DORIS ARMSTRONG
Living Her Vision, Making a Difference

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Hartford Hospital’s Nursing Professional Practice Model

The Nursing Professional Practice Model was developed by nurses from across Hartford Hospital. It is a visual representation of the scope of nursing practice and nursing's role in enhancing the human health experience.

On the cover: Doris Armstrong, Hartford Hospital Vice President of Nursing from 1976-1991; Rosanne Gregory, BSN, RN and Dr. Abdelrahman Ali; Nurses Holly Pilatti and Marlene Graham-Folkes
The recent passing of former Hartford Hospital’s Vice President of Nursing Doris Armstrong provided me with an opportunity to look back and truly reflect on Doris’s impact on modern nursing and this entire organization.

Her vision and leadership cannot be understated. One of Doris’s hallmarks was her belief in a collaborative practice approach to patient care. She saw the importance of partnership and dyad leadership of physician and nurses. Giving nurses a place at the table created a conduit for their knowledge and contributions to revolutionize patient care at Hartford Hospital.

What Doris chartered with physician and nurse partnerships has evolved tremendously from its introduction. The pandemic has shown us the extraordinary capability to rapidly transform when we capitalize on the skills of all professionals and all roles. Evidence of this collaboration is everywhere; a few examples include our emergency management work, our proning teams and our rapid changes to support evolving evidence-based practices. This evidence-based collaboration is what truly makes a difference in achieving excellence in care.

The next evolution in health care is upon us. Our future will likely be determined by how we continue to foster our culture of diversity in thought and practice, further expand on equity, inclusion and belonging as well how we use analytics to validate best practices and cultivate innovation. It’s exciting to think of how we will continue to reimagine our care models in very unique ways as we go forward. We have Doris’s ingenuity to thank for the foundation that, in many ways, began our evolution.

In this issue, you’ll learn more about Doris and hear from individuals who worked with her in the 15 years she spent at Hartford Hospital. One thing is clear — her presence is felt in so much of the work we do now. I think Doris would be very proud to see her legacy epitomized and advanced in everything we do at Hartford Hospital.

Cheryl Ficara, MS, RN, NEA-BC
Senior Vice President, Operations
Hartford Region, Hartford HealthCare

Since I have joined the team here at Hartford Hospital, I have had the privilege of learning about the rich history of the hospital and the many contributions of exemplary nurses and nursing leaders like Doris Armstrong. As Cheryl noted, Doris was passionate about nurses being seen as partners to their physician colleagues and other members of the interdisciplinary team. Her legacy is very much part of the fabric of our culture and will continue to be felt in every opportunity we have to provide care for our patients, our community and each other.

The benefits of healthy collaborative relationships within our teams extend way beyond improving outcomes for our patients; it also impacts our own individual well-being. Our lived experience of the past two years has highlighted the need to look at our “work selves” more holistically.

This month we welcome David Hassler and the Traveling Stanzas project to Hartford Hospital. This session will provide nurses with a chance to process emotions through the written word. In a safe space, we will be encouraged to articulate our feelings and share them with each other. By sharing those words, the collective group can help carry the weight of the past two years, easing any pain that may have been held inside for far too long.

This issue of Nursing Magazine is filled with stories and information that we hope will engage you professionally and personally. From our 2022 Nightingale awardees to professional advancement pathways to helping underserved populations, you’ll see the variety of ways Hartford Hospital nurses are contributing every day.

The theme of Nurses Month is “Nurses Make a Difference.” I truly believe that not only do nurses make a difference for our patients and families, we make a difference for each other — and ourselves — by supporting, encouraging and lifting one another along our journey of professional and personal growth.

Laura J. Bailey, MSN, RNC-OB
Vice President, Patient Care Services
Hartford Region, Hartford HealthCare
More than just a week —
May is Nurses Month

The American Nurses Association (ANA) has expanded its annual recognition and celebration of nurses from a week-long event to a month-long celebration. With an evergreen theme of “Nurses Make a Difference,” each week during Nurses Month focuses specifically on Self-Care, Recognition, Professional Development and Community Engagement.

Throughout this issue of Nursing magazine, you’ll see stories that highlight each of these integral components in a nurse’s life.

May 1-9
Self-Care

May 10-16
Recognition

May 17-23
Professional Development

May 24-31
Community Engagement

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Artwork by Nina Newton
When David Hassler was 12, his mother died. There was no discussion of her illness or her death. The loss was something he carried silently for years. The experience lay inside him, unprocessed, until he discovered an outlet for his grief.

“I turned to poetry in my mid-20’s out of my own need to make meaning of traumatic experiences,” says Hassler. “It was very healing to find my voice.”

Now the Director of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University in Ohio, Hassler has developed the Healing Stanzas program, which he will share with Hartford Hospital nurses in May. The program offers a safe place for individuals, particularly healthcare workers, to articulate experiences and emotions. Writing brings meaning to memories and offers a way for a person to process and make sense of trauma. Without a doubt, the trauma of the past two years during a pandemic has heightened the need to help healthcare workers process all they’ve been through.

When talking about healthcare workers specifically, Hassler acknowledges the magnitude of their emotions, saying, “The pandemic has become a shared, collective trauma and has been especially impactful to healthcare workers. They are carrying the emotional toll. Sharing our thoughts through writing builds a central belonging with others. That hearing and affirming is essential to healing.”

The goal of the workshop is to create a sacred space of sorts, giving participants permission and space — both physical and mental — to slow down and reflect. Hassler describes the experience as transformative, saying, “Expressive writing gives us a chance to metabolize the trauma or troubling thought, and move it from ‘grief’ to ‘gift.’ Giving raw emotion a voice allows us to be in a conversation with it and make it something we can carry forward.”

Hassler hopes the exercise will elicit continued writing and reflection, adding that while what happened to us cannot be cured, we can heal from it. He notes that the etymology of the word “heal” is “restore wholeness” and that healing is a subtle, whole-body experience. Speaking and writing is a way to integrate feelings and heal from the residual trauma. And by doing it as a community, we can heal collectively.

