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## NEW BRAND IDENTITY

### No doubt you have noticed the new design of this issue of *The Reporter*.

As announced in the 2010–2011 *Report to the Community* in 2009, Samuel Merritt University asked San Francisco brand specialists, Mortar Advertising (known for their work with Golden Gate University, Stanford University, and Sutter Health VNA & Hospice), to think about how we might modernize and change the way we write and talk about SMU. SMU needed a new way to describe our impact on the community and our commitment to becoming a nationally renowned health sciences university.

Mortar started the makeover process by interviewing SMU staff and faculty members, students, regents, and other healthcare professionals involved with SMU students. Recommendations for a new logo and brand design were proposed, approved and the work of refreshing the University's identity began in earnest. At last count, the process involved over 3,000 members of the community including potential students, alumni, thought leaders, and donors. Many of you were kind enough to participate in providing your feedback on the chosen design, which is meant to convey SMU's new brand identity:

- > **We are confident leaders.** The health sciences community can look to SMU for inspiration, innovation and guidance.
- > **We are thinkers AND doers.** SMU is an institution built by academic pioneers who support innovation and research.
- > **We are people of the people.** SMU places a premium on providing hands-on, clinical excellence and inspiring exceptional interpersonal skills.
- > **We have an emotionally superior staff.** The many talented people of SMU are passionate, encouraging, and caring.
- > **SMU students attend SMU because it is the best.** Our academic environment is perceived as fast-paced, rigorous, and prestigious with a diverse and thriving community. We're glad to report that the new creative direction scored highly in every one of these areas.

The result is a new way to communicate about SMU. Our new brand identity reflects our passion, dedication, and drive to deliver an exceptional education in health sciences. We are particularly grateful to the community members and friends whose input contributed to this project.

We're looking forward to sharing more of the new brand in the months ahead. Let us know what you think: [OfficeofthePresident@samuelmerritt.edu](mailto:OfficeofthePresident@samuelmerritt.edu). ➤

# New Diversity Director Generates Action through Insight and Innovative Ideas



**KATHLEEN ROBERTS, J.D., PH.D.** was named as Samuel Merritt University's (SMU) Chief Diversity Officer/Executive Director of Diversity, effective May 31. This position will play a major role in the development and implementation of SMU's vision and strategy for diversity.

"In collaboration with all academic and administrative units, my goal is to provide leadership in supporting a learning and working environment in which diverse perspectives are respected and modeled, and in developing recruitment and retention strategies that will increase the diversity of students, faculty, and staff in ways that reflect the University's surrounding communities," said Dr. Roberts.

In her new role, Dr. Roberts reports to the President. "Our new diversity director brings years of experience working with students from many populations, collaborating with faculty and department heads on programming matters and curriculum development, and serving on University committees," said President Sharon Diaz. "Our Diversity Search Committee reviewed the files of several good candidates, and the process yielded a dynamic director for an important position."

Dr. Roberts is originally from Boston, Massachusetts and has traveled and lived in many places, including Japan, Nepal, Senegal, and several regions throughout the U.S. "My early years

were spent working as a dance therapist, yoga instructor, and as a crew chief on a fish processing ship in the Bering Sea."

It wasn't until after attending law school, where she worked as an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting white collar crime, and as Deputy Chief of the Civil Rights Unit, investigating hate crimes, that Dr. Roberts became convinced of the critical role education plays in ensuring a more "socially just world." She then obtained a position as Executive Director of Diversity & Equity at the University of Southern Maine, where eventually she was inspired to pursue a Ph.D. in Leadership and Change from Antioch University. Most recently Roberts was Executive Director of the Office of EEO & Diversity at Idaho State University.

"I am excited to be at Samuel Merritt University because of the rich cultural and ethnic diversity in the Oakland area and my keen interest in the health issues facing our society," said Dr. Roberts. "I also sensed, during my initial visits, that SMU was an organization committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community, and most importantly, one willing to continually engage in self-reflection in order to better understand how to exemplify this commitment." The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is available to all SMU community faculty, staff, and students. +

# Irma P. Walker-Adamé Honored For Thirty-Five Years of Service



*Dr. John Venson, Dean of the California School of Podiatric Medicine presenting Irma Walker-Adamé with a Resolution from CSPM.*

**IRMA P. WALKER-ADAMÉ** was honored for 35 years of service to the podiatric community during the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM)/California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) Alumni Reunion held in June during the Western Foot and Ankle Conference in Anaheim, California.

Ms. Walker-Adamé was also presented with a Resolution on behalf of the California School of Podiatric Medicine by CSPM Dean, Dr. John Venson, and a plaque by the California Podiatric Medical Association by CPMA Board member and 2002 CCPM alumna, Dr. Ami Sheth. The CSPM Alumni and Associates announced the creation of the Irma Walker-Adamé Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Fund. “Given Irma’s service to CCPM and CSPM students over the years and her never ending commitment to the podiatric medical profession,

establishing a scholarship to benefit the next generation of Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, just made sense,” states, Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the CSPM Alumni and Associates. “Everybody always asks about Irma whenever I am on the road visiting alums or staffing a CSPM exhibit. She’s just a much loved icon at the School.”

Ms. Walker-Adamé began her career at CCPM on April 1, 1976 as the Director of Financial Aid. Irma states, “I actually did not even apply for the position at CCPM. My husband, Eduardo, and the Director of Financial Aid at the time submitted my name for the position. I had been working at San Francisco State since 1971 and had set my sights on continuing to move up the ranks in the State system. During my first five years at SFSU I had already moved from a clerical assistant to a counselor, responsible for coordinating the federal Work Study program and the Law Enforcement Education Program. CCPM had a stormy time with previous financial aid staff members; students were protesting, administrators were upset because the financial aid was not being administered properly, so they were looking for the right fit for the position. Eduardo and the SFSU Director of Student Financial Aid thought I was the perfect person for the job. Consequently, without my knowledge, they submitted my application. CCPM was a small school at that time and one of my goals was to move up within the ranks in the State system and eventually become the Vice President for Student Affairs.

