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PREAMBLE

We, the Graduates of the University of Nebraska School of Nursing, in order to strengthen the bonds of friendship among us, to promote the interests of our profession, and to further the advancement of our Alma Mater, do pledge ourselves to support by personal interest and effort the organization called the Alumnae Association of the University of Nebraska School of Nursing.¹

The Alumnae Association was organized on May 25, 1921, by graduates of the classes of 1920 and 1921. The charter members were:³

Otilia Czaplik ’20
Georgia Dye ’20
Rita Eisenmenger ’20
Marion Fleming ’21
Mabel Fischer ’20
Alice Graham ’20
Arta Lewis ’21
Edith Martin ’20
Mary McHugh ’20
Irene McKown ’21
Blanche Nicola ’20
Ella Reitan ’21
Edith Stockham ’20
Grace Styer ’21
Theda Waterman ’21
Helen Whisenand ’21

Arta Lewis was elected as the first president of the Association. A constitution and by-laws were drafted and submitted to District 2 of the Nebraska State Nurses’ Association (NSNA) with an application for alumnae membership.³ While the American Nurses’ Association (ANA) had not required alumnae association membership since 1916, precedent implied that a nurse should be an alumnae association member, and some district and state associations kept this requirement.⁴ Many revisions of the constitution and by-laws were required before the district and state associations accepted the Alumnae Association as a full- fledged member; during that time alumnae were not allowed to vote at district and state meetings.

Once accepted, however, active Alumnae Association members automatically became members of District 2, the Nebraska State Nurses’ Association, and the American Nurses’ Association. Alumnae could also hold Associate or Non-Resident membership; these levels of membership allowed full participation in matters pertaining to the alumnae association, but excluded participation in the district, state, and national nursing organizations.⁵ This organizational
schema prevailed until 1946 when an ANA House of Delegates Resolution of 1944 was implemented; this resolution stated that no nurse be required to be a member of her alumnae association to obtain membership in a district or state association and ANA; the base unit was now the district association. Provision for honorary membership was included in the original By-Laws and could be "conferred upon a person who has rendered service to this association..."

Membership in the Association at first involved more than paying the annual dues. Qualifications included being "registered and in good standing in the profession." (Registration and licensure was not mandatory until 1953 in Nebraska). Prospective members submitted an application signed by two active members, a letter of recommendation from the Director of the School, and the annual fee; a unanimous vote of the membership at a regular meeting was needed to finalize the membership. A member could be dismissed for "unprofessional conduct."

The procedure for membership gradually became less stringent; the letter of recommendation from the Director was deleted, and only a majority vote of the Board of Directors was needed. By 1951 a graduate who was registered became a member by paying the current dues. Life membership was offered for the first time in 1939 for a fee of $50.00. Current levels of membership include active members (those whose annual or life membership dues are paid) and honorary members.

Membership increased gradually in those early years; Miss Burgess encouraged membership and apparently left students with the impression that it was mandatory rather than voluntary. The Association's goals to strengthen the bonds of friendship, to promote the profession, and to further the advancement of the school were reflected in many ways. Meetings were held quarterly until 1931 when monthly meetings were instituted. The meetings included a business session and a social hour. Educational sessions, which dealt with professional issues, art, literature, and music, were added in the 1930's; students were invited to attend the educational sessions.

The Association regularly contributed to the Nurses' Relief Fund, the American Nurses' Foundation, and the Florence Nightingale Fund; members knitted afghans for the Red Cross and donated clothing and personal articles to a national drive for nurses in war-torn countries. Money making activities such as bridge parties, and the sale of baked goods, greeting cards, wrapping paper, and candy provided funds to keep the organization viable.

The Association took an active role in recruitment activities. Members made recruitment trips with faculty and students and
hosted campus visits for high school girls. Educational funds often were given to graduate staff nurses, faculty, and students to help defray expenses of attending state and national nursing meetings. The association sponsored the Capping Teas for many years.

*The Nurse Reporter*, the official publication of the Association, began publication in 1924 and was published twice yearly until 1933, when it became a quarterly publication. Financial constraints forced the return to a semi-annual publication in 1969. While an occasional issue was missed, the *Reporter* has been published continuously since 1924. Circulation is to all active and honorary members.

Early issues of the *Reporter* included information about faculty, staff and student activities, hospital news, and minutes of association meetings. Miss Kyle began writing about the School soon after she assumed the position of Director. A popular section has always been the class news which reports professional activities and family news from alumni members. The *Reporter* currently contains information related to the Association and to the College, a message from the Dean, and names of recipients of awards, honors, and scholarships.

An unusual proposal of the Association was to establish an Endowed Bed at University Hospital for use by Alumnae Members. Members could use the bed free of charge. Permission for use of the bed was granted by the Board of Regents in 1932 and efforts were begun to raise $5000.00. Marie Malmberg Mosiman '22 was the first occupant when her son was born in August, 1932. The bed was never endowed, as the Association could not raise the $5000.00 required. Many alumnae used the bed, however, and paid 50 to 100 percent of the hospital charges. The Association purchased many items for use by the occupants of the bed — trays, over-bed table, silver and china service, crystal vases, lamp, fan, footstool, and clothes closet. These items were packed away and brought out when an alumna was admitted to the hospital. Regulations of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) forced discontinuation of all hospital courtesy allowances except for faculty, employees, and students; on July 1, 1967, the alumnae bed ceased to exist.

A service to patients at University Hospital began in 1949 with discussion of a hospitality shop to allow patients to buy gum, candy, magazines, and personal grooming articles. Original plans were for a counter in the visitors’ lobby to be staffed by alumnae volunteers. What evolved was the Sales Service Truck which became operative in 1951. Alumnae took the wheeled “truck” through the hospital wards and sold articles to patients. While never a great money-maker for the Association, it was a service greatly appreciated by the patients. Alumnae “pushing the truck” often dug into their own pockets to pay for an item which a patient could not afford. Funds
raised by the Sales Service Truck were administered by the Educational Fund Committee and were used to pay expenses of alumnae and students to attend nursing meetings, to buy books for ward libraries and the medical library, and for student scholarships. The “truck” was disbanded in October, 1967, when it became difficult for the Association to recruit volunteers to take it through the wards. Plans were also being made at this time to provide a gift shop in the new hospital.

The Association continued to be an active support group to the School and hospital until the mid-1960’s. Active membership declined and committees could not function due to lack of participation from the few members remaining. Membership had dropped from 520 active members in 1962 to 254 in 1964. Despite pleas from the President and the Board, the Association appeared doomed. Monthly meetings were discontinued as a result of poor attendance. The Board of Directors was given the responsibility of conducting the affairs of the Association, and an annual business meeting was held in conjunction with the Reunion Banquet in June. The officers of the Association were selected by Board Members who had been elected by the membership.

By 1965 the Board of Directors was seriously considering dissolution of the Association; joining the College of Medicine Alumni Association or the Alumni Association in Lincoln were other alternatives discussed. Miss Kyle favored one of the latter alternatives; she stressed the need for financial assistance to students rather than the “personal contact” previously provided by the Association. In 1968

Alumni reunion, 1958: (back row, l to r) Rose Gibbons McShane, Myra Tucker, Josephine Chamberlin, Frieda Dieterich, Mercedes Breen, Irma Lippold Cameron, Julianne Godsey Murphy (front row, l to r) Mildred Watson Hempsted, Bernice Algoe Crane, Isabel Blaine, Nelda Demmel Belknap
the Board voted to disband the Association. Dr. Boyle cautioned against this in light of plans to re-organize the University system, and the plan was never presented to the membership for a vote.

The Association limped along, plagued by the lack of active members and clear direction. In the early 1970’s the name was changed to reflect the new status of the School as a College; the feminine Alumnae was changed to Alumni to designate both female and male graduates.

As the College and the number of graduates grew it became increasingly difficult for the six-member Board of Directors to maintain accurate records and conduct the affairs of the Association. Linda Miers ’71, President from 1976 to 1978, spearheaded a plan for affiliation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association; the affiliation was approved by the membership effective July 1, 1977. The Nebraska Alumni Association maintains records on all graduates, solicits dues, and assists with program planning, publication of The Nurse Reporter, and other activities of the Association. Graduates who join the nursing alumni association also become members of the University association, thereby receiving benefits of both groups. The affiliation has been a productive one. Membership has increased gradually to a total of 688 in 1986. Attendance at annual reunions improved considerably; in 1978 20 alumni attended; in 1983 the reunion and annual meeting attracted 100 alumni and family members.

The Association began sponsoring a yearly continuing education program in conjunction with the Annual Reunion in 1980; planning for these programs is done jointly with the Department of Continuing Education of the College. Fall programs which combine continuing education, lunch, fellowship, and a chance to see a Cornhusker football game were also initiated in 1980. Regional meetings were begun in the Spring of 1984 in an attempt to spur more interest in the Association.

The current-seven member Board of Directors conducts the affairs of the Association with the assistance of the Director of Constituent Societies of the UNL Alumni Association. The future of the Association seems secure as it continues to support students and alumni of the College of Nursing. Goals include solicitation of active members, increasing student scholarship funds, and providing continuing education opportunities for alumni.

Scholarships and Awards

The Alumni Association has a long history of service to students, faculty, and alumni through loans, scholarships, awards, and gifts.
STUDENT LOAN FUND

Recognizing the limited financial resources of students, the Association initiated the Student Loan Fund in 1925. Fund raising activities and individual donations provided monies for the fund. Students could borrow a maximum of $100.00; interest was deferred until graduation, and the loan was payable within one year after graduation. Loans (maximum $200.00) were offered to alumnae members in good standing in 1939. Many students and alumnae took advantage of this service until it was discontinued in the late 1960’s. Records show that only two loans of $100.00 each were declared uncollectible in the first 20 years the service was offered.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships were provided through the Educational Fund Committee beginning in the early 1950’s. The amount to be given was dependent on funds available and fluctuated yearly. In 1963 the University of Nebraska Alumnae Scholarship was initiated. It provided $400.00 per year to be given to the School of Nursing for scholarships. Faculty would select recipients based on:

1. Financial need.
2. Average scholastic ability.
3. Potential for completing the program.

This scholarship was supported by individual donations from alumnae and friends of the school and interest gained from the investment of Association funds.

To provide a more permanent and stable scholarship, the Board of Directors in 1980 established the University of Nebraska College of Nursing Alumni Scholarship with the University of Nebraska Foundation. The fund was started with $5000.00 from the Association treasury, and again a plea was sent out for donations. Association members conducted a telephone solicitation in Omaha in April, 1984, with some success. A priority goal of the Association is to increase this fund.

While many alumni and friends have contributed to this Alumni Scholarship, others have given donations as memorials to be used for scholarships. Recent donations have been made in memory of Marsha Ochs Spooner ’69, Suzanne Thornell Pfeiffer ’45, Jacqueline Hobbs Jurich ’62, and Maxine Cook Gottschalk ’49.

Endowed scholarships have also been established with the University of Nebraska Foundation as follows:

Alice Amen Heinz Scholarship
Cletas Moran Green Scholarship
A memorial to Mrs. Green '34 from her husband, Meyer E. Green, in 1982.
Freddie Louise Johnson and Class of 1952 Scholarship
A memorial to Dr. Johnson '52 by her family, classmates, and friends in 1982.
Frieda H. Dieterichs Scholarship
A gift from Miss Dieterichs '23 and memorials from family and friends in 1984.
Rena E. Boyle College of Nursing Scholarship
Funding for this scholarship came originally from the College of Nursing Building Fund. In 1979 it was named the Rena E. Boyle Scholarship Fund at the suggestion of UNMC Vice-Chancellor James Griesen. Alumni and friends of the College of Nursing have also made donations to this fund.
In 1978 a loan fund was established by alumni as a memorial to Vera Warner '29. Scholarship and loan funds established with the University of Nebraska Foundation are administered through the Foundation and the Office of Financial Aid on the UNMC campus.
Graduate students benefited from a fund established by the Association in 1973; $500.00 was given to the Nursing Care Research Center to assist students with expenses related to their research projects. Monies were added yearly until 1980 when the Association felt it could no longer maintain this fund.
It has been a tradition of the Association to honor former Directors and Deans. Charlotte Burgess, Irma Kyle Kramer, and Rena E. Boyle have been so honored by the establishment of awards which are given to students.

Alumni Awards: (l to r)
Irma Kyle Kramer Award, Rena E. Boyle Award, Charlotte Burgess Award
CHARLOTTE BURGESS AWARD

The Association first discussed a scholarship to honor Miss Burgess in 1946, shortly before her retirement. The Charlotte Burgess Scholarship (as it was then named), in the amount of $100.00, was to be granted annually to a graduating senior student or a graduate of the School of Nursing "for graduate study in either academic or professional fields of nursing." Applications were submitted to the Scholarship Committee, and the winner was announced at the annual banquet in May. The Scholarship was first awarded in May, 1947. In 1959 the Association decided to award the scholarship to a junior student, since "all of the nurses now graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree". In 1964 the Charlotte Burgess Scholarship Award was in the form of a Nightingale lamp; the cash award was discontinued. From 1964 through 1971 the award was given to the senior student with the highest scholastic average.

The award was given to both associate and baccalaureate degree seniors from 1972 to 1976. In 1977 the Association designated the Charlotte Burgess Award exclusively for associate degree seniors on both campuses. From 1978 through 1982 it was given in alternate years on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses. From 1983 to 1986 the award was given to associate degree seniors with the highest grade point average on both campuses.

Recipients of the Charlotte Burgess Award

1947  Inez Claire Schwab '47  
1948  Mary Rasmussen '47  
1949  Betty Huttenmeier '49  
1950  Elaine Zidko '49  
1951  Vera Anderson '51  
1952  Phyllis Morgan '52  
1953  Margery Pollman '53  
1954  Virginia Demaree '52  
1955  Elizabeth Peterson '55  
1956  Josephine Pinckley '52  
1957  Mianna Rase '55  
1958  (recipient unknown)  
1959  Marilyn Anne Leach '60  
1960  Patricia Terry '61  
1961  Judith Ann Rice '62  
1962  Sharon Dunmire '63  
1963  Jane Foster '64  
1964  Jane Ruth Foster Thompson
1965  Jane Adkisson
1966  Bevely Lee
1967  Bertha Colglazier
1968  Kathy Salmen
1969  Marjorie Smith Woodman
1970  June Burkhardt
1971  Carol Jane Karpisek Raymond
1972  Maxine Jane Lienemann — (BSN, Omaha)
      Sharon Nell Maher Feller — (ASN, Omaha)
      (Ms. Feller was the first associate degree recipient of the
      award.)
1973  Sandra Deanne Thompson — (BSN, Omaha)
      Virginia Ann Vaughn — (ASN, Omaha)
1974  Laurie A. Bragg — (BSN, Omaha)
      Roberta Jean Good Garland — (ASN, Omaha)
1975  Diana Lynn Cutshall Jilek — (BSN, Omaha)
      Denise Marie Peschel Cicior — (ASN, Omaha)
1976  Norma Jean Barnett — (BSN, Omaha)
      Gwendolyn Marie Babbit — (ASN, Omaha)
1977  Cynthia Louise Stella — (Omaha)
      Meredyth Carter Hossman — (Lincoln)
1978  Kaye Renae Hagerman — (Omaha)
1979  Roxanne Marie Gude — (Lincoln)
1980  Mary Kathleen Dion Dunn — (Omaha)
1981  June Robinson Smith (Lincoln)
1982  Karen L. Baker Spears — (Omaha)
1983  Kay Lynn Anderson — (Omaha)
      Nancy Lynne Robinson Riffle — (Lincoln)
1984  Susan Mary Brzostek Thies — (Omaha)
      Laurie Lynn Soward — (Lincoln)
1985  Nancy Cheryl Jones Edwards — (Omaha)
      Brenda Joanne Doze Glenn — (Omaha)
      Donna Marie Beck — (Lincoln)
1986  Cynthia Lynn Watson (Omaha)
      Anita Sue Lewis (Lincoln)

IRMA KYLE KRAMER AWARD

The Irma Kyle Kramer Award was initiated in 1978 as a tribute to the second Director. The Association directed that this award be given to the baccalaureate degree graduate with the highest scholastic grade point average. It was given in alternate years on the Lincoln and Omaha campuses between 1978 and 1982. Since 1983 it has been
presented to graduating baccalaureate seniors on both campuses and to a graduate of the Off-Campus program.

**Recipients of the Irma Kyle Kramer Award**

1978  Kathryn Gross Oetting (Lincoln)
     Ms. Oetting was a member of the first BSN class to graduate from the Lincoln campus and the first recipient of the award.
1979  Patti Rose Hiller (Omaha)
1980  Karee Sue Shonerd (Lincoln)
1981  Joan Marie Ortmeier Lappe (Omaha)
1982  Monica Sue Schukei (Lincoln)
1983  Kathleen Ryan Johnson (Off-Campus)
     Mary Louise Nelson Maxwell (Omaha)
     Carol Waltner Buller (Lincoln)
1984  Judy Anne Arnold Armbruster (Off-Campus)
     Annette Kathleen Jarvis Sellers (Omaha)
     Rebecca Lynn Forsman (Lincoln)
1985  Margaret Kallahll Stephens (Off-Campus)
     Sandra Kay Laudenklos Vyhildal (Omaha)
     Nancy Lynne Robinson Riffle (Lincoln)
1986  Marcia Alice Legge Loop (Off-Campus)
     Sharon Ann Meagher Schur (Omaha)
     Joan Marie Loberg (Lincoln)

**RENA E. BOYLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

As a tribute to the third Director and first Dean, this award was initiated when Dr. Boyle retired in 1979. It is presented annually to a master’s degree student or students who have excelled in research. Recipients are chosen by a panel of judges following presentations at a Student Research Forum on the UNMC campus.

**Recipients of the Rena E. Boyle Award**

1979  Cynthia Cloyd
     JoAnn Wer
1980  Joyce Black
     Jane Hawks
     Suzanne Malloy
     Carol Sharkey
1981  Ann Marie Bremer
Ione M. Eckroth
Marlene Kay Van Tuyl Finch
Maribeth Hercinger
Diane Cavanaugh Millea
1982 Margaret L. Cunningham
1983 Kathleen Frederickson
Susan Beth Hassmiller
1984 Diane Elaine Irby
Rhonda Hageman
April Kositzky
Nancy Rajek
1985 Award not given — no eligible candidates.
1986 (Spring) Linda Susan Christensen Kjar
Marsha Lou Head Wilson
1986 (Fall) Pamela Demuth

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was approved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association in 1982 to recognize a graduate of the College of Nursing who has given exemplary professional or community service.²⁰

Criteria for the Distinguished Alumnus Award

The nominee must:
1. Be either a current member of the Alumni Association or have had a previous membership.
2. Demonstrate marked achievement in one of these areas of nursing:
   a. Contributed to nursing and nursing related literature (articles in periodicals such as newsletters, bulletins, and journals).
   b. Demonstrated consistent, creative nursing practice as evidenced by application and/or development of innovations which:
      a) improved client care.
      b) facilitated administration in a nursing setting.
      c) promoted education in a nursing setting.
   c. Demonstrated continuing professional development as evidenced by:
      a) seeking relevant opportunities in continuing education.
      b) becoming involved in activities of professional organizations.
c) assuming past and/or present responsibilities for community activities.
d) Attained a nursing leadership role and demonstrated the ability to sustain that role (for example, maintaining an active role in alumni functions).
e) Been recognized for achievements by members of the profession or the community.
f) Interpreted nursing practice to community and health agencies.
g) Contributed to nursing research.

3. Be nominated by a member of the Alumni Association.  

Recipients of the Award have been:
1983  Theta Cole Bullington '38
1984  Velma Sexsmith Mason '31
1985  Beatrice Petersen Kalisch '65
1986  Gladys E. Sorensen '45

Gifts and Memorials

**MYRA TUCKER LIBRARY**

Miss Myra Tucker was the first instructor hired by Miss Burgess when the School for Nurses opened in 1917; she retired January 1, 1946, after 29 years of service to the School. In April, 1946, the Association voted to establish and equip a library in Conkling Hall in her honor. Ruth Brodbeck Finlayson '37, Chairman of the Tucker Library Committee, reported that chairs were covered, draperies were hung, and lamps were purchased. The Association requested donations of books and magazine subscriptions from alumnae. Alumnae responded generously and the Library was soon a comfortable and well-equipped place to study.

When the new School of Nursing building opened in 1957, the Tucker Library was moved to the east end of the second level and the Association continued to maintain the library in collaboration with the School of Nursing Committee on Library. Activities included purchase of books, periodicals and equipment. The Tucker library committee also collected and preserved historical material related to the School, the Association, and the College of Medicine, and was responsible for obtaining and preserving pictures of the graduating classes.

With the dedication of the College of Nursing building in Omaha in 1976, the decision was made to place all books and periodicals in the medical center library. The Faculty Conference Room on level
five of the College was named in honor of Miss Tucker, and her portrait is on display in this room.

JOSEPHINE CHAMBERLIN MEMORIAL

Miss Josephine Chamberlin was Superintendent of the Dispensary from 1919 until her retirement in November, 1945. The Association honored her for 26 years of service to the hospital and school by donating $500.00 to Childrens Memorial Hospital to furnish a room in her name. Miss Chamberlin was an Honorary Member of the Association.

Other Gifts

Since its inception in 1921, the Association has made numerous gifts to the College for the benefit of students and faculty. Many silver serving pieces, such as trays and coffee servers for teas and receptions, were donated. A piano was purchased for the lounge in the nurses' residence in the early 1950's. Money was given to sponsor guest lecturers in nursing in the late 1960's.

The original cost of the frames for class pictures was shared by the Association and the Student Council in 1951; since then, the Association has purchased frames as the need arose. Class pictures are in the College of Nursing buildings and are a great source of enjoyment to visiting alumni who like to "remember when."
In 1983 the Association, in cooperation with the UNL Alumni Association, purchased a plaque engraved with the names of all past-presidents; this plaque is displayed in the trophy case on level three of the College of Nursing building in Omaha.

Portraits of the three past Directors/Deans have been commissioned by the Association. The portrait of Miss Burgess was unveiled at the Annual Banquet in 1950, and records show that it cost $250.00. Since Miss Burgess’ health would not permit her to sit for the portrait, it was done from a 1946 photograph taken by Dr. Alister I. Finlayson, husband of Ruth Brodbeck Finlayson ’37. It has graced Conkling Hall, the lounge of the School of Nursing built in 1957, and now hangs in the Charlotte Burgess Administrative Suite on level two of the College building in Omaha. Those who knew Miss Burgess and those who only knew of her are reminded daily of her contributions to the School as its founder and Director for 29 years.

Miss Kyle’s portrait, commissioned at a cost of $700.00, was given to the School as a gift for the lounge of the new building in 1957. It now hangs in the Irma Kyle Kramer Conference Room on the fourth level of the Omaha building, where it serves as a constant reminder of a gentle woman who led the School through a major curriculum change and its first NLN Accreditation.

The photograph of Dr. Boyle was commissioned in 1974 at a cost of $544.00 and was presented to the College of Nursing in 1976. It was placed in the Charlotte Burgess Suite as a tribute to the woman who directed the greatest expansion the College had ever experienced.

A major monetary gift was given by the Association in 1973 in response to fund-raising pleas for the planned College of Nursing...
Building. The Association pledged $5000.00 from its funds and an additional $5000.00 from the membership. A portion of the gift was used to print a brochure explaining the new building and the goals of the College to be sent to potential contributors. Alumni eventually contributed more than $20,000 for the new building.

Presidents Of The Alumni Association²⁴

1921       Arta Lewis
1922, 23    Irene McKown
1924, 25    Effie Welsh
1926       Agnes Etherington Stahly
1927, 28, 29 Frieda Dieterichs
1930       Esther Daggett Schroeder (until June)
            Frieda Dieterichs
1931       Frieda Dieterichs (until June)
            Catherine Lavelle
1932, 33    Catherine Lavelle
1934       Frieda Dieterichs
1935       Nelda Demmel
1936       Anna Steffen (until September)
            Theda Murphy
1937       Emily Brickley
1938       Velma Sexsmith Mason
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Honorary Members of the Alumni Association

Honorary membership in the Association is offered to persons who have rendered distinguished service or assistance to the College of Nursing or its Alumni Association. Those so honored, with date of membership, are:

Charlotte Burgess, 1924
Nettie Fitch, 1924
Myra Tucker, 1924
Anne Collins, 1928
Josephine Chamberlin, 1935
Esther Palmer, 1935
Alice D. Orr, 1939
Edna Braun, 1945
Mercedes Breen, 1945
Adeline Cornelius, 1945
Irma Kyle Kramer, 1951
K. Grace Koons Frandsen, 1954
Myrl Alspach, 1955
Rena E. Boyle, 1969
Regina Tangney Barentson, 1970
Sybil Sawinsky Sedivy, 1974
Jeannene Kenney Boosingher, 1985
Nancy F. Langston, 1985
APPENDICES

STUDENT NURSE OF THE YEAR

The Student Council proposed this award in 1953, and asked the School of Nursing Faculty to select a senior student based on the following criteria: scholarship, nursing ability, and extra-curricular activities. For many years the Alumni Association presented cufflinks with the school crest to the recipient. The award was given to both associate and generic baccalaureate seniors between 1972 and 1976; from 1977 to 1986 it was given to associate degree seniors.

Recipients:

1953    Mary Ann Wollmer
1954    Marilyn Jo Krueger
1955    Margaret Jean McQuistan
1956    Shirley Mae Hoevet
1957    Elinor May Vahl
1958    JoAnn Carr
1959    Mary Carolyn White
1960    Carmen JoAnn Horn
1961    Kathryn Ann Murphy
1962    JoAnne Kilday
1963    Virginia Wadhams
1964    Katherine Ann Williams Rhoades
1965    Gail Sharon Post
1966    Bevely June Lee
1967    Bertha Colglazier
1968    Trudy Jo Cornette
1969    Mary Rowoldt Martin
1970    June Marie Burkhardt
1971    Linda Jean Miers
1972    Katherine Lois Richstein (BSN)
        Sharon Nell Maher Feller (ASN)
1973    Jane Ann Bruning (BSN)
        Winifred Medley Williams (ASN)
1974    Jean Marie Bazata (BSN)
        Juliette Lucille Schellander Cowdin (ASN)
1975    Joan Marie Merchant (BSN)
        Carol Harrington (ASN)
1976    Edward Williams Averill (BSN)
        Celeste M. McEwan (ASN, Omaha)
        Mary Sue Shonka (ASN, Lincoln)
1977 Sharon Ann Sweitzer Hebish (ASN, Omaha)
          Mary Street Alinder (ASN, Lincoln)
1978 Mary Louise Stark (ASN, Omaha)
          Roberta Eileen Herman (ASN, Lincoln)
1979 Kristy Diane Potter Iwansky (ASN, Omaha)
          JoAnn Nelson Foster (ASN, Lincoln)
1980 Jeffrey R. Lane (ASN, Omaha)
          Gayle Sue Blomendahl (ASN, Lincoln)
1981 Rick Alan Madison (ASN, Omaha)
          Kathy Lynn Zlomke (ASN, Lincoln)
1982 Susan Diane Patterson Clement (ASN, Omaha)
          Jacquelin Patterson Grabouski (ASN, Lincoln)
1983 Lori D. League (ASN, Omaha)
          Barbara Ann Kalin (ASN, Lincoln)
1984 Susan Mary Brzostek Thies (ASN, Omaha)
          Kim Diane Preston (ASN, Lincoln)
1985 Barbara L. Nobel Parker (ASN, Omaha)
          Lisa Bacon (ASN, Lincoln)
1986 Rebecca L. Keating Burns (ASN, Omaha)
          Karen Stevens (ASN, Lincoln)

DEAN'S AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Dean Boyle originated this award following the Alumni Association’s decision in 1978 to give the Charlotte Burgess and Irma Kyle Kramer Awards in alternate years on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses. A scholastic award was therefore available to associate and baccalaureate classes on both campuses each year; it has not been given since the Alumni Association decided in 1983 to award a Burgess and Kramer award on both campus. Recipients:

1979 Rebecca Lynn Breed (ASN, Omaha)
          Colleen Lewis Speidell (BSN, Lincoln)
1980 Christine Ann Hanson (BSN, Omaha)
          Vickie Sucha Herout (ASN, Lincoln)
1981 Rick Alan Madison (ASN, Omaha)
          Catherine Marie Amen (BSN, Lincoln)
1982 Carol Ann Ciebien (BSN, Omaha)
          Debra Jo Heinrichs (ASN, Lincoln)
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO NURSING AWARD

The Distinguished Service to Nursing Award has recognized those individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the nursing profession. Nominations are made by the faculty and the award is presented by the College of Nursing at the May commencement or at another appropriate time. Recipients have been:

January 31, 1976    Gladys E. Sorensen, RN, Ed.D.
May 20, 1979    Kathryn E. Barnard, RN, Ph.D.
May 25, 1980    Rena E. Boyle, RN, Ph.D.
May 24, 1981    Irma Kyle Kramer, RN, SM
May 23, 1982    Martha M. Brown, RN, Ph.D.
May 22, 1983    Frieda Dieterichs, RN
June 13, 1987    Regina Tangney Barentson, RN, MS

HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Persons who have had distinguished careers and have made major contributions to the health care field may be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska upon recommendation by the Medical Center. Nurses so honored include:

May 25, 1975    Jessie M. Scott, RN, MA
May 24, 1981    Myrtle K. Aydelotte, RN, Ph.D.
May 12, 1985    Gladys E. Sorensen, RN, Ed.D.
June 13, 1987    Rena E. Boyle, RN, Ph.D.

EMERITI FACULTY

Boosinger, Jeannene, R.N., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Nursing, Emeritus
Boyle, Rena, R.N., Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, Dean, College of Nursing, Emeritus
Braun, Edna, R.N., Instructor in Public Health Nursing, Emeritus
Breen, Mercedes, R.N., B.S., Assistant Professor of Nursing, Emeritus
Brown, Martha, R.N., Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, Director, Nursing Care Research Center, Emeritus
Burgess, Charlotte, R.N., Ph.B., Professor of Nursing, Director, School of Nursing, Emeritus
Fleming, Clare, R.N., M.A., Associate Professor of Nursing, Emeritus
Horrell, Martha, R.N., M.A., Assistant Professor and Chair, Associate Degree Program, Emeritus
Kentopp, Elizabeth, R.N., M.S., Assistant Professor of Nursing, Emeritus
Kramer, Irma Kyle, R.N., S.M., Professor of Nursing and Director, School of Nursing, Emeritus
Tucker, Myra, R.N., Professor of Nursing, Assistant Director, School of Nursing, Emeritus
Warner, Vera, R.N., M.A., Assistant Professor of Nursing, Emeritus
Williams, Lola, R.N., M.A., Assistant Professor of Nursing, Emeritus