

# CELEBRATE!

*North Dakota State University School of Nursing*



## Tradition meets innovation

PROGRAM - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

*Welcome* - Carla Gross, Associate Dean, School of Nursing

*Congratulations* - Charles Peterson, Dean,  
College of Health Professions

*History* - Agnes Harrington, former Nursing Chair  
Mary Margaret Mooney, former Nursing Chair  
Carla Gross, Associate Dean, School of Nursing

*Nursing Education Then & Now* - Maura DeCrans (1971)  
Madeline Iversen (2019)

*Closing* - Mary Margaret Mooney, former Nursing Chair

PROGRAM - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

10:00-10:30 a.m. *Brunch and Alumni Address*

Brian Goodroad (1984), Nursing Advisory Board Member

10:30 a.m.-Noon - *Tours and Demonstrations*

Skills Lab, Simulation Lab, Aldevron Tower

**FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

**SOCIAL - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**HOMEWOOD SUITES  
2021 16TH ST N., FARGO**

**PROGRAM - 7 P.M.**

**REMINISCE AND MAKE  
NEW MEMORIES!**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

**BEDSIDE BRUNCH**

**10 A.M. - SUDRO HALL, ROOM 22  
1401 ALBRECHT BLVD, FARGO**

**TOURS, SKILLS AND  
SIMULATION DEMOS**

# NDSU School of Nursing Timeline

- 1966** Representatives of NDSU, area health care facilities and St. John's Hospital School of Nursing begin planning for an associate degree nursing program at NDSU.
- 1969** 67 students admitted to the NDSU Associate Program in Nursing. Sister Mary Heinen was program director and the other faculty were Nancy Paulson, Angie Gruneich, Mary Ann Tarasuk and Elizabeth Clark.
- 1971** 21 students graduate with an associate degree in nursing.
- 1976** Program fully accredited by the National League for Nursing.
- 1978** Conversations begin among leaders in local nursing community, hospital administrators and academic administrators regarding baccalaureate nursing education.
- 1984** Largest ADN class (N=87) graduates. Representatives of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Moorhead State University nursing program and NDSU nursing program begin discussing "the future of nursing education in the Fargo-Moorhead area."
- 1986** Tri-College University Nursing Consortium (TCUNC) begins with students in baccalaureate programs at Concordia College and NDSU. Admission is limited to 25 students per year at each institution. Nursing faculty were employees of TCU. Lois Nelson was chair and faculty included Martha Aguiar, Janelle Christenson, Florence Deaner, Mary Gokey, Carla Gross, Dean Gross, Margie Hansen, Vivian Holten, Susan Johnson, Norma Larson, Marjorie McCullagh, Connie Peterson, Karen Radtke,
- 1988** Final associate degree class graduates. BSN degree conferred on first class of NDSU TCUNC students.
- 1989** Tri-College baccalaureate Nursing Program accredited by National League for Nursing.
- 1994** Accreditation initially granted in 1977 of TCU as an entity discontinued. TCU nursing consortium continues but nursing faculty become employees of either Concordia College or NDSU. Nursing enrollment was 50.



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- 1999** University Program Review recommended closure of NDSU nursing program because of low enrollment. However, recommendation was changed to increase enrollment in the nursing major and promote scholarship of nursing faculty.
- 2001** Minnesota State University Moorhead joined TCU nursing consortium and the graduate (master's) program in nursing initiated with nurse practitioner and education specialties.
- 2002** Enrollment cap of 25 each year eliminated and plan for graduate increase in enrollment initiated.
- 2003** Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) confers full accreditation on NDSU undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Enrollment in nursing is 120 (includes 100 Pre-licensure BSN and 20 in graduate program). First MS Nurse Educators degree conferred in May.
- 2004** A specialized curriculum for nurses holding an associate degree and licensure as an LPN launched. First cohort of LPN-BSN students were part of a cooperative program with MeritCare Health System.
- 2005** Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) begins. It is the third such program in the country and the first in North Dakota. Undergraduate section of TCUNC dissolved. First cohort of LPN-BSN students graduate in December.
- 2006** Recognizing the growth of programs for health professions at NDSU, the State Board of Higher Education approved change of name of College of Pharmacy to College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences.
- 2007** TCUNC dissolved as the Concordia, NDSU and MSUM graduate nursing programs disassociated from TCU. NDSU nursing student enrollment was 244 (204 Pre-licensure BSN and 40 graduate).
- 2008** First DNP degree conferred.
- 2011** Nursing enrollment was 298 (258 Pre-licensure BSN and 40 graduate students).