I thought that I would have a better chance of achieving that goal at a larger institution. Although, I kept saying that I was not interested, I agreed to interview for the position. The interview process was challenging. There was a student panel of ten students and because there were issues with administration and faculty with financial aid, there was also a faculty interview. I was called for a second interview but I kept telling myself I really did not want the position. I was called for a final interview and was offered the job. As I looked at the situation, my thought was that at least the position was Director of Student Financial Aid. I would “pay my dues” at CCPM, get the experience as a director, and then follow my goal of going back to a larger institution to move up the ranks. So on, April 1, 1976 I began my career at CCPM. In 1981, CCPM had decided to hire a Dean for Student Affairs and I served on the search committee. After a national search and six months or so of interviewing candidates, we narrowed down the search to a very capable person from one of the big schools in Ohio who was offered the position and accepted. However, the Friday before his starting date, he sent a note to the Vice President of Academic Affairs saying he had changed his mind, and was declining the position. When the search committee reconvened they recommended that I be appointed as the Interim Dean of Student Affairs while a new search began. I agreed to serve as the Interim Dean but had to continue doing my job as the Director of Financial Aid as well. In 1982 I was

appointed as the Dean for Student Affairs. I also continued to serve as the Director of Student Financial Aid for the next several years. In 1987, CCPM hired a Director of Financial Aid and I was promoted from Dean of Student Affairs to Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs. Things had worked out well and by that time I was totally committed to CCPM, even through some very rough years that followed. After the merger of CCPM with Samuel Merritt University, I accepted a position as Special Assistant to the President and in 2005 became Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs. My initial goal of working no more than five years at CCPM turned into many more. It’s hard to believe that it’s been 35 years.” +



*Irma Walker-Adamé receiving a plaque commemorating her 35 years of service to the podiatric medical profession from CPMA Board Member and 2002 CCPM graduate, Dr. Ami Sheth.*

*For more information on the Irma Walker-Adamé Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Fund or to make a contribution please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628 or visit the University’s website at [www.samuelmerritt.edu/donors](http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/donors).*

# CSPM Alumni and Associates Names its 2011 Award Recipients

The California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) Alumni and Associates have announced its 2011 recipients of the prestigious Heather Barton, JD Award; Gary Bianchi Award; and Philip Gardner, DPM Award.



*Dr. Peter Barbosa receiving the 2011 Heather Barton, JD Award from Dr. John Venson.*

The **Heather Barton, JD Award** is awarded for outstanding service and educational contributions to podiatric medicine, the California School of Podiatric Medicine, and the podiatric medical profession. The recipient is selected by committee from nominations submitted by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2011, the committee selected **Dr. Peter Barbosa** as the Heather Barton, JD Awardee. Dr. Peter Barbosa was born and raised in Añasco, Puerto Rico. He is an accomplished educator, scientist, filmmaker, and social activist. Dr. Barbosa earned his B.S. in biochemistry from Texas A&M University and holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. He most recently served as a Professor of Biochemistry and Immunology at the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) of Samuel

Merritt University (SMU), as well as the Director of Research for CSPM and the doctoral programs at SMU. As a scientist, his primary interests involve podiatric complications of HIV infection, focusing on plantar warts. He is passionate about involving students in research endeavors and his research teams are well published. Teaching in a manner that intellectually stimulates his students is his passion as a professor. He is personable, approachable and always available for his student's needs.



*Dr. Randy Sarte receiving the 2011 Gary Bianchi Award from Dr. David Mullins.*

The **Gary Bianchi Award** is awarded in recognition of outstanding dedication to the California School of Podiatric Medicine, its students, graduates, and friends. The recipient is also selected by committee from nominations submitted by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2011, the committee named **Dr. Randy Sarte** as the Gary Bianchi

Awardee. Dr. Sarte is a board certified foot surgeon specializing in foot and ankle injuries and disorders, he is in private practice in Sacramento, California. He is the team podiatrist for both the Sacramento Kings and the Sacramento Monarchs basketball teams, a position he has held for over a decade. Dr. Sarte has served as Chief of Podiatric Surgery at Sutter General Hospital and at Mercy American River/Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael. He currently serves on the medical/surgical staff at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael, and enjoys privileges at Sacramento's Sutter Memorial and Sutter General Hospitals. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Sarte is a graduate of Arizona State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Biology. Dr. Sarte received his medical training at the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM) first earning a Bachelor of Science in Basic Medical Sciences, and then his Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree in 1972. He is a Diplomat of both the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS) and the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics (ABPOS), as well as a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine (ACFAOM) and of American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). Dr. Sarte also serves as a podiatric medical consultant/expert for the Board of Podiatric Medicine, the State's licensing and regulatory body for podiatric physicians. Active in California's podiatric medical profession and community for over thirty years, Dr. Sarte is a past president of the California Podiatric Medical Association, and of the state organization's local Sacramento Valley Podiatric Medical Society. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Northern California Chapter of the

American Arthritis Foundation. Dr. Sarte was a founding member of the Board of Governors for the Foundation for Excellence in Podiatric Medicine and currently serves as an officer for the California Foundation for Excellence in Podiatric Medicine.

The **Philip Gardner, DPM Award** is presented to an individual who best characterizes the ideals of love, education, and service to the California School of Podiatric Medicine.



*Marty Chalfin, C. Ped.*

The recipient is selected by committee from nominations submitted by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2011, the committee selected **Marty Chalfin**.

