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Samuel Merritt University Board of Regents Establish **ENDOWED DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In December, 2011, the Samuel Merritt University Board of Regents established the Regents Diversity Endowed Scholarship to help recruit students who are underrepresented in the health professions.

There were many reasons for establishing this scholarship, states President Sharon Diaz. "Since 1990, SMU has embraced diversity as a core value. In 2006, this commitment was re-stated through the revision of the University's mission, vision and values statement and in 2009 during the celebration of the University's centennial year when Samuel Merritt College became a University."

Additionally, the Board of Regents charged the University in 2008 with "creating a culturally diverse University," representing an important transition from good intentions to implementing a concrete institution-wide initiative.

The University responded to this charge in several ways: First, the Committee for Equity and Inclusion expanded the role of the previous Multicultural Committee to advance inclusion and diversity within the University. Secondly, the University conducted a comprehensive review of the literature in order to conduct a process of self-assessment and campus forums were held. In addition, various faculty and staff climate surveys were administered, as well as student

climate surveys, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) surveys.

The University's increased emphasis on diversifying SMU's student body over the past three years has revealed the need for recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students from a more diverse cross-section of our community, beginning with African-American and Hispanic/Latino people. "The University recognized that these groups were the least represented in SMU's demographic mix relative to their presence in the wider community and that these groups constituted the largest underserved populations with respect to health care," states Kathleen Roberts, JD, PhD, the University's Chief Diversity Officer. "Real gaps currently exist that require us to focus on particular dimensions of diversity. It is well documented that health disparities among racial and ethnic minority healthcare providers are more likely to serve minority and medically underserved communities and that when a healthcare workforce reflects the racial, ethnic, economic and cultural diversity of the patients it serves,

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access and quality of care is improved and disparities of care are reduced. In alignment with these findings, the Institute of Medicine identified the education of a diverse healthcare workforce as a central strategy in reducing health disparities, and SMU has made a commitment to provide a health professions education to students who reflect the diversity of the Oakland regional community. "Two key aspects of SMU's strategy is the development of pipeline programs within the Oakland community and the removal of financial barriers," continues Roberts.

Now that we move into our second century, the University's commitment for diversity, equity, and inclusiveness deepens with the addition of a Regents Diversity Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Board of

Regents have individually provided the seed money to get the Endowed Diversity Scholarship Fund started. The first scholarship from this Fund will be awarded in the 2013-14 academic year.

President Diaz emphasized that "Samuel Merritt University embraces the challenge of serving a more diverse mix of students, increasing diversity in the faculty and staff, and preparing our graduates to work with patients and practitioners from many different backgrounds."

For more information on how you can contribute to the Samuel Merritt University Regents Diversity Endowed Scholarship or to receive information on establishing your own named scholarship, please contact Sue Valencia, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.1507. ✦

SMU'S MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

MISSION

Samuel Merritt University educates students to become highly skilled and compassionate health-care professionals who positively transform the experience of care in diverse communities.

VISION

Samuel Merritt University is recognized as a premier health sciences institution. Expert faculty and staff shape an inclusive learning environment where students experience best teaching practices and state-of-the-art learning approaches. The University selects and supports students who flourish in its rigorous academic programs, learn to practice

expertly, and pass licensure or certification examinations on first attempt.

VALUES STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- > A learning environment where we challenge ourselves and our students to think critically,
- > Seek mastery, and act compassionately,
- > A collegial environment where we are fair, respectful, and behave with integrity, and a collaborative environment where we partner with one another and with others in the community, and
- > An innovative and results-oriented environment where we take reasoned risks and move nimbly.



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Samuel Merritt University Strengthens its Research Focus: New Research Room Named after a Biomechanical Pioneer

Along with its mission to prepare healthcare practitioners, Samuel Merritt University is looking toward the future with a new research focus to achieve national recognition as a health sciences institution in clinical education. In 2012, a new state-of-the-art Motion Analysis and Research Center (MARC) lab will open with new avenues of research.

The MARC, which will be located in the Health Education Center on the Oakland campus, will be utilized by both podiatric medical and physical therapy faculty and students in support of education, research and patient care. "In the arenas of education and patient care, the MARC will expand learning and the clinical application of knowledge in both normal and pathological studies of biomechanics, upper and lower body motion analysis, gait and the effect of treatment modalities," explains Dr. John Venson, Dean of the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM), a school within the University.

The MARC will also expand opportunities for current clinical trial programs into areas of corporate product research, product comparison studies and new product trials. The new Center will include an eight camera motion analysis capture system, in-floor pressure transducers, in-shoe pressure transducers, and additional devices for range of motion and strength measurement.

"Podiatric medical students will interact with the MARC throughout their four

years at CSPM as both a formal part of the educational process and through involvement in research and clinical trials," adds Dr. Venson. "Residents, faculty, practitioners and additional research disciplines, such as bioengineers and biomechanicists, will be invited and encouraged to utilize the MARC."

Recently, SMU received a matching grant from Root Lab Inc., a northern California company known in the podiatric medical profession for its development and manufacture of prescription foot orthoses. One of the research rooms inside the lab will be named after the company founder, Merton L. Root, DPM.

Dr. Root is known as a biomechanical pioneer and graduated in 1952 from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM), now known as CSPM. He served as chair of biomechanics at CCPM from 1961 until 1968 at which time he returned to teaching part-time. In the podiatric medical community, Dr. Root is considered one of the most influential educators in the profession. His theories laid the groundwork for the

modern orthotic industry, which has contributed to the fields of sports medicine and podiatry.

"I am inspired by the dedication of one of the research rooms in the future MARC to a man who had such an impact on biomechanics," said Cheri Choate, DPM and Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Biomechanics in the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program at CSPM. "Just as the pioneers of Drs. Root, Weed and Orien developed fundamental concepts in lower extremity biomechanics, this research room within the MARC will be a vehicle for the development of lower extremity biomechanics at CSPM and SMU. As a CCPM alum, I am proud of the efforts over many decades, by many individuals to keep biomechanics part of the core curriculum at CSPM and in the field of podiatric medicine/surgery."

The Root Lab Inc. gift will match donations made to the University by December 31, 2012 on a dollar-for-dollar basis. For every \$100 the University raises, Root Lab will contribute \$100 (up to a maximum of \$12,500) towards



Dr. Merton L. Root, III

naming a research room in Dr. Root's name. Samuel Merritt University is grateful to those who have donated to the MARC, and especially to Root Lab Inc. for their support that has enabled the institution to expand its facilities for current and future students. For more information on how to donate to the MARC please contact the University's Development and Alumni Affairs office at 510.869.8628. +

SMU Ranks Among Best in U.S. for Graduate Degrees to Minorities

Samuel Merritt University has been recognized by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* for its diverse student body and commitment to providing access to higher education for underserved students. The bi-weekly magazine has listed SMU in its latest list of the *Top 100 Degree Producers* for minority students, a national ranking of higher education institutions that confer the most degrees to minority students.



