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May 1, 2009

50th Class Reunion: Barnes Class of 1959 and Jewish Class of 1959 – Luncheon

All Alumni Reception at Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College 4-6pm

May 2, 2009 Graduation

November 14, 2009

All Alumni Homecoming Event Celebrating Classes Ending in 4 and 9

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Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation Scholarship Reception and Dinner

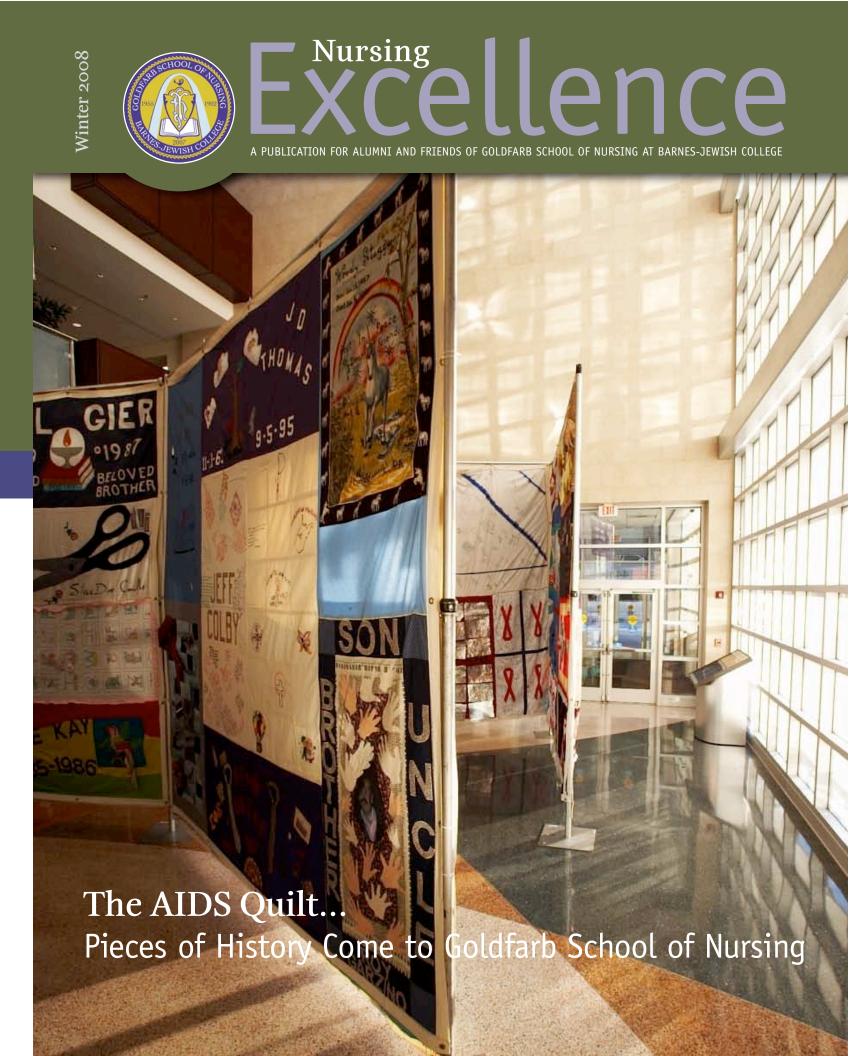


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#### **Our Mission:**

Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College will be among the best schools in the nation by developing educational programs of distinction, advancing knowledge in the nursing profession through research and scholarship, and setting the highest standards for clinical practice and service. Fostering multidisciplinary education for collaborative practice will be a hallmark of excellence. Graduates of the College will be among the best qualified nursing professionals who will provide leadership in the health care delivery system.

#### On the Cover:

The AIDS Quilt Display. See story Page 3. Cover Photo by Jay Fram

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## We've Come So Far



Since I came on board in January of 2007, the school has seen many changes. Certainly the most significant has been our transition from an institution offering associate nursing degrees and allied health programs to one that focuses exclusively on BSN and graduate nursing programs.