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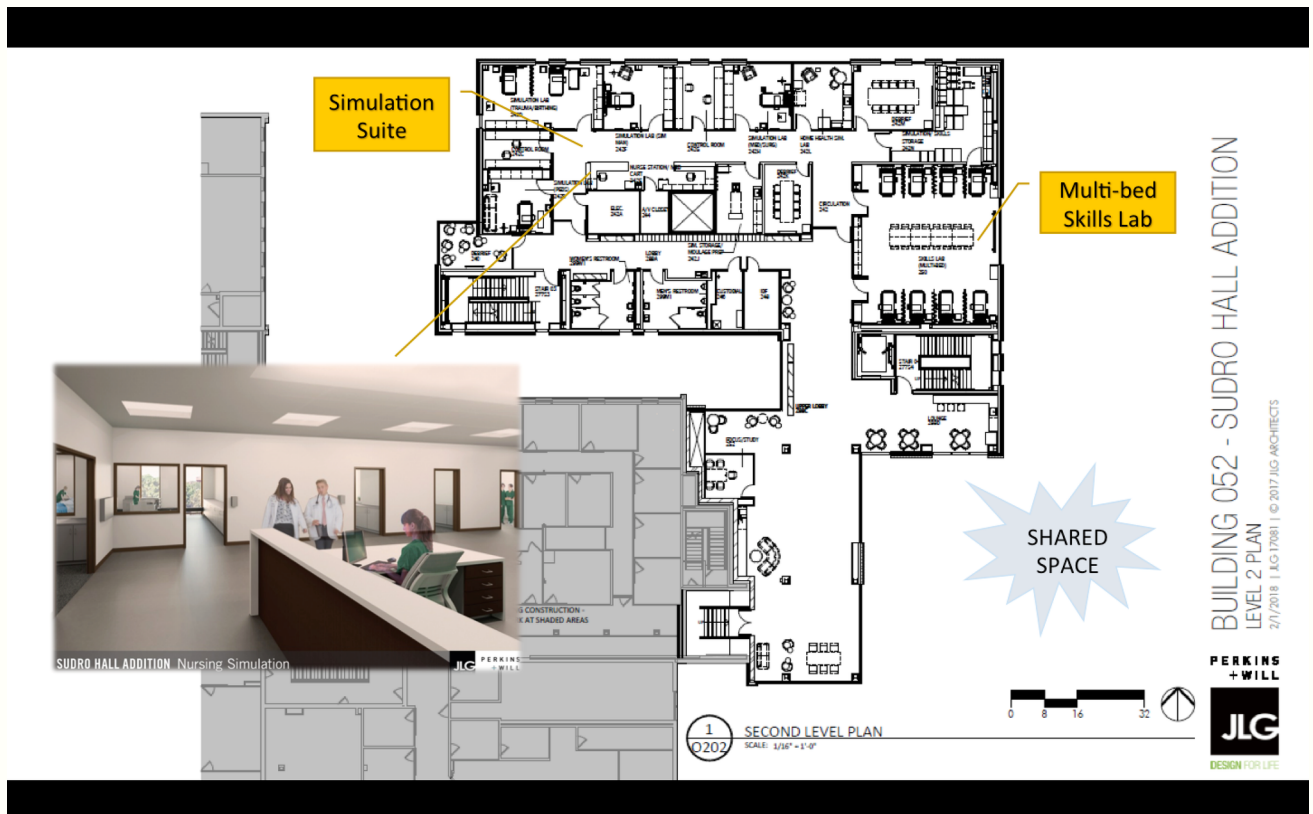
- 2014** Sanford College of Nursing in Bismarck merged with the NDSU nursing program. Eighty Pre-licensure BSN students are admitted each year at the Bismarck site and 96 are admitted each year at the Fargo site. The MS Nurse Educator program closed due to low enrollment. Department of Nursing becomes the School of Nursing and the College becomes the College of Health Professions.
- 2015** School of Nursing offices and some classrooms moved to Stop and Go Center. Support staff number 8 (7.25 FTEs) which include two graduate assistants, an accounting assistant, a pre-nursing advisor and four administrative assistants.
- 2016** A new RN-BSN program is launched, designed to help RNs gain the knowledge and skills to transform their practice. NDSU School of Nursing is named an ROTC Center of Excellence.
- 2017** DNP program is ranked in top 20% of such programs in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.
- 2018** First cohort of RN-BSN students graduate in May. Named one of best online BSN programs by bestcolleges.com. Pre-licensure BSN program in Fargo enrollment expanded from 48 per semester to 64 per semester.
- 2019** NDSU nursing enrollment is 680 (523 Pre-Licensure BSN, 63 LPN-BSN program, 43 RN-BSN program, 51 DNP program). The School of Nursing has 43 faculty, 9 staff members, and hires about 32 clinical and lab instructors each year. DNP program named one of Top 15 in nation by study.com.
- 2020** Aldevron Tower opens Spring 2020 with six stories and 74,000 sq. ft. of interdisciplinary education including Skills Labs, Simulation Lab, and Assessment Lab. For the first time since 2015, all Fargo nursing faculty and labs are in one location.
- Legacy** Since 1969, the NDSU School of Nursing has graduated more than 1,060 AD RNs, 1,950 BSN nurses, 45 MS nurse educators or family nurse practitioners and 129 doctors of nursing practice.



