



FRIENDS OF NURSING NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Jan Jurasic, BSN

Dear FON Members,

Another year of Friends of Nursing started in June this year. We have been busy this year. All of the members' efforts allowed us to give \$70,000.00 in scholarships to 23 nursing students this April.

We have lost three members of FON this summer. Shirley Mauer, a treasurer for FON for several years passed away in June. A long, time faithful member, Helen Kesell, also left us in June. Olga Miercort, a past president, died in July. There were eight members of FON at her funeral; three of us had been presidents of FON. There is a memorial scholarship to be set up in Olga's name. You may contribute to this through our website, TheFON.org. All three of these ladies will be missed greatly.

Our Fall Membership event will be on Thursday,

October 11. Please look further in the newsletter for particulars. There will be no charge, only a free will offering for this event. The program is a really interesting one.

The committee is working hard to make sure that the Christmas Dinner event will be a success. You should have received a "Save the Date" card. The sit-down dinner will be Sunday, December 2 at the Wellshire Inn. There will be a traditional English Christmas dinner and a silent auction. Please plan to attend. It should be a great way to begin the holidays.

I am honored to serve as the president of the Board of Directors again this year. If everyone works as hard as they did the last year, we should have another great year.

Sincerely,
Janice Jurasic, BSN
President Friends of Nursing





Friends of Nursing 2011 - 2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

➤ ***FON Fall Membership Event***

When: Thursday, October 11, 2012
Time: 1--3 PM
Topic: Peer Assistance: Rehab Not Discipline
Where: Peer Assistance Services
2170 S. Parker Rd., Ste. 229,
Denver, CO
(AORN Bldg. on East Side of Road)

FON members and friends are invited guests of Peer Assistance Services. Students welcome. Light refreshments served.

Membership Chair, Ann Smith, 303-449-5318

➤ ***Friends of Nursing Presents***

A Party with a Purpose: A Traditional English Christmas Dinner

When: Sunday, December 2, 2012
Time: 5-10 PM
Where: Wellshire Inn
3333 South Colorado Boulevard
Denver, CO

Committee: Greta Pollard (chair), Donna Bernklau, Jan Jurasic, Anita Becky, and Clare Sandekian

For more information please contact: Clare Sandekian at 303-333-7463 or email at suraclare@hotmail.com

➤ ***FON Annual Meeting***

Our annual meeting will occur in March 2013 to vote in a new slate of officers. Plan on lunch and a time to socialize with FON members and guests. A special program is planned for this event. More details coming soon.

➤ ***FON Annual Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards***

Please come to our Spring Luncheon on April 27, 2013. Help us celebrate the scholarly students who will receive FON scholarships. Friends of Nursing have been giving nursing scholarships since 1982 and have celebrated by having a luncheon all these years. **Please come and celebrate with us!** More details coming soon.

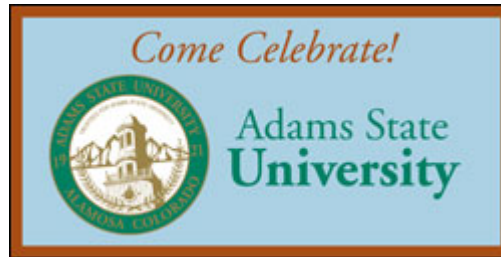


Nursing Scholarship Awards

For additional information please visit the website www.friendsofnursing.org. Please encourage all eligible students to apply. Donations are accepted throughout the year. Thank you for your support of the profession of nursing.



Spotlight on School of Nursing – Adams State University (Alamosa)



Congratulations to Adams State's status change to University!

The time for "University" has come

(08-06-2012)

Opinion by Dr. David Svaldi, President

“It's official: August 7, 2012, marks the change of Adams State College to Adams State University. It's going to take practice, but I like the sound of that.

Over the nine decades since its founding, Adams State has evolved from a "Normal School" offering only teacher education through four name changes, as the range and quality of our academic offerings expanded.

Although the college - oops - the university - has been considering this change for a few years, the reality is still sinking in. Some people are unclear what this change to "university" means for Adams State and our students.

- It does NOT mean excessive tuition increases.
- It does NOT mean more government funding.
- It does NOT mean a significantly larger on-campus student body.

What this change does mean is that Adams State's academic breadth and quality are now reflected in its name. The academic standards that "university" conveys will make our graduates more competitive in the job market. As a university, Adams State will be even more attractive to students, whether at the undergraduate or graduate level, learning on campus or at a distance.

Webster's College Dictionary defines university as *"an institution of learning of the highest level, comprising a college of liberal arts, a program of graduate studies . . . authorized to confer both undergraduate and graduate degrees."* While there are no "official" requirements or standards governing an institution's name, we clearly fit that definition, since more than one-quarter of our students are enrolled in one of nine graduate programs.

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With our latest name change, we deliberately kept "Adams State" consistent. Likewise, we modified the university logo, rather than undergo a complete redesign. This demonstrates our enduring commitment to providing a high quality college education to rural Coloradans, particularly in the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado. Adams State will continue its mission as a moderately selective institution where access and student success are paramount.

Just as when Adams State was founded in 1921, our San Luis Valley community shares in this success. I invite all our friends to join in **The Great Stories Celebration** of our move to "university." **A number of special events were planned for Aug. 23 & 24**, in addition to the annual Welcome Back Luau. Friday night concluded with a Gala Scholarship Dinner, a FREE concert by Los Lobos, and fireworks!

At Adams State University, the great story just keeps getting better.”

"Great Stories Begin Here" is not simply a slogan at Adams State University. Student success is the result of their caring campus culture. Their highly qualified faculty focus on teaching and excellence within their disciplines.

Transformation & Growth

Adams State has entered a new era of growth, recording an all-time high enrollment of 3,701 in fall 2011. The campus has been transformed, with \$65 million worth of improvements nearly complete. An intimate campus with treed-lined walkways, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, supportive programs, and vibrant student life await Adams State students.

Founded in 1921 as a teachers' college, **Adams State is now a university** offering 16 undergraduate majors with 28 minors and emphases, as well as 8 master's degree programs – most offered online. New academic programs are developed to address student and societal need.

Why Choose Nursing at Adams State?

- Individual attention by an engaged faculty mean ample opportunities for you to be learn.
- A state-of-the-art simulation lab provides you with amazingly realistic training exercises.
- Nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate nursing Education (CCNE)

Adams State Offers Two Tracks of the B.S.N:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (4 year program)
The B.S.N. degree is a four-year pre-licensure degree program. Upon successful completion of the degree, students are eligible to take the R.N. license exam.
- R.N. to B.S.N. Degree Completion Program
This degree program is geared towards students who have earned an associate's degree in nursing and wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

About the Friends of Nursing

Every year since 1981 Friends of Nursing has awarded scholarships to qualifying candidates. A Liaison Education Committee, composed of liaisons to the accredited Colorado nursing schools
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whose eligibility is designated by the Board, receives and reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Scholarship and Grants committee (SGC). The SGC is composed of the President, President-Elect, 1st Vice-President, plus four additional FON members. At least three of these must be registered nurses and at least three must not be nurses. This committee is responsible for awarding scholarships and grants to deserving nurses. An annual Spring Scholarship Awards Luncheon is the venue for introduction of Scholars and presentation of their awards.

Friends of Nursing were founded in 1981 as Friends of Nursing of the University of Denver, a non-profit support group for the school's nursing students and programs. When the University phased out its School of Nursing in 1985, the organization was renamed Friends of Nursing and its scope broadened to embrace Colorado's colleges and universities that offer baccalaureate degree programs in nursing.

About the ORGANIZATION

FON welcomes membership to all who are interested in supporting this vital dimension of health care. Nurses, former nurses and those engaged in health-related fields are just part of the total, which also includes a broad cross-section of other concerned individuals. FON is an all-volunteer organization, governed by elected officers and a Board of Directors. With no office, no paid staff, no overhead, minimal expenses, and 100% volunteer effort, our monies go totally to support Nurse Scholarships. ***WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Send in your membership application that is located on the last page of this Newsletter today!***



Board of Directors for 2012-2013

The Board of Directors of FON is composed of a cross-section of individuals concerned with quality health care—nurses and non-nurses.

Elected Officers (Executive Committee):

President	Ms Janice Jurasic
President-Elect	Dr. Juanita Tate
First Vice President	Dr. Cris Finn
Second Vice President	Dr. Kathleen Whalen
Recording Secretary	Dr. Ruth O'Brien
Treasurer	Ms Sharon Kent
Immediate Past President	Dr. Maryjo Coast

Appointed Officers:

Corresponding Secretary	Ms Louise Hammerly
Financial Manager	Ms Clare Sandekian
Historian	Ms Jeanne Reeves
Webmaster	Ms BJ Pannabecker

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Budget and Finance	Ms Sharon Kent
Development Funding	Ms LaFawn Biddle
Liaison Education	Dr. Cris Finn
Membership	Dr. Ann Smith
Newsletter	Dr. Phyllis Graham-Dickerson
Publicity	Ms Pat Lambert
Scholarship/Grants	Dr. Kathleen Whalen
Special Events	Ms Greta Pollard
Spring Luncheon	Dr. Juanita Tate

Special Committees:

Members-at-Large	Ms Barbara Vasileff
	Ms Pat Carlson
	Ms Laraine Guyette
	Ms Donna Bernklau
Nominating	Dr. MaryJo Coast
	Dr. Pam Stoeckel
Parliamentarian	Ms Phyllis Wicklund

This year's Board includes new and long-standing members of Friends of Nursing.