In the 2011 list, SMU was ranked No. 13 for the number of undergraduate degrees awarded to minority students and it ranked No. 38 for the number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded to minority students. The magazine's annual rankings were published in the

October 27, 2011 issue, *Health & Sciences Issue*, and are based on data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

"Every year our organization compiles raw data from the Department of Education in regards to colleges and universities that award the largest amount of degrees to minority students," explains Virginia Hendrix, Operations Services at *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. "We call it our Top 100 Degree Producers and your organization is ranked in many categories."

The report provides several ratings including overall minority enrollment and degrees conferred, and degrees by discipline and individual ethnic and racial group performance.

"The University is proud of this honor and its national vision for a diverse community and the commitment to diversity and academics," said Kathleen Roberts, JD, PhD, SMU Chief Diversity Officer. "The commitment to multiculturalism results in our students being more globally aware and globally competitive as professionals in the healthcare field."

According to the U.S. Department of Education, ethnic minority students are pursuing advanced degrees in greater numbers, particularly in healthcare fields where they have been traditionally underrepresented. With SMU based in Oakland, one of the most ethnically diverse major cities in the country, according to the *San Francisco Business Times*, increasing the representation of minorities at SMU has always been part of the University's goal. (Oakland is the eighth-largest city in the state of California with a 2010 population of 390,724.)

"Samuel Merritt University is committed to creating an environment in which all students can flourish and benefit from a diversity of ideas, experiences and backgrounds," said Roberts.

The rankings by the magazine also track gender, number of minority students as a percentage of all degree recipients within disciplines, and changes in the number of graduates from the previous year.

John Garten-Shuman, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, says the rankings reflect only part of the University's vision for a diverse community. "Samuel Merritt University also reaches out to include students with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students and those who are the first in their families to attend college." +

Student Services and Veterans Affairs Coordinator Named



Dennis McReynolds has joined the Samuel Merritt University's Department of Student Services as the Student Services and Veterans Affairs Coordinator. In this role, Dennis will coordinate new student orientation, career services, and

programming for the Oakland campus; he will also coordinate the University-wide Veterans' Student Support Program and administer the Federal Yellow Ribbon Campaign for SMU. As a 15 year veteran himself, Dennis brings his expertise to support and guide student veterans at SMU.

Dennis is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor, teaching Drugs and Society in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SMU. He is a Registered Addiction Specialist with over 15 years in the field. +

HOW TO DONATE STOCK: STEP-BY-STEP

If you'd like to support Samuel Merritt University's mission and receive some needed tax relief, follow these three steps:

1 Determine if donating stock is right for you.

If you answer yes to each of the following questions, this gift probably meets your needs. If not, we can help you find an option that is a better fit.

- > Do you have stock that you've owned for more than one year that is worth more than you originally paid for them?
- > Do you want to avoid paying taxes on their appreciation?
- > Can you afford to give up ownership of this stock?
- > Would you like to support Samuel Merritt University's mission today?

2 Complete your gift.

If you have the physical securities:

- > Hand-deliver them to us, or
- > Mail us the stocks and the stocks power separately.

If you don't have possession of the physical securities:

- > Instruct your broker to electronically transfer your intended shares.
- > Ask your broker to notify us once the transfer is complete.

3 Enjoy the benefits.

In addition to the tax benefits you receive when you make a gift, you can feel good knowing that you are helping the next generation of healthcare professionals at a time when needs are great. +

SMU Students Help Combat Health Problems in the Hispanic/Latino Community

Roughly 41.3 million people in the United States today are Hispanic, or one in every seven people. Hispanic/Latinos represent the second-largest and fastest-growing minority group in the United States. Diabetes is an urgent health problem in the Hispanic/Latino community in that rates of diabetes are almost double those of non-Hispanic whites.



Alameda County Community Food Bank nutritionist, Soledad Drago with Maria Ducnas and Anne Tisma

As many as one in three U.S. adults could have diabetes by 2050, if current trends continue, according to a new analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). According to a 2006 National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) report, more than 1.5 million Hispanic/Latinos have diabetes, up from 1.2 million in 1997. As high as the rate of diabetes appears, it doesn't include undiagnosed cases.

"These are alarming numbers that show how critical it is to change the course of type 2 diabetes," said Ann Albright, PhD, RD, director of CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. "Successful programs to improve lifestyle choices on healthy eating and physical activity must be made more widely available, because the stakes are too high and the personal toll too devastating to fail."

To help increase diabetes awareness in the Hispanic/Latino community, four nursing students from the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program at Samuel Merritt University organized two free diabetes workshops at the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro. The bi-lingual classes, taught in English and in Spanish by the nursing students, included educational topics such as how to manage diabetes and plan more nutritious meals. The nursing students also discussed facts and myths about diabetes; for example how to manage blood sugar and conditions that affect blood sugar rates. Cooking and exercise demonstrations were also available.

According to FNP student Suzanne Portnoy, the bi-lingual workshops were created to educate and improve the

glycemic control and self-management skills in the Hispanic/Latino community and promote better health through a series of face-to-face sessions for those who suffer from the chronic disease.

"Being told you have diabetes can leave you with a lot of questions," explains Portnoy. "The workshops encourage patients to relate what they learn to their own experiences and make plans to put that learning to work in their everyday lives."

For the past three years SMU and the Davis Street Family Resource Center, a private non-profit organization, have been bringing primary medical services to uninsured and underinsured children and adults. This innovative collaboration enables local residents to receive basic medical care at low cost. Offering the diabetes classes at the Family Resource Center was an effective way to reach out to an underserved population.

"When we are working at the Family Resource Clinic, we see a lot of people with the complications associated with diabetes, and in some of the other clinics I've seen young people coming in with amputations," explains FNP student Veena Jagajeevan. "I personally believe diabetes is one of those things that if it's managed well then you can avoid complications."

Maria Ducnas, from Castro Valley, says she came to the free educational workshop, because as a Latino woman,

she wants to control her diabetes and prove to her growing family that it is possible to reverse the effects of diabetes. “I think a program like this is important because it supports the community and the people that want to learn about how to take better care of themselves.” Maria says she found the speakers to be very professional. “I thought they were very knowledgeable and I had no clue that they were students, which made the experience even better.”

PREVENTION AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF DIABETES ARE KEYS TO LONGEVITY

“Prevention and early diagnosis are keys to longevity,” said Michael DeRosa, MPH, PhD, PA-C, Chair of the Master Physician Assistant program at Samuel Merritt University and faculty supervisor of the diabetes workshop program. “Diabetes is a disease which is clearly rooted in lifestyle. Unfortunately, those with less access to healthcare are also more likely to have the lifestyle considerations of poor diet and lack of physical activity that lead to the disease. The hope is that providing education about these lifestyle issues in a culturally competent way can reduce long-term healthcare costs and improve quality of life.”