Marty has been helping podiatrists with the diabetic shoe program since 2003. Marty attended Brooklyn College, and graduated in 1985 with a BS in Computer Science. He started a Computer Consulting business in 1989. In 1993 he had written articles for Database Design and Programming on Data Security and Historical Data Reporting. He sold the Consulting Firm in 1997. Between the years of 1986 and 1995, he completed a 26.2 mile marathon in every state. He became a C. Ped. in 2007 and joined Dr. Comfort as an Account Manager in March 2007. He has written an article on the Medicare Paperwork for the March 2011 issue of *Podiatry Today* and has given several lectures in the Assistant's Program at various Podiatry Conventions, including the annual Western Foot and Ankle Meeting. +

# What Are Some of the Highlights of **The 2010 Tax Act**?

On December 17, 2010, Congress implemented the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010. Some of the highlights that affect charitable estate planning follow:

- 1> The Charitable IRA Rollover provisions are extended, allowing taxpayers who are age 70.5 or older to make gifts of up to \$100,000 directly from their IRAs to qualified charities without having to declare the amount taken from the IRA as taxable income and with a charitable income tax deduction. Gifts to donor advised funds, CGAs, CRTs, supporting organizations or private foundations are not eligible. This provision will remain in effect through 2011.
- 2> The income tax and capital gains tax rates for 2011 and 2012 will stay the same as they were in 2010.
- 3> The estate tax exemption is \$5 million in 2011 and 2012.
- 4> The generation-skipping transfer tax exemption is \$5 million, again for just 2011 and 2012.
- 5> The gift tax exemption increased from \$1 million in 2010 to \$5 million in 2011 and 2012. This is a hot button for major and planned gift prospects. Having a \$5 million gift/estate tax exemption provides a great charitable giving opportunity for donors who have a large amount of wealth. Specifically, this will increase the demand for nongrantor lifetime charitable lead trusts—any amount of the gift subject to gift tax can be applied against the \$5 million gift tax exemption—making truly large gifts a reality for many high net worth donors.

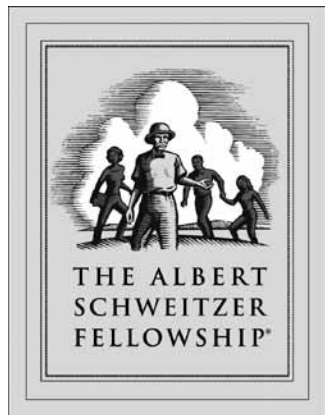
## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Year-end is indeed a special time to give. Through creative gift planning, you may very well be able to do more for yourself and for the causes that are important to you.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your advisors as you review your year-end planning options by calling **Sue Valencia**, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at **510.869.1507** or by email at **svalencia@samuelmerritt.edu**. +

# Schweitzer Fellows Aid Two Underrepresented and Underserved Populations in the Bay Area

Each year, the U.S. Albert Schweitzer Fellows (ASF) program competitively selects 250 students from health and human service schools to follow in Dr. Albert Schweitzer's footsteps. Schweitzer Fellows partner with community-based organizations to identify an unmet health need, design a year-long service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and bring that project from idea to implementation and impact—in addition to their usual graduate school responsibilities.



Two students from different academic programs at Samuel Merritt University have demonstrated their personal commitment to positively transforming the experience of care in diverse communities. This commitment goes to the heart of the SMU mission.



**Dresden Beier** is a fourth year student in the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) program at the California School of Podiatric Medicine.

As a runner, Beier understands the importance of staying healthy and active, and the meaning of healthy foot care.

But with recent healthcare budget cuts that left hundreds of underserved people in the Bay Area with reduced access to podiatric services, Beier wanted to find a way to help.

"It is essential to patients, especially those who suffer from diabetes, to have routine foot care for problems ranging from ingrown toenails to ankle sprains and everything in between," explains Beier. "With the budget cuts, uninsured patients were no longer able to see a podiatrist, so I decided to start a free podiatry clinic in San Leandro."

Beier partnered with fellow SMU students in the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program working at the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro to provide both podiatric care and preventive education.

The foot care clinic is open two Sundays a month and overlaps with another community service project lead by SMU alumna Nisha Thapa, FNP ('09). Thapa works closely with Bhutanese refugees in the Bay Area and informs the community about the free foot clinic. With referrals from the family practice clinic as well as from Thapa, the podiatry clinic has served more than 60 patients since its start in October, 2010. Most of the patients are between the ages of 50 to 70.

"The most valuable experience has been working with other people, like Nisha, who volunteer their time to commit to

servicing an underserved population. It has been truly humbling to see the empathy for others," said Beier. "I have learned there is a large population of people who are in desperate need of podiatric services ranging from palliative care to foot infections, such as fungal and bacterial."

Beier says the most surprising experience he has encountered is the amount of support he has received. "Faculty members at Samuel Merritt University, alums, and companies that have donated to the school for these types of projects have been overwhelming. The patient and staff interactions that I have had during this project have been amazing, and I'm thankful to be a part of it."

"Being a Schweitzer Fellow allows me to be part of an organization devoted to service and enables me to be humbled by the many great things people do for each other out of sheer compassion. I feel very fortunate to be a Fellow in 'an organization that is built around compassion and reverence for life', as Albert Schweitzer put it."

Earlier this year, Dresden received a Scott Beamer Community Service Award to help pay for supplies for the clinic. The Scott Beamer Endowed Memorial Fund was established by Mrs. Scott Beamer along with friends and family members. The purpose of the Fund is to support faculty, staff, and students involved in community service.



**Kenneth Russell** is a SMU nursing student in the Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (ELMSN)-Case Management program. He left his work with corporate companies such as NASA and Intel, to carve a more personal path in life.

“Nursing seemed the next logical step,” said Russell. “Working with underserved populations keeps me grounded during my life and I know that I have truly made a lasting sustainable impact on a person, their life, and community.”

It is Russell’s work in the American-Indian community that caught the attention of ASF. The nonprofit group, *Intertribal Friendship House* (IFH), located in Oakland, was established in 1955 as one of the first urban American Indian community centers in the nation. According to its website, the organization was founded by the American Friends Service Committee to serve the needs of American Indian people relocated from reservations to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Russell works with IFH to inform the community about diabetes, hypertension, alcoholism, smoking cessation, and healthier living choices.

“I developed the idea after going through my first three semesters at SMU and learning that Native Americans had high risk factors for many of the top diseases contributing to death,” said Russell. “The Center is in the beginning stages of enlarging their organic garden which has the potential to tie in to the healthy living concepts they are promoting among their community center population.”

Russell adds that the ASF recognition is one of the greatest honors he has received during his academic career.

