



**Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Association
Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 4, 2016
Rutgers School of Nursing
110 Paterson Place, New Brunswick, NJ**

Key Activities of RSONAA July 2015 – June 2016

June 4, 2016

On behalf of the Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Association (RSONAA) Board, I welcome you to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the RSONAA. The attached document highlights the key activities of the RSONAA over the past year from July 1, 2015 to June, 2016. The RSONAA Board is proud of its increased engagement of alumni over this past year and looks forward to expanding that engagement with more alumni and with the School of Nursing's administration, faculty and students.

Our Strategic Planning Meetings held in 2016 helped us to look at our past and design our proposed future that enhances the RSONAA mission:

The mission of this Association will be to promote lifelong relationships among alumni, students and faculty by fostering communication and an environment of fellowship, social, and collegial relationships, and to provide opportunities for networking and mentoring. The Association will seek to further alumni interest and involvement with the School.

The immediate plans for 2016-2017 focus on building our infrastructure through our committees to better engage alumni through focused activities that interest alumni. We hope that you will offer to be involved as an alumnus through a committee that meets your passion.

- **Communications Committee:** Enhance communications with alumni via the website and other venues
- **October Awards Event Committee:** Continue to honor alumni at the annual October event
- **Student and New Alumni Engagement:** Continue to engage with students and new alumni
- **Scholarship/Awards Committee:** Continue to award alumni scholarships and recognize alumni
- **Finance/Funding Raising Committee:** Explore fundraising opportunities
- **Fall Football Event Committee:** Plan for alumni football event for September 17, 2016

Thanks for your interest and energy!!

Your RSONAA President,
Judy Caruso



Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Association

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Newly Elected Officers- Assumed 2 year positions: July 1, 2015

- President- Judy Caruso, DNP, MBA, RN
- Vice-president- Ray Scarpa, DNP, RN, APN
- Secretary- Nancy Delloiacono, DNP, RN, APN
- Treasurer- Gale Gage, PhD, RN
- RSON Student Senate Representative- Suraya Almsobeh
- Chairperson Annual October Awards Event- Ulanda Marcus Aiyeku, DNP, RN, APN
- Chairperson Student and New Alumni Engagement- Eleni Pellazgu, DNP, RN, APN
- Chairperson Communications and Website- Donna Founation, PhD, RN (effective May 2016)

September 2015- Rutgers University Annual Alumni Leadership Conference: Raising the Bar in New Brunswick, NJ

- Judy Caruso and Ray Scarpa prepared and presented a power point presentation “**Evolve: Keeping Up with a Changing Alumni Body**”
 - 2013 Integration of UMDNJ into Rutgers College of Nursing and 2014 Full Integration with nursing school name changed to Rutgers School of Nursing discussed, integrating over 11,000 alumni.

September 15, 2015- Submission of RSONA Sung Poblete, PhD., RN, current President & CEO of Stand Up 2 Cancer for consideration for Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award

- President Judy Caruso submitted Dr. Poblete’s name for consideration on behalf of the RSONAA.
- Notification in spring 2016 of Dr. Poblete selected as one of five new inductees

October 16, 2015- Rutgers University Alumni Association Grant Application Received- \$1,500

- Grant application was written and submitted by President Judy Caruso and Vice-President Ray Scarpa for \$1,500 to support October RSONAA Awards Celebration and fundraiser for alumni scholarships
- November 1, 2016- Notification of \$2,000 received

October 22, 2015- Annual Alumni Awards Celebration & Dinner Held at the Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, NJ

- 87 attendees
- 2015 Outstanding Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Award: Linda Flynn, PhD, RN, FAAN
- 2015 Rutgers School of Nursing Rising Star Award: Maria Molina, MSN, APN-C, ACNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, CCRN
- 2015 Scholarships Awarded:
 - Two Elizabeth Fenlason Awards- \$4,000 each to graduate students Mark Karasin and Myrto McNeil
 - Alumni Scholarship Award- \$1,000 to April Ancheta
 - Scarpa Memorial Scholarship- \$1,000 to Joyce Hertoz
 - Caruso Family Scholarship- \$1,000 to Shaakira Abdul Razzaq

November 6, 2015 6-9pm- Successful Alumni–Student Event: “Putting the Pieces Together: Where Do You Fit?”