Alberto Hernandez, FNP student, has also found that understanding the



SMU students along with the Alameda County Food Bank hosted a cooking demonstration to learn healthier alternatives in cooking

importance of cultural identity in the Hispanic/Latino community has given him an appreciation for other cultures and languages. “Knowing my culture

makes me appreciate others,” he says. “This is good practice, because as nurse practitioners, we’re practically the frontline primary care providers and

we really do a lot of education for our patients, so these types of educational programs are perfect for us as students to learn from as well.” ✦

Japanese Healthcare Professionals Consult with SMU Faculty to Learn and Share Best Practices

This past year, Samuel Merritt University played host to several faculty and healthcare professionals from Japan. “In recent years SMU has increased its global recognition for our innovative teaching facilities, such as the Health Sciences Simulation Center, and our faculty,” explains Scot Foster, PhD, Academic Vice President and Provost.



(L-R) Dr. Mitoma, Dr. Cosby, Ms. Maeda, Dr. Yamauchi, Dr. Abbott, Dr. Sasaki

In early February 2011, the University welcomed Minako Ito, MSN, PHN, RN, a professor from St. Luke's College of Nursing in Tokyo. She teaches nursing fundamentals. It was her curiosity about simulation-based learning with nursing students that spurred an interest to visit SMU.

During her visit, Professor Ito observed students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program conducting collaborative practice in a variety of clinical settings. The nursing students practiced on the mannequins that respond like real patients, immersing themselves in caring for the mannequin-patient in a computer-simulated medical-surgical scenario.

Professor Ito says she found the University and the School of Nursing to be state-of-the-art and "the faculty and students gracious, helpful, and exceptionally competent." She adds the visit made her reflect on her own teaching style and the importance of implementing simulated learning at St. Luke's College in Tokyo.

In April 2011, Dr. Tomoko Inoue, a professor and the chair of the Graduate School of Health Care Science at Tokyo Medical and Dental University,

contacted SMU Associate Professor and Director of the SMU Case Management program Fusae Abbott, DNSc, RN, for her consultation. Dr. Inoue is also the chair of the National Licensure Examination Committee at the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare in Japan.

"Dr. Inoue has received a three-year grant from the Japanese government for her project, *Development of Postgraduate Educational Program for Mid-Level Providers (Advanced Practice Nurses) and the Innovation of a Healthcare Delivery Mode*," explains Dr. Abbott. "This is a \$100,000 grant and Dr. Inoue is looking at our University to help shape the development of this healthcare project."

Dr. Inoue explained that the physician-driven healthcare delivery system in Japan is facing multiple challenges due to changes in demographics and lifestyle among the Japanese people, resulting in an increased number of people with chronic conditions. A shift in delivery of healthcare services is necessary from hospital-based acute care to community-based out-patient and home health services.

"Mid-level practitioners [in Japan] could play a pivotal role in the new delivery

model," explains Dr. Abbott. "Therefore, Dr. Inoue and her team are very interested in learning about educational strategies for mid-level providers, particularly Family Nurse Practitioners education in the U.S. and our [FNP] program."

Due to the collaborative work between Drs. Inoue and Abbott, this past November, SMU's School of Nursing welcomed professors and healthcare professionals, Toyooki Yamauchi, MD, PhD, FNP, RN, ND, Professor, and Rika Mitoma, RN, PhD, Professor, both from the Department of Nursing at the Nagoya University School of Health Sciences and Yoshiko Sasaki, PhD, PHN, RN, Associate Professor and Rumi Maeda, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, both from Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

During their stay the visiting professors had the opportunity to observe teaching techniques of SMU faculty, used in the BSN health assessment lab, an FNP advanced health assessment lab, and simulation education at HSSC. Dr. Yamauchi and his colleagues were anxious to learn more about the University's laboratory teaching for health assessment.

Like Dr. Inoue, the main purpose of their visit was to learn and share best

practice about education for advanced practice nurses, particularly FNP. The visiting professors met with Drs. Cecily Cosby, Fusae Abbott, and Valerie Dzubur to discuss and learn about the FNP curriculum.

Future plans for their project include strong involvement of several SMU faculty. Dr. Cosby was invited to give a presentation at a symposium in January 2012. The title of her presentation was *Current Issues and Future Challenges for Advanced Practice Nursing in the United States*. This was followed by Dr. Bill Stiers speaking on simulation teaching in February 2012, Dr. Pamela Minarik will present in summer 2012, and Ms. Celeste Villanueva in February 2013. One of the FNP faculty will teach an advanced health assessment lab course in spring of 2013.

During her visit to Japan in November 2011, Dr. Abbott was invited to Tokyo Medical and Dental University and gave two presentations: *Case Management Practice and Education in the US* and *Chronic Disease Self-Management Program: Patient-Centered Approach*.

"SMU is truly influencing nursing education and the healthcare delivery system in Japan," said Dr. Abbott. +

NURSING

1946 **Betty J. Rudolph Colvin**

writes, “In 1960 my husband’s illness caused me to return to nursing. When I applied at Valley Children’s Hospital, the Director of Nursing met me at the front door and asked where I had trained. When I replied ‘Samuel Merritt’ she responded, ‘Can you start tomorrow?’”

1951 September, 2011 marked the 60th anniversary of the Samuel Merritt Fall Class of 1951. In celebration of this milestone several classmates submitted updates:

Arlene Bassetti Azcona writes, “I still live in the family home 55 years and counting. God willing. I am surrounded by my three surviving children, their spouses, five grandchildren, a new great grandbaby, my brother and sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews. My husband Victor passed away in 1986, my son Marty passed away in 1980 and my son Phillip passed away in 2006. I retired from school nursing in 1993 but still work ten days each school year. It’s just enough so I still keep my license current. My family and friends, plus a gentleman friend and some traveling keep me busy.”

Evelyn “Evie” Brock Bicksler writes, “Sixty years ago we said our goodbyes and ventured out into our worlds. Those three years at Samuel Merritt hold many happy and unforgettable memories. Shortly after graduation I married Jim Spurling and we moved to Tonasket, WA. His assignment as a minister took us to many places besides Washington... Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana. As a missionary we spent six years in the Philippines and four years at our church headquarters where he served as personnel director. As we moved around I worked in various hospitals as a staff nurse. We were married 49 years. I’ve been married to Bill Bicksler for ten years. He and Jim were

classmates back in 1955 in Kentucky. (Our courtship was a long internet story.) Bill spent 45 years as an educational missionary in Taiwan. His work was with the Chinese and he is fluent in both the speaking and the writing of Mandarin. I went back with him for his last two years as he wanted to work until he was 70. We are nicely settled in our home here in Indianapolis. (There is a lot more to do here than to attend the Indy 500 races.) Bill had purchased this house for their stateside use when his children attended college. He is an easterner, born in Pennsylvania and educated in New York and Boston. His two daughters live here and we drive to NY periodically to visit his son. We recently were on the Oregon Coast for the annual reunion with my children and their families. (There were 29 present and 11 absent.) My two daughters live in California. Connie is an RN working in the ICU unit of a university hospital in the Los Angeles area. Katherine has been with IBM for twenty years in San Jose. My two sons are in the Seattle area. Wes has had his own pool/spa business for over 20 years and Davie has been with Boeing around 15 years. This was our 22nd reunion. It is a highlight for all of us to meet each summer. I get out to see my children at least a couple of times a year. Much love to all.”

Loretta Harmon Croak writes, “The worst part of getting old is losing so many friends. In the past two years I’ve lost my husband, my brother and my oldest friend, a girl I’d known since fourth grade. Ed and I were married 57 years. He passed away in 2005 from pneumonia. I have two sons and a

daughter, all successful business people. I have seven grandchildren, two in business, one in law school, two in college and the youngest in high school. None of the older ones seem to be in a hurry to marry so there are no great-grandchildren as yet. My nursing career ended in 1970 due to a work related injury. After that I was a stay at home wife and mom. I loved having time for things I love to do—cooking, sewing and playing my piano. When Ed retired we moved to Missouri to a lovely lake house in a golfing community. We lived there for 20 years. Five years ago Ed was having lots of medical problems so we moved to Arnold. We were fortunate to find a place for independent living seniors. I love it here. My home is spacious and I don’t have to rake leaves nor shovel snow anymore. The other residents here are all very nice and I have some great friends. Last spring I celebrated my 80th birthday. All my family got together and we spent five days at a lodge near Pikes Peak in Colorado. It was so beautiful and there were all kinds of activities including trails to hike and explore. It took a lot of planning on my sons’ part. Getting work schedules and flight plans synchronized took some effort. We came from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Denver and Missouri. We had this beautiful lodge all to ourselves. It made me feel very special to have my sons do this for me. Love to all!”

Lorraine McFadden Donnelly writes, “Sixty years: I’ve pretty much lost contact with everyone except **Carol Thompson Griffith**. Where to begin? I worked in the O.R. in Modesto after graduating. \$270 a

month plus call time! I met and married my husband Gene, who was in the Navy. We moved to Long Beach. I worked in the O.R. at St. Mary’s Hospital. We moved to Fort Collins, CO after he was discharged to go to school on the G.I. Bill. I worked in the O.R. until our oldest son, Bill was born. By the time Gene got his degree in Education, we had two more kids, Diane and Kevin. Gene was offered a job at Anaheim High School in Anaheim, CA. We moved back to California in 1957. Our fourth child, Brian was born a year later. And our fifth, Jackie was born six years after that. Needless to say, I spent those years as a stay at home mom. After they were all in school, I decided I might like to go back to work for a while. The local hospital was opening a new O.R. I went to check it out and the gal asked me how soon I could start? I worked there for 20 years before retiring. We have a group of retirees from the hospital who meet for lunch every month. We started with eleven and we’re down to six now. We go somewhere different every month. It’s enjoyable and I look forward to it. My husband died of a massive heart attack at the age of 51. Thank heaven I had a job to fall back on. Bill, my oldest died of pancreatic cancer five years ago. Such an ugly disease. My children all live in the area, so I have a lot of support at my old age. I have 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. I have to admit I’m feeling the years of age. But, my children and grandchildren keep me going!”

Barbara Ashton Dunn writes, “After graduation from Samuel Merritt I moved to San Jose with **Jan Nordlund Hoover**, and we got an apartment together and jobs at San Jose Hospital. Her husband, Herb was in the service, so she was in a waiting mode for his return. While in San Jose, I met Jim Vince, an orderly at the hospital who was earning his teaching degree from San Jose State. We fell in love, married and settled in Santa Clara. Jim taught and I nursed. We had two boys then moved to Salinas, CA

and had our only girl. Dear friends living and working in Seville, Spain invited us to come abroad with our brood and visit. On that trip Jim researched teaching for the U.S. Air Force, and was hired. We lived in Spain for six years, had two more boys, and loved every moment. Seville is like living in Northern California so our bodies adapted well to the climate. In 1963, we packed up the little people and headed back to the United States. Returning home to the states was a challenge since in Spain we had a great deal of paid help and life was pure luxury. After 19 years together, Jim and I divorced. Life took on a new challenge for us all. I remarried in 1971, to a retired military gentleman. We had 13 good years together. I returned to live with my aging mother, in Walnut Creek, CA until she passed over the rainbow bridge. The mighty five all attended college and have done very well professionally: Greg, the oldest, lives in Denver with his wife (no children) and is a judicial consultant to the legal community. Philip, number two, is city manager for the City of Martinez, CA, the county seat for Contra Costa County. He is married and has a son and a daughter. Sheriden, number three, has just become a lawyer at 54! It took her five years, but she has succeeded. Married with one daughter. Son Nathan, number four, is Vice President of Emerson Corporation. He is married and lives in Santa Cruz, CA. He has two daughters and a son. El ultimo, William (Will) is married and has one daughter. He is an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard and you can rest easy, he is superb in his job. So that is the family to date. My nursing career served me well. I was the head nurse of a 24 bed recovery room at Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Hospital for twelve years. I retired at age 64 and have enjoyed just doing whatever I choose—wonderful after spending 46 years, serving the medical community. My grandchildren keep me busy and I do enjoy our visits. I spend a great deal of time writing short stories about my life, and

theirs, for the family. I have asthma and use oxygen when I clean house, walk, whatever mandates that I use it. At 81, I am blessed.”

Marjorie Carol Thompson Griffith writes, “I got married in November of 1952 and had my first daughter of six in July of 1953. I had three more two years apart and then the last two born in 1961 were twins. I worked as a nurse up until the twins were born but mostly part time and on week-ends. I worked at both Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro and at Children’s Hospital in Oakland. After the twins got older, I became a school bus driver in Castro Valley for a while, and then took a job driving a shuttle bus at UC Berkeley where I drove the scientists around campus. I retired from there in 1991 and my husband Don and I moved to Graeagle in 1996. After six years of snowy winters, we decided to move back to the Bay Area and settled in Concord. My husband Don passed away in 2010 but my beloved dog Bingo and I are still living at Montecito of Concord.”

