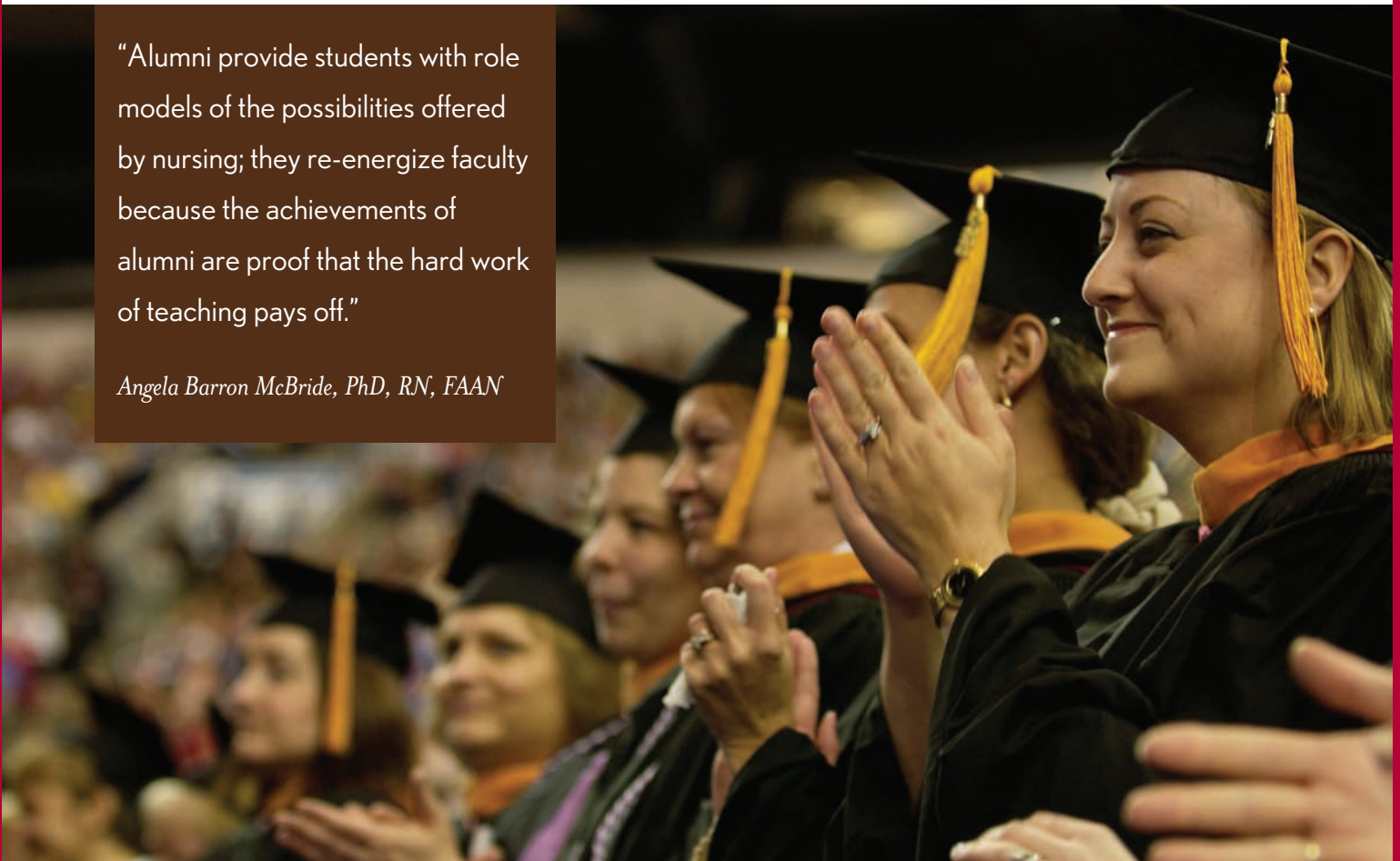
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"Alumni provide students with role models of the possibilities offered by nursing; they re-energize faculty because the achievements of alumni are proof that the hard work of teaching pays off."

*Angela Barron McBride, PhD, RN, FAAN*



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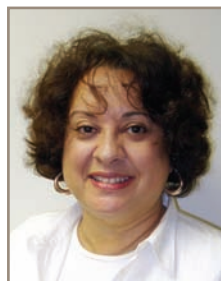
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Greetings Alumni and Friends!

On behalf of the IU School of Nursing Alumni Association (IUSONAA), we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the class of 2007 into the alumni family. Almost 600 individuals from eight different campuses have traversed challenging curriculum to successfully complete the journey from student to graduate. Congratulations!