“This Fellowship will give me the opportunity to not only impart knowledge for healthier living options to this population, but it will also allow me to get a better understanding about the ways of Native American from being immersed in their traditions and events.”

Founded in the United States in 1940, The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) was created to support Dr. Schweitzer’s medical work in Africa during World War II. Since Schweitzer’s death in 1965, the Fellowship has continued to provide direct assistance to underserved communities within the U.S. +

#### **Past ASF recipients from Samuel Merritt University include:**

Corina Derman, ELMSN FNP student, Class 12/2011

Iris Lowenberg, ELMSN FNP student, Class 12/2011

Kene Ofili, DPM, alum, Class 05/2011

Analiza Mitchell, DPM, alum, Class 05/2010

Bright Chen, DPM, alum, Class 05/2010

# Parking Lot Delivery: Nursing Students Credit Simulation Training for Extraordinary Birth

For several Samuel Merritt University nursing students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program from the San Mateo Learning Center, December 5, 2010 is a day they will never forget.



"It was 6:30 a.m. We were in the cafeteria at Kaiser Permanente Hayward Hospital waiting for our supervisor to give us our assignments for the day when we heard this loud scream come from the parking lot," said student Angela Rayzor. "At first, we thought it was a drill."

The group ran outside toward the screams. "The father, along with three small kids, was in a panic running around the van. And there was a woman standing outside the van door, leaning

against a transport wheelchair, struggling with pain," student Kim Davies said. "As we got closer, she pulled her pants down and we could see the baby's head was crowning."

As the mother screamed, "The baby's coming," Davies' instincts took over. The nursing student fell to her knees, hitting the pavement just in time to catch the baby girl.

## EDUCATION IN ACTION

"I saw the woman and though she looked very scared, she was relieved that we caught the baby," student Jeannette DeDios said. Then like clockwork, the team of nursing students quickly began evaluating the baby. Rayzor was the first to yell, "skin to skin."

"We learned in simulation that a premature delivery, or in a precipitous birth, you put the baby directly on the mom's belly to keep it warm," Rayzor said. "She wasn't crying much, which worried me. I knew I had to do something immediately so that the baby would not lose any more warmth."

The SMU students continued to evaluate the baby, assessing her breathing and pulse. DeDios and Davies started vigorously massaging the baby's face and nose to remove any secretions or

blockages that might hinder breathing. "It was hard to tell if the baby was breathing or not because it was so cold," Rayzor said. "She still looked so blue, but once the baby started to cough and cry, we all felt better."

At that moment, student Raymonde Monge arrived with two nurses from the hospital's Labor and Delivery department. "I ran inside to find help. Once I explained there was a woman having a baby in the parking lot, we all ran downstairs—but not before I grabbed some gloves for my classmates. I thought, just in case they needed an additional pair of hands, we are now prepared!"

## MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

The group's only labor preparation was through simulation training they completed two weeks earlier. "I was just amazed at how each of us contributed," DeDios said. "It was definitely a team effort."

The team cites the program and assistant professor Laurie Rosa, RN, MS, for everything they learned. "I don't know if I would have responded the same had I not had that simulation class," Rayzor said. "Simulation training is crucial."

"It is so strangely miraculous that these dedicated and mature nursing students, who just started their intense 12-month program and took a simulation course in labor and delivery just a couple of weeks before this incident, would be helping this family by delivering their

baby," Rosa said. "It is a testament to our university preparing nurses to not simply succeed academically but to critically and practically apply the knowledge, theory, and skills of nursing practice." ✦

**Back row from left:** Assistant Professor, Laurie Rosa, RN, and nursing students: Tamra Hollenbeck, Jin Yan, Kristine Lim

**Middle row from left:** Jeannette DeDios, Angela Rayzor, Meng Fang, Raymonde Monge  
**Center:** Kim Davies, with the simulation baby.

# University Students Provide Free Health Screenings to Day-Laborers

Since 2009, students from the Samuel Merritt University Family Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant programs have been providing free health screening checks to an underserved community in South Hayward.

For the past year, SMU students have been volunteering their weekends to work at the Hayward (California) Day Labor Center where crowds of immigrant day workers gather each morning and afternoon looking for hourly jobs. The majority of people who are seen at the multi-use center are undocumented immigrants and low-income families with no insurance.

“SMU is committed to improving the well-being of the communities we serve, regardless of an individual’s ability to pay,” said Suzanne August-Schwartz, DNP, APRN-BC, FNP, Assistant Professor for the School of Nursing. “In collaboration with community partners like the Hayward Day Labor Center, we take healthcare education, screenings, and support services out to its primary and secondary community.”

For just a short wait, uninsured individuals, families, and day laborers are able to speak with supervised nursing and physician assistant students about symptoms, pains, and general health concerns. SMU students offer basic health screenings for blood pressure, vision, and depression; they also strive to educate uninsured workers about preventing injuries and chronic conditions, such as heart and skin diseases. The students also administer referrals

for specialized medical appointments, pass out health education materials, and counsel about substance abuse, depression, and anxiety.



From left: Daniel Sanchez, patient, Britta Hult, SMU physician assistant student, and Suzanne August-Schwartz, DNP, SMU faculty.

“The problems we see with day laborers are not often isolated physical issues but manifestations of a combination of psychological, chronic muscular issues, and illness,” August-Schwartz said. “The student volunteers, from a variety of disciplines—be it nursing, physician assistant, or physical therapy—enable us to address the whole individual. The community support from area health

clinics, such as the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro, allows us to follow up with patients, a critical component to maintaining good health.”

According to the Center’s staff, 86 percent of patients who come for the free health screening are bilingual in Spanish and an additional indigenous language, such as the Mayan language K’iche’. Most patients are from Guatemala. That’s not a problem for

student Britta Hult. She is fluent in Spanish after volunteering for six months in Chile. She believes that two-way communication is the key to better care.

“When they learn that I do speak Spanish, you see a definite relief and opening up of their comfort level,” Hult said. “It benefits not only the patients who

receive treatment, but also providers like me who are no longer limited in the people they can help.”