# The next 50 years



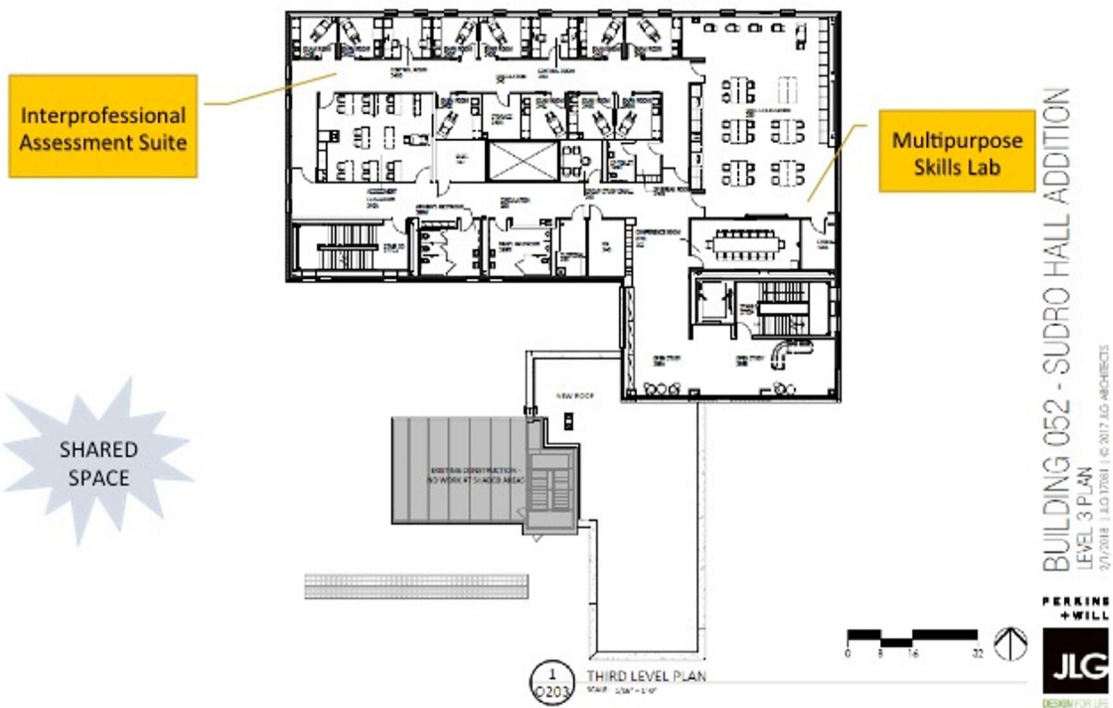
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# THANK YOU!

To past, present and future NDSU nursing alumni, students, faculty, staff and administration, thank you for your role in helping to build and sustain a program that invites continuing excellence.

Your contributions to the profession help to carry forward our mission for the next 50 years, inspiring highly-skilled and compassionate care for patients. You are always part of the Bison family.

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SCHOOL OF NURSING

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE