



SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER: RUTGERS SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (RSNAA)

Spring is here...and the RSNAA has a lot to share!

Sung Poblete, PhD, RN will be inducted into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni on Saturday, May 7

The RSNAA is proud to announce that they nominated Dr. Sung Poblete '89(BS), '92 (MS), '00 (PhD), president & CEO of Stand Up to Cancer, for consideration for induction into the [Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni](#). Among great competition, Dr. Sung was selected to be one of the five award winners being honored in 2016, joining the 223 graduates of the 470,000 Rutgers alumni to be inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni. The Induction Gala will be held Saturday May 7th at the State Theater with a reception at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick.

It is not too late to [RSVP!](#)

Dr. Sung joins three other Rutgers nursing alumni to receive this honor in the past. Read more about these nurse leaders at [Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni database](#):

- Dr. Beverly L. Malone '72 (MS) - Hall of Distinguished Alumni 2000
 - International nursing leader
- Dr. Elizabeth Norman '73 (BS) - Hall of Distinguished Alumni 2004
 - Nurse, author, professor
- Dr. Donna L. Wong '70 (BS) (deceased) - Hall of Distinguished Alumni 2007
 - Pediatric nurse, author, researcher

Dr. Sung will also be the guest speaker at the Rutgers School of Nursing Convocation for the Class of 2016 to be held Wednesday, May 18 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

Top 20: Continuing to Raise the Bar-New Rankings for the DNP and MS Programs

For 2016, Rutgers School of Nursing has been ranked in the **Top 20** by the *U.S. News and World Report*. For the first-ever ranking of Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, the RSON DNP program ranked #17! The MSN program was ranked #19 (up from #25 in 2015). ([READ MORE](#))

In Memoriam: Dr. Maureen DeMaio Esteves (1952-2016)

Sadly, Maureen DeMaio Esteves, PhD, RN, the associate dean at Rutgers School of Nursing passed away on February 16, 2016. Dr. Esteves made an extraordinary commitment to Rutgers nursing education

over the past 35 years. Her family has started the Dr. Maureen DeMaio Esteves Generic Baccalaureate Memorial Scholarship Fund in her memory.

We know that many of you have very fond memories of Dr. Esteves and would also like to contribute to this scholarship fund. Donations can be made to **Dr. Maureen DeMaio Esteves Generic Baccalaureate**

Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Accounting Department, Rutgers University Foundation
120 Albany Street Plaza, Suite 101
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The RSONAA made a \$3,000 donation to the scholarship fund to honor her work and extraordinary contribution to nursing at the Rutgers School of Nursing.

Flash Forward -- In the next five years, what should the RSONAA look like and accomplish?

The RSONAA Board has reached out to a mix of alumni, Dean Holzemer and administrators from the School of Nursing for Strategic Planning Meetings to discuss and shape our future. The group has met twice over the winter in Saturday morning brainstorming sessions. They will continue to meet and develop actions plans for the 2015-2016.

The main messages have been regarding building a structure that enhances the RSONAA mission. More committees are being formed to work on action plans:

- **Communications Committee:** Enhance communications with alumni via the website and other venues
 - **Chairperson:** Donna Fountain
- **October Events Committee:** Continue to honor alumni at the annual October event
 - **Chairperson:** Ulanda Marcus-Aiyeku
- **Student and New Alumni Engagement:** Continue to engage with students and new alumni
 - **Chairperson:** Eleni Pellarzgu
- **Scholarship/Awards Committee:** Continue to award alumni scholarships and recognize alumni
 - **Chairperson:** Ray Scarpa
- **Finance/Funding Raising Committee:** Explore fundraising opportunities
 - **Chairperson:** Gale Gage

The committee chairs are excited but need more input to move forward. Let us know which committee you would like to work with and provide your input to demonstrate you are **Scarlet Forever**. Let us know of your interest at rsonaa@rutgers.edu

Stay in Touch!!

Let us know what you are doing! Lynn McFarlane, Director, Marketing & Communications at the Rutgers School of Nursing, would love to keep the Rutgers nursing community updated on your achievements, award, presentations and publications. Please send her email updates at Lynn.McFarlane@rutgers.edu or call her at 973-353-3833.

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