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## New Seal Makes First Impression



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# The Importance of New Traditions



The longer I'm here, the more I'm struck by the wealth of experience, memory and pride that our heritage schools bring to the new Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing. Every week, I meet more friends and graduates of the schools that came before, and the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our plans is gratifying. We have ambitious goals—it is our intent to become a nationally prominent Top Ten nursing college within the next decade and with the support of our alumni, friends and professionals, I am confident this distinction will be achieved.

As our new building gets closer to completion, I regularly don my hard-hat and check its progress. I can already envision the halls and open spaces teeming with students and faculty. I am eager to host alumni and friends when we dedicate the college in April of 2008. And I especially treasure the thought of creating new traditions together as we step boldly toward our exciting future.

Borrowing from the iconography of ceremony and tradition, I present our new official seal for the college. The seal of the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing (BJCON) will be visible in many places and will also be awarded in the form of a pin to nursing graduates. It brings together elements of the three seals of our legacy organizations, Jewish Hospital School (and later, College) of Nursing, Barnes Hospital School (and later, College) of Nursing and the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health. You can trace the contribution of each legacy organization in the illustration and article that follow.

But the life of a college requires more than just a building and its inhabitants—and more than an official seal. That life must reflect the sheer pride of being part of the nursing profession, no matter where or when you started your own nursing journey. Your involvement, whatever your connection to us may be, is crucial to our success. In addition to publications like Nursing Excellence, I want to communicate to our college community as often as possible through e-mail, news and new media. Please update the ways we can reach you, and help us to locate those with whom we've lost touch.

I invite you to send me your thoughts and ideas, and I always enjoy hearing your personal memories and experiences. It is important that those are captured as we introduce the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing to our profession and the communities we serve. Nursing has changed, and will continue to change. The legacies of our past create a solid launch pad for our future. Please join me for a thrilling ride as we zoom to the top!

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The Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing seal incorporates elements from the three legacy organizations.

The Jewish Hospital School of Nursing featured a shield with the ornate letter JH (for Jewish Hospital) in light blue and white against a gold background. This seal was also depicted in a pin which was awarded to graduates of the school. The shield in its entirety is at the center of the new seal, signifying the oldest entity of the three legacy organizations. The year of its founding, 1902, is directly under the word "Jewish" on the outer band.

The round shape of the seal is the same as the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing seal, awarded to graduates as a pin. The wreath of garland and the dark blue band around the perimeter derive from the Barnes seal. The Nightingale lamp, a symbol of nursing through the ages, sits atop the shield and the open book signifies knowledge and a place of learning. The year of the founding of Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, 1955, is directly under the word "Barnes" on the outer band.

The sunburst on the seal is from the current logo of the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health. The sunburst also signifies the partnership with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, a world-class institution. The arch, also borrowed from this seal, ties the new seal to the college's geographic location, the wonderful city of St. Louis. Nursing and Allied Health graduates received a pin with these elements.

The year 2007 is featured to commemorate the renaming of the college to Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing.



On the Cover: Dean Michael Evans introduces the official seal for the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing.  
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# College of Nursing News



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## Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing Selects Koch as Associate Dean for Academic Programs

by Jamie Gagliarducci

Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing (BJCON) has selected Connie Koch, EdD as associate dean for academic programs. Koch has been serving as interim associate dean since the beginning of the year, and was the Barnes-Jewish Hospital education liaison officer and a member of the professional practice office for the past year.

"I am very pleased to have Dr. Connie Koch on my administrative team, says Michael Evans, dean of the BJCON. "Her experience in academic administration as well as her commitment to our vision for the College of Nursing make her an excellent choice for this important role."

Koch has a number of professional goals for the College, all of which focus on ensuring quality faculty and providing quality curriculum. New initiatives that Koch would like to help develop include: Revising and refining the baccalaureate program. Moving to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in two years. Developing acute-focused pediatric and adult-nurse practitioner options at the graduate level. Adding graduate

offerings to expand the neonatal nurse practitioner option. Increasing technology in course delivery across all programs. Developing a master's degree component that mirrors the format used for the Scholars Program.

Overall, Koch says that she would like to "capitalize on programs and activities that no one else is doing," which supports the dean's plan to be one of the Top Ten nursing schools in the next decade. These opportunities translate to her personal goals for the College as well.

Says Koch, "I'd really like to work on developing close partnerships within the medical complex, and enhancing those that already exist. This includes utilizing the College's resources, promoting continuing education, supporting quality communication through an open door policy and open forum discussions, and honoring the contributions of our preceptors." Koch calls it "supporting quality opportunities" and she's ready to dig in.

## New Alumni Relations Manager

Betsy Gallop Dennis has been named Alumni/Auxiliary Relations Manager at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation. In this role she will manage all Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing alumni relations.

Dennis is a native of St. Louis, and was previously executive director of the St. Louis chapter of the American Jewish Committee. After graduating with her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, she earned a law degree from Duke University School of Law.

Prior to her post at the AJ Committee, Dennis worked as a lawyer in her father's firm, Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, LLC, and as a corporate lawyer for the Medicine Shoppe International.

She has been active with Hadassah and the St. Louis Jewish Federation. She is married to Joel Dennis, and the couple has two daughters, who attend the Saul Mirowitz Day School. To contact Betsy: 314-286-0451 or bdennis@bjc.org.



## Director of Marketing and Admissions Named



Elaine Dempsey joined the College last January as director of marketing and admissions. She brings more than 25 years experience in health care and higher education marketing and recruitment. Previously, she was director of marketing and recruitment at Saint Louis University School of Nursing, where she served for nine years. Dempsey was the principal and creative director of Dempsey Creative Advertising and Communications, which provided publications and marketing consultation for health care, education and small business clients. Early in her career, she was an editor and writer at Washington University in St. Louis.

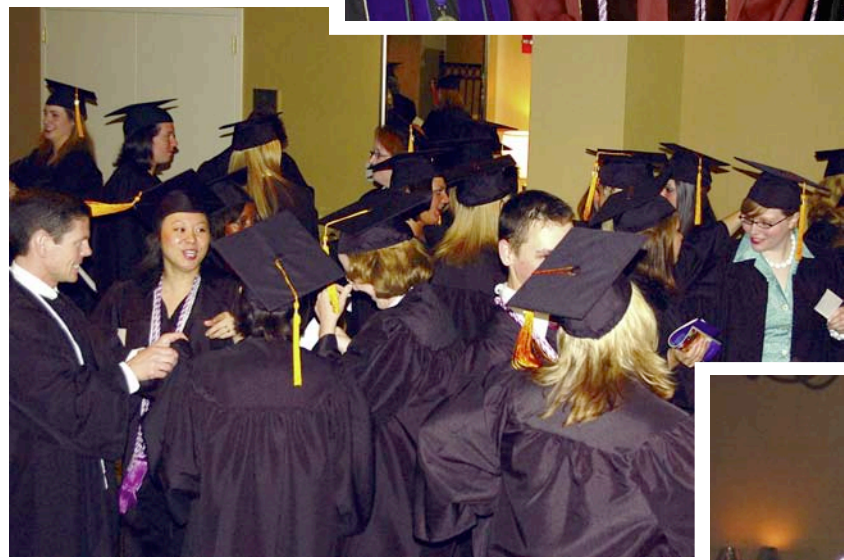
Dempsey earned a bachelor of arts in English in 1983 and a master of fine arts in creative writing in 2003, both from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

As director of marketing and admissions for Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing, she will develop and implement comprehensive plans for recruitment and marketing the College.

# Graduation 2007



The 14th commencement of the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health was held Friday May 11 at the Chase Park Plaza. Student Marshal Jessica Coffin Garrett led the procession. Dean Michael Evans welcomed the graduates and their guests. Commencement addresses were given by Virginia Trotter Betts, JD, RN, FAAN, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and Michael D. Ward, PhD, RT(R), FASRT, Dean of the Allied and Natural Sciences at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.



Dean Michael Evans presented a brick from the old building to Mrs. Janice Hanson Floyd class of 1932



## Commencement 2007 Honors and Awards

Harvey and Judy Harris Community Service Award .....	Amy Katherine Lear
Barnes-Jewish Hospital Auxiliary, Parkview Chapter Scholarship.....	Angela LaVerne Oliver
Hattie Waldheim Scholarship.....	Elizabeth Roarty
J.L. London Nursing Award.....	Jennifer B. Martin
Ruth G. Franc Awards	
Freshman Academic Scholarship.....	Elisheva Brown
Graduate Achievement Award.....	Meranda Miller
	Megan E. Dehart
Kindness Award – ASN.....	Doreen Marie Morehouse
Franc Family Award .....	Beverley A. Westerfield
Robert and Rose Rennard Scholarship.....	Meridith Marie Hertz
Barbara and Kenneth Levy Advanced Education Endowment Scholarship.....	Melanee J. Coleman
The Agatha Hodgins CRNA Award.....	Nicholas B. Girdner
Dean's Honor for Service Award, Allied Health Division.....	Pamela Lisa Chatman
Dean's Honor for Service Award, Nursing Division.....	Julie Wangari Kinyanjui
Dean's Honor for Academic Excellence, Allied Health Division.....	Lois Prettyman
Dean's Honor for Academic Excellence, Nursing Division .....	Timothy E. Beeman
	Jennifer Howe
Outstanding Scholarly Projects .....	Nicholas Girdner
	Barbara A. Menke
	Lynne Taylor
	Kristine Szorady Jamerson

## Reaching Out to the Vietnamese Community



“The nursing profession strives to address the cultural barriers that prevent access to information about various health issues...”

The Vietnamese population in St. Louis is close to 6,000, and most reside in the South City Grand area. Cervical and breast cancer are the two most common cancers among Vietnamese women. Early detection, through Pap smears and mammograms, can discover these two silent killers before they become life-threatening, yet an alarmingly low number of Vietnamese women have these screening tests on a regular basis.

Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing, in conjunction with Barnes-Jewish Hospital's Refugee Health Services, conducted a Vietnamese Women's Health Fair on Sunday, April 15, at the Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church. Pam Simpson RN, WHNP, and Mary Ann Jobe RN, MS, both assistant professors at the College, provided the services along with their nursing students. Pamela teaches a community health class, Transcultural Care and Women's Health.

The fair provided the opportunity for twelve uninsured and low-income Vietnamese women to be tested and to find out if they are at any risk for cervical cancer. They also were able to have blood pressure, height, weight, glucose, and cholesterol screenings. Interviews were conducted with the assistance of an interpreter from Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Exams were provided via a college-owned mobile health unit named CHEER (Community Health Enhancement, Education and Resources). This 30-foot vehicle contains two exam areas, an education intake room with a VCR, a phlebotomy chair, a wheelchair lift, sink and refrigerator.

This innovative program is an outreach strategy that brings healthcare to women, in their communities, that have limited English speaking and reading abilities, transportation and access to health services. The effort also promotes the screening and early detection of health concerns and provides education and information in primary languages. From 2004 to 2007, seven Asian Well Woman Fairs have been provided in the St. Louis area for over 200 women.

“The goal is to educate all women in our community about the risk for cervical and breast cancers and the benefits of preventive screenings,” said Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing Dean Michael Evans. “The nursing profession strives to address the cultural barriers that prevent access to information about various health issues, including language, culture, and difficulty in navigating unfamiliar systems.”

