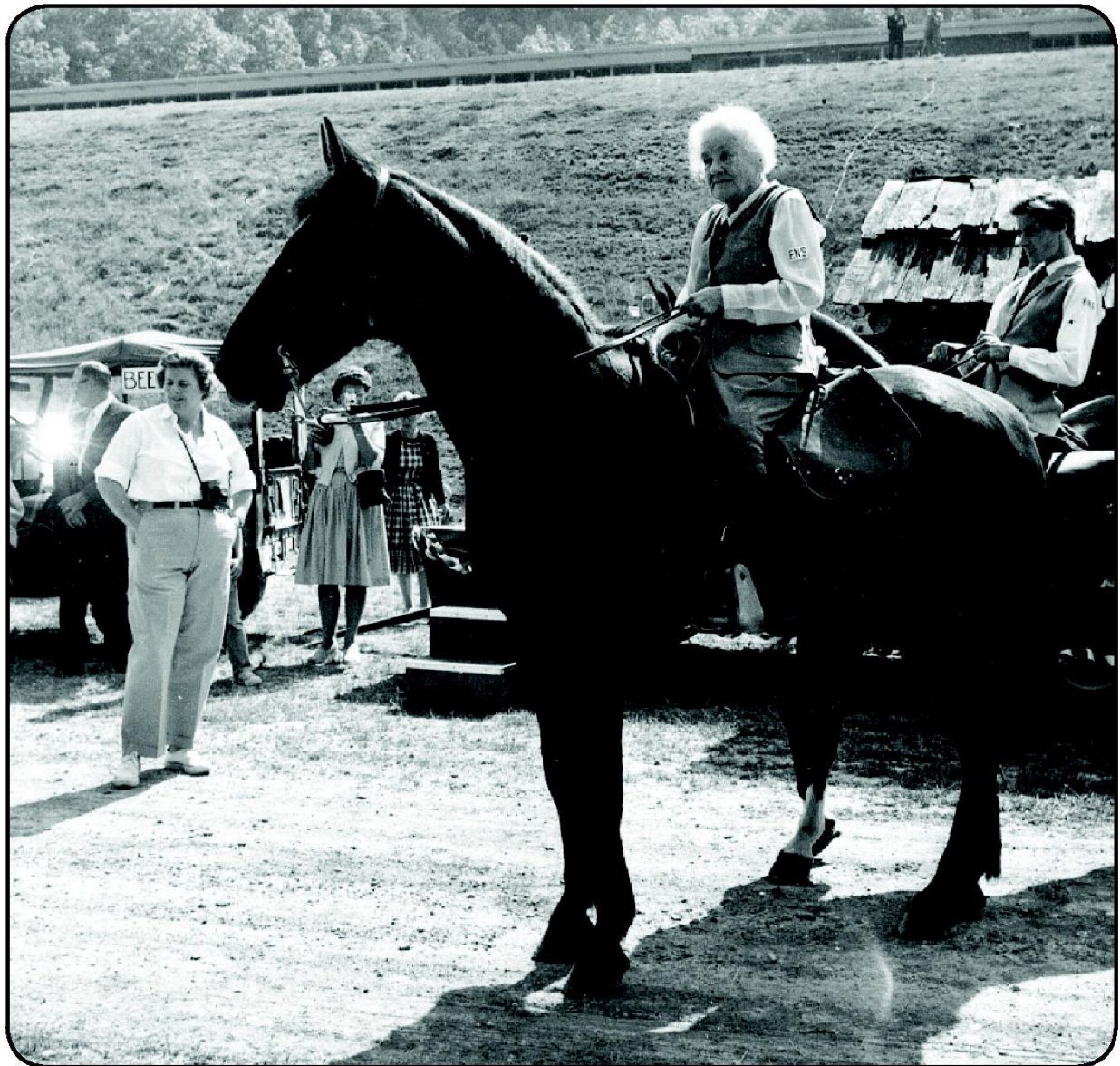


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Introduction to Frontier Nursing University

Mary Breckinridge spent her early years in many parts of the world – Russia, France, Switzerland and the British Isles. After the deaths of her two children, she abandoned the homebound life expected of women of her class to devote herself to the service of others, particularly mothers and children.

Mrs. Breckinridge founded the Frontier Nursing Service in 1925 after several years of studying and practicing nursing and midwifery in the United States, England, Scotland and France. It was the first organization in America to use nurses trained as midwives collaborating with a single medical doctor/obstetrician, based at their small hospital in Hyden. Originally the staff was composed of nurse-midwives trained in England. They traveled on horseback and on foot to provide quality prenatal and childbirth care in the client's own home. In 1939, Mrs. Breckinridge established a school of nurse-midwifery. The school provided graduates, many of whom stayed to offer care to families in Leslie County, Kentucky.

Today, Mrs. Breckinridge's legacy extends far beyond Eastern Kentucky through Frontier Nursing University (FNU), which offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and a Master of Science in Nursing degree with tracks as a Nurse-Midwife, Family Nurse Practitioner and Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner. FNU has students and graduates serving all 50 states and many countries.

Mary Breckinridge said: "Our aim has always been to see ourselves surpassed, and on a larger scale." (*Wide Neighborhoods*, 1952)

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THE JOURNEY

*By Dr. Susan E. Stone,
Frontier Nursing University President and Dean*

Four new board members bring valuable experience to FNU Board

The growth and long-term success of Frontier Nursing University relies on a strong and diverse Board of Directors to guide our work. Our Board of Directors is 100 percent volunteer and meets quarterly to lay out the strategic plan for our future, evaluate progress on our goals and review the financial strength of the institution. Board members also give countless hours between meetings by serving as representatives of FNU in their communities, sharing the story of Frontier with old and new friends, and helping to garner increased volunteer and financial support for our mission. The role of a board member is critical to the University, and we are honored to welcome four new members to this distinguished group of advisors:

Wallace Campbell, PhD

Retired Kentucky college administrator

Wally Campbell grew up on a subsistence farm in rural Leslie County, Kentucky. He graduated from Berea College in 1966 with a major in elementary education. He earned a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1969 and a Ph.D. in the Sociological Foundations of Education at the University of Toledo in 1972. Early in his career, he was a public school teacher/principal and director of TRIO programs.



Wally held the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean for 31 years. During his 20 years as the Dean at Alice Lloyd College, he played a major role in the institution's successful transition from a two-year to a four-year college. He provided leadership for the development of baccalaureate programs; recruitment and retention of faculty; addition of a new library, classrooms and laboratory facilities; and expansion of scholarships for graduate/professional school. As Dean at Pikeville College for 11 years, Wally was instrumental in accreditation studies, including approval for the merger of the College and the School of Osteopathic Medicine. He also led the development of new majors, academic honor societies, study abroad programs, faculty development, institutional effectiveness planning and the Booth Scholars Program.

Wally attended the Harvard Institute for Educational Management (IEM) and chaired the Deans Task Force

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of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC); he was active in the Appalachian College Association, Association of Kentucky Independent Colleges and Universities, Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board and Leadership Kentucky. He is a trustee of the Frontier Nursing Service, a member of the Executive Council of the Berea College Alumni Association and an officer in the Berea Kiwanis Club.

In 2006, Wally received the CIC Chief Academic Officer Award; he was recently named Dean Emeritus and awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Pikeville College (today known as the University of Pikeville). He received the Berea College Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011.

Wally is retired and lives in Berea with his wife, Jane Shivel Campbell. They have one son, Brian.

Eunice K. M. Ernst, CNM, MPH

Mary Breckinridge Chair of Midwifery, Frontier Nursing University

Kitty Ernst is a certified nurse-midwife and a graduate of the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery (now Frontier Nursing University) with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in Public Health. For a half century, she has been a pioneer in both the field of midwifery and in developing the best care possible for families in pregnancy and birth. An early president and active member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), she conducted the first wave of accreditation for nurse-midwifery education programs and developed the first "What is a Nurse-Midwife?" brochure. As a practitioner, Kitty served families in capacities ranging from public health nurse-midwife in the mountains of Kentucky to the home birth service of Maternity Center Association in New York City. She also directed the nurse-midwifery education program at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.



While starting her own family, she began working as a parent educator, teaching some of the first childbirth education groups of the International Childbirth Education Association. As a field consultant for Maternity Center Association committed to innovation for the sake of healthy families, she developed family-centered maternity care provided by an obstetrician/nurse-midwife team at the Salvation Army Booth Maternity Center in Philadelphia. She designed a project to develop and evaluate a program of Self-Care/Self-Help Education Initiated in Childbirth and assisted in planning and implementation of the demonstration Childbearing Center at Childbirth Connection. She was co-founder of the National Association of Childbearing Centers and led the way by inspiring and coaching the many birth centers that followed.