Jan Nordlund Hoover writes, “Herb and I had been engaged for a while and we had planned to be married as soon after my graduation as practicable. Then along came Korea and it appeared that he would go in June of 1951. I went to Samuel Merritt’s leadership and asked for permission to marry even though, as you know, marriage was forbidden. Since I had good grades and a good reputation, Samuel Merritt’s board agreed with me and gave their permission. This was the precedent that eliminated the non-marriage requirement to graduate from Samuel Merritt. Many married Samuel Merritt grads owe me for that one! The Army, in all their wisdom transferred Herb from Fort Ord to Fort Meade, Maryland to discharge him. Since he was the first three grader, staff sergeant, the Army paid for my expenses for the trip as well as his. We had a wonderful time. I worked at Ann Arundel Hospital, right across the street from our apartment in Annapolis so we got to DC a

number of times, and after his discharge we drove to New York and Boston, then took a leisurely drive home seeing much of the country that I had never seen before because I had never been east of Lake Tahoe. An interesting thing happened when I went to work at Ann Arundel. The PM Supervisor told me to address the Whites as Mr. or Mrs. and the Blacks by their first names. We hadn’t thought much about it but the Baltimore, Annapolis, and Washington, D.C. triangle is below the Mason-Dixon line and many of those folks consider themselves to be Southerners, accent and all. I told my supervisor that was neither the way I was raised, nor the way I was trained and that I would treat all patients equally. No objection was ever expressed, at least not to my face. Herb went back to work at the police department and I got a job as office nurse for a couple of orthopods. Eventually, we decided to start our family and on April 13, 1954 Mike was born. Shortly thereafter, Herb got accepted by the CHP and we were assigned to Compton. Before he had even applied to the CHP, we talked about living statewide and probably being moved away from home and we decided that would be ok and we would stay where we were sent. Believe it or not, in 1954 Compton was a nice little town in a string of blue-collar towns that stretched from Los Angeles to Long Beach. However, living in Los Angeles County was just too costly for us, since Herb’s starting salary was all of \$358 a month. So we found a tract that we loved in Garden Grove, and in 1955 we moved in just in time for the opening of Disneyland. We watched the fly-over from our patio and the fireworks every summer night. We were in Southern California for ten years (second son Brett was born there) and during that time I had a variety of jobs, from doctor’s offices to hospitals. My last job was PM supervisor at Doctor’s Hospital in Santa Ana. In 1964, Herb was transferred to the Academy of Sacramento so we bought a

house, expecting to be in it for two to three years. We are still in it, 47 years later! I worked part-time for a couple of gyns and joined a bridge club of which I am one of two charter members left. In 1968 we received the opportunity of a lifetime; Herb was sent to New York City to study for his master’s degree in Publication Administration. We found friends to live in our house and off we went to NYC for a year. We loved it. The kids rode the subway every weekend with the goal of riding on every one of them. I think they made it; if not they got close. Those were the days when a subway ride was 20 cents. I didn’t work that year because Herb’s fellowship was very generous. Rather, I just enjoyed the East and we were lucky to have the opportunity to travel a lot, all over the East Coast. In fact, we spent Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Mass. Appropriate, eh? Have you ever seen Plymouth Rock? What a disappointment. I had expected something massive, not that little black rock, surrounded by fence, upon which you look down. Upon our return to Sacramento, I resumed work in the same gyn office. I forgot to mention that I found an RN substitute for me for that year. Herb was assigned to CHP Headquarters, as a lieutenant in the Operational Planning Section and he hated it. So, when Pat Casey, Governor Pat Brown’s son-in-law, offered him a position to help in setting up, and running the Organized Crime Unit at the Department of Justice, he jumped at the opportunity. We got another break in 1973 when Herb was offered a one-year contract to assist the Guam Department of Public Safety in getting its act together. Stateside crime had hit Guam big-time and they needed help to get it under control. (When his appointment was announced the Pacific Daily News named him ‘Super Cop.’) Again we found someone to live in our house, and an RN to sub for me at work for a year and off we went. Brett went with us; he was in high school; but Mike didn’t come because he

was in college in San Diego. We thoroughly enjoyed that year. Again, I didn't have to work because 'Super Cop's' job paid very well, but I did volunteer with the Red Cross Bloodmobile and I also worked as a Red Cross Nurse at the Naval Hospital. In my spare time I played bridge and enjoyed the island. It is much like Hawaii, mostly jungle outside the villages, with beautiful blue and green water surrounding it, in which we had fun snorkeling. It's a bit hotter than Hawaii and quite a bit more humid. Being on Guam, gave us the opportunity to travel places such as Hong Kong, Taipei, Japan, and nearby islands such as Saipan, Truk, Rota, and Palau. After our year was up, we decided to return home by going west, rather than east, and continued our trip around the world. So on January 1, 1975 we headed for the Philippines, then Thailand, Egypt, Greece, Israel, and Portugal, and finally home. I went back to work for the gyno and Herb back to justice. We both retired at the end of 1988, and then traveled extensively throughout the Southwest. Later we traveled to Australia for a month followed by a month in New Zealand, where we met a cousin who I hadn't even known existed until just before our trip. We made a number of trips to Europe and Asia. One of the most interesting was when we rented an apartment in Paris for a month. With that sort of time, you can take your time with the sightseeing. For example, when you finish the tourist stuff at the Louvre, you know, the Mona Lisa, Venus deMilo, Winged Victory, etc., you can visit other galleries and be by yourself. We went to St. Suplice every Sunday to hear their magnificent pipe organ. (If you read the *DaVinci Code*, this is where the albino killed the Sister.) They give a free concert every Sunday after mass. And frequently, they present free concerts on Thursday evenings. But finally Herb got tired of traveling, so I took off on my own with a friend and the last several times with **Martha Capin Emigh**. A knee transplant ended my traveling days

since it didn't go entirely right, plus I lost much of my sense of balance. So, now my travel is pretty much limited to going to musical events at the Mondavi Concert Hall in Davis, and an occasional trip to Davies Hall in San Francisco for San Francisco Symphony concerts. Oh, and don't forget an occasional trip to San Francisco to see the 2010 World Champion San Francisco Giants. Gooooo Giants!!! My bridge playing has deteriorated so I've limited myself to just two games a month, with old friends who are sympathetic to me, and who have problems of their own. We understand each other's difficulties and we're not critical of each other when we make mistakes. Life is good. We have two wonderful grandsons, both in college, who we enjoy immensely and who we are helping get through school. Additionally, we volunteer with the UC Davis Medical Center in their Lifeline program. You know, 'I've fallen and I can't get up.' We've been doing this for over 15 years; I read the map to get us there, and then take care of the paperwork while Herb does the installation. We find it worthwhile and rewarding. We're both 82 but we still look forward to many more rewarding and fun years ahead. Be well."