## Campaign Update

Julia Ruvelson, VP of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation and Dean Evans admire the new atrium as it takes shape. Hard-hat tours are being conducted as both the construction and the campaign continue. For more information, call the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation at 314-286-0600.



Over \$13 million toward the \$20 million goal has been raised so far for the Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing capital campaign, Transforming Nursing Education.

By the end of May, the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation Board had contributed \$2,947,775 and the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Board had contributed \$2,405,000. Leadership contributions from the hospital's auxiliaries will be recognized by naming one of the college auditoriums for the Plaza Chapter, and one for the Parkview Chapter. The new building features five stories and 150,000 square feet, two 200-seat auditoriums and clinical simulation labs. Campaign leadership will be inviting all alumni of Barnes, Jewish and Barnes-Jewish College to join in this effort. For more information on the campaign, contact Dan Sullivan, the director of the campaign at 314-286-0602 or [djs7057@bjc.org](mailto:djs7057@bjc.org).

# Alumni News

## Dean Meets With Area Alumni and Friends



Marlene Hartmann,  
Dr. Michael Evans,  
Brenda Ernst



Dr. Michael Evans and Dr. Billye Brown



Sherlyn Hailstone,  
Patrice Komoroski,  
Gail Wagner



Penny Bari and Dr. Michael Evans

## In Memory:

**David A. Gee**, the longtime president of the old Jewish Hospital, died Tuesday Dec. 5, 2006 of complications from pneumonia at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. He was 78 and a resident of Chesterfield.

In 1950, Mr. Gee began his career at Jewish Hospital - now part of Barnes-Jewish Hospital - as an administrative resident. He served as president for 27 years and retired from the hospital in 1995. During his tenure, Mr. Gee sought to be highly visible, encouraging open communication and focusing on patient-centered care.

Mr. Gee was a Life Fellow of the American College of Health Care Administrators, former chairman of the Missouri Hospital Association, former chairman of Premier Hospital Alliance and a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association.

## The Jewish Hospital School of Nursing

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| Rose Marie Lewis  | May, 2006         |
| Emily G. Huber<br><i>(former Historian Jewish Alumni Association)</i> | April, 2006       |
| Ethel Robnok  | May, 2006         |
| Clara Marie Lissner Sills   | August, 2006      |
| Dorothy Newport Bass  | No Date Available |
| Jeanne Dalcheck Voght   | November, 2006    |
| Elsie Null<br><i>(former member of the Jewish Alumni Association)</i> | March, 2006       |

## Barnes Hospital School of Nursing

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| Kathy McThompson Maule                                     | 2006 |
| <i>(former president of the Barnes Alumni Association)</i> |      |

## Alumni Notes

### 1957 Jewish Hospital:

Ruth Morian Grady writes: I am interested to hear and learn about the Hospital, Nursing and of course any news of my former classmates.

I myself am still working, if you can believe that, at age 70. Nursing shortage and all it is hard for us to retire. I am a MDS Coordinator for a SNF nursing facility on the island of Maui, called Hale Makua. We have two facilities here, one with 240 beds and one with 122 beds.

I have continued my education and have a certification in Gerontology and am a Certified Resident Assessment Coordinator. I don't think I can join you for the 50th Reunion but I will be there in spirit.

Aloha,  
Ruth

## 1972 Barnes School of Nursing

Over 20 members of the 1972 graduating class gathered in St. Louis for a weekend of remembrance. They enjoyed a private tour of the new College of Nursing Building by Dean Evans.

## Save the Date!

Join the 2007 Alumni Sneak Peak of the new Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing Building

Saturday, October 27, 2007

Be part of the FIRST official historic gathering of Alumni in the NEW Building  
Congratulate the Class of 1957 on their 50th graduation anniversary  
Come Hear the Distinguished Alumni Lecture  
See classmates and friends

## Submit a Class Note

Keep your classmates and the college updated by sharing your professional, volunteer and/or family news with us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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