- Panel discussion of alumni on their career paths and work outside of the acute care environment organized with student senate representative Suraya Almsobeh

January and April 2016- RSONAA Strategic Planning Sessions

- January 30, 2016- 1st Strategic Planning Meeting held with 20 attendees, a mix of alumni and RSON Administrators, including Dean Holzemer

- Brainstorming session to understand current state and desired new state
- April 2, 2016- Follow up 2nd Strategic Planning Meeting held with 15 attendees, a mix of alumni and RSON administrators including Dean Holzemer
 - Priorities on issues were set with formulation of committee for action plan development

February 18, 2016- RSONAA participated in RSON AACN Accreditation Meeting in Newark, NJ

- RSONAA officers participated in the accreditation site visit for discussion of engagement and support of RSONAA with the RSON.

February 27, 2016 Saturday morning- Rutgers School of Nursing Senate and Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Association Event

- Joint event planned: “**Your Next Step: Moving Forward: Job Hunting, the NCLEX, and More.**” Board members and other alumni participated on a morning panel.
 - Plan to make this an annual event each February

March 18, 2016- Resignation of Secretary Nancy Delloiacono

- Appointment of Lois Greene to completed the term through June 2017, effective May 2016.

March 25, 2016: RSON Dean’s Advisory Meeting

- President Judy Caruso attended Dean Holzemer’s RSON Advisory Meeting

March 2016- Donation to former associate dean Dr. Maureen DeMaio Esteves Generic BS Student Scholarship

- In memory of Dr. Esteves’ with her death in February 2016, the RSONAA Board voted to donate \$3,000 to Dr. Esteves scholarship set up in her memory on behalf of the RSONAA to recognize her outstanding contributions to the Rutgers School of Nursing.

April 7, 2016- Alumni Board Selects Outstanding School of Nursing Senior

- Applications were reviewed by the RSONAA Board and the outstanding BS senior selected was Cilgy Abraham.

April 27, 2016 –RSONAA Participated in RSON Graduation Salute –10am-7pm Ackerson Hall, 3rd floor Atrium

- Alumni Eleni Pellazgu and Daniel Misa participated in the day’s activities
- Congratulated and welcomed graduating BS seniors and graduate students into RSONAA and handled out well wishes along withn RU Alumni pins, convocation related items, etc.

May 7, 2016, Saturday Evening- Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala

- Board members represented the RSONAA at this event where Sung Poblete, Ph.D., RN was one of the five RU alumni inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni

May 10, 2016- Rutgers Accelerated BS in Nursing Celebration Event

- Vice president Ray Scarpa assisted with celebration event.

May 18, 2016- Graduation Pinning at Convocation at NJPAC –

- RSONA and Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductee for 2016 Dr. Sung Poblete was keynote speaker at RSON Convocation at NJPAC
- Board officers and other alumni assisted in pinning graduates at the convocation at NJPAC, e.g. Ray Scarpa, Lois Greene, and Akosua Serwah-Boadu

May 30, 2016- Return of Scholarship Applications

- Scholarship applications received from graduate students for the Elizabeth Fenlason Scholarships
- Scholarship applications received from undergraduate and graduate students for the three additional scholarships: RSONAA Scholarship, Scarpa Memorial Scholarship and Caruso Family Scholarship
 - Scholarship Committee meeting in June to make recommendations to the RSONAA Board
 - Scholarships will be awarded at RSONAA Awards Celebration Gala in October 2016- specific date and place to be announced

June 4, 2016- RSONAA Annual Meeting in New Brunswick from 9am-11am

- RSONAA Annual Meeting held at Rutgers School of Nursing building 110 Paterson St, New Brunswick, NJ to discuss highlights of 2015-2016 events, updates by Dean William Holzemer, and RSONAA plans for 2016-2017.

- Former Dean Dorothy DeMaio gave a brief presentation on the “**History Wall: Nursing at Rutgers 1928-2014**”
- Networking and discussing interest of alumni in specific committees held over breakfast of bagels, yogurt, and coffee

June 30, 2016- Plans to post the RSONAA Requirements and Applications for Outstanding Alumni Award and RSONAA Rising Star Awards

- Deadline for return will be announced with application posted, planned for July 31, 2016
- Awards will be given at the RSONAA October 2016 Annual Awards Event- date and place to be announced
 - Celebrating the 250 Rutgers Anniversary (1766-2016)

Your RSONAA 2016-2017 Board and Committee Chairs

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