Rose Lim Luey writes, "After receiving my diploma from Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing, I embarked on a sixty year journey that has brought fulfillment and richness to my life, professionally and personally. Some of the highlights: 1951 to 1969, I volunteered at the elementary, middle and high schools attended by my three sons and became president of the Fruitvale Elementary and the Oakland High School PTAs. 1960 to 1970, I volunteered at Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross and served as Disaster Nurse Chairman and taught home nursing in Cantonese. 1970 to 1977, I worked as a staff nurse for Alameda County part-time and returned to school under the auspices of the county's Minority Nurse Recruitment Program (Laney College and Sacramento

State University) to earn a BSN that was completed in 1977. 1970 to 1974, I served as a founding member of Asian Health Services, a comprehensive, multilingual health care facility in Oakland Chinatown currently serving more than 22,000 patients each year. 1977 to 2000, I was employed by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency as a bilingual PHN until retirement at age 70. 1974 to 2000, I also volunteered as an RN (advice nurse) at Asian Health Services Clinic once each week for over 30 years. 1975 to 1985, I volunteered as a PHN to meet first arrivals from Vietnam (baby airlift and boat people) at Oakland Airport and relocation sites to assess health status, make referrals, and facilitate care for the ill at local hospitals. 1984 to 2000, as a county PHN, I undertook the reorganization of Alameda County's Perinatal Hepatitis B Program, which was in danger of losing its funding. Elements of the new protocol were used as a model for the state's program. 1990 to 2000, I held weekly noon-time nurse-run medical clinics for homeless and low-income diners at St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room. Tom and I have been married for 60 years and still live in Oakland. Despite its many changes, it is home to us. In 1972 I was awarded the City of Oakland's *Mother of the Year* honors for civic and community service. In 2008 Tom and I established the *Tom C. and Rose Lim Luey '51 Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund* at Samuel Merritt University. Scholarships are awarded annually to nursing students. Our number one son, Tim earned a BA in 1977 from UCSD majoring in Math. He is a partner in Spencer-Luey, Inc. Land Surveyors, Engineers in Solano Beach, CA. Our number two son, Ken, earned a BS in Physics in 1975 from MIT and a MS in Physics in 1978 from USC. Ken is a senior scientist with The Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, CA. He and his wife, Cathy were married on December 30, 1981. Our number three son, Andrew earned a BS in Information

Technology in 1984 from San Francisco State and is currently a Programmer/Analyst at UCSF, San Francisco. He and his wife Jennifer live in San Carlos, CA along with their daughters: Audrey Meng Teng Luey (7.5 years old) adopted in 2004 from Chengdu, Szechuan, China and Olivia Xing Rui Luey (2 years old) adopted in 2010 from Fengxin County, Jiangxin Province, China. Tom is Tom! A truly gentle-man. Our roommate **Norma Cannazzaro**, dubbed him 'Peace at any price!' Peace and love to you, my classmates, on this our momentous 60th anniversary."

Jeanette Knutson Richardson writes, "Since graduating from Samuel Merritt I worked nights in the nursery before moving to my parent's home in Woodland, working at the Woodland Clinic until my marriage to Ralph Richardson on November 27, 1952—Thanksgiving Day. After a short honeymoon in Carmel, we traveled to Long Beach as Ralph was teaching school in Bellflower. We were there for three years, where he taught eighth grade for two years and one year in one of the first developmentally delayed classes in Los Angeles County. I worked at Long Beach Community Hospital and our daughter Kristin Myra was born in Long Beach. We then moved to Tehachapi where Ralph was a school psychologist for Kern County Schools. I worked in a clinic in Tehachapi, a small town with very few nurses and it was not uncommon to be called to work in the small hospital after a day in the clinic. After one year in Tehachapi, we moved to Sacramento where Ralph was employed as a school psychologist for Sacramento County of Education. I enrolled at California State University where I began work on a degree in nursing. I also worked part time at Sutter Memorial Hospital and did field work in school nursing through CSUS. Kristin was growing up and attending a preschool and we bought our first home. In 1960, I accepted a position as a school nurse in San Juan Unified School District.

I finished my work at CSUS and graduated with a degree in nursing. I was assigned three elementary schools and one middle school. I enjoyed my work and discovered school nursing is different from hospital nursing. San Juan's population was 40,000 students at the time. The year 1965 brought another change in our lives. Ralph and I took leaves of absence from our jobs and moved to Nashville, Tennessee. Ralph was accepted in the doctoral program in Special Education at George Peabody College for Teachers. The two years in Nashville was an excellent experience for all of us. Ralph was busy with his doctoral program, Kristin was a seventh grader in the Demonstration School and I worked at Vanderbilt University Hospital in the Neonatal Nursery, one of three hospitals in the United States doing research in premature babies. We received babies from the mid-south, some weighing only two pounds. Working at Vanderbilt was an extremely challenging and rewarding job. I even met Virginia Apgar. While in Nashville we visited Civil War battlefields, traveled to New Orleans, Jamestown and Williamsburg, VA, Washington, DC and the home of George Washington. Washington, DC was most impressive and there was so much to explore and enjoy. Upon returning to California, Ralph was appointed Director of Special Education, Kristin entered high school, and I returned to my school nursing position. San Juan had developed some new Special Education programs in infant development—programs for all deaf students beginning students into regular education classrooms. Total communication means using sign language instead of an oral program, which had been used for so many years. Ralph was also on the planning commission for the development of the Master Plan for Special Education in California which established guidelines for school districts throughout the state, and was responsible for implementing it in San Juan USD. He was recognized with several

awards for service to Special Ed students in San Juan and the State of California. Meanwhile, Kristin graduated from La Sierra High School in 1971 and was Salutatorian of her class. She attended UC Santa Cruz, graduating in 1975 with a degree in English Literature. In the fall of 1975, on the advice of her major professor at Santa Cruz, she entered the State University of New York at Buffalo as an English Literature major. Although she did not complete her dissertation, she is currently working for WebMD, located in NYC; her title is Senior Scientific Director. WebMD, located in NYC, not only offers continuing education, but also medical information for both consumers and physicians. She lives in Buffalo, NY and telecommunicates with WebMD. She enjoys her 100-year-old-home, where she gardens along with help from her two dachshunds. Ralph retired in 1986 and during the summer months we did some traveling: China, England, Europe, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. We traveled up the coast of Norway to the pack ice and celebrated the longest day of the year (June 23 in Scandinavia) on a Norwegian ship. Unfortunately, in 1989 Ralph was diagnosed with lung cancer which metastasized, but even with treatment, he died in April of 1990. It was a sad time for Kristin and I but we did survive. The following year Kristin and I went to Norway and scattered Ralph's ashes in the Norwegian Sea, near the country he truly loved. It wasn't long until SJUSD renamed the Starr King Exceptional School to the Ralph Richardson Center, so his legacy lives on. In the mid-1980s another nurse, Patty Wills, and I developed a program funded by the State of California. We called it *Hand in Hand* and developed a curriculum and activities for K-6 students which taught about disabilities. Patty and I taught some of the classes and provided in-services for SJ teachers as well as for those in other districts. From the State of California we received the *Educators of the Year* award in 1988; in 1987 I was named *School*

Nurse of the Year by the Northern Section of California School Nurses Organization. I officially retired in 1991 but continued to substitute where needed for ten years. During this time and even after retirement, I also volunteered at Ralph Richardson Center, a place that will remain dear to my heart. Traveling with a dear friend also became an important part of my life after retirement. We visited Mexico, Guatemala, Portugal, France, Italy, and Eastern Europe. We were in Florence on Easter Sunday and saw the Pope in Rome. Closer to home we traveled to Salt Lake, Yellowstone, the Dakotas, Sundance and Park City, Utah. This past August, I headed to Buffalo and Kristin and I drove to Maine, where we rented a house for two weeks. We've done this every year for the past ten years, and a lobster feast is always one of the high points for us. In 2010, Kristin and I decided it was time to sell my home of 40 years and move into a senior community. I am now living in an apartment at Eskaton Village in Carmichael, CA where many activities are available: exercise, swimming, book club, and a retired nurses group which meets monthly, to mention a few. Also available are church services, a variety of classes and discussion groups, cooking demonstrations, movies, opera, game time, and even a small golf course. Transportation to appointments, shopping malls, grocery stores, and day trips are mine for the asking. The grounds are lovely, and I even have a small patio. I am fortunate that I have family nearby: my brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Karen Knutson, their daughter, Kim, her husband and three children are all in the Sacramento area; their other daughter, Marci and her husband and two children live in Berkeley. Nursing has been an important part of my life, and I value the education I received at Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing."

1954 **Carolee Lindauer Hodges (SM)** writes, "I married in 1954 and spent the next 41 years living in the East Bay.

With the exception of accompanying my husband on military duty in 1957, I worked full time as an office nurse until my three children were born. I then worked part time as an office RN, and the last 20 years for dermatologists across the street from Samuel Merritt Hospital. My husband and I were avid sailors and owned sailboats for over 25 years. We cruised and raced along the coast and in San Francisco Bay and Delta. We also sailed charter sailboats in the Caribbean, South Pacific, Australia, and Mexico. There were many trips to other places on vacations and my husband's business. My husband and I both retired in 1994 and moved to Tuolumne County close to Twain Harte, which was our favorite vacation spot when our family was young. Now we enjoy the nice seasonal weather and the scenic surroundings of the Sierra Foothills. At this time, we have four grandchildren and one great grandchild."

1957 **Dorothy Miller Compton** writes, "I am relocating to Honduras. I have a small house on the island of Santa Elene, Roatan Bay Islands, Honduras Central America. I don't have my new address as of yet, but will send it to the Alumni Office when I arrive."

1962 **Susan Herche Wood** writes, "After living in Sacramento for the past three years, we moved to sunny Tucson, Arizona. Sure hope to see a few classmates for our 50th Reunion in 2012."

1966 **Phyllis Wilkendorf Holmes** writes, "The SMH Class of 1966 celebrated our 45th reunion in Solvang, CA for three days with twelve members of our class able to attend. We had fun catching up with each other's lives. **Marilyn Pires** organized the get-together and entertained us by dressing in her original student uniform."



Front Row (L-R): Phyllis Wilkendorf Holmes, Linda Taylor Dobson, Tuula Tunturi Sutton, Julie Wauhab Eckroat

Marilyn Pires '66

Middle Row (L-R): Dianne Moser Wolfe, Cathy Walker Matthews, Nancy McLanahan Steele

Back Row (L-R): Rita Reynolds Petersen, Marilyn Pires, Karen Sauter Petri, Marti Lose Foltz, Geneva Anna Hoffman Turner

I made the white scarves with SMH 66 embroidered on the end."

1976 **Laura Madrid Hoban** writes, "It's so hard to believe I graduated 35 years ago from the nursing program. I am so thankful to have found a profession that has been so rewarding, beginning with the education and experience I received at SMU! Thank you!"

1977 **Nancy Burgess Mills** writes, "I have returned to work full time after fifteen years of 'retirement' as a patient educator for Actelion Pharmaceuticals in South San Francisco. My husband of 25 years, Dr. William Mills, Jr., died on March 3, 2011. He started the Samuel Merritt 24 hour ER in the early 1960s."

1985 **Pamela S. Bruhn** writes, "I worked in Critical Care in Portland, OR after graduating with my BSN from SMU. I was recruited to Minneapolis, MN to be a Cardiac Transplant Pre and Post Op Coordinator including organ harvesting. What an awesome job. During this time, I returned to school at College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul, MN where I graduated

in 1996 with my MA in Nursing and focus on as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. I left transplantation after eight years and briefly entered the world of Internal Medicine. At the end of my year of being a generalist, I returned to the Pacific NW where I have worked as a clinical staff educator and ANP in Cardiology. I am currently taking a break from Nuclear Stress testing to teach self-management skills to patients in a multi-specialty practice of approximately 100 clinics in Portland. I have thoroughly enjoyed and continue to enjoy my career. I had the 'cream of the crop' education at Samuel Merritt, and I credit my success in my career to my BSN education! Thank you!"

1991 & 1994

(Marlene) Ann Kimble White who received her BSN in 1991 and MSN in 1994 has been appointed as the Associate Vice President, Nursing for California Pacific Medical Center. Ann previously served as Vice President for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at Kaiser Medical Center and as Chief Nursing Officer at a tertiary Medical Center in Colorado. Most recently Ann has worked as a consultant to a variety of clients nationwide providing leadership development and strategic planning and execution to enhance quality and patient care outcomes. "Ann has a strong record of accomplishments in leading organizational change, preparing organizations for Magnet Nursing recognition and building a strong professional nursing workforce," states, Diana M. Karner, MSN, RN, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at California Pacific Medical Center. ***Congratulations Ann!***

1995 **Elizabeth Carlson Robinson** is interested in the historical link between the nurse and womanhood (95 percent of today's nurses are women). She approaches her research about the nurse in a cultural and archetypal manner, exploring the nurse

images found in pre-historical archeology, mythology, folklore, literature, art, and popular culture. While considering the history of nursing, as well as depth and archetypal psychology, her research reveals the complexity of the nurse image as well as what has influenced the nurse's psyche and the public's psyche about the nurse. A 16 minute film, including short excerpts from Elizabeth's PhD oral dissertation defense in Mythological Studies, with Emphasis in Depth Psychology can be viewed at www.spannrobinson.com. Her book will be available in Spring 2012.

Sally Replogle Rose writes, "I have done a wide variety of nursing since graduating from Samuel Merritt, including working with the Mother/Baby Center on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington, and living and working in Ireland for several years, experiencing many different settings and opportunities! I miss my classmates, however, and would love to hear from any and all of them!"

2005 **Laura Valladao Bongard** writes, "I just completed my Master of Science degree with a specialty in nursing education from Grand Canyon University. I plan on being a nurse educator both online and in ground-based environments. I would love to come back to SMU as a nurse educator to give back to the community and guide the next generation of nurses into an exciting, rewarding field: Nursing! I look forward to new frontiers in nursing and nursing education."

2006 **Andrea Crane Schness** writes, "My husband and I moved out to Kentucky, where my husband got a great teaching job at the university. I have not been working for a year now, since our daughter was born, but plan to go back to part-time work next spring."

2008 **Robert McKennett**, MSN, MA, CRNA, NEA-BC has been appointed Chief Nurse Anesthetist at Bayhealth Medical Center in Dover, DE. ***Congratulations Robert!***

2011 **Afam Ogbunwobodo** writes, "Following graduation in June, I was offered and accepted a nursing position at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, CA on the MedSurg/Telemetry Unit. I am so excited and am looking forward to having an awesome experience at this county hospital. I also received an offer at a California Correctional Facility in Fresno City, but I am not sure I will be able to combine the two because it is a three hour drive from Oakland to Fresno."

Tracy Pearson writes, "I've accepted a nursing position at Stanford Hospital. I graduated in May/June 2011 from the San Mateo campus. I also precepted at Stanford (big thanks to Bobbie Richards!) and am actually going to be working on the same unit I precepted on (C2: Med-Surg which specializes in ENT, thoracic oncology, urology, plastics and trauma). I hope this update leaves the nursing faculty at SMU feeling fulfilled with their work as they are certainly helping to make dreams come true."

Andrew Stoddard writes, "I received an offer for employment as an ER nurse at the Regional Medical Center (RMC) in Orangeburg, SC. It is a 30-bed, Level III trauma center halfway between Charleston and Columbia, SC. Given the rural setting of Orangeburg and the vicinity to several major freeways, the vast majority of traumas and STEMI's come to Orangeburg for stabilization before being flown to either Columbia or Charleston (weather permitting). I would like to thank each and every one of my SMU faculty members for your guidance through the SMU ABSN program, registering for out of state boards in South Carolina and writing outstanding letters

of recommendation. The management interview panel and the peer interview panel were interested and surprised in the speed and caliber of the SMU program. In particular, both panels made it clear that everyone worked ALL types of shifts. I simply responded to that by telling them that at SMU, we had an exam every 2.5 weeks, a new subject matter every five weeks, and changed hospital/day of week/ and shift times every five weeks, sometimes with only a week's notice. On a lighter note, I took my wife to the podiatrist in Charleston, SC. He saw that I was wearing a SMU polo shirt and asked if I went there (he teaches part time at Medical University, South Carolina). I told him that I had just completed the ABSN program. His reply was AWESOME... 'If their nursing program is anything like their podiatry program, you will go a long way in nursing.' It just shows how small the healthcare industry truly is, AND that SMU is a leader in educating healthcare professionals."

Julius Wu writes, "I wanted to express my most sincere appreciation for all the knowledge and experience SMU instructors and academic staff have provided me. Whether it was a small detail on how to hold a Bristojet or the role of the professional nurse, the knowledge has been valuable and well received. It is difficult to summarize my gratitude in a few words, but trust that my successes as a nurse will largely be attributed to having a solid foundation. Thank you! My nursing career is still in its infancy, and much like an infant, everything that is nursing fascinates me. Since graduation in May 2011, I have obtained my RN and PHN licensure. I have been staying productive by operating and administering immunizations through clinics all around the East Bay. The job search process has been an enlightening experience. While panel interviews often give the employer a great deal of control over the interviewing process, careful observation of the staff has given me some insight into the nature of

the various employers. As such, I am both blessed and pleased to share that I have found a great fit with Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA. The hospital has just been awarded the Magnet status. I began at Washington in October as a staff nurse on a cardiac care/TCU and ICU step-down unit. Of course, it has not been all business with no play. I have kept in contact with my colleagues by organizing a monthly lunch around the Bay. One of my many hobbies has been barbecuing, and while nearly perfecting my pork ribs this past summer, I also added smoked brisket to my repertoire. I plan to visit the University and drop by offices on occasion and look forward to having an opportunity to once again thank those who helped me along the way."

PHYSICAL THERAPY

2000 Michelle Dean writes, "I have been working for the Department of the Army in Heidelberg, Germany since 2008. In that time I have been enjoying travel throughout Europe, learning the German language, and working in the Heidelberg PT Clinic specializing in orthopedics and vestibular rehabilitation. I received my OCS in 2011 and am in the process of pursuing my DPT from Regis University."

PODIATRIC MEDICINE

1970 Dr. Jon Hultman was presented with the California Podiatric Medical Association's (CPMA) 2011 Vision Award during the annual House of Delegates held during the Western Foot and Ankle Conference in June 2011. A doubly board certified podiatric physician, Dr. Hultman is certified by both the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS) and the

American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics. He is also a Fellow of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS), as well as a Fellow of the American College of Foot Orthopedists. Having practiced podiatric medicine and surgery for over 25 years, Dr. Hultman now serves as the Executive Director of CPMA devoting his expertise, skills and time to advancing the specialty of podiatric medicine and assisting other physicians in improving the performances of their practices. **Congratulations Dr. Hultman!**

1976 In 2004, in an unprecedented move, the California Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) bestowed its highest honor, Podiatric Physician of the Year, on then sitting President Dr. Kase. In rare repeat, **Dr. Franklin Kase**, was once again named California's Podiatric Physician of the Year by the CPMA during the annual House of Delegates held during the Western Foot and Ankle Conference in June 2011. In presenting the Award, CPMA Past President Dr. Michael Cornelison noted, "No matter how the Committee looked at it, Frank's name was always at the top of the list of nominees. His hard work, positive attitude, bulldogged determination, never give up, never surrender attitude placed him atop the list again this year." Dr. Kase is a Diplomat of both the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS) and the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPOPPM). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine. Currently the Chief of Podiatric Surgery at Glendale Memorial Hospital in Glendale, California, Dr. Kase is also on staff at Sherman Oaks Hospital, in Sherman Oaks, California. **Congratulations Dr. Kase! 🌱**

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Saturday, **February 25**, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Health Education Center
Oakland, CA

Visit the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) Booth at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) 70th Annual Scientific Conference

Thursday, **March 1** through
Sunday, **March 4**, 2012
San Antonio Convention Center
San Antonio, TX

John A. Graziano Memorial Library UNVEILING

Thursday, **March 15**, 2012
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Health Education Center
Oakland, CA

CSPM Alumni and Associates 2012 WOUND CARE UPDATE AND HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Saturday, **March 24**, 2012
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Health Education Center
Oakland, CA
Eight (8) Total Contact Hours
including 2.5 Units of Radiology

Samuel Merritt University/ Providence College of Nursing ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

Saturday, **June 2**, 2012
11:00 a.m. Social Hour
12:00 noon Luncheon/Program
Health Education Center
Oakland, CA

Visit the CSPM Booth at the Western Foot and Ankle Conference

Thursday, **June 7** through
Sunday, **June 10**, 2012

CSPM Alumni and Associates Annual General Meeting during the Western Foot and Ankle Conference

Saturday, **June 9**, 2012
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)
Disneyland Hotel
Anaheim, CA (room tba)

Samuel Merritt University SCHOLARSHIP DONOR LUNCHEON (Invitation Only Event)

Thursday, **September 20**, 2012
11:00 a.m. Planned Giving Seminar
12:00 noon Luncheon/Program
Health Education Center, Oakland, CA

Samuel Merritt University ALUMNI HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, **December 6**, 2012
6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner/Program
Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette, CA

15th Annual Providence College of Nursing ALUMNI HOLIDAY TEA

Friday, **December 14**, 2012
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Health Education Center, Oakland, CA

For more information regarding any of these events or to obtain a current class roster to rally together your classmates to attend, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.