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Celebrating the people of Resurrection University.



*I believe all things in life happen  
for a reason.*

Having worked in every sector of higher education prior to ResU, I found there was higher meaning to being a part of this amazing University. We have a very talented group of faculty and staff that truly believe in our mission and our values — we live Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence and Service each and every day. These core values define us and guide our team to deliver exceptional education and service, to allow us to thrive in the ever-changing landscape of higher education.

I am reminded of a quote from William Wordsworth: “Life is divided into three terms — that which was, which is and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present and from the present to live a better future.”

So how do we move forward with our future? There are a number of initiatives already in motion, and a few still on the horizon. History has shown us that one constant for this University is change. With each change, the University became stronger.

We will continue to grow with an increase in educational programming and opportunities while continuing to foster a diverse learning community. Our ResU 2020 vision looks to a University of at least 1,000 students (30% growth in the next three years). While we have grown in programs and numbers, we have also been able to maintain an incredibly diverse student body (30% Caucasian, 19% Hispanic, 16% African American and 16% Asian). The College of Nursing has 20% male students, which is higher than the national average of around 10%. It is this vibrant culture that will allow for leadership and growth.

The University will be embarking on a significant endeavor to create an environment driven by student success. What this means is that each action we take, whether it's classroom-centered or university-focused, will be measured by how it impacts the student and how it provides opportunity for student success.

We will be extending our involvement with the various groups we impact, including community colleges, alumni and clinical partners. It is through this work and the development of long-term meaningful relationships that the University will increase its influence and eventually become “known” as a resource in the community.

I would like to leave you with a final thought: Words may inspire, but only action creates change.

It is my honor to serve the University and inspire each one of us to action.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Therese A. Scanlan". The script is fluid and cursive.

Therese A. Scanlan, EdD  
President, Resurrection University

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## RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY

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## *Alumni share their ResU journeys and how they're making a difference.*



"Attending a University with a faith-based ideology was important to me."

*Teri Birch '13, BSN, RN*

**As far back as high school, I knew I wanted to be a nurse.** For me, ResU was an easy choice. I wanted to attend a University with a Catholic ideology because it means you're getting more than a great education. You're also getting life-changing experiences. ResU is involved in so many things beyond the classroom. We're active in the community. We do Service Learning trips that make a difference to hundreds of people. People know us. They know we're there to help because healing is our mission. It's a message students hear from day one. The University really helped me build a successful future. When I started at ResU, I applied for a loan-forgiveness scholarship, and I got it. That scholarship helped me jump-start the rest of my life. After graduation, I worked at Presence Saint Joseph Hospital and basically emerged from the program with a BSN and no debt. Today, I'm earning my MSN and MBA jointly while I build my career in Oncology. I make sure I stay involved with ResU by volunteering for skills days and through my involvement in the Nursing Honor Society. I really believe having a faith-based ideology gives you a better connection to the school. You want to help people the same way you were helped.

“I liked the message  
behind the institution.”

*Shannon Fowler-Kelly '09,  
RT(R)*



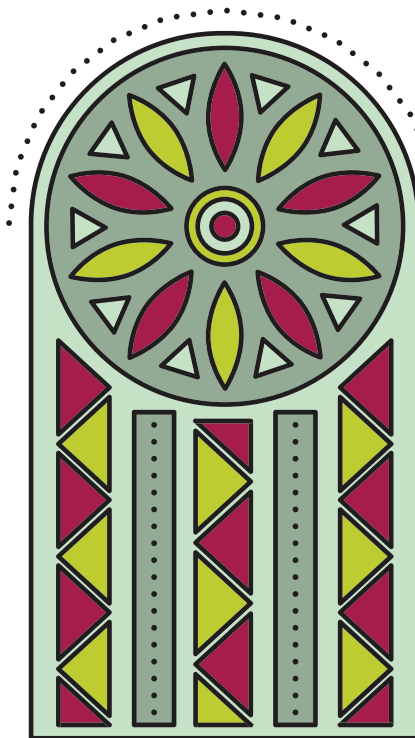
**I've always believed in giving back.** It's how I was brought up. My mother and I have been active with “Toys for Tots” for years. I just enjoy volunteering, and I think that's one of the things that surprised me about the Saint Francis School of Radiography — the faculty goes above and beyond to support the students. I really believe that's one of the reasons alumni are so involved in helping new graduates and doing whatever they can to give back. It starts when you're a student. I was a medical assistant and worked with a Saint Francis grad who really loved the program, so I enrolled. Let me tell you, a hospital-based education is incredible. You rotate through different hospitals and learn by doing, by seeing and by experiencing the real world of a Rad Tech. A few months into the program, and we were in the operating room. The faculty share stories from their own careers, and you learn from their experience. I've built so many friendships with my classmates and my instructors because we are all so committed to helping our patients and each other. Now it's my turn. I plan on continuing our tradition of giving back to students and to the community.