These new graduates join over 26,000 alums nationwide in representing the best of Indiana University School of Nursing. The remarkable strength and talents of our students and alumni form the foundation upon which we build a strong and vibrant school. That strength flows into the nursing profession as many of our alums hold national positions of great influence. It has been a pleasure for both of us to meet IU nurses across the country who work in a rich variety of environments and make such an impact on nursing today.

The Indiana University Alumni Association is pleased to offer the Class of 2007 a complimentary one year membership. The IU School of Nursing Alumni Association and the entire IUAA is a dues-supported membership organization. We invite you to take advantage of your membership benefits. The information found in this edition of the Pulse highlights just a few of the programs, events and benefits sponsored in part by your membership dues.

To the new class and our current members, we encourage you to renew your membership as this is one of the most effective ways to help us expand membership benefits and programs sponsored by our organization.

We welcome any ideas and suggestions on how we can further IUSONAA's mission "to strengthen the connection with the School of Nursing and the profession of nursing by creating professional, educational and social opportunities for our alumni, students and friends."

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

*Marion E. Broome, PhD, RN, FAAN*  
University Dean and Distinguished Professor

*Cora D. Hartwell, MSN, ANP-C*  
President, IU School of Nursing Alumni Association

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROVIDES YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- **Alumni career services** Visit [IUAlumniCareers.com](http://IUAlumniCareers.com) to post your resume, search for jobs, or receive career advice.
- **Subscriptions** to the *Indiana Alumni Magazine* and *the Pulse*, the School of Nursing publication.
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- **Membership** in your local alumni chapter
- **Invitations** to special events and continuing education conferences



### **IU EAST**

This past May, IU East bestowed the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award to *N. LuAnne Christofaro* (ASN '81, BSN '89, MSN '92). This is the highest honor the IU East Alumni Association awards to an alumnus of the campus and recognizes outstanding contributions to the institution and its alumni relations endeavors. LuAnne has been an active volunteer and supporter of the IU East Alumni Association and its School of Nursing, serving as treasurer and board member for many years. She is the current treasurer of the IUSONAA and in 2005 received the IUAA's President's Award. LuAnne was recently appointed as the Director of the Reid Hospital and Health Care Services Outpatient Care Center in Richmond, IN. Congratulations LuAnne! You may contact LuAnne via e-mail at [christl@reidhosp.com](mailto:christl@reidhosp.com).

### **IU NORTHWEST**

*Elaine C. Hardy* (BSN '02) is currently participating in the Bridges to the Doctorate for Minority Nursing Students at the University of Illinois-Chicago. The program, funded by the National Institute of General Medical Science and the National Institutes of Health, has the goal of increasing the number of doctorally prepared minority nurses in the United

States. In 2004, Hardy joined the IU Northwest School of Nursing as an adjunct faculty member and continues to teach students in the clinical setting. Her ultimate goal is to teach the next generation of nurses and she is scheduled to complete her PhD in 2009. You can reach Elaine via e-mail at [elchardy@iun.edu](mailto:elchardy@iun.edu).

### **IU KOKOMO**

Proving that nurses can do anything, *Judy Golitko* (ASN'01, BSN '03, JD '06) is now working at the law firm Bolinger Golitko, Attorneys at Law in Kokomo. In 2003, after finishing her nursing degrees at the IU School of Nursing-Kokomo, Judy was accepted into the IU School of Law-Bloomington. In May, 2006 at the age of 59, she received her JD and three months later, passed the Indiana bar exam. Judy brings her background as an RN and floor nurse to help her clients by specializing in medical law, disability and personal injury. Judy also volunteers by giving lectures to Kokomo area nurses on how to protect themselves while practicing nursing. When asked how her nursing degrees help her practice law she said, "Nursing and law are very similar. You get to help people, you have to be able to think on your feet, and no two clients (or patients) are ever the same." You can contact Judy via e-mail at [j.golitko@insightbb.com](mailto:j.golitko@insightbb.com).

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## Alumna Audrey Geisel Receives Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

At commencement ceremonies this past May, IUSON alumni Audrey Stone Geisel ('44) was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters by President Adam Herbert and the trustees of Indiana University. It is the university's highest honor.