Excerpt of “Some Days” by Kent State University’s College of Nursing faculty, students, and alumnae, created in writing workshops facilitated by the Wick Poetry Center.

Some days with grace and grit, you’ll know the work of a nurse is the work of the heart sacred and profane
Your arms will open like doors welcoming those in need
You do not know all the stories but you will learn to become them

Some days you’ll tune your heart to your patient’s
like perfectly synced pendulums
Other days you’ll scream with angry frustration
grasp a life in your hands as it fades away
yet still believe it is worth it.
The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut created the Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing in 2001 as a gala program to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession. The Nightingale Awards pay tribute to Florence Nightingale for her dedication and service to her patients. She devoted her life to nursing and improving the quality of life for those she treated. Nightingale’s last contribution has been her role in founding the modern nursing profession by setting an example of compassion, commitment to patient care and thoughtful hospital administration.

Please join us in congratulating Hartford Hospital’s 2022 Nightingale Award Recipients!
Greg Dagata, BSN, RN, had a busy day in the Center 11 Inpatient Dialysis unit. Oftentimes the unit also fulfills lab draws for other departments while a patient is in its care and this day was no different. Greg completed drawing the labs from a patient and placed the labels on the specimen. It wasn’t long before the charge nurse noticed that the incorrect label had been placed on the specimen. The names were similar, but they didn’t match.

In an effort to save the specimen, Greg carefully placed the correct label on top of the incorrect label and it was sent to the lab. The technology of the centrifuge picked up on the multiple labels and rejected the specimen.

The story could have ended then and there, but Dagata knew that for this kind of error to be avoided in the future, changes were necessary. He took the initiative to share his story at H3W huddle and started the process of improving the way lab draws are done on his unit.

Working with Alex Ilchenko, BSN, RN, and Nurse Director Susanne Yeakel, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, CNML, Greg created a new driver for C-11 dialysis to ensure the correct labeling of lab specimens, using S.T.A.R. safety behavior guidelines. Once lab orders are verified, labs are drawn. The first check occurs when the label is compared to the patient’s wristband and confirmed via two patient identifiers. After that initial check, a second person is called upon to doublecheck the information, ensuring that the proper label is on the appropriate specimen. It’s a short second step that has resulted in great rewards for the unit. There have been no lab errors in the unit since the incident occurred in June 2020.

Ilchenko credits Dagata with taking what was a mistake and turning it into positive change. “Greg was brave enough to share his story and I’m happy that we could support him through this process. He owned his mistake, shared it with the staff and everyone could learn from it.”

Greg is gratified by how supportive colleagues have been. “I was apprehensive about sharing the story but it meant a lot to have the support of Alex and my unit. It’s good to share mistakes especially if it can lead to a benefit. I presented at Nursing Council recently and people told me they were inspired by the story. No one is defined by the errors they make — it’s about what you do after an error.”

### S.T.A.R. Safety Behavior

#### STOP:
- Pause for one or two seconds to focus on your attention on the task at hand.
- Validate: Check internal (subjective) information.
- Do I have the correct specimen obtained from the correct patient?

#### THINK:
- Consider the action you’re about to take.
- Verify: Check external (objective) information.
- Does the specimen label match the ID band on the patient?

#### ACT:
- Concentrate and carry out the task.
- Follow institutional policy and procedures and clinical practice guidelines.
- Place the verified label on the correct lab specimen per policy.

#### REVIEW:
- Check to make sure that the task was done correctly.
- Have another staff member check the specimen in the bracelet before sending out for processing.
- One last time: Do we have the correct match?
Remembering
Doris Armstrong

When Doris M. Armstrong, RN, M.Ed., former Vice President of Nursing at Hartford Hospital, passed away in February, thoughts turned to the impressive and everlasting legacy she left on Hartford Hospital.

Doris was born in Canada in 1926 and graduated from the Brantford General Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. In 1949, she earned a scholarship and nursing diploma from the University of Toronto. She spent 26 years at Johns Hopkins Hospital and earned her masters of education from Johns Hopkins University.

Doris came to Hartford Hospital in 1976 with a progressive vision for nursing. Her dynamic presence and creative leadership style was matched by her extensive knowledge of local, state and national healthcare issues. During her 15 years at Hartford Hospital, she advanced patient-centered initiatives that promoted improved services through measurable standards of care, collaborative practices with physicians and other staff, and advanced nurse practitioner programs.

The Doris Armstrong Nursing Leadership Award was established in 1990, honoring recipients whose accomplishments emulate Armstrong's high energy level, dynamism, and progressive and caring visions.

Doris continued to mentor and support Hartford Hospital nurses well into her retirement, helping future generations of nurses.

I worked with Doris for 10 years at Hartford Hospital until she retired in 1991. I fondly remember all the close collaborations on the Nursing Service Executive Committee and the initiatives set forth with the medical staff and administration. My most cherished memory is the launch of LIFE STAR on the green in front of the HH entrance. How proud she was of the flight nurses and crew.

—A. Joan Sadowski

The legacy of Doris Armstrong is one of grace, expertise, and profound stewardship of nursing. Lenworth and I were blessed to have known her as we charted our own courses at Hartford Hospital. Many of you knew her as a leader; I knew her as a friend who cared 100% for the one person in front of her.

—Dr. Barbara Jacobs

Receiving the Doris Armstrong Award meant so much to me, and receiving it was truly humbling. I lead successfully because I had the opportunity to be led, and mentored, by the best.

—Beth Lawlor, RN, BSN, MS, CCM, NEA-BC

I had the pleasure in meeting Doris Armstrong back in 2009 when I was a recipient of the Doris Armstrong Leadership Award. Her advice to me was so meaningful and I often think about what an inspiration she was to all. I feel privileged to have had that special time with her and reflect on her exemplary accomplishments in the nursing profession.

—Julie Sharpy, BSN, RN

Doris and I worked together getting a $1M grant from the J&J Foundation for Nursing for a collaborative practice approach to patient care, one of 10 national recipients. She and I were asked by Johns Hopkins to present some of our work, including the hip replacement pathway. As we prepared what we would say, I remember asking Doris, “So, Doris, how many of these have we actually done up until now?” With that famous Doris smile and a twinkle, she looked at me and said, “Well, Al, so far none but you can handle this.” I kept in touch with Doris throughout the years. She always conveyed a strong pride in HH and especially its nursing staff. It was a gift to call her a good friend.