She conducted a national on-site survey of freestanding birth centers and provided consultation for the First National Collaborative Study of Freestanding Birth Centers. As Director of the National Association of Childbearing Centers (NACC), Kitty continued to be a leader in the effort to bring birth centers into the mainstream of healthcare delivery and helped to institute the Commission for Accreditation of Freestanding Birth Centers. During this time, she also served a term as Vice President of ACNM. During the 1980s, Kitty became concerned about two issues: the small number of nurse-midwives being educated each year and the fact that the majority of nurse-midwives were being educated in large tertiary care centers and were lacking out-of-hospital experience. To address these issues, she led the design and implementation of the first distance-education program for nurse-midwives. This program was later adopted by the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. Kitty occupies the first endowed chair in the profession, the Mary Breckinridge Chair of Midwifery. She is recipient of awards such as the Martha Mae Elliot Award for Exceptional Health Service to Mothers and Children from the American Public Health Association, The Hattie Hemschemeyer Award from the American College of Nurse Midwives, and the Childbirth Connection Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Jean Johnson, PhD, RN, FAAN

Chair of the Board, Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation

Jean Johnson, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences at George Washington University and is responsible for developing numerous health professions programs, including programs for the nurse practitioner, emergency health services and physical therapy. She has provided leadership on national nurse practitioner issues as President of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioners as well as



President of the American College of Nurse Practitioners. In addition, Dr. Johnson has served on national committees such as the Institute of Medicine's Future of Primary Care Committee, the Pew-Fetzer Patient Centered Advisory Group, the Health Sector Assembly, The National Capital Area Health Care Coalition, and the Pew Health Professions Commission. Dr. Johnson also serves as the National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Partnerships in Training Program. Consistent with her commitment to interdisciplinary education, this program prepares people living in underserved areas to be nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified nurse-midwives. Through this experience and work done at George Washington, Dr. Johnson

is an expert on the institutional development of online learning. She has just completed a year as a "Scholar in Residence" at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, working to define a program to address the nursing shortage. Dr. Johnson has worked clinically as a nurse practitioner caring for nursing home residents and underserved communities. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor and Dean Emerita, University of Washington School of Nursing

Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a professor in the Department of Family and Child Nursing and Dean Emerita of the University of Washington School of Nursing. Since the late



1970s, she has led a sustained program of research in the field of women's health. Her collaborative, interdisciplinary research has resulted in an improved understanding of women's experiences of menstrual cycle symptoms as well as the menopausal transition, including endocrine, social and personal factors influencing symptoms and women's approaches to symptom management. She has served as an investigator for the Women's Health Initiative Study and is named as an investigator for the MsFLASH study of symptom management approaches for hot flashes and related symptoms. Her work has advanced nursing care for reproductive aged and mid-life women and has provided

women with a better understanding of their health. In 1989, Dr. Woods and her colleagues established the first NIH-funded Center for Women's Health Research at the University of Washington School of Nursing.

Please join with me in welcoming these new Board members to the Frontier family. We look forward to our next full Board meeting, which will take place at Wendover and coincide with our annual commencement ceremony. It will be a special time to strategize and plan for our future. We are extremely honored for these individuals to offer their service to Frontier Nursing University!

Jonas scholars program addresses nurse faculty shortage across the U.S.

Two DNP students to attend FNU through partnership

The Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence will reach an important milestone this fall, as the third cohort of nursing doctoral candidates in its Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program brings the program to a national scale. Launched in 2008 with six scholars in three states, the program now includes more than 200 students in nearly 85 schools nationwide. It is the largest program addressing the nation's dire shortage of nursing faculty by preparing nurses with doctoral degrees to step into this critical role. In 2010 alone, nursing schools turned away more than 67,000 qualified applicants because of a shortage of more than 1,000 faculty.



The new cohort includes 142 Ph.D. and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) scholars representing all 50 states, including two students

who will attend Frontier Nursing University. The scholars will be funded through 2014 with \$2 million from the Jonas Center, which the schools leveraged to raise an additional \$1.5 million. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing will administer the program.

“Our mission is to improve healthcare through nursing, and by reaching all 50 states, we can improve healthcare for all Americans,” said Darlene Curley, Executive Director of the Jonas Center.

According to Curley, in addition to growing the ranks of nursing faculty (as graduates are expected to teach), Jonas scholars also will expand the number of advanced practice nurses who can serve as primary care providers and healthcare leaders – a vital role as the nation's healthcare system is undergoing sweeping transformations.

FNU is honored to partner with Jonas to support our two new scholars, and our school will provide a matching contribution for the Jonas scholarship money. FNU was asked to recruit DNP students from Alaska and Idaho, two states which do not have a DNP program. Our distance-learning format and high-quality program made FNU a perfect fit to fulfill the goal of having a scholar in every state. We are proud to announce that Tracey Wiese of Alaska and Annette Asper of Idaho will attend FNU on full scholarship because of this partnership. Profiles of these outstanding women follow on the next page.

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**Tracey Wiese,
MSN, FNP, SANE-A, PMHNP [c]**

Tracey Wiese received her BSN from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and her MSN (Family Nurse Practitioner) from Frontier Nursing University. She completed UAA's Post-Master's program in Psychiatric Mental Health Advance Practice Nursing (PMHNP). She is currently a primary care provider for the nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center in Alaska (CARES) through the Children's Hospital in Anchorage.

Tracey's DNP capstone project will examine the long-term effects on the health of Alaskan adult survivors of childhood physical, mental, and sexual violence and will provide specific recommendations for Alaskan primary care providers in the recognition and management of this major public health problem.



**Annette Asper,
BSN, MSN, FNP-BC**

In 2005, Annette Asper received her BSN from Lewis Clark State College (LCSC), Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she served as the nursing representative to the LCSC Associated Students. In 2006, she completed certification in medical surgical nursing and, in 2010, she earned her MSN (Family Nurse Practitioner) from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Annette's DNP capstone project will develop curricula and a residency practice for family nurse practitioners, focusing on community-based, primary care management of musculoskeletal diseases. The projected impacts of this capstone are to increase availability of high quality community-based care, increase quality of life and decrease the burden of healthcare costs for people with musculoskeletal diseases.

GO FRONTIER!

FNU faculty, staff and alumni showed their Frontier spirit at a Lexington Legends game, where Frontier Nursing University was honored as Community Organization of the Night. The Legends are a minor league team based in Lexington, Ky. Dr. Susan Stone, FNU President and Dean, gave a radio interview, and Dr. Julie Marfell threw out the first pitch.





Event brings students and alumni together to discuss diversity and leadership

Frontier Nursing University hosted its second annual Diversity Impact Weekend on its historical Hyden, Ky., campus May 18-20. The event united nurse-midwifery and nurse practitioner students and alumni for fellowship, networking and discussion focused on diversity and leadership.

FNU faculty, staff and 20 students and alumni from across the country gathered to explore topics relevant to the importance of leadership and increasing diversity in the nursing and midwifery workforce. All attendees received travel stipends through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Rumay Alexander, EdD, RN, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, presented the event's keynote presentation, *Different Worlds ...Same Space*. A session titled *Race Matters* was presented by Carol Taylor, MSW, Program Director for Comprehensive Family Services at the University of Kentucky, in addition to several other sessions. Participants also could present their own topics related to cultural beliefs and health issues in specific demographics.

"It is truly eye-opening and rewarding to see students from so many different backgrounds and cultures unite and share their perspectives and beliefs in an encouraging, open-minded environment," said Kimberly Trammell, who coordinates the PRIDE Program, FNU's diversity initiative.

To learn more, visit www.frontier.edu/PRIDE or contact Ms. Trammell at (859) 963-2902.

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FNU endowment campaign update

Honoring our past, focusing on our future



Your investment in Frontier Nursing University is an investment in quality healthcare for all

FNU has embarked on a campaign to raise \$10 million to fund a supporting endowment for the University. This endowment will provide annual income to support our faculty, students and campus, allowing FNU to maintain an affordable tuition for our students and continue to innovate and grow as needed. As we work toward this goal, we would like to celebrate those donors who are making it possible with their leadership and gifts of support.

The Leadership Council for the campaign consists of volunteers who work tirelessly with FNU administration and staff to help us meet our goal. We cannot thank these Leadership Council members enough for giving their time, talents, and personal contributions to the endowment fund.

TO MAKE A GIFT

Gifts to the endowment can be made in cash, gifts of stock, or as planned gifts/bequests to be realized in the future. Pledges of support can be made for a period of up to five years. Please call Denise Barrett, Director of Development, with any questions about giving to the campaign at (662) 846.1967.

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Gifts to the FNU Endowment Campaign are recognized in the Mary Breckinridge Society at the following levels:

Founding Trustee: \$1 million and above

Life Trustee: \$500,000 - \$999,999

Trustee: \$250,000 - \$499,999

Ambassador: \$100,000 - \$249,999

Sponsor: \$50,000 - \$99,999

Steward: \$25,000 - \$49,999

Patron: \$10,000 - \$24,999

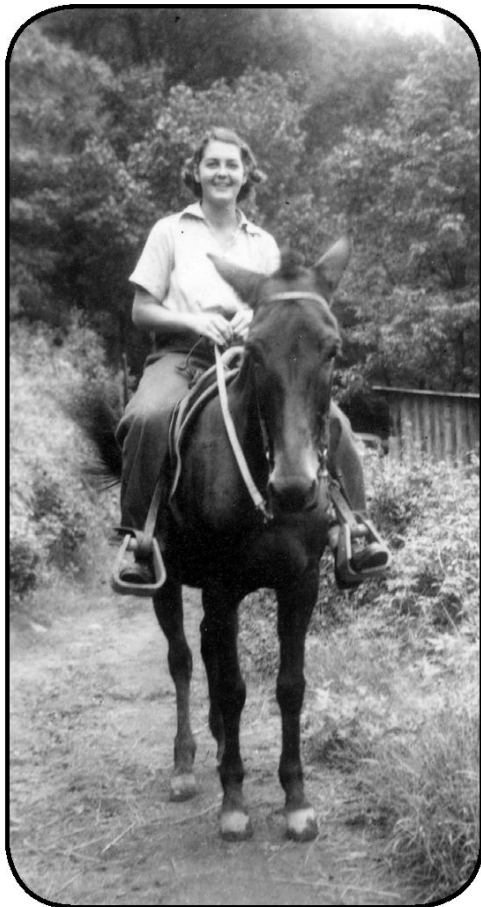
Friend: \$5,000 - \$9,999

Supporter: \$1,000 - \$4,999

We are grateful to the foundations and friends who embrace and support the Frontier mission. We are pleased to share the stories of two of our supporters, who have a strong connection to our heritage.

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Neel Family Foundation commits \$5,000 to name the Mary Wilson Neel Endowed Scholarship



Mrs. Neel, shown as a Courier, loved the horses.

Mary Wilson Neel's love of horses and sense of adventure brought her to southeastern Kentucky in the 1930s to volunteer as a Courier for the Frontier Nursing Service. Mrs. Neel, who was born in 1918 in San Mateo, Calif., and grew up in Washington, D.C., learned of the Courier program through her connections with the Graham family, who are relatives of Mary Breckinridge. Of course, during her stint at Frontier, all of the Couriers' work was carried out on horseback, which delighted Mrs. Neel.

After her service as a Courier, Mrs. Neel married, raised five children and continued her lifelong value of volunteering with worthy non-profit organizations. She worked as a candy striper for her local hospital for many years and served on the National Board for the Metropolitan Opera.

Mrs. Neel also passed on her philanthropic tendencies to her children. Her daughter, Wendy Ellsworth, followed in her footsteps and served as a Courier for FNS as well. Mrs. Neel and her children continue to support Frontier and other non-profit organizations through the Neel Foundation, which was established by their father in 1961 and has contributed to Frontier every year since. Most recently, the Neel Foundation has pledged \$5,000 toward the Mary Wilson Neel Endowed Scholarship. The corpus of this scholarship, which will ultimately total \$10,000, will remain permanently invested in the FNU Endowment Fund. Annual growth of the fund will provide scholarships to FNU students each year. We are honored



to have the opportunity to award the Mary Wilson Neel Scholarship to our deserving students and to simultaneously recognize Mrs. Neel and her children for their commitment and support to Frontier through the years.

Mrs. Neel, in a recent photograph

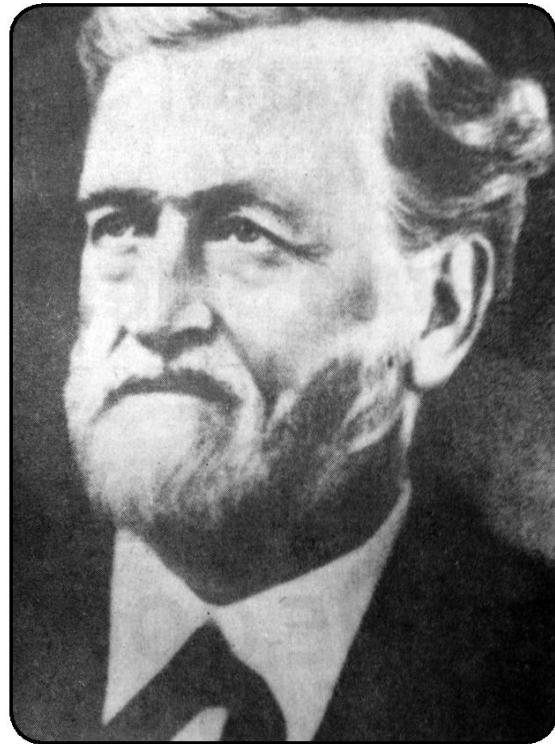
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With deep roots in Hyden, Elizabeth Kramer is inspired to support FNU as a Steward of the Mary Breckinridge Society

For Elizabeth Kramer, a volunteer on FNU's Leadership Council, choosing to support Frontier's endowment campaign is truly personal.

Mrs. Kramer, who grew up in Hyden, feels a strong connection to her hometown in Southeastern Kentucky and to the history of the Frontier Nursing Service. Even though Mrs. Kramer has lived in Central Kentucky for more than six decades, she says, "Hyden has always been home. That's my roots."

And her roots run deep. The city of Hyden is named for Mrs. Kramer's great-grandfather, John Hyden, a two-term Kentucky senator from Clay County who served in the state senate from 1875 to 1879. In 1878, Sen. Hyden served as a commissioner representing Clay County and helped to form Leslie County, which was created from parts of Clay, Harlan and Perry counties. The



The city of Hyden, Ky., is named for John Hyden, above, a Kentucky state senator and the great-grandfather of Elizabeth Kramer.

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"Hyden has always been home. That's my roots."

— Elizabeth Kramer

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new county was named for Preston Leslie, a former Kentucky governor, while its county seat was named for Senator Hyden.

Family legend has it that Senator Hyden, who was born in Lee County, Va., in 1814, moved to Southeastern Kentucky in 1843, distraught over accidentally shooting his sweetheart. In the early years, he settled on Wooton's Creek in what is today Leslie County. Mr. Hyden became a successful merchant and farmer and later a successful politician.

Fond memories of the FNS

While Mrs. Kramer never knew her great-grandfather, she is proud to have grown up in the city that bears his name. When Mrs. Kramer was very young, her grandfather, H.M. Hensley, bought the bank in Hyden and put her parents, Harvey and Maude Hensley, in charge. Mrs. Kramer was 3 when she moved to Leslie County at the height of the Great Depression.

She recalls how the Frontier nurses – who had arrived in Hyden just a decade earlier – made quite an impression on her as a small child. “I would see them go through Hyden on their horses and then later in their jeeps. The horses were something else. We’d all stand and stop and watch them and see which way they were going.”



Her prized miniature tea set

She also remembers fondly the Christmas parties hosted by the Frontier Nursing Service at the old Hyden Hospital. “They invited every child in the county. . . . They gave us a piece of fruit, juice and a present.”

She still treasures those toys. “One of my prized possessions is a little brass tea set. Mother didn’t manage to give that away,” she says with a smile.

Continuing her family’s legacy

Mrs. Kramer comes from a community-minded family. At one point, when Elizabeth was a teenager, her mother served as secretary/treasurer of the bus company, the phone company and the church in Hyden and also was Cashier of the bank and held a position with the Frontier Nursing Service. After her father’s passing, her mother left Hyden and moved to Lexington when Elizabeth was 16. But even though she has lived away all these years, Mrs. Kramer still reserves a special place in her heart for Hyden. As unofficial family historian, Mrs. Kramer says, “everything I get pertaining to Hyden or Leslie County, into the file cabinet it goes.”

Mrs. Kramer continues her family’s rich legacy in Leslie County through her support of Frontier Nursing University. Her service on the Leadership

Council for the endowment campaign and her personal gift to the effort are testament to her commitment to the mission. Mrs. Kramer, a Steward of the Mary Breckinridge Society, is leading the campaign to success.



The FNU Endowment Campaign offers many ways to recognize individuals and/or families for their connection, service and support of Frontier. Contact the Office of Development at (662) 846-1967 to discuss potential naming opportunities.



Ulrich chosen for prestigious fellowship

Suzan Ulrich, DrPH, CNM, FACNM, associate dean for Midwifery and Women's Health at Frontier Nursing University, has been named one of only 20 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellows from across the country for 2012. Ulrich joins a select group of nurse leaders chosen to participate in this three-year, world-class leadership development program that is enhancing nurse leaders' effectiveness in improving the nation's health-care system.



Ulrich has served in many capacities at FNU in the past 12 years and was active on the leadership team that achieved regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools: Commission on Colleges as a stand-alone graduate nursing university in 2005. As chair of the Admissions Committee, Ulrich tripled admissions from fewer than 200 students in 2005 to more than 600 students in 2011. She is a fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, and a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and Delta Omega Honor Society of Public Health.

Begun by RWJF in 1998, the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program strengthens the leadership capacity of nurses who aspire to shape health-care locally and nationally.

"I am really grateful for this opportunity," Ulrich said. "I think it's going to be a very exciting – and challenging – three years. I hope it will help me make a bigger contribution both in and outside of my organization, and allow me to advocate for nurse midwives in a changing healthcare system."

Executive Nurse Fellows hold senior leadership positions in a variety of settings. They continue in their current positions during their fellowships, and each develops, plans and implements a new initiative to improve healthcare delivery in her or his community.

DEAN'S REPORT



*By Dr. Julie Marfell,
FNU Associate Dean for Family Nursing*

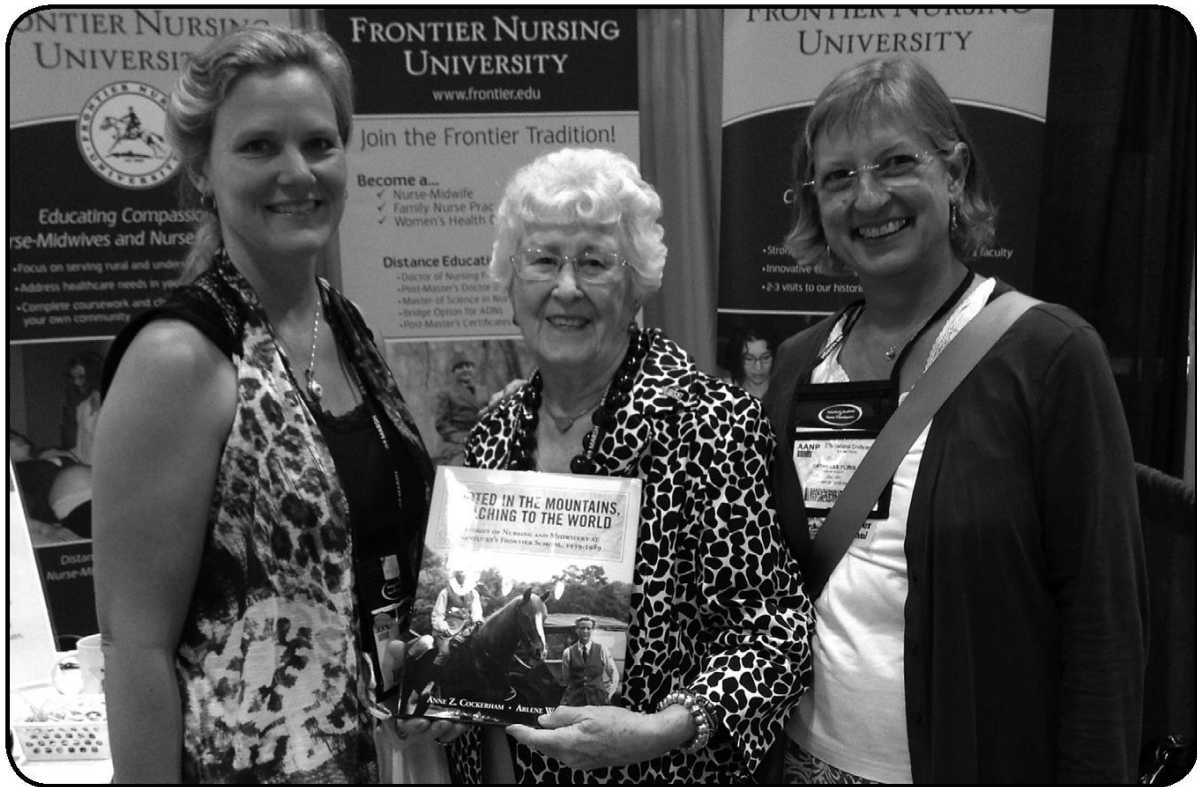
Seeds of our successful FNP program were sown more than 40 years ago

Frontier Nursing University's Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program continues to produce well-prepared graduates. Our FNP graduates work in all areas of healthcare and provide quality primary care to many families and individuals. The number of FNP students has steadily grown over the past 14 years, from five students in Class 1 to nearly 700 FNP students – both full-time and part-time – for the Summer 2012 term. Admission to the FNP track of the Master of Science in Nursing program remains competitive, with more qualified applicants than can be admitted to the program.

The familiar expression about “standing on the shoulders of giants” aptly describes the evolution of our programs at FNU. Recently, we were fortunate to reconnect with one of these giants – Dr. Loretta C. Ford – who spent time as a consultant on our Hyden, Ky., campus more than 40 years ago. Dr. Ford was part of a team of visiting consultants who entrenched themselves in the culture of the Frontier Nursing Service, our school and the Leslie County community during that summer in the late 1960s. They offered their suggestions and guidance to help shape our Family Nurse Practitioner program, which became the first FNP program in the country upon its launch in 1970.

Dr. Ford is a legend in nursing circles. An internationally known nursing leader, she is revered as the founder of the nurse practitioner movement. Her collaboration with Dr. Henry Silver led to the creation of the first Pe-

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Frontier Nursing University faculty members Dr. Rhonda Arthur, left, and Dr. Cathy Fliris, right, were honored to visit with Dr. Loretta C. Ford, EdD, RN, PNP, FAAN, FAANP, when she stopped by the FNU booth at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners conference in Orlando, Fla. They presented her with a copy of a newly published book about Frontier's history in which she is mentioned.

diatric Nurse Practitioner program in the country in 1965. Her pioneering efforts gave birth to a profession that is today more than 140,000 strong – a profession whose ranks are strengthened by the more than 150 new nurse practitioners who graduate from Frontier Nursing University each year.

Dr. Ford and her colleagues came to Frontier to set forth goals and objectives and to design conceptual frameworks for developing curricula for a groundbreaking new program. While spending time at the Frontier Nursing Service, they also taught and visited the Frontier clinics. “It was a challenging time for us,” Dr. Ford says. The challenge was to maintain the FNS model of service to people while also transitioning into an academic model to create this innovative new program. “It was an interesting kind of a challenge. You had a very clinically oriented system. The idea was to put this into an academic curriculum and put this into the best of both worlds.”

Dr. Ford remembers spending time that summer with FNS Director Helen Browne, Dr. Anne Wasson, Kate Ireland and Anne Cundle, all familiar names and giants in FNS history. She stayed both at Wendover (the FNS headquarters) and in the home of Kate Ireland, and she was joined by her husband for four weeks. She holds great affection for her time at Frontier and for the people of Leslie County.

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As the FNP track has evolved, we have met that challenge put forth more than 40 years ago. We have grown from creating the country's first FNP certificate program in 1970 to offering both MSN and DNP programs in the past decade that are fully accredited and offer a rich curriculum that meets all of the established professional standards. All FNU faculty hold national certification in their population focus, and the majority of the FNP faculty continue to maintain a clinical practice. Our faculty serve both professional organizations and their individual communities, and their scholarship is evidenced in the written work that is published.

Offering our curriculum in a format that is accessible to nurses in areas where healthcare is needed fulfills our mission of dedication to both service and academics.