“ResU is becoming  
a family tradition.”

*Ara Zakarian '16, HIIM*

**My sister is a ResU graduate, so I've heard nothing but good things about the University.** Working part-time with a family to support just wasn't working out for me, so I followed my sister's advice and looked at Resurrection University. The Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) program was right up my alley — I'm very analytical. No one had a program like this. I saw how rigorous it was — it wasn't a rinky-dink program — you are fully prepared for success after college. What impressed me the most is how supportive the faculty are to each and every student. They won't let you fail. They're HIIM pros, so they know what they're doing. How supportive? They actually gave us their cell phone numbers. When I tell people I graduated from Resurrection University, they know the school. They know the HIIM program. It's really impressive how much the faculty cares about the students. That's one tradition I plan on continuing. My personal and professional goal is simple: Change the world for the better!



*Our students have discovered  
the very best way to learn about  
Community Nursing.*

We're proud to announce that our work with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago continues to expand. We've worked in their Senior Centers providing assessments and education, we've held health fairs at local parishes, and we've provided specialized instruction such as a self-defense class to help victims of domestic abuse. According to Karla Smith, MSN, FNP-BC, Instructor at ResU, we're going to be doing even more in 2017.

"We're really connecting with Catholic Charities. Our students are involved with programs that make a difference for everyone from infants to seniors. Obviously the patients benefit, but so do our students. They get to learn what Community Nursing is all about. By working with Catholic

Charities, students have the opportunity to see patients of all ages — they learn the benefits of working closely with their patients in a one-on-one setting. It's a great gift to the patient and an incredible experience for the student.



Through our wonderful relationship with Catholic Charities, we can make sure students see the real story. They all hear stories about the community, but only by going out and breaking down barriers between the community and healthcare can they understand the actual story. Many have not been to a senior center or a domestic violence shelter. They haven't had time with these patient populations. We make sure they experience what Community Nursing is all about.




Helping people understand their BMI reading or the labels on their medications or providing health education is part of what you do as a Community Nurse. Where you make the difference is the time you get to spend with your patient. You surround them with care. Working with Catholic Charities has opened new doors for our students and definitely opened their eyes to what Community Nursing is supposed to be. This year, students, faculty and staff collected donations during Founders' Week — everything from dish towels to books — to donate to the Senior Centers, and students also went to Catholic Charities to help feed the homeless. That's when you know the program is really touching people.

I've been in Community Nursing for over 30 years, and I still look forward to each new day. I'm really looking forward to continuing our work with Catholic Charities. It's going to be a great year!"

To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net)



# Dedicated Education Unit affiliated with Resurrection University



*The College of Nursing is transforming the education of nurses to meet the workforce demands of the future.*

**Recognizing the critical importance of delivering high-quality patient care that is both evidence-based and focused on safety,** the College of Nursing is collaborating with Presence Health clinical partners to redesign the education of nursing students.

With the opening of Dedicated Education Units (DEUs) at Presence Holy Family Medical Center, Presence Resurrection Medical Center (RMC) and Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Resurrection University and Presence Health have taken a major step in using innovation in education in ways that not only impact the preparation of the future nursing workforce but also impact patient care outcomes.