“I feel comfortable with the students,” said Spanish speaker Daniel Sanchez, a forklift driver working in Hayward. “They listened to my concerns, and it looks like a good team, they consulted each other all the time, which made me feel confident. I would come again.”

For Maria Escobar, a mother of two, a simple “buenos dias” or “gracias” from FNP student Alberto Hernandez helped relieve some of her nervousness. “I don’t speak English, but my two sons do, but I worry maybe they won’t tell the nurse everything. Because [Hernandez] speaks Spanish, it makes me feel much better that he can understand all my concerns.”

SMU students also offer more than just solutions to health problems. They offer emotional support and encouragement to the patients. The project offers health information on topics such as safe lifting techniques, alcohol abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases.

SMU students and faculty say they find they, too, have been positively affected by the project. These practices broaden the students’ experiences, develop an understanding of the barriers the population face, and provide for specific needs of day workers. It’s also an opportunity for the students to gain cultural competency to meet the healthcare needs of underserved people where they live and work.

“Our students have the chance to gain real medical experience by focusing on interacting with patients, taking vitals, and filling out medical history forms,” August-Schwartz said. “Working at the Day Labor Center also helps the students gain perspective on their career and future.” ➦

**DOES THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE?**

If you would like to receive periodic e-news flashes from the University including announcements of upcoming alumni events, class reunions, alumni volunteer opportunities, continuing education seminars, periodic alumni surveys, new program announcements, and other updates about the University, be sure that the Office of Alumni Affairs has your current email address.

Please log onto the Samuel Merritt University website at [www.samuelmerritt.edu](http://www.samuelmerritt.edu), click on the Alumni tab and then click on Update Your Profile and enter the information requested. Having difficulties in sending an update? Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at **510.869.6618** or email [cross@samuelmerritt.edu](mailto:cross@samuelmerritt.edu).

*Samuel Merritt University's Office of Alumni Affairs does not give, sell or share information on their alumni database with outside sources. (The only exception to this policy is when an individual alum is trying to reconnect with a former classmate. Information is then shared unless the alum has requested that information not be shared with other alums.)*

# IN MEMORIAM

Alison Jan Bronstein '04

Ruth File Butler '38

Beverly Peterson Eggert '47

Lois Canfield Furguson P'39

Helen Moore Goddard '45

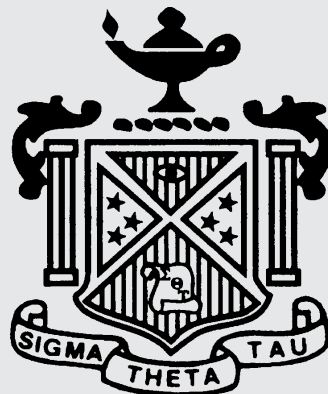
Mary Ritter Leahy P'51

Dr. Melvin Mah '79

Dr. Augustine Rudolph Ramirez '56

Shirley Enlow Sueoka '64

## A call to all current and former members of Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Xi Chapter-at-Large *(and other STTI members!)*



Did you know there is an easy way to keep up with chapter news and events? You can now follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Nu-Xi-Chapter-At-Large-Sigma-Theta-Tau/104323149637891](https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Nu-Xi-Chapter-At-Large-Sigma-Theta-Tau/104323149637891). We also have a Twitter feed @STTINuXi. And, STTI also has a great networking platform called The Circle. Within The Circle is Nu Xi's web page; <http://nuxi.nursingsociety.org/nuxichapter/Home/>

Consider reconnecting with Nu Xi and become involved.

New leadership is on board and we are excited about bringing our chapter into the 21st century; not only with new ways to communicate but also with some new and exciting programs. Look for upcoming announcements this fall! You can reach us via email: [nuxichapteratlarge@yahoo.com](mailto:nuxichapteratlarge@yahoo.com) +

*Sharon Swain, RN, MSN, Secretary, Nu Xi Chapter-at-Large, [sswain@ctdn.org](mailto:sswain@ctdn.org)*

# from the ranks

## NURSING

(SM) = Samuel Merritt

(PCN) = Providence College of Nursing

### 1945

John Finley writes, “**Helen Moore Goddard (SM)** went to be with the Lord and her beloved husband on June 3, 2011 after an extended illness. We are, of course, very sad and miss her terribly but at the same time are happy that she is free at last from all her earthly pain.”



**Left Front: Dorothy Wallace Park, Left Rear: Audrey Coombes Aiston; Right Front: Doris Dillon Spangler; Right Rear: Eleanor Johnson Wickun**

**Dorothy Wallace Park (SM)** writes, “A few of us from the Class of 1945 who live in Northern California have been getting together once a month for several years. Lately, due to more moves and health problems we had not been able to meet for a while. My son, Bill, decided we needed to get together again. So he drove around and picked up three of us and we met **Audrey Coombes Aiston** in Oroville for lunch. **Lois Reynolds Cockerill** was ill so was not able to join us. We had a good lunch and a GREAT “Gab Fest” talking about memories of Merritt and what we are doing now.”

### 1952

**Dolores Beanland (SM)** writes, “Although Dora Payne Kulp was

not an alum of Samuel Merritt, she was a longtime employee at Samuel Merritt Hospital and will be remembered by many. She passed away on May 20, 2011 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dora was born near Pocomoke City, Maryland in 1913 and was raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She received her nursing degree in 1935 from Cooper Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Dora proudly served her country as a U.S. Navy Nurse during WWII. At the end of WWII, Dora married Charles E. Kulp and they resided in the Bay Area of California where she was associated with Samuel Merritt Hospital for many years. In 2004, she relocated to Colorado Springs to be closer to her daughter. Her adventurous spirit and love of life will long be remembered. She was revered by her family and was a friend to many. Dora was preceded in death by her beloved husband and is survived by her son, Charles (Alana) of Salt Lake City, Utah, daughter Ellen (Peter) Slothower of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a brother John Payne of Salisbury, Maryland, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.”

### 1956

**Marion Schwab Cleaver (SM)** writes, “I came to Samuel Merritt after graduating from Central High School in Billings, Montana in 1953. Samuel Merritt was chosen for nurses training as I had three cousins—all

sisters who had graduated from there many years prior: **Rosemary Goodman Anderson '39**; **Nona Goodman Reynolds '43**, and **Patricia Goodman Borsuk '44**. In June 2008, it was my good fortune to attend a reunion of sorts of all the “cousins” and their families and at the time became “reacquainted” with my cousin Pat and her daughter Susan, who at the time was residing in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. She was delighted to hear that my husband, David, and I lived in Auburn, the then location of DeWitt General Army Hospital. After basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, Pat was sent to DeWitt where she met and married her husband John in the Chapel there. (John was due to be discharged three and a half years later, however, marriage meant discharge for her, as at that time married nurses could not remain in service.) Pat said being an Army nurse was a great experience, one that she was grateful to have had. During an earlier visit to California she spent time at DeWitt wandering through the hospital, the Officer’s Club, the chapel, and the wards in which she had worked. During that visit she stated how sad she was to see that the Samuel Merritt (and Farrelly Hall) she once knew were no longer in existence, however, she was delighted that her once beloved Alma Mater had made such giant strides in both nursing

education and medicine. I am sad to report that Pat suffered a stroke in May 2010 and passed away eight days later.”

### 1960

**Carol Matthews Milano (PCN)** writes, “The Providence College of Nursing, class of 1960 held a reunion in Lake Tahoe/Truckee, California on June 24 through June 27, 2011. Of the 33 graduates, 20 were able to attend. Counting husbands and guests, a total



**Members of the PCN Class of 1960.**

**From Left, Back Row: Tina Spratling Bonaccorsi, Barbara Weatherton Thigpen, Joy Irthum Kiser, Judy Jacobson Blue, Sandy Moretti Sifferman, Helen deGraef Weltz, Lynn Roddy Eubanks, Ferrol Smith Harrer, Joyce Gallagher Claman, Mary Alice Liess Chapin, Mae Johnson McKemy, Joan Fallavena Griswold, Margo Souza, Anita Weber Wies-Bronner, Carla Cerutti Kemble**

**Front Row: Lorrie Bua Vanderveen, Carol Matthews Milano, Tullie Tate Costa**

**Seated: Karen Clowser Bruno, Lorraine Velasquez Bradford**

of 30 enjoyed the company, copious memorabilia and picture albums, and great weather. The five classmates who have died were not far from our hearts and memory. While most classmates live in California, some journeyed from Nevada, Virginia, and Florida. Non-stop stories and hugs were the main activities of the event; although golf and eating were also on the agenda. **Joan Fallavena Griswold** provided our

pictorial walk down memory lane with posters, pictures, and so much more. **Dorothy Mae Johnson McKemy** arranged the golf, **Judy Jacobson Blue** chose the dinner menu, and **Lynn Roddy Eubanks** made the name tags and helped in many other ways as did all the classmates in making the weekend a joy. The men helped too by taking lots of pictures. **Ferrol Smith Harrer's** husband Neil and **Mary Alice Liess Chapin's** husband Les graciously did barbecue duty. **Joy Irthum Kiser** presented a piece of jewelry personally made by her and all classmates received a booklet comprised of "bios or stories" written by each of our classmates. We all agreed not to let so much time pass for another reunion."

**Dorothy Mae Johnson McKemy (PCN)** writes, "This past June our wonderful classmate **Carol Mathews Milano** organized a most fantastic get together at North Star Tahoe. We had twenty members of our class in attendance with ten guests (spouses and significant others). Classmates came from far and near, Florida, Virginia, Nevada, and California. We visited until all hours and had great meals together, played golf, shared MANY photos and LAUGHED a lot about our days at Providence. Thanks again Carol for a wonderful time."

**1961** **Barbara Shelden Czerwinski (SM)** writes, "My forty-nine year nursing career which spanned seven states drew to a close with a May, 2010 retirement to Truckee, California. Most recently, I served as the RN Professional Practice Director at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, a 660 bed teaching facility with ANCC Magnet

Recognition®, in Phoenix, Arizona. On June 24, 2011, Ed and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have two children (one in Corte Madera, California and the other in Canandaigua, NY) and four grandchildren."

**Barbara Lanoy Picarelli (SM)** writes, "My husband and I did a 27 day cruise last fall—no plans for this year, just lots of house "redo". It was very nice seeing a number of members of the Samuel Merritt Class of 1961 at the June Reunion."

**1963** **Sharon Shaffer Marks (SM)** writes, "It was good to read the news from the June 2011 Reporter. I just returned from a nine week trip to Spain, Italy, Greece, Sicily, Croatia, and the Rock of Gibraltar. We ended the trip with a twelve day cruise on the Mediterranean. I went with three retired teachers and had a wonderful time. I enjoyed the food, culture, and friendly people throughout the trip. With over 2,000 pictures, I have memories galore. During the months of September and October this fall, a friend of 44 years and I are spending time in the northwest visiting many national parks, both small and large. I have a new granddaughter (Cheyenne) who joins her two cousins (my other two granddaughters) as the apples of my eye."

**1966** **Phyllis Wilkendorf Holmes (SM)** sent along this photo of some of the members of the class of 1966 at Safari West. Phyllis also reports that the Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1966 is planning a get together this fall.



**Left to right: Linda Taylor Dobson, Martha Lose Foltz, Rita Reynolds Petersen**  
**Middle back: Phyllis Wilkendorf Holmes**  
**Middle front: Karen Sauter Petri, Cathy Walker Matthews**

**1969** **Jo Ann Carpaneto Bergesen (SM)** writes, "My husband, Bill, and I visited two classmates in Carson City. We met at **Vicki Bearce O'Shaughnessy's** home and **Carlene Blower Napolitano** joined us for dinner. We enjoyed reminiscing about our school days. I retired in March. Carlene retired last year and Vicki works occasionally filling in for colleagues on vacation. I also visited **Lucia Garces (SM Class of 1999)** in Sparks, NV and had a nice lunch with her and her husband.