We asked Dr. Ford to share her advice for today's nurse educators. This is an excerpt from her response: "Nursing educators have to 'raise the bar' in the profession. It can be done rather easily by putting a new product on the market in enough numbers who have the competence, commitment, and courage to challenge the status quo and inertia of the delivery, policy, and practice systems. No other group has such an opportunity or a responsibility to change the world."

As our programs continue to evolve at Frontier Nursing University, we believe we can change the world through the care provided by our nurse practitioner and nurse-midwifery graduates. We have accepted this challenge and will complete the work that lies ahead.

DR. FORD'S ADVICE

Dr. Ford also shared some additional thoughts on nursing education, which are excerpted here:

Being the rebel that I am, I want all the best for the future of the nursing profession, and I am challenging nurse educators to 'bite the bullet' and demand higher admissions standards for the education of professional nurses. I believe, and always have, that a liberal arts education should be the basis for all health professionals. The accelerated programs are demonstrating that entry into nursing produces a mature, committed, career-oriented professional. Recognizing, of course, not all of these students have liberal education degrees, still they have maturity and career goals as well as growing commitment to the values, goals, and challenges they face. But as has wisely been observed recently, "The ability to successfully and productively engage individuals of dissimilar background is not just a skill, but a foundational quality – something that lives at the core of great people – and something students at (deleted) are challenged to develop." And, 'a liberal education expands one's cognitive map' and I think provides the professional person of consequence that we seek to produce in nursing. ... So, should we be pulled into the 21st Century kicking and screaming or will we lead the pack? I say, Lead the Pack!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

READY FOR ANYTHING

From responding to the nation's worst tragedies to tending to healthcare needs in a tiny Texas town, Jan Stalder puts the skills she learned at FNU to work

The 9/11 attacks. The Columbia Shuttle recovery. Hurricane Katrina.

As a search and rescue nurse, Jan Stalder has witnessed the aftermath of the nation's most devastating tragedies, and she has been there to provide critical support. "Each time I think nothing is going to top this, something else materializes that proves me wrong."



Jan is a charter member of Texas Task Force 1, one of 28 national search and rescue teams coordinated by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency). These elite FEMA teams can be dispatched in the wake of earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, plane crashes and other catastrophes.

When Jan gets the call, it's rock-and-roll time. She has four hours to report for deployment, which includes driving more than 200 miles to join up with her team just north of Houston. "Texas Task Force 1 is FEMA's newest team (15 years)," Jan says. "We're also one of the most active teams in the country now," in part because much of Texas' border includes a long stretch of the Gulf Coast.

Jan graduated from Frontier Nursing University in 2011 with her post-master's family nurse practitioner certificate. With her work in disaster response, she says, "I just feel like Frontier couldn't have been a better match!" She identifies with Frontier's founder, who overcame incredible obstacles to bring healthcare to a remote area. "Mary Breckinridge didn't have the world at her fingertips." Just as Mrs. Breckinridge had to be creative, work in disaster response demands the creative application of skills.

Humbling work

Twenty-three years ago, Jan and her husband, Kelley, moved to the tiny town of Parker, Texas, home to the famous Southfork Ranch featured in the "Dallas" TV series. They decided to volunteer with the local fire de-



partment, thinking that if they were going to rely on the department, they should contribute. Already a master's-prepared registered nurse, Jan took readily to emergency work. She embarked on fire training and absolutely loved it. Following fire academy, she went on to EMT and paramedic

school and began taking rescue classes. The Texas fire service was quickly becoming Jan's passion, as evidenced by a gubernatorial appointment to serve as a State Commissioner on the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. In 1995, she started her own company, REO Rescue & Safety, Inc.

Today, in addition to working as a family nurse practitioner, Jan serves as a state-certified firefighter and paramedic in Texas, where she teaches firefighters technical rescue. She also holds several positions within state, federal and international search and rescue organizations and possesses a lengthy list of credentials that attest to her preparedness to meet any disaster. For 14 years, Jan has served with the 1st Special Response Group (1SRG), an international search and rescue team. It is a non-governmental organization consisting entirely of volunteer professionals. Her work with 1SRG has included participating in the successful search for a missing American in the Australian Outback.

Closer to home, she has had to remain strong in the midst of heartbreaking devastation. Jan has been deployed to countless hurricanes, including Ivan, Katrina, Rita and Ike, and witnessed firsthand some of the deplorable tragedies reported in the media. More than once, the Task Force has rescued nursing-home patients who were abandoned by a facility's staff prior to hurricane landfall. Left to fend for themselves, some patients managed to survive while others died from drowning, heat exposure, dehydration or lapsed medication. Team members rescued survivors from the upper floors by lowering them, via rope systems, to boats.

Jan is also a founding member of Texas 4 DMAT (a federal disaster medical assistance team), serving as a supervisory nurse manager with that team at Ground Zero. The work can be emotionally overwhelming. She recalls how humbling it was to have a strong firefighter or police officer weep on her shoulder.

Jan values the education that has prepared her to be a nurse practitioner and the skills she's gained that will bolster her rescue work and expand her career horizons. "Disasters and austere settings call out for the added knowledge and capabilities of a healthcare provider. I am excited about putting to work the foundation Frontier has provided me."

Adventures of a new graduate

In addition to her volunteer commitments, Jan, a Class 65 Frontier graduate, works as a family nurse practitioner in a small clinic two hours south of Dallas in Buffalo, Texas, a community of about 2,000 people. "I have a gazillion things I still need to master, but I feel so much better after being

there for a few months,” Jan said earlier this summer. “It is small, people get to know you, people even recognize my truck when I pull into town.”

Jan described one of her early days of patient care that included treating a sinus infection; handling cases of flu, hypertension and poison ivy; and tending to an oil field worker who had a drill pipe roll over his foot. Of this, she says, “Here’s the good news, I felt good with my abilities on all of those. Uneasiness as a very recent grad is still at the forefront, but I’m lovin’ the folks, the setting and the work. Every day I still hear faculty members Julie Marfell and Judi Daniels in my head – and that’s a very good thing. I so appreciate their support and nurturing that continues even after graduation.”

Her Frontier family

Jan says the support of faculty and her fellow students helped her through Frontier during a difficult time. She tells the story of bombing a test, which was out of character for her, as a consequence of undergoing chemotherapy. “The meds gave me tremors so that I was hitting the wrong keys, and I certainly suffered from chemo brain.” She didn’t want to let on about her struggle, so she told faculty member Judi Daniels “some story about having the flu.” However, Judi wasn’t buying it. “Judi, with all her experience, was asking all these questions.” When Jan came clean about her health issues, “Judi really stressed, ‘if you’re trying, we’re here to help’ – she was a lifesaver, and so was (Associate Dean) Julie (Marfell).”

Jan bonded with three other students who were battling serious challenges themselves – the death of a spouse, a debilitating back injury, and bilateral breast cancer. They formed a study group and provided crucial support to one another. “It was great because all of us, if we had a bad day, we could whine and cry with the others, and they wouldn’t take it wrong. They would prop us up. It was a domino effect as we lovingly pushed each other across the finish line.”

Together they faced their struggles and met their challenges to find success at Frontier. Always one to give back, Jan has served as a mentor in Frontier’s SAGE (Supporting Achievement in Graduate Education) program and was even recognized with Frontier’s Nurse Practitioner Leadership Award during the 2011 commencement ceremony. Today, as an alumna, she continues to remain involved, serving as the first president of the newly formed Frontier Nursing Honor Society.

Despite the many demands on her time, Jan loves all that she does and has no complaints. “Life’s been good to me. What can I say?”

CLASS NOTES

Wes Henson tends to the injured in the aftermath of a deadly Illinois tornado.



April Dobroth and Paul Williams, left, volunteer as ambassadors for FNU through the university's Wide Neighborhoods program. They are shown here volunteering at the Frontier booth at a nurse practitioners' conference.

Paul Williams, CFNP Bridge Class 65 graduate, completed his master's this spring and began working in May for the Rural Health Clinic at Salem Township Hospital in Salem, Ill.

April Dobroth, CFNP Bridge Class 58 graduate, works as a nurse practitioner for the Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe, where she provides care to a population of 1,100 federal- and state-level inmates. She also provides care to female inmates at a women's correctional facility in Grant, N.M.

Sally Prickett writes that she is now retired after 15 years as a certified nurse-midwife. She worked with female soldiers and soldiers' wives and families at Fort Riley in Kansas. She is now enjoying time with grandchildren and family.