We've nearly finished phasing out our two-year ASN program and our allied health programs entirely. We've gone from more than 500 ASN and allied health students to only 30. But we now have more than 500 BSN students and will be admitting about 350 each year. In addition, our master's programs are growing – we now have more than 100 students – and we anticipate starting a doctoral program in late 2009.

These changes and all of our other areas of great progress put us well on our way to meeting our goal of being one of the top nursing schools in the nation.

But we could not have made such progress without the guidance of Board Chairman Harvey Harris. His dedication and visionary leadership have helped transform us from what we were to the world-class institution we are becoming today.

Harvey will be stepping down at the end of the year, and I can tell you without a doubt that he will be missed. But he'll be passing the gavel to Peter Edison, whom I am thrilled to welcome to the chairmanship. Peter isn't new to the world of academia; he has served on the board of community schools and has a good understanding of strategic planning in the academic context. I look forward to working closely with him on the next step of our transformation to a top-tier nursing school.

I want to mention two other people who played instrumental roles in our transformation: Alvin Goldfarb and S. Lee Kling. Both men passed away within the past few months. We truly wouldn't be where we are today without them.

Mr. Kling was president of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation during our \$20 million fundraising campaign to – among other things – partially fund our \$40 million new building. Mr. Goldfarb, of course, is the namesake of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College and Goldfarb Hall. Their legacies will carry us far into the future.

And what a future it will be. As evidenced by recent events at the School of Nursing, we have some exciting times to look forward to.

During the first weekend of November, we were honored to host the National League for Nursing Technology Conference. More than 100 nursing educators from all over the country attended to learn about the new technology being used in nursing education.

It gave us an opportunity to showcase our simulation technology and the other great things going on at the school.

We've also begun a research lecture series. Dr. Richard Cowling of the University of North Carolina gave the first lecture Oct. 17. His address on qualitative research methodology was well-attended and well-received, and I have high hopes for the upcoming lectures.

Finally, I'd like to point you toward the list of faculty publications and scholarly accomplishments found on Page 10 of this issue of Nursing Excellence. Take a look, and you'll see how far we've come!

## We Remember...

#### Alvin Goldfarb

Alvin Goldfarb, generous supporter of Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008. at his home in Clayton. He was 91.

Goldfarb was the retired president of Worth Stores Corp., a St. Louis-based retailer of ladies' apparel, and of the Alvin Goldfarb Foundation.

Among his survivors are a daughter, Jane, of St. Louis; two sons, James and Robert, both of New York City; and five grandchildren.

A private memorial service and funeral were held Sept. 4.

You may make a memorial gift to the Goldfarb School o Nursing Support Fund of the Barnes-Jewish Hospita Foundation. For your convenience, please use the envelopenclosed in this magazine.

#### S. Lee Kling

S. Lee Kling, a businessman, philanthropist and Democratic Party leader whose influence extended from presidential campaigns to international peace negotiations, died July 26, 2008, at his home in Country Life Acres. He was 79. The cause of death was lung cancer.

Mr. Kling was chairman of the Kling Co., an insurance, consulting and investment firm. He was also the longtime board chairman and chief executive officer of Landmark Bancshares Corp., which was bought by another bank in 1991.

Mr. Kling had a long list of professional accomplishments and political posts, including a stint as finance chairman for the Democratic National Committee in the 1970s. He served as treasurer of President Jimmy Carter's re-election campaign, and twice he was treasurer of U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt's presidential committee. He received the Democratic National Committee's Distinguished Service Award in 1982.

Mr. Kling was the chairman of the board of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation and in that capacity helped fund Goldfarb School of Nursing. The Kling Center for Proton Therapy, slated to open next year is named in his honor. Mr. Kling successfully underwent proton therapy for an eye tumor in Boston. The center in his name will be the first in the region to administer proton therapy, which will change the way cancer is treated in our region.