Distinguished philanthropist, supporter of literacy programs and guiding spirit behind the growth of Dr. Seuss Enterprises, Audrey Geisel is also known as "Mrs. Seuss." As President and CEO of Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the widow of the famed children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel has expanded her late husband's creative vision in new dimensions while overseeing the licensing and productions of the Dr. Seuss trademark. As President of both the Dr. Seuss Fund and Dr. Seuss Foundation, she has contributed to numerous causes in support of literacy, health care, the arts and education, to name a few. "Ms. Geisel has delivered impressively on the lifelong commitment she made to health promotion six decades ago when she graduated from Indiana University as a professional nurse," said Angela Barron McBride, Distinguished Professor and University Dean Emeriti.

A native of Chicago, IL, Ms. Geisel earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Indiana University in 1944, working during that time at the Riley Hospital for Children. She married E. Grey Dimond, M.D, in 1945, one year after they mutually graduated from Indiana University. Following a 23-year marriage and raising two daughters, she met and married Theodor Geisel in 1968. Late in his life, he told Audrey that he trusted her to manage and market the sum total of his creative art works. Two years after his death in 1991, she founded Dr. Seuss Enterprises to protect the integrity of Dr. Seuss' writings and characters. The spirit of caring for others that led her to become a nurse has characterized her life as a wife, mother, businesswoman and philanthropist.

As part of her longstanding generosity to the Indiana University School of Nursing, Ms. Geisel has been instrumental in the growth of the Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Illness (CEQL). Her support has

been critical to the research of young investigators and most important to improving the quality of life for persons with chronic illness.

Eugene R. Tempel, Executive Director of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, said of Geisel, "Her work illustrates the significant role women play in philanthropy as engaged community leaders. She continues to spend her time preserving the legacy of Dr. Seuss and building a better world for those most in need."



(above) Ms. Geisel and University Dean Marion Broome.  
(below) Ms. Geisel and Past IU President Adam Herbert.



# IU SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNUS MEGAN RICHARDS

BY JOHN SCHWARB

A patient's mother, far right, after her son's cardiac surgery in Amman, Jordan. The medical team included from left: Dr. Anne Farrell; Heidi Harris, RN, BSN '93; and Megan Richards, RN, BSN, '04



In the middle of a nine-day work trip to Jordan, nurse Megan Richards had a little time to take in the historic countryside.

“We were looking out at the Dead Sea, across a mountain,” she says. “There was a light at the top of the hill, that was Jerusalem. It humbles you to realize that you really are quite small in such a big world.”

Perhaps, but you can still make a difference.

While in the Middle East in early March, Richards (BSN, '04) was a part of a team of medical professionals helping children with congenital heart defects. Over nine days she and six fellow doctors and nurses combined their expertise with the challenges of working outside their comfort zones to improve the lives of nine children.

For Richards, it was the kind of opportunity that fortified her love for nursing. A one-time biology major, Richards switched over to the School of Nursing at IU-Bloomington, studying for three years before finishing her final year at IUPUI. Through the support of faculty such as Patricia Allen (“she remembers you years after you graduated,” Richards says), her degree work led to a current position as a full-time pediatric nurse in the intensive-care unit at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

When an opportunity came to expand the scope

of her work, Richards, 27, eagerly jumped aboard. In conjunction with the Rotary Club and a program it sponsors called Gift of Life, the medical team from Riley Hospital for Children put together a trip to Amman, Jordan, with the purpose of performing surgeries on seven children. The group ended up helping nine and had a list of alternates, prompting talk of a return trip in 2008.

“Everyone went not knowing what our roles would be, it was a matter of how we were going to work together,” Richards says. “There was a wonderful joining of everyone’s knowledge base, a lot of things were learned by the team.”

In Jordan, nursing is a male-dominated field with much less autonomy than in the American nursing profession. Just the fact that Richards and a colleague brought their own stethoscopes was unusual. Yet communication barriers were less daunting than expected, as all medicine and documentation is handled in English.

“It was so interesting to us, by the end we had kind of a nice routine of how we would all work together,” Richards says. “It made me fall in love with the profession all over again, to have an opportunity to make a difference in the world while doing something with my career.”



## 2007 IU SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS



Recipients of the IU School of Nursing Alumni Association awards pose during the 2007 Nursing Reunion Weekend. Pictured (L-R) are: University Dean, Marion Broome; Dr. Cynthia Stone— *Special Recognition Award*; Nancy Roberts Rue, BSN '55, MSN '73— *Distinguished Alumni Award*; Dr. Louise Suleiman- *Special Recognition Award*; Dr. Carole Kenner, MSN '83, DNS '88— *Distinguished Alumni Award*; and IU School of Nursing Alumni Association Immediate Past President, Roselle Partridge, BSN '59, MSN '76.