**Beth Lincoln (PCN)** is the founder and president of Celemonde!, a forward thinking company that provides consulting services and motivational seminars for health-care professionals and organizations seeking to provide culturally competent and sensitive care. She was elected International President of the Trans-

cultural Nursing Society in January. She also recently authored the book *Reflections from Common Ground... Cultural Awareness in Healthcare*, which addresses the challenge of providing culturally competent and sensitive healthcare to diverse populations. While many books have been written about cultural diversity and healthcare, this one focuses on the clinical experience. Self-reflective exercises placed strategically throughout the book afford insight into the cultural and healthcare beliefs and values of patients, clients, and colleagues. Beth shares ten of her real-life vignettes, featuring various ethnic groups, and challenges the reader to identify similarities and differences with other ethnic groups. The goal is to find common ground and build the bridge to understanding. A great read! The book, published by PESI Healthcare, is available at their website and at Amazon.com as an e-book.

**1975** **Diana Wipperman Jennings (SM)** writes, "I received an email recently from one of my classmates, **Marcia Anne Melby**, who has served as a mental health nurse for 36 years. Marcia has been named as one of seven 2011 American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Annual Award recipients. Marcia will be presented with the Award for Excellence in Practice—RN-PMH during the APNA's 25th Annual Conference in October 2011 in Anaheim, California. According to the APNA the annual awards honor individuals who exemplify a superior dedication to and passion for the psychiatric mental health nursing profession. The recipients are nominated by their peers and chosen by

a committee of their APNA colleagues.”

#### CONGRATULATIONS MARCIA!

**1993** **Debra Mills Springsteen (SM)**

writes, “I am living in Browns Valley, California and I work at Rideout Hospital in Marysville, California as an Administrative House Supervisor. I am now a Grandma too!!!”

**1996** **Rhonda Ramirez (SM)**

recently accepted the position as Director of Samuel Merritt University’s Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Rhonda is a 1996 alum from Samuel Merritt’s FNP Program and completed her EdD in Organization and Leadership at the School of Education, University of San Francisco, in 2006. Rhonda has been a full-time member of the SMU faculty since the fall of 2007 and has served as interim FNP director for the past year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS RHONDA!

**1999** **James Austin (SM)** writes,

“As of May 27, 2011 I am no longer with the Sacramento County Jail. I’ve taken a new position with the Center for AIDS Research, Education & Services (C.A.R.E.S.). I will be working not only in my FNP role for expanded services to the HIV population served by the clinic. I will also be case managing the Medical Home model which is the first step of service expansion for the clinic. I am very excited to have this opportunity and new professional challenge.”

**2004** The Office of Alumni Affairs received the following information on **Alison Bronstein**’s passing.

“**Alison Bronstein** passed away at home

in Berkeley, CA early Saturday, June 18, with her husband, Kirk, at her side, after a courageous year and a half struggle with a malignant brain tumor. Following graduation from Samuel Merritt, Alison worked as a neonatal intensive care nurse at Children’s Hospital in Oakland until her illness began. Alison was an ardent music lover, playing guitar and flute and especially enjoyed playing flute duets with her sister. She had a lovely singing voice, a trait she passed on to her daughter, Danielle. She loved to dance, attend live theatre at Cal Shakes and Berkeley Rep, took part in family gatherings, travel, keep in touch with friends, and especially supported her daughter’s pursuits. She had a quick wit, loved words and word-play. Those fortunate enough to have known her were touched by her kindness and generosity of spirit, and eagerness to make each life brighter. Her life was a gift to us all. She is survived by Kirk G. Mitchel, her husband and partner of fifteen years, daughter Danielle, and a host of other family members and friends.”

**Serena (Girl) Escamilla Scott (SM)** writes, “My husband and I and our four-year-old daughter Devon Marie welcomed another baby girl (Morgan Rose Scott) on June 14, 2011. Morgan weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth.”

**2006** **Beatriz Coll (SM)**

writes, “I have gotten to yet another “finish line” and I am starting a new chapter.... I recently completed my academic studies at the University of California, San Francisco and graduated this summer with a Master’s in Nursing Degree in Advanced Practice Nursing in

Pediatrics. I still retain my appointment at UCSF conducting research with the School of Nursing on electronic tools for symptom assessment in pediatric oncology. My experience at UCSF was/is awesome, much more than I ever expected.”

**2011** **Catelyn Tennyson (SM)**

writes, “I am a BSN graduate from the Oakland campus April 2011 class. I had been applying for multiple jobs and after five interviews, I have landed an RN Staff I position at Dameron Hospital in Stockton, California in the ER. I will be a part of the 12-week new grad program they offer. I can’t wait to grow as a nurse.”

## PODIATRIC MEDICINE

**1970** **Dr. Paul R. Scherer**

has recently authored and published *Recent Advances in Orthotic Therapy: Improving Clinical Outcomes with a Pathology-Specific Approach*. The text, which is dedicated to Philip Gardner, DPM; Robert L. Rutherford, DPM; and Merton L. Root, DPM, coincided almost to the day with the date of Dr. Scherer’s receiving his doctorate in podiatric medicine from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as the California School of Podiatric Medicine). Dr. Scherer states, “I have been involved in many levels of education during my career as a podiatrist, and I am familiar with most of the texts that address biomechanics, pathomechanics, and orthotic therapy of the foot and ankle. None of the available literature provides a guide to understanding the documented value of orthoses or for

prescribing the variations of orthotic materials or modifications. I hope that this text will fill that void.” He further states, “This text is intended for the advanced student and the clinician who use orthoses to treat mechanically induced pathology of the foot. It has been designed to provide a logical approach to orthotic therapy categorized by pathology.” Dr. Scherer has graciously donated a signed copy of this text to the John A. Graziano Memorial Library on the Oakland campus at Samuel Merritt University where it is available for viewing. It can also be purchased at the website: [www.lowerextremityreview.com/](http://www.lowerextremityreview.com/).