The focus of the DEU is to create a learning laboratory for students in which they receive an immersion experience in bedside nursing care. The model pairs two nursing students with a staff nurse (i.e., clinical instructor) to form a triad. This triad works together to support the patient care assignment given by the clinical instructor. Resurrection University faculty work directly with the staff nurses and unit management to support best practices, outcomes management and unit-based research designed to ensure continuous quality improvement. ResU also offers mentoring and support to improve the staff nurses' ability to provide quality education to the students paired with them.





**The DEU model focuses on obtaining the following outcomes:**

- Increased patient outcomes and higher patient satisfaction as the model focuses on continuous quality improvement and evidence-based practice
- Graduates with DEU experience will have competencies that provide a smoother transition to practice — requiring less orientation when hired into the workforce
- Recruitment and retention of nursing staff will be enhanced due to the positive cultural change provided by the DEU model
- Increased education of staff nurses at DEU hospital sites

The early success of the DEU pilot model at Holy Family Medical Center, along with the DEU sites at Resurrection Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital, has prompted other ministries to begin planning for DEU implementation.

Collaborations are currently underway between ResU and other Presence Health locations to continue to expand the DEU model. Additionally, we have implemented other innovations, such as a palliative care immersion model. In collaboration with Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, we have established a Dedicated Education Partnership (DEP) that is based upon the same concepts as the DEU model. We hope to have DEUs and DEPs implemented across the health system over the next few years.

## The success of the DEU is meaningful. And measurable.

Our pilot DEU, at Presence Holy Family Medical Center, demonstrated the success of the program by the exceptional student experience as well as the patient safety and quality outcomes measured through evaluation and audits. Nancy Reese '96, DNP, RN, CNE, Assistant Dean, Curricular Initiatives in the College of Nursing, measured the success of the DEU pilot site.

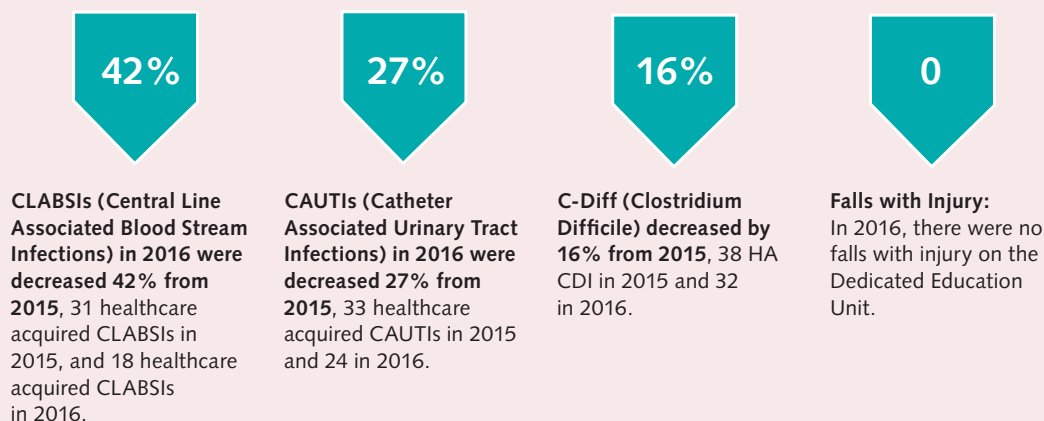
### The results of the following metrics validate the effectiveness of the program:

**Student Evaluations:** A comparison of students assigned to the DEU with those outside the DEU unit was used to determine the overall satisfaction and perceived confidence in the clinical setting. Results demonstrated higher satisfaction rates, improvement in completion of coursework and higher student confidence levels. Examples include taking the lead on unit projects, post-event huddles and transition of care communication among clinicians.