—Al Herzog, MD
With perfect straight-backed posture and always well-chosen and thoughtful words, she was an inspiration to all — but most to nurses. Doris came of age during an era when nurses were expected to be deferential to physicians. Always respectful, but certainly not subordinate, Doris was a superb partner to her physician colleagues. During a time when we had not developed the vocabulary to describe dyad leadership, she and her physician colleagues did so to advance patient care at Hartford Hospital. Through her words and actions, she was a role model for all nurses.

—Rocco Orlando, MD, FACS

I started at Hartford Hospital in 1983. During my interview and orientation, I was told that “we have a VP of Nursing — something that other institutions do not.” She literally gave nursing and nurses a seat at the table, which was not common at that time. She was an inspiration to a young nurse and I will always respect and admire her, and be grateful for all that she did and accomplished.

—LuAnn Mahoney, BSN, ACM-RN

I met Doris Armstrong in July 1978. It was my first day working as a nurse at Hartford Hospital. She was so welcoming and impressive. I feel very fortunate to have worked alongside her in the transformative culture she brought to nursing at Hartford Hospital. Having received an award in her name makes that memory even more meaningful. I have tried to role model her ways in my career, and have been fortunate enough to have had several face-to-face meetings with her over the years. She will be missed but never forgotten.

—Christine M. Waszynski DNP, APRN, GNP-BC, FAAN

I was preparing to pass meds at 5:30am on Bliss 8 East using the old card verification system and Doris was rounding. I was a bit shocked to see a nurse leader of her caliber at 5:30 am! When she asked how I was doing, I took the opportunity to complain about a card verification system that I thought was archaic. She listened intently and told me about her vision to provide nursing with a system that would eliminate all the obstacles we were experiencing. And with enough technology, the changes occurred. I was amazed that she knew my problems and already had a vision but also wanted to hear my perspective! As the first nurse educator chosen to receive the Doris Armstrong Award, it validated the leadership role and influence nurse educators have to promote excellence in patient care by supporting the very staff who deliver care at the bedside. We are and always will be indebted to Doris Armstrong for her strength, her wisdom, her commitment and her love for nursing.

—Cynthia Belonick, APRN, PMHCNS-BC

Doris Armstrong was a great leader who was a strong advocate for the profession of nursing. I had the honor to work with her many years ago and receiving this award was a milestone in my professional career.

—Susanne Yeakel, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNML
Bloom Where You’re Planted:

Nursing success is amplified by the support and assistance provided along the professional journey. With that goal in mind, two programs are available to nurses, designed to foster growth and achievement. The Professional Development and Advancement program and Nursing Career Pathways are unique programs that provide robust plans for the successful progression of a nurse’s learning goals.

Nursing Professional Advancement & Development

This program is a structured pathway for development and advancement of a bedside nurse, progressing from Level 1 to Level 3 in the course of their career at the bedside.

**LEVEL 1**

- New graduates or with less than one year experience
- Participation and completion of orientation and nurse residency program
- Learning required competencies of the specific department
- Integration of the Professional Practice Model (PPM) into daily care

**NOVICE**

- Approval by manager and sometimes residency nurse educator

**LEVEL 2**

- Increased leadership & development of expertise on clinical unit
- Additional training and/or certification courses
- Successfully integrates PPM into daily care and explains how practice affects patient outcomes
- Understands of basic concepts of quality and financial impacts on unit

**COMPETENT**

- Application and acceptance process

**LEVEL 3**

- Highly developed expertise and skills in specialized clinical area
- Collaborates with intraprofessional team
- Utilizes evidence-based practice in patient care
- Identifies standard work as related to unit drivers & cost-saving opportunities related to optimal patient care
- Perceptive of unit-based goals withing the unit (i.e., Skin Champ, Geriatric Resource Nurse)
- Membership in professional organization
- Participates in hospital councils
- Demonstrates leadership behaviors
- Serves as role model for staff in resource and preceptor roles

**EXPERT**
Advancing from Level 2 to Level 3 is a comprehensive process, involving managers and members of the Nursing Professional Development Council, co-chaired by Lisa Enslow MSN, RN-BC, CLC and Cassandra Eilers BSN, RN, CNOR. The Professional Development Council provides mentorship and support for individuals during their application process, offering options to review submission material prior to the deadline and provide feedback to applicants to ensure they have all the tools for success.

For nurses interested in learning more about the process, Enslow encourages anyone looking to take the next step to reach out to their nurse educator, nurse manager or Nursing Council unit representative. “Start a portfolio of your work, letters from patients, recognitions from manager, and continuing education credits. It will make the process easier.”

For more information on the Level 3 application process, scan the QR code.

Preceptor Helen Perez, RN, BSN, CCRN notes, “Zhao will practice the art and science of nursing. My goals for Zhao are to provide patient care experiences where he can learn fundamental nursing skills and critical thinking skills. He will become competent and confident in caring for all patients, including the most complex. It is important to have a preceptor program where experienced nurses can nurture new grads. They need someone in their corner to be a mentor, a cheerleader, someone who teaches without holding back, someone to go to and share highs and lows. New nurses should never feel that they are alone. Zhao is very motivated to learn and to care for his patients. I can see the wheels turning as he is working toward perfecting his techniques. I can see the joy when he completes a task and when a patient offers their sincere thanks. He will be an excellent ICU nurse!”

Zhao Peng, RN, started his career as a PCA and is new to the Nurse Residency Program.
Career Development Pathways Put Nurses on a Road to Success

You have aspirations of being a nurse educator. Or a flight nurse. Or a case coordinator. Where and how do you begin? The Career Development Pathways Program at Hartford Hospital is designed to help nurses achieve their goals by offering a framework for progress. Together with your nurse manager, you’ll create and follow plan that will help you attain the position you desire.

Pathways are currently offered in six professional specialties:
• Advanced Clinical
• Case Coordination
• Clinical Resource Management Nurse
• Flight/Critical Care Transport Nurse
• HHC Clinical Informatics
• Nurse Educator

Each pathway offers a clear and unique itinerary that includes exploration of the role, specific objectives for professional development in terms of degrees, certifications, core competencies and more. Opportunities for professional growth are clearly defined as is educational support. Participants work closely with a mentor/preceptor, learning about the process and completing the steps necessary for advancement along the pathway.

For more information on the Career Development Pathways, scan the QR code.

Emily Boucher BSN, RN, OCN is an interim Nurse Educator on the CB2 Oncology unit. She’s been a nurse on CB2 for a little over four years and is working toward her Masters in Nursing Education. When the unit’s previous Nurse Educator transferred to a new position, Emily stepped up to fill in and plans on officially applying when her studies are complete.

Nurse Manager Heidi Cutter BS, BSN, RN, OCN, CNML says Emily is well on her way along the pathway, noting, “She recently obtained her oncology specialty certification and became a credentialed trainer for the Epic Beacon oncology platform. She has planned, coordinated, and executed competency day for CB2 and actively completes onboarding activities and coordinates orientation for our new colleagues on CB2. She provides great support to the unit!”

Emily felt a calling to nursing but also says she has always felt drawn to education, calling the role of nurse educator a perfect blend of clinical time and educational time. She enjoys the challenge of the position, saying, “I am still learning the role and figuring out who I am as an educator and it is exciting to come into work every day not fully knowing what to expect. I have felt myself grow as a person immensely over the past couple months and feel myself becoming more confident each and every day. I am excited to see where this journey will continue to take me as I continue to grow as a nurse and an educator.”

Emily’s advice to someone interested in the Nurse Educator Pathway could be applied across all career paths. “Try and spend some time with an educator you look up to and respect. Getting to spend some time with our nurse educator allowed me to see if being an educator was something I was interested in,” she shares. “I would also advise anyone interested in becoming a nurse educator to go back for their Master’s degree earlier than later. I will finish my degree in May and I am so thankful I went back when I did — before having kids or other big responsibilities other than working full time and being in school full time.”
Nurse Residency Program Helps New Graduates Grow Professionally and Personally

Starting a career as a nurse can be daunting. Hartford Hospital understands the challenges and has programs in place designed to maximize professional growth and success. One such program is the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program. At any given time, there are between 200–250 nurses participating in the program at Hartford Hospital.

The Nurse Residency Program supports new nurse graduates as they embark on their journey as entry-level, advanced beginner nurse to a competent, professional nurse. With an emphasis on leadership, professional roles and quality outcomes, the program is a gold standard in the industry. Mentoring, inter-professional team building and incorporating research-based evidence into practice are just some of the benefits of this comprehensive program.

The Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency offers a very unique perspective as participants are able to network with peers across the country enrolled in the program. It also offers access to benchmarking data as new nurse residents learn their new roles and develop professionally.

Brianna Tuohy, BSN, RN is currently in the nurse residency program and works on the C10 Cardiology unit. She explains that the residency program has helped her transition from student to RN, saying, “It not only helped me feel more comfortable and develop peer relationships, it has exposed me to the various resources available to help me flourish.”

On the cardiology unit, nurses work with a variety of patients, including those experiencing arrhythmias, post angiogram, or requiring heart failure interventions. She shares that the program has helped her greatly at the bedside. “The nurse residency program has highlighted some key skills that we will encounter within our practice. The program presented us with ways to master these interventions, as well as how we can feel supported in the clinical setting when faced with new skills.”

Brianna has high praise for the program and recommends it for the experience and opportunity for growth. “The program allows for networking within different departments of the hospital and diversifies our understanding of patient care,” she says. As I progress in this program, I continue to grow as a nurse and as an individual. I have started to identify my strengths and weaknesses, both within the profession and personally. The residency program has helped me to seek out resources to aid in my development as a nurse and provide the best care for my patients.”

New graduates Julia Roth, BSN, RN and Kaitlyn May, BSN, RN were chosen to present their poster at the national Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency conference. The two, working with Shannon Rattrey, RN and Catherine Harger, PAA, developed “Tele Star,” a program that incentivizes and ensures proper cardiac monitors are matched to the proper patient.
Beyond the Hospital: Nurses in the Community

The good work of Hartford Hospital nurses goes far beyond the walls of the hospital. Every day, nurses are bringing compassion and expertise to individuals who need it the most, locally and internationally.

Black Nurses Association Improves Healthcare in Underserved Community

The Northern Connecticut Black Nurses Association Inc. partners with community organizations and other nursing organizations in an effort to bring healthcare services and resources to the communities that need it most.

“At this time of COVID and racial disparities it’s critical to make the connection with the community,” says Marlene Harris RN MS, who currently serves as the chapter’s president. “We work hard to improve health care education and healthcare services to the underserved population.”

Harris points to a strong relationship with Hartford Hospital when it comes to community outreach, saying, “We have a great collaboration with the hospital and work hard to provide things like blood pressure screenings and other services to the community. It gives you a greater appreciation for the patient when they are in the hospital,” she said. “If someone comes in with food insufficiency or diabetes, I can relate it to their environment, making sure they get the services they need.”

Adult Primary Care Clinic Arranges Colonoscopies for Underserved Patients

Last summer, Hartford Hospital Early Detection and Prevention Program (EDPP) received funding through the Cancer Comprehensive Control Program at the Department of Public Health to provide test kits and coordination of colonoscopies for dozens of underserved patients in the Greater Hartford community.

Through this funding, the Cancer Community Outreach Program distributed fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) to eligible patients. The FIT kits are made available to patients at Hartford Hospital’s Adult Primary Care Clinic and referral forms were distributed to community partners and medical providers such as First Choice Community Center, Community Health Services and Malta House of Care.

Recipients with positive results are then scheduled for colonoscopies. Nurses in the GI clinic at the Brownstone work with the patient to educate and prepare them for the procedure. In the past, the program has successfully covered more than 100 colonoscopies.
Hartford Hospital nurses recently attended a health fair at the East Hartford Senior Center. Together with the Heart & Vascular Institute and Neighborhood Health, the nurses provided cholesterol screenings dozens of people and helped make referrals for follow-up care, when necessary. Noreen Gorero, MA, BSN, RN, CNML, senior operations director of HVI’s Hartford Region, and Magda Capo-Chanbunna, RN, from the Hartford Hospital Electrophysiology Lab, performed cholesterol screenings.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses Hartford Chapter Connects to the Community

When Diane Wilson, MSN, RN, a nurse educator on the Star Team, was in grad school, one thing stood out. There was no Hispanic representation. Wilson jumped at the chance to build a local chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) in the Hartford area.

Like the Black Nurses Association (BNA), the Hispanic Nurses Association (HNA) collaborates with area groups to bring projects to fruition. During the pandemic, nurses from the HNA were in the Hartford area, administering COVID vaccines at local health councils and community centers.

Wilson notes, “We are in the center of the Hispanic community. It’s important for us to represent the community we serve. We understand the nuances and cultural differences and are helpful as Latino providers.”

Diane Wilson, MSN, RN, right, at a healthcare heroes recognition with Dr. Oscar Serrano.
Nurse on a Mission to Costa Rica

Cheryl Mitchell, MBA, MSN, RN is no stranger to community outreach. The Nursing Coordinator at Hartford Hospital volunteers with her church youth group and has accompanied youth group retreats and missions for many years. This March, Cheryl's travels took her to Costa Rica on a mission to provide aid to individuals in need of basic necessities and medical attention.

Mitchell’s son, Richard, a nursing student at Norwich University, had an opportunity to fulfill some clinical community service credits by joining a mission organized by Corner of Love, an organization that provides humanitarian aid to Nicaraguan refugees in Costa Rica. Cheryl jumped at the chance to join her son and the group.

Upon their arrival, the group set up a relief center, which was stocked with supplies needed to support the refugees and their needs. Once news of the clinic spread, the line developed quickly as dozens of families arrived for supplies. Cheryl estimates that the clinic served between 70 and 80 people daily. Services ran the gamut from providing shoes to clothing to food to school supplies. Nursing students would get basic vital signs for providers to assess for further medical attention and team members documented medical, nutritional, and safety needs of refugees. “We saw quite a bit of ear infections,” recalls Mitchell, a result of refugees taking baths in the river.

As Cheryl reflects on the trip, she is optimistic that this experience will stay with the group for a very long time, saying, “My hope is that experience never leaves them and they will be forever impacted by it, and be intentional in helping people closer to home,” she shares. She also was moved by the impact of the trip on her soul and wellbeing. “We have the opportunity every day to touch people’s lives. With healthcare coming, God willing, to the end of the pandemic, we are tired and burned out. It was a huge blessing to have my cup filled again. It reminded me why I do what I do.”

Cheryl Mitchell, right, and her son Richard in Costa Rica. Photos courtesy of Cheryl Mitchell
We congratulate these Hartford Hospital nurses on their recent achievements.

**Ambulatory Services Specialty Clinic**
- Lyz Meza-Villantoy, BSN, RN completed her Interpreter Training for Health Education and Human Services.

**BJI Operating Room**
- Leah Goldbert, RN, CNOR collaborated with Sara Strecker (BJI Research) and Dr. Witmer on having a manuscript accepted in the *Journal of Arthroplasty: “Does the Use of an Intra-Articular Local Anesthetic Injection During Total Hip Arthroplasty Reduce Patient-Reported Pain Scores or Patient Opioid Consumption?”*

**Case Coordination**
- Kimberly Ewankiewicz, MS, RN, ACM-RN Case Coordinator obtained certification as an Accredited Case Manager-RN in March 2022.

**Emergency Services**
- Cheryl Ficara, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Patricia Veronneau, MSN, RN, and Karri Davis, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CCRN published an article on the importance of supporting new nurse managers with a Nurse Manager Residency program.
- Leah Phillips, MS, RN, CEN, Audrey Silver, BSN, RN, CEN, Patricia Veronneau, MSN, RN, Cheryl Ficara, MS, RN, NEA-BC collaborated on a poster that was accepted for the 25th Annual CT Nursing Research Alliance Conference titled “Implementation of a Nursing Leadership Structure Promoting Accountability and Staff Engagement to Improve Quality & Safety Initiatives in the Emergency Department.”

**Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center**
- Emily Boucher BSN, RN, OCN received her Oncology certification.
- Nicole Marcelino, MSN, RN, OCN has completed her Oncology certification and her poster was accepted for the Oncology Nursing Society Congress April 27 to May 1: “The More You Know: Using Social Media to Engage and Educate Staff in a Specialty Field of Healthcare.”

**Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit**
- Emily Nguyen, MSN, RN-BC, CNML, Nurse Manager for the Inpatient Rehab Unit, achieved her Certified Nurse Manager and Leader certification and became an appointed board member of the Organization of Nurse Leaders (ONL).
- Emily Nguyen, MSN, RN-BC, CNML and Susanne Yeakel MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNML presented an oral presentation at the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA) virtual conference, titled “We Are Safe: A Multidisciplinary Approach in Response to COVID-10” and a poster presentation titled “Changing the Culture of Culturing: Standardizing Diagnostic Urinalysis.” These two topics were also highlighted as poster presentations at the Annual Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Conference at Hartford Hospital.

**Institute of Living**
- The nurse practitioners selected for the Annie Goodrich Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Fellowship are:
  - Addictions: Mary Lynch, Vanderbilt School of Nursing
  - Child/Adolescent: Caryl Behmoiras, Yale University School of Nursing
  - Adult: Katherine Melton, NP from Yale University School of Nursing

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**IV Therapy**
- Lee Steere, RN, CRNI, VA-BC, Nurse Manager of IV Services published two articles.

**JB4 Ambulatory Surgery Preop/PACU**
- The following nurses have received their Med/Surg certifications:
  - Kayla Eisenman, RN, CMSRN
  - Cynthia Gozo, RN-BC
  - Mackenzie Pauluch, RN-BC

**Nursing Education**
- Laura Dzurec, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, ANEF, FAAN, Lisa Enslow, MSN, RN-BC, CLC, C-EFM and Maria Tackett, RN, EdD, CEN, TCRN, CCRN-k have been published and will be giving in-person presentations:
- The following nurses had their work accepted for the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program Conference, May 2022, Nashville, TN:
  - Laura Dzurec, Lisa Enslow, and Maria Tackett will be presenting their topic Covid-19 Mediated Strengths and Challenges for 2021 Nursing Graduates: Implications for Nurse Leaders and Educators.
  - Kaitlyn May, BSN, RN and Julia Roth, BSN, RN had their poster, titled “TeleStar: Preventing Safety Events and Alarm Fatigue” accepted for inclusion at the conference.

**Women’s Health Services**
- Paige Martino, BSN, RN, C-EFM received her certification in Electronic Fetal Monitoring
- Nicole Kent, PhD(c) MS, RNC-OB has published two articles.
- Joanna Szczawinski, RN, C-EFM received her certification in Electronic Fetal Monitoring.

**Wound & Hyperbaric Center**
- Lisa Q. Corbett, DNP, APRN, CWOCN was an invited as Keynote speaker for the MSK Emergencies in the Cancer Patient Conference, October 9-10, 2021 on the topic “Wound and Ostomy-Related Emergencies in the Cancer Patient.”
The phrase “Nurses Make a Difference” is such a simple truth, so unmistakably clear, that it hardly requires an explanation. Nurses are inherent healers, nurturers, caretakers, guardians, protectors, transformers. We know this to be true.

Over the past two years, we’ve seen nurses in all capacities depicted as the heroic difference-makers in a world wrecked by the atrocities of the coronavirus. The over-worked, over-wrought, frenzied nurse was the last man standing in so many scenes from ICUs, crammed with ventilators and the ravaged bodies to which they were attached. Nurses made a difference.

We, as nurses ourselves, have always known this to be true. These everyday heroes walk among us without the need for reward or recognition. Our nurses simply do what they have been trained to do...help those in need. The story, at right, taken from the Spring 2018 edition of Nursing News supports this premise.

Edythe certainly proves “Nurses make a difference.”

As we celebrate Nurses’ Month, I dedicate this letter to all nurses, especially my fellow alums, the exceptional nurses trained at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and most notably Edythe Blumenthal Greenspon who died three months after submitting this story, at the age of 95.

Wishing you peace and blessings,

Mary Jane Densmore MS, BA, RN (HHSN ’69)
President, Alumnae Association
of the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing

Edythe Blumenthal Greenspon, a 1943 graduate of HHSN, tells the story that occurred many years ago. Edythe and her husband, a retired optometrist, were on a mid-winter vacation to the Holy Land where this story unfolds.

Edythe tells us, “One day while travelling to Jerusalem in our unheated tour bus, we heard yelling and screaming outside. Our tour guide pointed to an Arab girl lying in the mud by the side of the road, apparently in active labor. It had been many years since my OB training but it appeared that I was the only person with any experience at all in such matters, so I took charge.

I asked those on the bus to look for scissors, towels, blankets. The tour guide brought me a bottle of whiskey, and a shredded rope which I would use to tie the baby’s cord. I covered the woman with a blanket that someone found and, as I saw the baby coming, I guided him out, while someone washed the scissors with whiskey. Soon the baby was there crying and kicking, red and healthy. I tied the cord with the rope, wrapped the baby in a towel and handed him to the father. The woman and baby were then whisked off in an Arab Red Cross vehicle. We proceeded on our tour.”

Edythe explained, “Although it had been many years, my Hartford Hospital School of Nursing training in labor and delivery had provided me with the necessary skills to help this woman.”
At the tender age of 13, when her mother was diagnosed with an unusual medical condition, young Joan Gage learned how to dress her mother’s wounds with a cloth binder, which the teenager would wash, dry on the clothesline and apply. Her mother’s doctor once told Joan if she chose nursing, she could go anywhere. That encouragement propelled Joan into the field of nursing.

Joan has many happy memories of life at HHSN. “We had a lot of fun,” Joan recalls. “I was social activities director and we enjoyed many mixers with the men at Trinity College. I chose to work on North 10, which at the time as an all-purpose private unit. I was in charge of a unit.”

In 1962, Joan continued on to pursue her degree at Boston University, where she studied and worked in private duty once a week to pay the rent. During that time, the murderous Boston Strangler was loose, and several of his victims were nurses. Joan vividly remembers disguising herself while commuting, covering her uniform and carrying her cap so as to not draw attention to her profession.

In 1964, Joan returned to Hartford Hospital for a summer job as a clinical instructor for the School of Nursing. Head nurse and supervisor Edith Allen approached Joan one day with a question. Was she engaged? Edith had an eligible bachelor friend at veterinary school at Purdue who was looking for a date while he was in town for the summer. Little did she know that this short stint at Hartford Hospital would result in the love of her life.

It only took three weeks for Joan to fall in love with William Haines, who was heading back to Indiana for his studies. He pinned Joan, called her father and they made plans for Joan to visit Indiana over Thanksgiving. The following June, they graduated on the same day and were married in August.

Dr. William Haines established a veterinary practice in Newington and they newly married couple set up a home. For a year and a half before the birth of the first of their three children, Joan worked with the Hartford Visiting Nurse Association (VNA). With a growing family, Joan took time to raise their children, and found many ways to apply her nursing experience to philanthropic endeavors in the community.

Together the Haines couple became corporators of the VNA and also found several ways to support healthcare providers in the state. At Newington Children’s Hospital, their black lab, Jenny, visited patients the psychiatric unit. Joan became the president of the hospital’s Auxiliary. In the 1990’s, Joan became volunteer leader of the Auxiliaries of 36 hospitals in the CT Hospital Association, attending a national conference of the American Hospital Association. She also worked at flu clinics and did health screenings for VNA Healthcare for the better part of 15 years.

When her husband’s colleague’s wife suffered a stroke, Joan jumped into action and developed a support group which continues to meet once a month and works closely with the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Hartford Hospital. “My husband and I served on the hospital’s first patient committee in development of the program,” Joan shares. “It’s one of my greatest achievements.” The program continues to run after 42 years since its inception.

Joan reflects on her journey with pride, saying, “I’m fortunate that nursing has been such an important part of my life. I’m proud of my training and the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing.”
Marion Hochstein Gossling, HHSN Class of 1943

Marion Hochstein was born in 1922 and raised in Torrington, CT. During the Depression, Marion’s father was an employee of the local A&P and kept the family fed, as well as helping out neighbors in need. With a strong family value of compassion and assistance, Marion found her way to the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1943.

During that time, she met a young man who was a student at Trinity College. Harry Gossling was due to graduate in 1944 but his life changed course when the Army called. The couple got married quickly in June, 1944 and moved to Arkansas, where Harry was stationed. While there, Marion worked as a nurse on the base. They would make a couple more moves before returning to Hartford where Harry would do his orthopedic residency.

The family settled in Bloomfield in a lovely home on nestled near Penwood State Park and Gale Pond. Now with a young son and daughter, Marion stopped working as a nurse to raise her family, but she remained active in the community, volunteering with the American Red Cross bloodmobile. Marion served on the board of directors of the Watkinson School and was named an honorary lifetime member by the board of trustees. She also served many years on the Auxiliary Board of the Institute of Living.

As the saying goes, “Once a nurse, always a nurse.” Marion’s family fondly called her “the head nurse” of their medical family. Marion’s daughter Susan Walters reports, “There was an order in our family in the best possible way.”

Marion and Harry made a welcoming home, and as Harry served as the chair of the UConn orthopedics department, residents in the program quickly became part of the family. Together, the couple fostered the growth of students at UConn. They also enjoyed close relationships and camaraderie with other doctors and wives, making friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Marion is remembered for her an incredible spirit. Her hospitality was not limited to UConn students. She once took in an international patient who was far from his native country. He recuperated in the Gossling’s home, strengthened by Marion’s good cooking and loving nature.

The couple traveled extensively, feeding Marion’s curiosity about people and cultures, visiting Africa, Australia, China, and Egypt, just to name a few. While at home, the family was active with Fidelco, throughout the years raising six German Shepherds whose physical ailments were deemed unsuitable for the organization.

One of Marion’s hobbies was early American stencil art, a craft she shared with others, teaching sessions in Wethersfield and filling her house with gorgeous trays and pieces she created.

Marion passed away in 2011 at the age of 88. She left behind a legacy of kindness and service built on a foundation of nursing and compassion.
Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Banquet

For the first time since the pandemic, the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Banquet was held in May, 2021 at the Sheraton Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT. Approximately 200 attendees were happy to be reunited and celebrating together in person again.

CLASS OF 1950 - 71 Years

Euphemia Gardiner Serpliss celebrated 71 Years as a proud graduate of HHSN.

CLASS OF 1957

Janice LaBelle Bartholomew worked in Labor and Delivery and the Department of Corrections where she supervised three facilities. She retired after 20 years of nursing and then spent 19 years volunteering at several flu clinics. She loved it all, thanks Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and all the great instructors she had. Janice’s family is large — she has four sons with spouses, 19 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She has a full life and says she is truly blessed.

CLASS OF 1956 – 65 Years

Carolyn Bielefield Bauer and Jo-An Healey Boehm celebrate 65 HHSN years.

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CLASS OF 1960

Claudia Ogren Timm worked as an office nurse for a wonderful GP who spoiled her so she couldn’t work for anyone else. She has had some health issues but is doing amazingly well. She is now retired and lives quietly with her cat companion.

Mary Clemention Moreau is recovering from her second hip surgery.

Tep Yale Klaber has moved to the McAuley in West Hartford and is very thankful to be there.

Peg Garrison retired on December 31 after a very long career of helping people. Congratulations!

Margie Ashman Page is planning a trip to UK to visit her daughter and family. It has been a long two years of Zoom chats.

Pat Dexter Hickox has a wonderful husband who is giving her all the support that she needs during her illness.

Judy Welch Friend is doing well.

Carolyn Bickford Calhoun is planning a trip to UK in May for her grandson’s wedding. From there she, her husband and his sister will be going on to Scotland and then to Luss Scotland, headquarters of the Calhoun Clan. She hopes to visit with the head of the clan, Sir Malcolm and his wife Lady Colquhoun.
ALUMNAE: THE PILLBOX

CLASS OF 1961 – 60 Years

The Class of 1961 celebrate at the Alumnae Banquet their 60 years anniversary since graduating from HHSN. Back row, left to right: Lynn Erhardt Dahl, Anita Resnick Gold, Lois Sharp Pabst, Lesley Prentice McGrath, Carol Schofield Rentz, Christine Johnson, Nancy White Boyle, Edyth Bergman; Front row, left to right: Kathleen Smith, Joan Gage Haines, Virginia McLaughlin Trumble, Patricia Hibbard Louks, Mary Lou Butterfield Powers, Eileen Gormley Santiglia.

CLASS OF 1962

Left to right: Roseann Dandurand, Joan Beebe Specht, Carol Drumm Ferik, Pat Andreana Ciarcia, Linda Arle Duval, and Carol Fafard Pagano.

Irene Hallgren Anderson retired from nursing in January 2022. Her twin granddaughters will graduate this year from Emerson in Boston and Wheaton in Norton, MA. Her oldest granddaughter is finishing the nursing program at the University of South Maine. Irene now lives in downtown Boston on the waterfront.

Diane Grande Schiers retired from nursing on December 31, 2018. She and her husband live in Ogden, Iowa and are both enjoying retirement in good health. They bicycle each day during good weather and are looking forward to spring when Diane can start working in the yard. She sends her greetings and best wishes to all.

CLASS OF 1964

Class of 1964 alums Sandy Brown Jerbert, Caryl Hockenberry Donovan and a couple friends gathered in November to make their annual boxwood trees. Some are delivered to shut-ins to bring them holiday cheer, although the girls think they all benefit in the cheer by carrying on this tradition. This year they made nine trees.

One of the boxwood trees made by the 1964 alums.

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**CLASS OF 1966 – 55 Years**

Left to right: Sue Morse Cromie, Karen Lockert, and Mary Ann Konefal Booss celebrate 55 years.

**CLASS OF 1969**

Vietnam Veteran Marilyn Godlewski McKeown, left, is pictured with Maya Lin, designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. They are flashing the peace sign “Hoa Binh” in Vietnamese. Translation: “Freedom from War”.

Marilyn Godlewski McKeown ’69 recently found this photo depicting Architect Maya Lin and Marilyn at a reception honoring Maya’s design of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. As they shared a toast, Maya Lin enjoyed hearing the brief (honestly) recounting of how her wall, and the addition of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial Sculpture in 1994, influenced the creation of the HHSN memorial statue “The Care Giver.” When working in Vietnam in the tropical humid heat, Marilyn pinned her HHSN shield every day to her rather dingy “whites.” On that November evening, half-way around the world, in an elegant air-conditioned hall, as they honored Maya and all those names on the Wall, Marilyn was again proudly wearing her HHSN Shield.

**CLASS OF 1970**

Pat Casey Gordon has traveled worldwide. Her HHSN training/experience has taken her around the globe. Specifically, she worked at the US Army Hospital in Ramstein, Germany and also at the Baylor Health Care System in Consumer Affairs. She is now retired.

**CLASS OF 1971 – 50 Years**

The Class of 1971 gathered at the banquet to celebrate 50 HHSN years. Pictured: Jean Burns Gudlewski, Jill Rogers, Karen Swanson Midwood, Carol Kamay Tracanna, Rita Mendillo Fazzino, Carol Burnham Tuller, and Leslie Reardon Buckley.

**The Traditional Golden Bedpan**

The passing of the traditional golden bedpan to the class celebrating 50 years. Anne Marie Pelletier Nadeau, left, Class of 1970, passing on the golden bedpan to Rita Mendillo Fazzino, Class of 1971.
CLASS OF 1976 – 45 Years


Lucille Mathurin Van Sickle retired from Rondout Valley School District after 30 years as a high school nurse. She describes herself as a proud graduate of the class of 1976 — the last class to graduate!

Ann Lambert Minor worked at Hartford Hospital on the kidney transplant unit for five years following her nursing graduation. She did not know at the time how much this transplant experience would prepare her for future life events. Fourteen years ago, her husband Mark had a liver resection at Hartford Hospital for primary liver cancer. Three months post-surgery, he was fully recovered and back to work. He remained cancer free until the fall of 2020 when another hepatocellular carcinoma was found on a routine ultrasound. This time, there was no chance of survival without a liver transplant. On Feb. 23, 2021, Mark received a living donor liver transplant from his nephew. It was a perfect match! It has been one year since their transplant and they both continue to be doing exceptionally well! She has always believed in the power of love, medicine and miracles. And for all that life has brought her, she is ever so grateful.

Left to right: Liver donor Paul Minor, liver recipient Mark Minor and Ann Lambert Minor ’76

Let Us Hear From You!
We would love to receive photos and news from HHSN alumnae. Please mail information to the Alumnae Association of the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, 560 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106 or e-mail patciarcia@snet.net.

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Alumnae Remember
Doris Armstrong

I first met Doris at a Connecticut Hospital Association CNO conference group meeting. As an experienced leader and CNO at Hartford Hospital, Doris always offered her wisdom, and provided space with a listening ear for those of us as first-time CNOs as we deliberated on the leadership challenges of that time. Doris was an amazing person and leader who exemplified a relationship-based leadership style as she encouraged us to achieve our goals in service to our organizations and communities. I personally will remember her “drop by” visits years later to my office at Hartford Hospital, her smile and encouraging discussions.

Laura Caramanica, PhD, RN, FAAN
HHSN 1972 Alum and former HH CNO

Doris Armstrong believed in praising and acknowledging contributions. She was always cordial and impeccably groomed. She remembered names and always spoke to nurses as colleagues. One of the most impressive things I remember about Doris is that when she first came to Hartford Hospital she did not have a CT RN license so she sat for the CT State Boards and passed! So impressive! We were all so proud of her.

Patricia Rinaldi, RN
HHSN 1958 Alum and former HH Pediatric Nurse and Instructor

Doris had many impressive qualities but her leadership ability was outstanding. She was supportive and influential in the development of the Nursing Department under her tenure. I was honored to be a nominee for the Doris Armstrong Leadership Award. She was present for the ceremony and voiced her pleasure and sincere congratulations to the nominees. As Vice President of Nursing she was not only a colleague but also a friend whose infectious smile was memorable.

Patricia Garcia, MSN, RN
HHSN 1962 Alum and former HH Nursing Coordinator

The nursing community lost a great leader with the passing of Doris Armstrong. She was a visionary leader who understood what nursing is and ceaselessly worked for collaboration among all disciplines to improve patient care and wellbeing. She listened to staff, responded to issues and strongly encouraged nurses to achieve their goals and practice to their abilities. The Department of Nursing and Hartford Hospital were lucky to have had Doris.

Christine Johnson, MS, RN
HHSN 1961 Alum and former HH Asst. Nursing Director

Doris was an amazing Administrator, nurse and human being, and I was privileged to work for her throughout her entire career at Hartford Hospital. Doris always made it her job to randomly visit every department to ensure that we knew her and she knew us. Her visit to my emergency room one incredibly busy day showed me exactly who she was. The hospital had no empty beds and my ER was overflowing. Doris burst through the doors, sought me out and asked, “What can I do?” I was shocked, but desperate, and asked meekly if she could find me some empty stretchers as we had used our last one. She returned within 10 minutes with a parade of stretchers behind her being pushed by housekeepers and porters from all corners of the hospital. Doris was my hero.

Mary Jane Densmore, RNC, BA, MS
HHSN 1969 Alum and former ED and Medical ICU Manager
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Nurses Make a Difference as depicted in this 1899 Nurse/Doctor collaboration photo

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