**1976** **Dr. William “Bill” Mason**

has retired from State Service after 15 years in private practice and 21 years at Sonoma Developmental Center. He now travels extensively, works out at the gym, and volunteers.

**1978** **Dr. Andrew C. Schink**

writes, “**Dr. Charles O’Reilly** raises buffalo for sport hunting, **Dr. Neil Kelley** has a business giving submarine view rides off the Northern California Coast, and **Dr. Dennis Lyons** has a private investigation company.

**1979** **Dr. Andrew C. Schink (’78)**

reports that **Dr. Walter Feuereisen** owns a deli that specializes in pulled pork and chicken sandwiches.

**1987** **Two CCPM Alumni Invent Affordable Over-Counter Orthotic for Children.**

Their paths crossed more than twenty years ago at the California College of

Podiatric Medicine, forming a friendship that would eventually lead to a patent-pending product available around the world. **Dr. Anthony Howlett '91** and **Dr. Richard J. Manolian '87** kept in touch after leaving the College and Dr. Manolian returned to his hometown in Boston, MA. Over the years, the two lamented the fact that there just wasn't an affordable, effective orthotic device available for the youngest patients. For several years they discussed the product they'd like to see on the market, and finally in early 2003, they decided to make it happen. Five years later, in 2008 after much design work and learning the ropes from manufacturers, Arch Angels® Children's Comfort Insoles ([www.myarchangels.com](http://www.myarchangels.com)) was launched into the market. Since then, more than 10,000 units of the product have sold in podiatry and orthopedic offices throughout the country, and retail shoe stores in the United States and abroad. With the help of the internet, requests came for Arch Angels® from as far away as Russia, Australia, and Kuwait. "We wanted to produce a device that contained all the features of a custom orthotic, including a heal cup, rear foot post, medial flange and Polypropylene construction. Having a CAD drawing from several mocked-up prototypes was an iterative process," explains Dr. Manolian. The design was then modified to include a patent-pending feature, the Progressive Arch Design, which Dr. Howlett was instrumental at building the algorithms to support. Then came the challenge of material selection. "When we first began designing the product, our biggest challenge was finding the right materials that would provide enough support in the arch area, but yet be cushioning

enough so that pediatric patients would be able to wear the device with little or no break-in period." It was challenging, but the team finally settled on a sandwich approach of several materials to provide the right balance of firm support and comfort while maintaining a minimal thickness. Arch Angels® are designed for children from ages three to nine, and their three-quarter length make them easy to fit into most enclosed shoes and last longer than full-length devices, another selling point for parents. With a retail price of less than \$20, the product is quickly becoming a favorite in doctors' offices and independent shoe stores. Dr. Howlett and Dr. Manolian credit their training at CCPM for the genesis of Arch Angels®. The dynamic duo is not finished, and has a number of other products in the works to help support the feet of the pediatric population around the world.

**1988** **A Win-Win Wound Care Center.** **Anthony Martin, DPM, MD** is an alumnus of both CCPM and the Center for the Health Professions Institute for Physician Leadership (IPL). As a podiatrist largely involved in high volume patient care at Health Care Partners Medical Group in Southern California, he was interested in rounding his non-clinical leadership skills. His supervisor, a participant in another Center leadership program, recommended the IPL, and after thorough research, Dr. Martin took the plunge. Specifically interested in wounds and chronic wound management, Dr. Martin recognized the benefits of creating an integrated wound management center. This would be a place to which patients with all sorts of wounds would come

to get physician-level assessments and then be assigned to the specialist or care person (i.e. wound nurse) according to their needs. The main benefits will be twofold: For the patient, this means a reduction in wait time and time-to-care; and specialists would only be seeing the patients they are best suited to treat, reducing their time spent with patients that will need to see someone else instead, therefore creating a win-win situation. In order to make this vision a reality, Dr. Martin had to present a budget proposal for his organization. "This kind of project was a completely new experience, and the first time I ever had to write a budget proposal. It was quite a fascinating thing, but once you've done one, the next 300 are going to be a lot easier." The proposal for the wound care center is currently under review at Health Care Partners Medical Group.

IPL itself inspired Dr. Martin to introspection. He found the MBTI and 360-assessment, for example, very informing: "This helped me focus on my weaknesses and view them in a more objective way. Some of the things I've been able to work on were working within larger systems and delegating. One needs confidence to ask for help." In addition Dr. Martin explained that the knowledge imparted in the program is not something one could easily summarize, but rather the kind of useful tool applicable to many different situations.

**1991**

Please see information on **Dr. Anthony Howlett** above under Class of 1987  
**"Two CCPM Alumni Invent Affordable Over-Counter Orthotic for Children."**





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Occupational Therapy Alumni REUNION RECEPTION

During the Occupational Therapy  
Association of California (OTAC)  
Annual Conference

Friday, **October 14**, 2011  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Hyatt Regency Sacramento  
Sacramento, California*

## Scholars in Service Program 15th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, **October 15**, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Health Education Center, Oakland, CA  
For more information call 510.869.1572*

## Pediatric Motor Control: Perspectives on Posture and Lower Extremity Assessment

*(Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente  
Northern California, Rehabilitation  
Services Professional Development  
Committee and the Department  
of Physical Therapy at Samuel  
Merritt University)*

Friday, **October 21**, 2011  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Health Education Center, Oakland,  
California. For more information call  
510.869.6241*

## Physical Therapy Clinical Instructors and Alumni APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, **November 5**, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Cross sectional CT & MRI Imaging  
of the Brain and Spine: Implications  
for Rehabilitation

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Physical Therapy Alumni, Student,  
Faculty, and Staff Reception

*Health Education Center, Oakland, CA  
For more information call 510.869.6241*

## Samuel Merritt University ALUMNI HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, **December 1**, 2011  
6:00 p.m. cocktails/7:00 p.m. dinner

*Lafayette Park Hotel  
Lafayette, California*

## Providence College of Nursing ALUMNI HOLIDAY TEA

Friday, **December 9**, 2011  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Health Education Center, Oakland, CA*

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of these events or to obtain a current  
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