"He had a commitment to leaving a lasting impact on the healthcare of the region," said Andy Ziskind, president of the hospital. "He was an incredibly, incredibly dynamic person who had the skill and the ability to engage others, build collaborative efforts and really accomplish things that people don't think are possible."

Among the survivors are his wife, Rosalyn Kling; four sons, Stephen, Lee and Allan, all of St. Louis, and Frank of the Chicago area; and two grandchildren

You may make a memorial gift to the S. Lee Kling Endowed Chair in Radiation Oncology fund of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation. For your convenience, please use the envelope enclosed in this magazine.

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## School of Nursing News

# Goldfarb Researchers Take On

**HIV-Related Stigma** 

Since AIDS was first reported in 1981, medical breakthroughs have led to important advances in the treatment and care of HIV and AIDS patients. In fact, in the United States, someone diagnosed with HIV today has the potential to live a relatively long and comfortable life.

But that doesn't mean life is easy for HIV patients. The stigma associated with the disease is pervasive and widespread.

Two researchers at the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College want to change that.

"There is so much stigma attached with HIV that I think we need to really develop good interventions to help people with their feelings of blame, shame, distancing and social isolation, which are common with HIV-infected individuals," says Goldfarb Instructor Neal Rosenburg, RN, MSN. "People are afraid to disclose their status – afraid others will treat them differently. I think we're not doing a good job in society eradicating this stigma - not only our society but globally."

Rosenburg, who is working toward his doctorate in Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Donna Taliaferro, RN, PhD, Associate Dean for Research at Goldfarb, are preparing to perform a correlational study on HIV-related stigma among nursing students in the United States and Cameroon. They will survey last-semester nursing students at Goldfarb and then in March give the same survey to lastsemester nursing students at two universities - an Englishspeaking one and a French-speaking one – in the West African country of Cameroon.

nursing students as a group and examine how the level of stigma varies in the different countries. HIV rates are higher in Cameroon than in the United States, which could affect the prevalence of HIV-related stigma.



"In Cameroon, there is a much higher incidence of HIV in the general population, so nursing students are more likely to encounter people who are HIV-infected," Rosenburg says. "Does that change the way they will deliver nursing care? ... If I had to have a hypothesis, I would think nursing students who have more experiences and personal relationships with HIV They plan to look at the HIV-related stigma that exists among individuals will demonstrate lower levels of HIV-enacted stigma."

> He says the research may also reveal differences between the two Cameroonian groups because the English-speaking and French-speaking students come from different cultures with different values and ideals.

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to gain a broader perspective on the issue and gather enough data for an intervention study. Rosenburg says they would eventually like to take Goldfarb nursing students to Cameroon to spend a few weeks working in the community. "French-speaking Africa is a very beautiful part of the conti-

Once they complete the study, Rosenburg and Taliaferro hope

to survey nursing students at other schools in the St. Louis area

nent – rich in culture, language and people. It's a fascinating place," he says. "To see what's going on there with the AIDS pandemic is very disheartening right now."

Both Rosenburg and Taliaferro have spent time in several African countries. Taliaferro is part of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, whose members travel to South Africa, Swaziland and Lesotho to provide mentorship to nurses, helping them understand HIV and develop curriculum to teach nursing students about it. A Georgetown University grant partly funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief makes the program possible.

"Many people give a lot of money to Africa but then leave. Once the money is gone, there's no sustainability," Taliaferro says. "But with this grant, we keep in contact, continue to travel there, send books and provide free subscriptions to journals. It's sustainable research that will continue until we build up their knowledge and expertise."





## AIDS Quilt Blocks Come to Goldfarb

To commemorate World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, 14 blocks from the AIDS Memorial Quilt were unveiled at Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College.

The quilt blocks were on display in the lobby of Goldfarb Hall the entire week, and the unveiling featured speakers and a candlelight vigil led by Rabbi Susan Talve of the Central Reform Congregation in honor of those who have died of AIDS.

Michael Evans, PhD, RN, FACHE, Maxine Clark and Bob Fox Dean and Professor, offered opening remarks; Donna Taliaferro, RN, PhD, Associate Dean for Research, gave a talk titled "Nurses: Achieving Success in Managing HIV"; Goldfarb Instructor Neal Rosenburg, RN, MSN, spoke on "Bridging the Gap in HIV Knowledge and Nursing Education"; and Catherine Williamson, RN, FNP-BC, of Southampton Healthcare, spoke on "HIV Discordant Couples: Safe Pregnancies and Healthy Babies."

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a project of the NAMES Project Foundation. Most of the more than 40,000 panels that make up the quilt memorialize people who have died of AIDS.

Rosenburg came up with the idea to bring some of the quilt blocks to Goldfarb.

"With the apathy that exists toward HIV and AIDS, we need to revive this topic and bring awareness back not only to our students but also to the community - awareness that the virus is still there. It's not going away," he says. "It's imperative that our students leave this program with the best possible knowledge they can have on this topic."

## School of Nursing News

## Taliaferro, Ward, Edler Named Associate Deans

The Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College has appointed three new associate deans. Donna Taliaferro, RN, PhD, was named Associate Dean for Research; Michael Ward, PhD, RTR, FASRT, was named Associate Dean for Student Programs; and Thomas Edler was named Associate Dean for Administration.



Donna Taliaferro, RN, Phi

Taliaferro joined Goldfarb School of Nursing in January 2008 as its first Associate Dean for Research. One of her roles is to help faculty build their own research programs.

"This college has never had research before. It was primarily a teaching college," Taliaferro says. "But a couple of years ago, the school changed its mission to be one of the top nursing schools in the country, and you need research for that."

Her own research focuses on HIV – primarily on sleep and circadian rhythms in people with HIV and on melatonin as an intervention.

She says it will take time to build the school's research program. Many of the faculty are in doctoral programs now.

"I hope within five years we have a couple of federally funded grants," Taliaferro says. "When you start a program from scratch, you have to give people seed money to do pilot studies, and then they are positioned to go for bigger funding. It's a 10-year process to start a program of research from the ground up."

Although this is her first administrative role, Taliaferro has extensive teaching experience. Previously she served as an associate professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' College of Nursing, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing. She also has been an assistant professor at Murray State University's Department of Nursing and an instructor at Piedmont College's School of Nursing and Medical College of Georgia. In addition to her position at Goldfarb, she is a research faculty member at Washington University's School of Medicine.

Taliaferro has a bachelor's in nursing from Murray State University, a master's in nursing from Medical College of Georgia and a doctorate in nursing from Texas Woman's University.

Ward started in his new position – associate dean for student programs – Sept. 1, 2008. He oversees most of the School of Nursing's academic services, including admissions, registration, recruitment, enrollment management, counseling, retention, student services and library services.

"I am thrilled to be a part of an institution that is focused on excellence in nursing education," Ward says. "The work is challenging, and the people that I work alongside are dedicated and love what they do."

He spent six years as dean of allied health at what was once known as Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health when the school still offered degrees in several allied health professions in addition to nursing. He says he's excited about the changes that have taken place at the college since he left.

"The new college building and facilities are outstanding and state-of-the-art. The new dean of the college is a leader who has a vision to take the college to the top tier of schools of nursing in the United States," Ward says. "This kind of direction and vision is something that excites and encourages me to be a part of realizing that goal."

Ward also previously served as dean of allied health and natural sciences for St. Louis Community College at Forest Park and as assistant dean for administrative and student affairs for the Doisy College of Health Sciences at Saint Louis University.

Ward holds a bachelor's degree in radiologic science from Saint Louis University, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a Doctor of Philosophy in higher education administration from SLU.