Nominations for the 2008 IU School of Nursing Alumni Association Awards are currently being accepted. Nominees can be affiliated with any IU School of Nursing division or campus. Visit [www.alumni.iupui.edu/nursingawards/htm](http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/nursingawards/htm) for a complete list of awards, criteria, and an online nomination form. For more information, please contact the alumni relations office at (866) 267-3104. We look forward to reviewing your nominations!



Col. Keiko Torgersen, U.S.A.F., BSN '78, was the 2007 Recipient of the *Excellence in Nursing Award* presented April 27, 2007 at the annual Celebration of Nursing Luncheon. Professor Emerita, Beverly Ross (above), graciously accepted the award on Col. Torgersen's behalf.



## ALUMNI INDUCTED AS FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The IU School of Nursing and its Alumni Association hosted a luncheon on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at the Indiana State House in conjunction with the 2007 AANP National Meeting to honor alumni inducted as Fellows of the Academy. The 2007 inductees include: Beth Richardson, MSN '76, DNS '94; Sherry Sims, Honorary Alumna '05; and Melinda M. Swenson, Sp.CI.N.'80, PhD '91. Swenson (pictured far left) visits with fellow alumnae, Michelle Ziebarth, MSN '01 (middle) and Monica Hanger BSN '96, MSN '01 (right).



◀ (L-R) Sims, Susan Lee, FNP, Swenson, Dee Swanson, FNP, Richardson

## NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED

The IU School of Nursing has a new Web site! Update your contact information, nominate someone for an Alumni Award, submit class notes, and stay informed of the latest news and events by visiting:

[nursing.iupui.edu](http://nursing.iupui.edu)



## Join Us for Our INAUGURAL ALUMNI CRUISE!

The IU School of Nursing and its Alumni Association are hosting a Caribbean Cruise in fall, 2008. Plan on joining us! We are in the process of solidifying the date, off-shore excursions, and educational opportunities. *We need your help!* If you would like to serve as your class representative, or would like to be informed of our progress, *join our alumni cruise mailing list* by contacting the alumni relations office toll free at (866) 267-3104 or via e-mail at [alum@iupui.edu](mailto:alum@iupui.edu). This will be an excellent opportunity to have an all-inclusive vacation package with fellow alumni and friends.

## NEW BENEFIT TO MEMBERS OF THE IU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED

The IU Alumni Association has partnered with the IU School of Nursing to bring current members of IUAA a 10% discount on all online courses offered through the Office of Lifelong Learning. To receive this benefit, make sure your membership status is up-to-date with the IU Alumni Association by contacting our membership department at (800) 824-3104, or by e-mail at [iuaamemb@indiana.edu](mailto:iuaamemb@indiana.edu).

- *Clinical Faculty: A New Practice Role:* October 15 – November 30, 2007; January 14 – February 22, 2008
- *Teaching and Learning in Web-based Courses: A Certificate Program*
  - Course 1: *Getting Started:* January 14 – January 20, 2008
  - Course 2: *Designing Web Pages for Web Courses:* February 4 – February 11, 2008
  - Course 3: *Teaching and Evaluation in Web-based Courses:* February 25 – March 2, 2008
  - Course 4: *Practicum: The Development of a Web Course:* March 10 – April 4, 2008
- *Adult Critical Care:* January 7 – March 14, 2008
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For a complete list of upcoming events offered through the Office of Lifelong Learning, please visit [nursing.iupui.edu/continuing](http://nursing.iupui.edu/continuing)

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FEBRUARY 15-17, 2008

Join fellow alumni and friends at the Alumni Association's Winter College in Fort Myers in February, 2008.

Participants will experience a dynamic weekend of educational workshops, lectures and lively discussions, while enjoying sumptuous food, luxurious accommodations and the warm Florida sun. The Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa will serve as our headquarters.

Accomplished faculty will join us for the weekend to lead our educational program.

- For additional information:
- visit [www.alumni.iupui.edu](http://www.alumni.iupui.edu)
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**Nursing Events Scheduled for Dallas, Texas and southern California**

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 1, 2007  
DALLAS, TEXAS

MARCH 24-26, 2008  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Please join University Dean Marion Broome, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Vice President and Dean D. Craig Brater, M.D., of the IU School of Medicine as we visit the Dallas, Texas, area and southern California. This is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow alumni from your area and to hear from two of the deans leading Indiana University's Life & Health Science Initiatives. Details will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to the events.

MAY 16-17, '08  
**2008 REUNION WEEKEND**



We will be celebrating special anniversary years for those classes ending in "3" and "8".

**Want to help us plan YOUR class reunion?**

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