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SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In the last few months, our world has changed. The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted every facet of our personal and professional lives. It has challenged us to rethink how we interact, how we care for others, and how we keep ourselves safe. Nurses around the world have risen to that challenge. You have applied your knowledge and experience, continuing to show up shift after shift to provide your patients with the best possible care.

At the SF State School of Nursing, our faculty and staff are rising to the challenge as well. Within a week of shutting down in-person classes, we were able to move all of our spring theory courses online. Remote teaching will continue through fall semester. We purchased high-quality virtual simulation programs – vSim – to compensate for the shift out of onsite clinicals. Everyone got creative and learned a lot about using Zoom! Despite these setbacks, we were able to successfully graduate 41 BSN and MSN students in May. Most importantly, we were able to do all this while upholding the high standard of education that our School of Nursing demands.

While we managed to make it through the spring semester, we

continue to face unprecedented challenges in nursing education moving forward. One of our biggest tasks is implementing safe, quality changes to our in-person curriculum. This primarily involves updating our skills and simulation labs with new technology to supplement our reduced clinical hours. Some of these items are:

1. Two IV arms
2. AED Chest for cardio training
3. Two MASIMO MightySat Pulse oximeters
4. A Dell or HP All-in-One computer with touch screen
5. Affinity IV birthing bed
6. Hill-Rom beds
7. Laerdal Preventive Maintenance Service

Funding these items is critical to providing our students with the experiences necessary to enter the workforce as well-rounded nurses. Unfortunately, we also find ourselves facing unprecedented budget cuts due to this pandemic. In June, the governor and state legislature reached a budget agreement which indicates a multi-year period of serious budget reductions for the CSU and for SF State. We are expected to reduce our general operating fund expenses by 10%.

As a graduate of this program, you know the importance of a strong nursing education. **Please consider passing along the tradition of educational excellence to the next generation of nursing students by making a gift to support the School of Nursing.** Your generous gift will make an immediate impact on our curriculum in fall 2020 and beyond; protecting the high value that a nursing degree from San Francisco State holds.

[MAKE A GIFT](#)

We could not be prouder of each and every one of you for committing yourself to the nursing profession. We are honored to call you part of our SF State School of Nursing family. Moving forward, we hope to continue to stay connected to you and work harder to build up a strong alumni community.

Warm Regards,



Mary Ann van Dam, R.N., Ph.D., PNP
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School of Nursing

Health Disparity Reduction Project

SF State School of Nursing is committed to reduce health disparities in our local communities and provide future nurses with an educational and experiential foundation in clinical prevention and population health.

Please consider a donation to help us purchase medical supplies needed to provide clinical preventive services in our local communities.

[LEARN ABOUT THIS PROJECT](#)

Join today!

Become a member of the School of Nursing Alumni Association today.

As a graduate of the SF State School of Nursing, you are our most important asset and our greatest strength. The Alumni Association provides opportunities for you to stay connected with other nursing alumni, current and former nursing faculty, and offers ways to engage and support current nursing students.

Why Join?

- Get connected! Network with other SF State nurses.
- Keep in touch! Stay updated about School of Nursing news, research, and events.
- Stay engaged! Participate in community volunteer opportunities
- Give back! Become a mentor to new nurses and graduating students.

Be part of this growing alumni association.

[Click Here to Join](#)

Past Event

Alumni Panelist Event: Landing a Job During a Global Pandemic

On August 12, 2020, School of Nursing Alumni Association hosted a virtual panelist event, moderated by **Dr. Karen Johnson-Brennan**. **Denise Navellier**, Chief Executive Nurse at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, SF State BSN '82, MSN '88, **James Finley**, Principal at Impact advisors, SF State BSN '86, and **Shannon Irish**, Registered Nurse at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, SF State ELM-A '18 were among the panelists. To watch the recording, please go [here](#), password: 66?V1\$W5

If you are interested to mentor our nursing students through a motivational speaking event such as this, please contact Yuli Diestel, ydiestel@sfsu.edu

Sharing is Caring!

Tell us what's new

Share what you are up to now, where are you working, what you are specializing in, recent promotions or life events, and what you love most about being a nurse. Your updates will be shared with others via the "What our alumni are up to now" tab on the School of Nursing web site. Please [click here](#) and share away!

Stay in touch

Do we have your best contact information including email? Please [click here](#) to let us know how best to stay in touch with you.

Give a shout-out!

Do you want to celebrate or give a shout out to a fellow alumna/alumnus? [Click here](#) and tell us in a couple of sentences what you want to celebrate or recognize this person for, and we'll include it on the Shout-outs section of the School of Nursing web site!