He also has been actively involved with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists, and the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Edler transitioned from his role as Director of Business Affairs to his new position as the first Associate Dean of Administration at the School of Nursing on Aug. 29, 2008.



Michael Ward, PhD

He is responsible for the school's financial aspects, including student financial aid, the Business Office, and the annual operating and capital budgets. He also oversees the information systems department and security.

"I still have the responsibility of the Business Office, but previously I was just focusing on student account issues and budgets," Edler says. "In my new role, I have a wider perspective of the financial aid process – how it interacts with students and the funding of students. This new role is an expansion of my responsibilities. With this structure, we'll be addressing the needs of all people – students, faculty and staff."

Edler spent 10 years as Director of Business Affairs at the former Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and has been with Barnes-Jewish Hospital for 28 years. He previously worked in the hospital's accounting office and as business manager in the laboratories, the cardiac rehabilitation department and other clinical areas.

"I am so excited about the college right now," Edler says. "I've seen it change to one of the most promising colleges around. The people have changed over the years, but we have some of the greatest faculty and staff, which is good for the students."

Edler has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Saint Louis University and a Master of Business Administration from Fontbonne University



Thomas Edler, MBA

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-Michael Ward

# Nursing Then and Now

Barnes-Jewish College Alumni Association Homecoming

e Barnes-Jewish College Alumni Association invited alumni to Goldfarb Hall for a homecoming celebration Oct. 25, 2008. The event, called Nursing Then

In addition, attendees witnessed the unveiling of the School of Nursing's new multimedia, interactive alumni wall in the lobby of Goldfarb Hall. This state-of-the-art display allows alumni to search for their names and then view information and photos from their time as students and beyond.

#### We are still missing a few entire class composite photos.

We need Jewish Hospital School of Nursing class photos from 1951, 1952, 1973 and 1974. We are also missing composite class photos from Barnes Hospital School of Nursing for 1980 and 1983. Please let us know if you have access to any of these class photos. We will make arrangements to have the photos included on the alumni wall.

E-mail your photos or stories to Betsy Gallop Dennis at bdennis@bjc.org or send a copy to Barnes-Jewsih Hospital Foundation, 1001 Highlands Plaza Drive W., Suite 140, St. Louis, MO 63110-1337.



We want to hear from you. Send us photos and information about what you're doing and where you are now - and we'll add them to the interactive display.

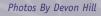






Saturday, October 25, 2008









### **Alumni Events**

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In Memory Of

#### Jewish Hospital School of Nursing

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#### Barnes Hospital School of Nursing

Muriel Gundlach (Toberman) Class of 1959 Mary Compton (Durbin) Class of 1962 Nancy Weston Class of 1963 Faith Rader (Venverloh) Class of 1964 Trena Brown (Erkman) Class of 1968 Class of 1978 Karen Bales Michelle Petermeyer Class of 1989

#### May 2008: Taking Care of Others, Taking Care of Ourselves



Barnes Class of 1958

#### Students Receive More Than \$600,000 in Scholarships

The Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation Scholarship Reception and Dinner was held Nov. 13 at Goldfarb Hall. At the event, Board nursing education – when fewer than 100 students received \$186,251 in scholarships from 74 funds. In addition, this year's Scholarship Reception and Dinner set an attendance record – there were 162 attendees, including more than 80 students.



Dale Wald, Jewish Class of 1964; Angela Lanham and Dr. Stanley Wald





Julia Ruvelson, Ruth Springer, Kimani Scott and Susan Luten

## Faculty Highlights

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- Barnes, Y.J., Hendricks-Ferguson, V., Oakley, B., Roll, L., Stegenga, K., Haase, J.E. (Feb. 13-17, 2008) A Synergistic Dialogue: Clinical Nurses and Academic Researchers in Partnership. Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. Poster session at the 2008 Bone Marrow Transplant Tandem Meetings, San Diego.
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