**DEU Partner Evaluations:** Clinical Instructors (CIs) were surveyed for job satisfaction, satisfaction with the DEU model, impact on professional development, and perceptions regarding changes in interdisciplinary collaboration, teamwork and the professional environment. They reported feeling supported by the Clinical Faculty, happier in their jobs and more challenged by their jobs. They felt they have continued to grow professionally since becoming a CI and are proud to be a part of the DEU unit. Nurses working on other units have expressed an interest in becoming CIs, and those with associate degrees have expressed an interest in going back to school for the baccalaureate degree. Many expressed personal pride in watching students gain competency in skills and increased confidence. Facility data regarding nurse turnover and the cost benefit of the project was calculated annually. **Nurse turnover went from 18 in 2015 to 9 in 2016 (50% reduction).**

During 2016, we also saw noteworthy benefit to the hospital as evidenced by the overall improvement in RN retention, as well as decreased hospital acquired infections and patient safety incidents. This includes Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSIs), Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTIs), Clostridium Difficile (C-Diff) and Falls with Injury.

### END-OF-YEAR RESULTS:





“Nurses see things on the DEU that they may not see during rotations.”

“The DEU allows students to learn the realities of nursing. They work hand-in-hand with their clinical instructor, who is an RN from the unit, trained specifically as a clinical instructor — just two per clinical instructor, so the level of interaction is exceptional. For six weeks, students are immersed into the real world of nursing with the same clinical instructor on the same unit. It’s an incredible experience for the student, and it’s just as incredible for the clinical instructor who sees this as an opportunity to embrace and welcome a future nurse. It’s a more thorough way to learn, and it’s been so successful for everyone involved that we will be expanding the program into all specialty areas. This really is going to be the future for all nursing students, the DEU is that effective.”

*Linda Ramirez '09, MSN, PCCN, RN, Director of In-Patient Nursing, Presence Resurrection Medical Center, ResU Board of Directors member, and ResU Alumni Association President*



## *Our alumni make ResU more than a university. We're a family.*

### Past Alumni Events and Activities

#### **The Wonderful World of Digital Radiography**

On September 21, Eric S. Fugate, MSHA, RT (R), Associate Director, Saint Francis School of Radiography, presented on digital radiography for alumni who received a continuing education hour for this professional development event hosted during the school's 70th Anniversary Celebration.

#### **Webinar — Communication: How to Improve Your Skills**

Reem Azhari, PhD, RN, Endowed Chair of Inter-Professional Education and Assistant Professor at ResU, hosted a webinar focused on improving communication on September 22, titled *Improve Communication with Patients, Peers, and Supervisors*.

#### **Essentials to Cardiac Care Skills Day**

As part of the Alumni Association Skills Day series, ResU's Maria Martinez '09, MSN, RN, facilitated the Essentials to Cardiac Care Skills Day on September 10. She was assisted by ResU alumna and instructor KimYon Lewis '11, MSN, RN, along with alumni Matthew O'Brien '16, BSN, RN, and Alek Aguilos '16, BSN, RN.

#### **MSN Alumni Scholarly Writing Seminar**

On October 29, Dr. Rosemary Camilleri, a well-known and respected writing instructor, conducted a Graduate Writing Seminar titled *Does Writing Your Scholarly Project Have You Stressed?*. Alumni and MSN students were prepped and ready to tackle their biggest writing projects.

#### **Venipuncture and Central Lines 101 Skills Day**

The ResU Nursing Honor Society hosted another Venipuncture and Central Lines 101 Skills Day on November 5 that included Professor Laura Domagala, MSN, RN, and alumna Teri Birch '13, BSN, RN, who taught alumni and students the concepts, techniques and best practices for IV therapy as well as the access to and maintenance of central lines, including ports and PICCs.

#### **Documentation — Will Your Documentation Hold Up in Court?**

The ResU Nursing Honor Society hosted *Legal Aspects of Nursing Documentation: Can Your Documentation Hold Up in Court?* on January 18 as part of their goal to educate alumni and students in the honor society on hot topics in the nursing field. Experienced healthcare attorneys Susan M. Hannigan and Katherine A. Twardak, from Johnson & Bell, Ltd., presented on this topic.

#### **A special thank you!**

Thank you to the alumni who were on campus in February to speak with our new students and share tips and advice on making it through nursing school and applying for jobs after graduation. Thank you for giving back to ResU! Samantha DeFord '16, Kathryn Kolar '16, Becca Linskens '16, Aric Shimek '14, Sally Smith '13 and Renata Vonesh '13.

#### **Tuesday Supper with Catholic Charities' Feeding the Homeless**

Catholic Charities' response to those who are hungry and homeless is their Tuesday Evening Supper program. While the needy are being fed, other life-enhancing services are available so they can sign up for counseling, transportation to homeless shelters or to addiction programs. The guests dined in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Catholic Charities responds to the growing number of homeless and hungry by providing a delicious and nutritious meal to 130 guests every Tuesday night.

Thank you to Ana Garcia '16, who joined some of our current students and ResU Student Nurses Association members as we gave back to the community by participating in Catholic Charities' Tuesday Evening Supper at the end of February.

## Alumni News

### Alumna Teri Birch '13 Featured in ResU Stand Up To Cancer Video

In September 2016, Resurrection University sponsored the fifth annual *Stand Up to Cancer* television special that aired on WFLD Fox 32. We were happy to incorporate alumna Teri Birch '13, BSN, RN, into this opportunity.

### Alumna Barbara Geary Publishes Book, *I Can Speak Medical!*

ResU alumna Barbara E. Geary '64, BS, MA, published *I Can Speak Medical!*, a simple and fun guide to the language of medicine. The book is based on materials from her nearly 10 years of teaching around 3,000 students and presents very complicated medical information in a simplified and straightforward manner to help students remember medical terms.

### Alumna Nancy Reese Recognized as Peer Reviewer in *Nursing Education Perspectives*

ResU's Nancy Reese '96, DNP, RN, is a peer reviewer for *Nursing Education Perspectives* journal, part of The Research Journal of the National League for Nursing (NLN), and was recognized in the NLN in the Vol. 37, No. 6, issue published in November 2016.

The process of being published in the journal requires that each manuscript be sent anonymously to three peer reviewers (such as Nancy), who read submissions and then provide feedback to the publisher. At that point, the publisher makes a recommendation to edit, accept or reject the manuscript for publication. The process can typically take months to one year. Peer reviewers dedicate their time, unpaid, and their expertise to the journal.

### ResU Recognized at United Nations Association Event

ResU's Reem Azhari, PhD, RN; Anne Costello, MSN, RN, CHSE; alumnus and faculty member Aric Shimek '14, BSN, RN; and students represented the University Chapter (ResU-UNA) for the UN Day Celebration at Homestead on the Roof, on Monday, October 24. Dr. Azhari was awarded a recognition plaque for her work with the UNA and accepted another on behalf of the University. The event was sponsored by the United Nations Association (UNA) Greater Chicago Chapter and was attended by local affiliates of the organization.



### Congrats to the Class of 1964 on 50 years!

Alumni from the West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1964 gathered together to celebrate their 50th anniversary at alumna Ginny Neece's home on Lopez Island, Washington. Additional groups of 1964 alumni also met this summer in other locations such as Astoria, Oregon; Indiana; and Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The ResU-UNA helps students understand their role in global health and prepares them with the skills and knowledge to advocate for global health issues.

### **Alumna Nastasia La Luz '16 Featured in the Catholic Charities' Spirit Magazine**

ResU and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago have been working together through multiple initiatives, including community health sessions at the Catholic Charities' Senior Centers, where students provide health education and activities for residents. Alumna Nastasia La Luz '16 was mentioned in an article in Catholic Charities' *Spirit* magazine, where she spoke about her experiences in providing diabetes health education to a resident of St. Vincent de Paul, one of the Catholic Charities' Senior Centers. These opportunities are dually beneficial, as the students are able to apply practice in a community health setting, and the residents can learn about better ways to address their health-related issues.

### **Professor Tamara Bland '10 Appeared on FOX News**

ResU's Assistant Dean of the College of Nursing Tamara Bland '10, MSN, RN, was interviewed live on Fox News on Monday, February 6, to talk about the history of African Americans in Nursing for Black History Month.

### **Chris Galloway '15 Interviewed on Fox News**

On Monday, April 3, ResU alumnus and faculty member Christopher Galloway, MSN, APN, FNP-BC, MOT, appeared on FOX News to promote the Men in Nursing event. Galloway spoke about his experiences in nursing and why it's a good career path for men.

### **Alumni Zain Rehman '10 and Brian Medley '16 Interviewed on ABC News**

On Wednesday, April 5, alumni Zain Rehman '10, BSN, RN, CCRN-CMC, and Brian Medley '16, BSN, were interviewed live on ABC's mid-day news to promote the Men in Nursing event. Rehman was also on the speaker panel for the Men in Nursing event that took place later that week, on April 8.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Visit [resu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-events](http://resu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-events) for event details

#### **June 2017**

- *Phil's Friends Community Event* – Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 to 11 am. Join us as we make care packets for cancer patients.

#### **August 2017**

- *Tuesday Night Supper with Catholic Charities (Feeding the Homeless)* – Tuesday, August 8, from 4:30 to 6 pm
- *Alumni Happy Hour* – Location, date and time will be determined soon. Please check our webpage for details!
- *Movie in the Park* – Location, date and time will be determined soon. Please check our webpage for details!

#### **September 2017**

- *Essentials to Cardiac Care Skills Day* – Saturday, September 9, from 9 am to 12 pm

#### **October 2017**

- *Tuesday Night Supper with Catholic Charities (Feeding the Homeless)* – Tuesday, October 10, from 4:30 to 6 pm
- *EKG Skills Day* – Saturday, October 14, from 9 am to 12 pm
- *Yearly Alumni Event* – Location, date and time will be determined soon. Please check our webpage for details!

#### **November 2017**

- *Venipuncture and Central Lines 101 Skills Day* – Saturday, November 4, from 9 am to 12 pm
- *Rad Tech Week Celebration (November 6 – 12)* – Details coming soon.

If you are interested in participating in or learning more about any of the above events, please contact Vickie Thornley, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at 773-252-5137 or [vickie.thornley@resu.edu](mailto:vickie.thornley@resu.edu)



### Nominate an Alum for the Distinguished Alumni Award 2017

Recognize and honor an alumnus/alumna who has exhibited excellence in practice, research, education, professional development, administration, distinguished career and/or humanitarianism. This award is given in honor of maintaining the core values of Resurrection University and the professional and ethical standards of their area of expertise.

**Past Outstanding Alumni Awards were given to Betty Johnsen '52, Andrea Propst '69, Grace Tazelaar '70, Shelley McGhee '84, Tamara Bland '10 and Adrienne Kajmowicz '10.**

We encourage you to nominate yourself or another alum. Please send the following information to Vickie Thornley, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at [vickie.thornley@resu.edu](mailto:vickie.thornley@resu.edu) or mail to Resurrection University, 1431 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. The information below must be submitted by May 31, 2017.

#### Nominee Information

*First and Last Name, Email, Phone, Professional Title, Place of Employment, Graduation Year.*

- Please list your professional accomplishments. (This can include but is not limited to: research; published materials; management; committees served on; chaired team; current or past roles as an educator, etc.)
- Describe how you make a difference in the lives of others on a daily basis.
- What throughout your career are you most proud of? And why?
- Share a caring patient story.

### Thank You for Your Generous Donations to the Alumni Scholarships

We wanted to share a few thank-you notes from students who received scholarships as donations from alumni. If you are interested in making a donation in the future, please contact Vickie Thornley at 773-252-5137 or [vickie.thornley@resu.edu](mailto:vickie.thornley@resu.edu). You also can also donate online at <http://www.resu.edu/alumni-friends/give-a-gift/>

*"Dear Alumni, Thank you so much for the Distinguished Nursing Alumni Scholarship. As a student who supports herself, receiving this award makes a huge impact on my ability to pay for my final semester at Resurrection. My plan is to become a nurse practitioner, and you've helped me on the way to achieving that goal. Thank you!"*

*"Dear Alumni, Thank you so much for the incredible, generous and humbling scholarship. I'm really at a loss for words, but I am so much more motivated to excel at being a nurse with the stress you alleviated. Thank you so much. Peace, friends."*

*"I am so grateful to receive the Hazel Orr Nursing Scholarship because it will help me complete my degree and achieve my career and personal goals. Post-graduation, I hope to pursue a career in neonatal or pediatric nursing with a focus in critical care. A personal goal of mine is to volunteer as a community nurse through service trips locally and internationally. Being awarded this scholarship has allowed me to afford and participate in the ResU service trip to Honduras in April 2017. This trip has been a dream of mine since being accepted at ResU. I can't thank you enough for this generous gift, which impacts me not only as a student but as a future nurse too! Peace and blessings."*

#### IN MEMORIAM

- Marilyn Faucette '60, West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing Graduate, passed on October 11, 2016, following a year-long battle with cancer.
- Inodu Spiff '11, passed on March 24, 2017, after a battle with cancer.
- Betty Johnsen '52, passed on March 25, 2017.



## *Our Food as Medicine event had the largest audience ever.*



On October 20, we held our largest Thinking Out Loud Speaker Series. Over 100 people attended onsite and online to listen to our panel of experts talk about ways in which food impacts health and the simple steps everyone can take to a healthier life.

We were fortunate to have Kristine Tohtz, DC, DABCA, MsAC, Cert. MDT, CACCP; David W. Miller, MD; and Eric Meredith, MEd, MS, RD, CHES, CPT, on our speaker panel. The experts discussed the basic nutritional concepts of various foods and how the body responds to them. Taking it a step further, they

explained that certain foods and how we eat them can have a negative or positive effect on our overall health. How we combine certain ingredients and the temperature at which we consume foods can affect how well food is digested and how the body feels.

Figuring out the right foods to eat for each individual can oftentimes alleviate chronic conditions. Dr. Tohtz stated, "This is where using this food can turn around and act like a medicinal for you — to be able to cure ailments, take away your aches and pains and, all in all, make you feel better." After the presentations and a question-and-answer session, Eric held a special cooking demonstration to show the audience how to prepare healthy spring rolls — the audience actually helped do the food prep and cooking.

*Food as Medicine* was such a popular topic that we hosted a *Food as Medicine II* in February 2017. Once again, it was a huge success. We had another tremendous turnout in-person and online. Our three guest speakers came back, this time to discuss the pros and cons of different diets, and the best way to manage weight and stay healthy.

**Thinking Out Loud events bring subject matter experts to speak to students, healthcare professionals and the public about key issues in healthcare. Watch for more information about upcoming events on our website.**



***Chicago's only JRCERT accredited  
Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology (BSIT)  
program offers a specialized Post-Licensure track  
for working Rad Techs.***

The need for higher education in Radiology is well known. The challenge is, how do you further your education while you're building your career? To help working Radiologic Technologists earn a BSIT degree, Resurrection University's Saint Francis School of Radiography developed a unique Post-Licensure track. This specialized program is designed to build on the knowledge base of ARRT licensed Radiologic Technologists from associate degree and certificate programs.



According to Associate Program Director Eric Fugate, "Regardless of where you are in your career this opens up the opportunity to advance. A BSIT degree from ResU gives you career flexibility. Our program is designed to pick up where your education left off and expand the knowledge base

of the student. You will have a better understanding of quality metrics and how a health system or a hospital works beyond the Radiology Department. It really is a unique program. Classes are geared towards Liberal Arts through the lens of Diagnostic Imaging."

Hospitals are beginning to understand the value of the program, and awareness continues to increase. Eric continues, "The last requirement to earning your BSIT degree is to complete a capstone project where you're paired with an actual hospital leader — anyone from a supervisor of a department right up to the C-suite. We need healthcare leaders who are Rad Techs."

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists continues to push for increasing levels of education, which should mean continued growth and visibility for the Post-Licensure track program. Eric describes the real benefit of the program as "keeping you viable in the workplace."



Because students are almost always working Rad Techs, the Post-Licensure track offers true flexibility. Classes are held online, and students may advance at their own pace upon completion of core courses. Most complete the BSIT Post-Licensure track in about 24 months.

Eric added, "Even though the program is online, you interact with faculty. We have basically brought the entire classroom experience online, including 1-1 faculty engagement."

**When it comes to innovative healthcare education, Resurrection University continues to lead by example. To learn more about the BSIT Post-Licensure Track, visit [resu.edu/radiography](http://resu.edu/radiography).**



## *It was a week-long celebration honoring our history, our traditions and our future.*

Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends of the University celebrated Founders' Week — February 17 through the 25 — with events and activities held throughout the week. Founders' Week began with a community prayer service in the 11th floor chapel and our first-ever ResU Pop-Up Spirit Store.

On Saturday, the Alumni Association hosted two events: a career speaker panel that discussed career and credentialing options followed by a skills day. On Tuesday, we hosted the five founding congregations on campus for a breakfast, a tour of the campus, a special pinning activity (where they each pinned maps on the locations which their congregations have served), followed by a luncheon.

Tuesday through Thursday, we hosted Game Rooms for our students, faculty and staff, where there were old-school board games, a ResU puzzle and snacks and activities. The goal was to provide an option for students to relax and hang out during the week — it was Finals Week, after all.

On Thursday, we also hosted the *Thinking Out Loud: Food as Medicine II* Event. On Friday, faculty and staff were treated to a painting class and dinner.

Founders' Week ended on Saturday with a truly memorable — and fitting — occasion, the Inauguration of Therese A. Scanlan, EdD, as the new President of Resurrection University.





*Thank you,  
Sister Gemma!*

*Enjoy your  
retirement!*

In case you haven't heard the news, Sister Gemma retired. In fact, Graduation Day, April 22, was her last day at Resurrection University. Sister Gemma provided spiritual support and prayed with students before exams.

She quickly made her mark on our University and vice versa. Sister Gemma was "amazed" that, soon after joining us, she was asked to travel to the Philippines to explore possible sites for Service Learning. Each day at ResU seemed to bring something new.

Sister Gemma has been a blessing to the Resurrection University family. She found working with students refreshing, and the students found working with her fun and peaceful at the same time. She was always quick with a joke and always there whenever anyone needed her.

When students share their memories about Resurrection University, Sister Gemma is often mentioned. Her spirit and her sense of humor touched all of us.

Before she came to Resurrection University, Sister Gemma spent time in Pittsburgh, Rome and the Philippines. She taught elementary school and high school. She worked with the sisters of her Order. And, finally, her life's journey brought her to Chicago in 2012.



What's next?

Sister Gemma will be facilitating retreat work and presentations on a part-time — "once in a while" — basis. She leaves our graduating class, our students and the entire ResU community with this advice...

"Study hard, deepening your faith and spirituality. God bless you and do well!"

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#### **Our Mission:**

Resurrection University educates students to become healthcare leaders by cultivating a diverse learning community based on the Catholic tradition of faith, hope and healing.

#### **Our Vision:**

To be a learning community that thinks critically and embraces change, inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals and leaders.

#### **Our Core Values:**

*ResU C.A.R.E.S.*

- **Compassion** fosters in us sensitivity to the spiritual, physical, psychological and emotional needs of every individual, inspiring each to find comfort and hope.
- **Accountability** calls us to responsible stewardship of the human and material resources/assets of the organization.
- **Respect** commits us to honor the diversity and dignity of each individual as a person created and loved by God and an inherently valuable member of the community.
- **Excellence** empowers us to do our best in all that we do as we work individually and collectively to meet the needs of those we serve as well as our co-workers.
- **Service** commits us to give of ourselves in order to respond appropriately to the needs of others.

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