Frances Horton, CNEP 62 Class graduate and participant in FNU's PRIDE program, has joined Shenandoah Women's Health midwifery service in Harrisonburg, Va. After working for years as a labor and delivery nurse, Frances' passion for women's health drove her to pursue a midwifery degree at Frontier, which she received in 2011.

Sonia Rich Mazzeo, CFNP Class 76 student, received the Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation's Procter & Gamble Endowed Scholarship in Community Service, awarded annually to one nurse practitioner graduate student who has made a significant contribution in school, in the community, or in patient care while pursuing an advanced degree. Sonia is a hospice RN at the Cuidado Casero Hospice and is co-founder of Coastal Volunteers in Medicine, a registered public charity working to establish a free healthcare clinic for the uninsured in Ocean County, NJ.

Wes Henson works as a nurse practitioner for the Primary Care Group in Harrisburg, Ill. After a deadly tornado swept through Harrisburg in the early hours of February 29, Wes was among healthcare providers who sprang into action to offer treatment to tornado victims. Wes is a Class 50 CFNP graduate.

BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS



Dr. Kathryn Osborne, center, was inducted as an ACNM Fellow at the 2012 national conference.



FNU's Dr. Joyce Knestrick reconnected with Frontier DNP graduate Marcel Simo at the AANP conference.

FNU is well-represented at nursing meetings

Frontier Nursing University faculty, students, alumni and preceptors made a strong showing at two of this summer's major nursing conferences.

At the American College of Nurse-Midwives meeting in Long Beach, Calif., held June 2-7, more than 100 members of the Frontier family joined us for fellowship at our annual reception. Other ACNM highlights included:

- FNU faculty members Dr. Tanya Tanner and Dr. Julie Paul received the Outstanding Research Poster and Outstanding Project Poster awards, respectively. Dr. Tanner's poster summarized her dissertation research, which entailed a Delphi study of women's perceived self-competence for childbirth, adding important information that can help change the future of birth. Dr. Paul presented her DNP Capstone Project results demonstrating that managing an obstetric triage unit using a certified nurse-midwife model of care significantly increased patient satisfaction and decreased length of stay. Based on her findings, the hospital where she conducted her project approved five full-time certified nurse-midwife positions to manage the obstetric triage unit.

- FNU's Dr. Kathryn Osborne and former faculty member Dr. Robin Jordan were inducted as ACNM Fellows, a prestigious national honor. Since the program was established in 1994, 227 CNMs and CMs have been inducted as Fellows.

At the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Conference in Orlando, Fla., held June 20-24, we drew our largest crowd of AANP conference attendees yet to our annual Frontier reception – more than 50 alumni and friends, a testament to the continuing growth of our nurse practitioner program.

Several members of the FNU community were invited to share their

research findings in poster presentations, including Dr. Joyce Knestrick, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Dr. Jennifer Hackwith, DNP Class 5; Dr. Robert Anderson, DNP Class 5; and Dr. Rosemary Minnick, DNP Class 1. Dr. Mary Jordan, a DNP Class 1 alum, was invited to make a podium presentation on using the FRAX tool to calculate fracture possibility.

FNU faculty members Dr. Joy Elwell and Dr. Joyce Knestrick continue to serve in leadership positions for AANP. Dr. Elwell was re-elected to her role as Region 2 Director, representing New Jersey, New York, and Puerto Rico. Dr. Knestrick continues to serve as treasurer.

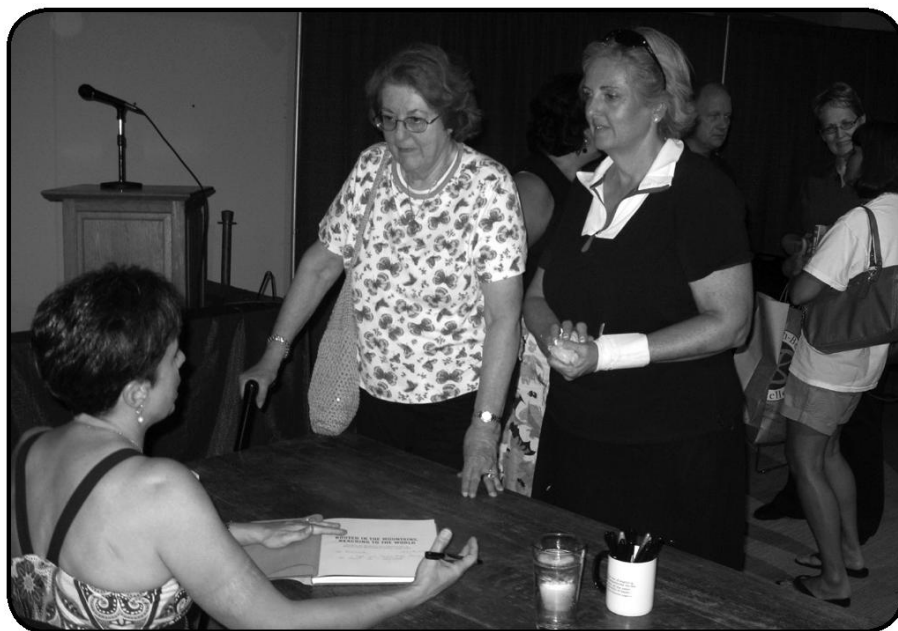


Friends gather for NYC Committee Luncheon

On June 27, Dr. Susan Stone, Denise Barrett and Dr. Anne Cockerham gathered with our friends in the Big Apple for the annual New York City Committee Luncheon. We were honored to see former Couriers Ann Patton and mother-and-daughter Maudie and Katy Shanley. Also joining us were current Frontier Nursing University student Eva Falkner and Frontier alumni Dwynn Golden and Nicole Meade. Dr. Shirley Fondiller and Dr. Robert Piemonte attended the event to learn more about FNU today, as well as Darlene Curley, Executive Director of the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, which is based in New York.

We wish to express our gratitude to Committee Co-Chairs LouAnne Roberts, 2001 Courier, and Sarah Bacon, 1994 Courier, who helped to plan the event and reach out to guests. Also, a sincere thank you to Dr. Ruth Lubic, who graciously hosted this event at the Cosmopolitan Club, although regretfully she could not attend.

Dr. Stone shared news from the Frontier, and Dr. Cockerham read a selection from her recently published book, *Rooted in the Mountains, Reaching to the World*. We look forward to this event each year and encourage all of our NYC area supporters to consider joining us!



TO ORDER THE BOOK

The book retails for \$30 plus tax and shipping and is available from **Butler Books**, www.butlerbooks.com or (502) 897.9393. It also can be purchased at Joseph-Beth in Lexington; the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea, Ky.; and the FNU and Wendover gift shops in Leslie County.

Dr. Anne Cockerham signed books at a July 18 event at Joseph-Beth in Lexington, Ky.

Historical book generates excitement

Following the spring release of *Rooted in the Mountains, Reaching to the World*, Dr. Anne Cockerham, a Frontier graduate, nurse historian and member of the Frontier Nursing University faculty, has been traveling the country making appearances in support of the book, which chronicles the adventures of graduates who attended Frontier during its first 50 years.

In the book, Dr. Cockerham and her co-author, Dr. Arlene Keeling, share the stories of pioneering students who attended one of the first nurse-midwifery schools in America. Dr. Cockerham has shared stories from her book at FNU Committee events in Washington, D.C., and New York City. She also was a featured author at the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) conference in Long Beach, Calif., where she signed copies of her book at the ACNM Bookstore.

In May, FNU held a special event featuring Dr. Cockerham at the Leslie County Public Library in Hyden, Ky., where she signed and read from her book with a large audience in attendance. Dr. Cockerham also visited the Page Turners Book Club at the Perry County Public Library in Hazard on July 19. A copy of the book was donated to each library.

Dr. Cockerham's book was featured in a story in the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader and she appeared on three Lexington TV stations in July. She was well received at a July 18 event at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Lexington, where several audience members shared connections to the Frontier Nursing Service and to Hyden, including one attendee who spoke of meeting Mrs. Breckinridge and being helped by the Frontier nurses as a child.



Members of the Frontier Nursing University staff gather weekly at lunchtime to knit items for our students to present to their clients. The staff members are (front row from left) Janet Piechowski and Caran Clark; and (back row from left) Kaleena Burnett, Marilyn Montgomery and Catherine Swartz. Catherine, an experienced knitter, is working on her eighth blanket.

Thank you to our knitting friends for your lap quilts, baby caps and scarves

Frontier nurse-midwifery students present baby caps to the first baby they deliver, and our nurse practitioner students present lap quilts or scarves to their patients. Frontier receives these items from our knitting friends, and as Frontier Nursing University continues to grow by leaps and bounds, we need more and more of these items. The size needed for lap quilts is approximately 40-by-42 inches. Yarn should be worsted weight.

Our graduates are honored to pass these handcrafted treasures on to their patients and share the story of Frontier!

Knitted items may be mailed to Frontier Nursing University (Wendover Campus), 132 FNS Drive, Wendover, KY 41775.

FIELD NOTES



Frontier Nursing Service staff reunited with old friends during a reunion at the Big House on June 16.

■ WENDOVER REPORT

Tourists are getting in on best kept secret in the mountains

By Michael Claussen, Development Coordinator

Looking at my appointment calendar, I notice that Wendover events of this past spring and early summer have kept the Wendover staff quite busy. With several guests staying at the bed and breakfast and groups from across the country coming to tour the historical headquarters of the Frontier Nursing Service and the FNU campus, what was once a best kept secret in the mountains is now a thriving tourist destination. I receive calls every day from folks who want to make reservations to stay in Mrs. Breckinridge's log home, the Big House. Some groups have reserved all available housing in the Big House and the Wendover Barn.

For their second year in a row, faculty and students from Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga., spent a week at Wendover learning about our rich Frontier history and discovering several non-profits in the region, including the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan County; Red Bird Mission in Clay County; and County of Leslie Lifting Youth (COLLY) right here in Hyden. Other visitors included faculty and social work students from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; students and faculty

**TO MAKE
A RESERVATION**

For reservations, contact Michael Claussen at (606) 672-2317 or by email at michael.claussen@frontier.edu. Rooms in the Big House are \$75-\$85; Barn rates are \$50-\$60. Price includes a hearty country breakfast.

from Indiana Wesleyan University; and a group from Montgomery College in Rockville, Md.

On Saturday, June 16, former Frontier Nursing Service staff member Ann Browning hosted an FNS staff reunion luncheon at the Big House. Our signature fried chicken and all the trimmings were served to more than 45 attendees, who enjoyed a wonderful time of reminiscing and conversation.

For more information on how you can take part in the Frontier experience at Wendover, visit our web page at www.frontier.edu/bedandbreakfast and join our friends from across the nation on our Facebook page at www.facebook/WendoverBigHouse for pictures and videos of the historic headquarters.

■ OUR HISTORIC HYDEN CAMPUS

Treasured stained-glass window in need of urgent repair

One of Mrs. Breckinridge's historical treasures, located on the campus of Frontier Nursing University, is the St. Christopher's Chapel and its beautiful 15th-century stained-glass window.

Placed at the front of the chapel overlooking Hyden, this beautiful window was given to Mrs. Breckinridge by her cousin, Dr. Preston Pope Satterwhite, who had it in his home in New York. Every time Mrs. Breckinridge visited Dr. Satterwhite's home, she would ask to have the window because St. Christopher was the patron saint of FNS nurses. According to Mrs. Breckinridge, her cousin finally gave it to her "to get rid of me."

The stained-glass window was kept in the attic of the Big House until the chapel construction started in 1960. A stained-glass expert from Cincinnati supervised the installation of the window. It was determined by a panel of experts that this window is indeed from the 15th century and came from England. Mrs. Breckinridge wrote that it was French in her book, *Wide Neighborhoods*.

On Christmas Eve 1960, the first service was held in the unfinished St. Christopher's Chapel on the grounds of the Hyden Hospital (now the campus of Frontier Nursing University.)

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Upon recent examination of the window, it was determined that a major restoration project is needed to take the “bowing” out. We have contacted an accredited studio that specializes in historical restoration. The estimated repair cost is about \$10,000.



This stained-glass window was special to Mrs. Breckinridge, and we hope to share its beauty for many years to come. But we need your help to repair this priceless piece of Frontier history. We are asking for your assistance to save our prized possession. Please make your gift to Frontier Nursing University, restricted to the St. Christopher’s Chapel. Contributions may be mailed to Frontier

Nursing University, 132 FNS Drive, Wendover, KY 41775. Thank you for your support.

■ HOMECOMING, OCTOBER 5-7

Make your reservations now for Alumni Homecoming & Courier Conclave

More than a dozen alumni and Couriers are registered to attend this exciting October reunion, which is being held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Mary Breckinridge Festival in Hyden, Ky. If you haven’t signed up, there’s still time.

Among our guests will be Frontier graduates Dr. Holly Powell Kennedy and Tracy Ryan, who will receive alumni awards for distinguished service.

Weekend plans include the Mary Breckinridge Festival parade; tours of the Wendover and FNU campuses; festival activities; a book signing by Dr. Anne Cockerham; and presentation of the alumni awards during a special dinner at Wendover. The weekend also will feature special speakers, including Dr. Elsie Maier Wilson, former Frontier Dean.

Accommodations at Wendover are limited, but rooms remain available in the Garden House. The Office of Alumni Relations also can assist you in your plans if you wish to book at a nearby hotel. Registration for the full weekend is \$175 and includes select meals and all excursions and activities. Please call (859) 321-5270 to register or reserve online at www.frontier.edu/homecoming.

FOOTPRINTS

This article by former hospital superintendent Vanda Summers was first published in the Autumn 1962 (Volume 36, Number 2) issue of the Quarterly Bulletin. It is reprinted here to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mary Breckinridge Festival.

THE SHINING DAY

On September 21, 1962, as Brownie and I drove into Hyden, the past seventeen and one-half years of my life slipped away into oblivion and I was back in my old camping ground in the Kentucky mountains.

Peggy in a bright red coat was waiting for us in a jeep to take us to Wendover.

As we drove along my head was in a whirl – was I really back in these dear old hills? Mother Nature had not really changed. Man had made much progress.

On arrival at Wendover, we fell into the arms of old friends and new ones – such a warm greeting. As we dined and talked, one sensed that a great event was about to take place. Tomorrow is Mary Breckinridge Day – that was my last thought as I got into bed and Morpheus took over.

The Big Day dawned. The mist over the Middle Fork lifted and, as the sun came out, the hills appeared to sing with joy in anticipation of the great honour that was to be paid to a great lady.

Last minute preparations were completed and, as our jeepload of non-paraders left, Wendover seemed almost deserted. We were on our way – jiggling and bouncing down the road, splashing through the Middle Fork River and onto the state road.

Suddenly there came into view a magnificent, newly built High School lying on a high piece of flat ground. To reach it, we crossed a sturdy new cement bridge, which led to the High School – our destination.

We jumped out of the jeep – all eager and excited – and, as we looked down from the school heights, we saw traffic had been halted on the state road and strains of a band could be heard in the distance. The parade was sighted – slowly turning off the road onto the bridge. What a thrill! A patrol car with flashing red lights was leading, followed by Betty Lester riding white “Kimo” and flanked by two other mounted nurses. Ever-ready couriers walked behind in case the horses got too feisty. Then followed twenty-one units which formed the parade. There were floats built by friends and neighbors from around the outpost centers, Hyden Hospital, Wendover, and Dry Hill. Walter Begley’s float carried the High School Glee Club, and their sweet voices could be heard above the bands from the Clay County and the Hazard High Schools. The nurses from the centers in colourful FNS jeeps looked so smart in their grey-blue uniforms. The station wagon from Hyden Hospital transported nurses, charming in their snow-white uniforms. Cars, trucks, and mule-drawn wagons full of Leslie and Clay County citizens waved and cheered.

High on the hill by the schoolhouse was a horseback figure silhouetted against

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the blue sky. The figure was our beloved Mary Breckinridge sitting erect on “Doc”—waiting to greet the parade as it advanced in perfect order to pay respects and show gratitude for all that this Leader of the FNS had done for them, their children, and grandchildren.

Even “Doc,” realizing that he had been picked out for the great honour of carrying the Chief, raised his noble head and with dilated nostrils whinnied with joy when he saw his stable mates in the parade. A resident courier, Kate Ireland, stood by on the alert in case “Doc” decided to join his pals!

It was a moving spectacle never to be forgotten. All eyes were turned on this figure on horseback as the parade slowly passed by.

One felt that this was a demonstration of love and affection from the people’s hearts and they were delighted with this opportunity to show their appreciation publicly to Mary Breckinridge for having cared for them in sickness and in health during the past thirty-seven years.

As the last unit disappeared behind the schoolhouse, Mary Breckinridge, escorted by nurses and couriers, rode down to the playing field, where the speeches were to be made. The Beech Fork float was a perfect speakers’ platform. One-half of the truck was the rostrum. On the other half was built a log cabin, in the door of which Mary Breckinridge sat during the speeches.

The tributes rendered by good and illustrious friends included those of Dr. Massie and Dr. Kooser – both of whom will always be dear to our hearts. Loud speakers carried the voices to thousands of people who were sitting or standing on the grass slope high above the speakers’ platform.

A surprise speaker was announced. She was a pretty little blonde aged eight years and with the help of a stool, she went to the microphone and announced she was the 10,000th baby FNS had brought into the world.

The final speaker was the central figure of this historic day and, in her familiar voice trembling with emotion, she told the crowd gathered to pay her homage that she thanked and loved them all and what more could be said than that.

The Glee Club sang “My Old Kentucky Home” and, gradually, the crowd dispersed – some to go home, others to have a picnic lunch on the ground. A most delicious luncheon was served in the schoolhouse for out-of-town guests and officials.

As the school grounds began emptying, there was a large exodus of cars, trucks, jeeps, and horses. The mule that was turning the wheel for the “stir-off” exhibit was unharnessed. John Wooton, age 92, stepped back onto his mule-drawn wagon and packed his fiddle away. Miss Tolk and Zilpha Roberts dismantled their handiwork table where they had displayed caps, aprons, pennants, etc., made especially for the occasion with the FNS initials. Cameras were put back in their cases.

Many hours of meetings, planning, and work had gone into preparation for this excellent first parade. The Leslie County Development Association had done an admirable job.

With happy hearts we drove back to Wendover, and thus ended a Shining Day.

– VANDA SUMMERS

IN MEMORIAM

These friends have departed this life in recent months. We wish to express our sympathy to their families and our gratitude for their interest in our work.

Debbie Baird, who served as a Courier with the Frontier Nursing Service in 1972, passed away on Sept. 29, 2011. Mrs. Baird was born in Concord, Mass., to Mary Elizabeth and Justus Baird Jr. She graduated from Ohio University as a music therapist and earned her master's in communication disorders from the University of Kentucky. She was a speech therapist in public schools. Her survivors include her husband, Andrew Ries; daughter Amber (Baird-Baidinger) Kuzmick and Marlon and grandson Conrad; daughter Emily (Ries) Baskin and Glenn; sister Barbara Baird; and brother Justus Baird III.

Evelene H. Dohan, 84, a former teacher at the Agnes Irwin School in Bryn Mawr, Penn., and later the owner of a Delaware County bed and breakfast, died April 2 at her home in Hershey's Mill, a retirement community near West Chester. Mrs. Dohan was formerly active in the Philadelphia Committee of the Frontier Nursing Service.

From 1970 until the mid-1980s, Mrs. Dohan taught English at Agnes Irwin School, mostly to high school classes. Then she turned her family home in Chester Heights into the Hamanassett Bed & Breakfast. Mrs. Dohan was born in Austin, Texas, and graduated from the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr and earned a bachelor's degree in the late 1940s at Swarthmore College.

Mrs. Dohan is survived by her son, Andrew Dohan; by daughters Katherine Morrow, Caroline Buchman and Julia Corelli; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Clara Louise Johnson, both longtime supporters of Frontier, graciously designated a bequest from their estate to Frontier, which the university received this spring. The late Mrs. Johnson, who was fondly known as "Pete," was the social service secretary for the Frontier Nursing Service for 3½ years in the 1940s. Mr. Johnson, a longtime supervisor for the Campbell Soup Co. who traveled the world in his career, passed away in August 2010 at his home in Medford, Penn. He was 94. Their daughter, Heather, was an FNS Courier.

Ruth C. Newell, 93, who was active in community organizations in Cleveland, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., died on July 10. Mrs. Newell was a native of Gates Mills, Ohio, and a resident of Potomac, Md., and a summer resident of Cranberry Isles, Maine.



Among her many philanthropic activities, Mrs. Newell was active with Frontier Nursing Service and Frontier Nursing University for many decades, planning events, giving her personal resources toward the mission, and serving as Chair of the Washington, D.C., Committee. Most recently, she hosted the annual Washington Committee luncheon at Congressional Country Club. Mrs. Newell undoubtedly left a positive impact on Frontier and her generosity will continue to support the mission for many years.

Mrs. Newell was a graduate of Bennett College in Millbrook, NY, and received a

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Bachelor of Science degree from Case Western Reserve University's College of Education. In addition to raising four children with her husband, Hal H. Newell, who predeceased her in 1998, her principal focus was helping other people.

Mrs. Newell is survived by three of her children, Nancy N. Jones, Queens, NY; Morrison C. Newell, Tucson, Ariz.; Molly N. Singerling, Alexandria, Va.; and her daughter-in-law, Sarah C. Newell, New York, NY. Also surviving Mrs. Newell are 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were to be held July 31 in Gates Mills, Ohio, and Aug. 1 in Potomac, Md. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who wish to make a donation do so to a charitable organization of their choice in honor of Mrs. Hal. H. Newell.

*The following people gave contributions to Frontier **in memory** of their friends or loved ones. The names in bold are the deceased.*

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In memory of Ruth Newell

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Anne Morrison

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Elizabeth Bradburn

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In honor of Abby and Peter Coffin

George P. Beal Trust

Gloria and David Brewster

Stephen Mead, Jr.

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*Front row, L-R: Marion McCartney, Jane Leigh Powell and Nancy Hines;
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The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Memorial Trust

The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Memorial Trust has supported Frontier for several decades and continues to award grants to Frontier Nursing University to this day. FNU was generously awarded \$18,000 this year, and we are proud to continue our long-standing relationship with the Trust. To celebrate our rich heritage, FNU faculty member Dr. Sally Tom is documenting the history of the buildings on our Hyden campus. These histories will be displayed in hand-crafted wooden boxes next to each building. The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses is the first history completed.

The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses

Margaret Voorhies Haggin funded the construction of what is now Haggin dormitory in 1949. The monies came through the memorial trust fund that Ms. Haggin established in memory of her husband, James Ali Ben Haggin, who died in 1914.

Both Margaret Sanders “Pearl” Voorhies and her husband, James Ali Ben Haggin, were born in Kentucky. He descended from an early settler of Kentucky, John Haggin, who came to the state in 1775. One of John Haggin’s children, Terah Temple Haggin, married Adeline Ben Ali, the daughter of a storied Turkish immigrant to the United States, Ibrahim Ben Ali. James Ben Ali Haggin, Margaret Voorhies’ husband, was the second of Terah and Adeline’s eight children.

According to *The New York Times*, the wedding of 28-year-old Margaret Voorhies to 74-year-old James Haggin on December 30, 1897, in Versailles, KY, “created a sensation in local society.” She was the niece of his first wife, whom she had cared for through her last illness four years earlier at the Haggin home in New York City. Mr. Haggin, a multi-millionaire, was at the end of a long and extremely lucrative career in gold mining and breeding and racing of thoroughbred horses.

The *Times* further noted that “Mr. Haggin and his bride received telegrams of congratulation from all over the United States. Their secret was so carefully kept that not even the people of Versailles knew of it until [the morning after the wedding] ... Miss Voorhies is a superbly handsome woman. She has been highly educated at private schools in Cincinnati and in Staunton, VA.”

James Haggin died, with his wife at his bedside, in 1914. Accounts differ about where he is buried. His obituary stated that he was to be buried in Lexington, KY. According to the historian John Kleber (1992), he is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in New York.

Margaret Voorhies Haggin established the memorial trust in honor of

her husband in 1939. In 1945, the University of Kentucky, one of the trust's



This photo shows construction of the Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses.

major beneficiaries, awarded her an honorary Doctor of Laws at its Founders Day ceremony. Mrs. Haggin lived a long life, dying in New York City, just short of her 96th birthday in 1965 after 51 years of widowhood. Her obituary in The New York Times noted that "She formerly was prominent in society here, at Newport, R.I., and in Kentucky, where her husband, a native of Frankfort, Ky., owned a home and extensive

racing stables." She is buried in the Versailles Cemetery, Versailles, Ky.

The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Memorial Trust continues to support healthcare and education in Kentucky. In the four years since 2008, the Trust has given the school \$80,000 to support renovation of the Haggin dormitory, whose construction Ms. Haggin's Trust had first funded in 1949. Though she passed away almost 50 years ago, Margaret Voorhies Haggin's stewardship continues to this day, more than 60 years after she first funded construction of the Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses.

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“He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”

Isaiah 40:11

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