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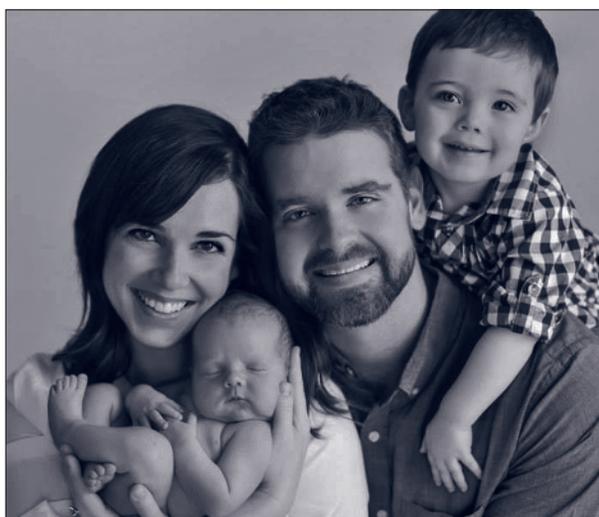
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## The Men of Truman Nursing

**T**he male role in the nursing field has become more widely recognized and accepted over the last decade. Over the last 60+ years, several men have graduated from Truman's nursing program, more than some of us had realized. Within the last five years, three males have been elected as class "co-president." The Class of 2011 was co-led by **Alex Sievert**, the Class of 2014 was co-led by **Zachary Esperanza**, and the Class of 2016 is currently co-led by **Alex Scherr**. Listed below are several male Truman nursing alumni and summaries of their professional nursing careers so far.



Emily, Joe, Benjamin, and newborn Henry Hassler

### Joe Hassler '07

**A**fter graduation, Hassler started a critical care fellowship at Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, MO. He worked for 3 years in the med/surg/ neuro/trauma ICU before moving on to graduate school in 2010 at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where he studied nurse anesthesia. He married Emily Hassler née Glidewell (also a Truman grad) in March 2010. Hassler stated, "2013 was a busy year for my family with starting my new job as a CRNA at Mercy Hospital in Washington, MO, and welcoming our first son, Benjamin, a few months later. In February 2015, we added a second son, Henry, and I became the education clinical coordinator for the anesthesia department. I really enjoy both teaching and performing anesthesia. It's been very rewarding. My Truman education has set me up well for success."



### Matthew Doellman, '06

**S**ince graduation, Doellman was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and has been stationed at Fort Riley, KS, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Currently in Fort Leonard Wood, he is the Head Nurse of the Emergency Department. When asked about his nursing education at Truman and where

it has taken him in his professional career he stated, "The highlight of my professional career has been my deployment to Afghanistan in 2011 where I was in charge of Trauma Resuscitation with the 2nd Forward Surgical Team. The training I received at Truman and earning my BSN prepared me to have the confidence and knowledge to provide combat casualty care for wounded service members in a deployed environment. This exemplary program helped mold me into the person I am today."



### Zachary Esperanza, '14

**A**fter graduating from Truman, Esperanza made his way back to his home state of Oregon and attempted the great battle of securing a job at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), which is no easy task. Esperanza stated, "Luckily the tenacity and drive that was further developed at Truman won out, and I found myself working on

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# News in Nursing

**S**pring Break! We are enjoying warm and sunny spring weather in Kirksville. The academic year has been busy for faculty, staff, and students. The senior class and five faculty members participated in Missouri Nurse Advocacy Day to speak with legislators about funding for Medicaid expansion and removing barriers to practice. Students also organized and offered several activities, including World AIDS Day, screenings for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, a campus health fair, and other events.

Faculty and staff have been actively working with the Accelerated BSN (ABSBN) and traditional students. The first ABSN cohort participated in the Nursing Recognition Pinning Ceremony in December. The second ABSN cohort is in the midst of nursing classes and clinical rotations, and the third cohort will begin course work during the summer. **Kimberly McDaniel**, Nursing Admissions Coordinator, and **Sarah Weber**, Nursing Technology Coordinator, have represented us at several career fairs and will soon visit a health careers class. Kimberly and Sarah also work closely with prospective students and nursing students in the nursing simulation center (NSC) and the department. **Pam Melvin** is making plans for several health careers camps to visit the NSC during the summer.

Faculty and staff utilize technology to improve teaching/learning in classrooms, clinical, and the NSC. The department continues to update technology, adding

manikins and other equipment in the NSC. The Nursing Advisory Council recently met with us and offered their insights regarding the program's strengths and areas for improvement.

As we prepare for the scheduled on-site visit of the Missouri State Board of Nursing in October 2015, please consider some of the ways you could provide additional support for current and future Truman nursing students. Many alumni are preceptors to nursing students and/or contribute to nursing funds for student scholarships. Thank you for the many ways you support the faculty, staff, and students. If you would like to send a letter of support to MSBN, the information can be found in this newsletter, on the nursing website, and/or please contact me by email for the address at [spowelso@truman.edu](mailto:spowelso@truman.edu).

We appreciate the contributions of **Sharon McGahan** and **Sarah Delaware**, our resident nursing historians, for preserving some of the history of the program. Please continue to share your news, memories, and experiences with us.

If you are searching for additional information about the nursing department, please feel free to visit our website at <http://nursing.truman.edu> or email or call us. I hope you will consider visiting the department during Homecoming (October 4-10, 2015).

Best wishes to our graduating seniors as they prepare for board exams, employment, and/or graduate education. Please enjoy your spring/summer, and stay in touch!

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Powelson

Chair, Department of Nursing



## Truman Nursing Class of 2015

**F**orty-three senior nursing students were honored at the Nursing Recognition Ceremony that took place on May 8, 2015 in the Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

*First row, (L to R):* Christa Friend, Rachel Phillips, Kaylee Knauth, Aubrey Wallace, Abigail Meyer, Class Advisor and Assistant Professor of Nursing Susan Lambert, Hannah Moravec, Michelle Howard, Gabriella Cavuoti, Kayce Petko

*Second row:* Megan Ward, Lindsey O'Brien, Amanda Watts, Ashlynn Stumph, Samantha Streff, Angela Rardin, Mariya Zhuchenko, Parisa Faramarzi, Lacey Reading, Megan Johnson

*Third row:* Czerina Rivera, Olivia Warner, Danielle Johnston, Jessica Arras, Anna Becker, Molly Roberts, Kelli Nestle, Mollie Killion, Nicole Brandt, Jasmine Oatts, Emily Kolis

*Fourth row:* Abigail Crew, Lauren Null, Amanda Tepen, Katherine Kurtz, Samantha Weber, Rebecca Callstrom, Katherine Davis, Elizabeth Goldkamp, LeeAnn Cornelison, Andalee Arndt, Madeline Niehaus

*Not pictured:* Kaitlyn Clark, Kelsey Dreiling

# IN THE Spotlight



## Truman Nursing Students Visit the Philippines

Once again, faculty members Kit and Steve Hadwiger traveled with Truman nursing students to the Philippines during the summer semester for the study abroad program. This program allows students to gain clinical experience with patients from a transcultural perspective. During their time in the Philippines, they provided care for birthing mothers and newborns on an obstetrics unit and also assisted in operating rooms, a neonatal ICU, a burn unit, and an emergency department. They also traveled to West Visayas State University (WVSU) where they met a “buddy” from that university’s nursing program and provided care with them on home visits and various hospital units.

*Back row (L to R): Kristen Holwick, Jacob Finke, Rachel Drury, Victoria Holt, Kyle Sweeney, Kaylee McCune, Ellen Hargrove, and Lindsey Purcell. Front row (L to R): Hannah Haywood, Jaclyn Morris, Alyssa O’Brien, Megan Doerhoff, and Shellie Brashears.*



## Buddy Walk

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the departments within the School of Health Sciences and Education (SHSE) are focusing on “Hunger/Food Insecurity” as a common shared experience. In September, the SHSE participated in a “Buddy Pack Walk” to raise funds for the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri’s Buddy Pack Program. The walk raised over nine thousand dollars for the program and that

money will stay within Adair County. Nursing professors, **Steve Hadwiger** and **Teak Nelson**, decided to “amp-up” the competition by placing a challenge to the nursing students: If any class raised more money than the faculty, the two of them would allow the students to douse them with ice water. The ABSN students won and the ice water dousing took place at the end of August in front of the Health Science’s building (pictured at left).

# Student Life



## Truman Nursing Welcomes 3rd Cohort of Accelerated BSN Students

In June 2015, Truman nursing welcomed eleven incoming students to their accelerated program. The students will complete 15 months of rigorous study in order to obtain their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in December 2016.

*Back row (L to R): Mandy Berrey, Savannah Proctor, Austin Kampen, Paul Wheeler, Curtiss Bunch, Drew Kramer*  
*Front row (L to R): Trudi Gatteys, Stephanie Dummerth, Arlene Seper, Melissa Tran, Katie Hussey*

## Flu Clinics

Senior nursing students and instructor Pam Melvin have been very busy this fall assisting with several area “Flu Shot” clinics.



*Pictured at the Adair County Flu Clinic are (L to R) Erin Butler, Rebecca Vadalabene, Trisha Rowe, and Kaylee McCune.*



*Pictured at the Knox County Flu Clinic are senior nursing students (L to R) Alexis Schwald, Laura Dungan, Taylor Park, Erin Richeson, Nicole Skinner, and Lauren Darter.*



*Pictured at the Adair County Flu Clinic are (L to R) Grant Orr, Hannah Hyer, Kristen Holwick, and Jacob Finke.*



*Amelia Gordon, '17, Arlene Seper, ABSN, '16, Sydney Cornett, '17, and nursing instructor, Kelly Freeland, FNP-BC, at Project Homeless Connect.*

## Project Homeless Connect

In October 2015, nine junior and senior nursing students provided participants with blood pressure readings, blood glucose readings, and height and weight measurements at the 3rd Annual Project Homeless Connect. Project Homeless Connect is a one-day event that allows homeless individuals and families in the Kirksville area to receive free services such as medical screenings, housing assistance, employment assistance, haircuts, lunch, and much more. The service learning project allows nursing students to provide hands-on services and the opportunity to serve others in the community. The students reflect on the experience through guided journaling.

a unit at OHSU that specializes in abdominal transplants, urology, and plastics (sometimes I get to play with leeches!).” He has also been a charge nurse and joined his unit’s nursing council, which has made some great strides in empowering nurses in their scope of practice.



L-R: Colin, Taran, Jeff, Debbie

### Jeff Burgess, '94

**L**t. Col. Jeffrey C. Burgess enlisted in the United States Army in 1986 as a combat medic and dental technician. He graduated with a BSN in 1994 from Truman (formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University). He went on to obtain a Master of Science in Health Sciences-Emergency and Disaster Management degree from Trident University in Cypress, California. Burgess entered the Air Force in 1998 and has served at several air force bases around the world. He spent a majority of his nursing career in and around the operating room, from operating room nurse to nurse manager of a surgical unit specializing in care of patients before, during, and after surgery. Lt. Col. Burgess is currently the 959th Operating Room Flight Commander at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. Within this position, he oversees 170+ anesthesiologists, CRNA, PACU nurses/techs and OR nurses/techs. He is also a section commander which includes the responsibility of organizing and overseeing 450+ individuals, ranging from surgeons to respiratory therapists to clinic technicians. Burgess is married and has two children. His daughter, Taran, graduated from Truman with a BSN in 2014.



Bob & Kalli Massop

### Bob Massop, '09

**S**everal Truman nursing graduates have pursued a career as a physician, including Bob Massop. After graduating from Truman with a BSN, Massop accepted a job as a circulating nurse in the operating room near his hometown in Wausau, WI. During his time there, he met Kalli who, in 2012, became his wife. He started medical school in 2011 at Des

Moines University in Iowa and most recently started an anesthesia residency at University of Wisconsin - Madison. Massop stated, “I can’t count the number of

times that my nursing career was helpful during med school and residency. Nursing isn’t typically a pre-med college major, but it was incredibly helpful, not only for medical knowledge, but also patient communication and understanding the team approach to patient care. Without question, the numerous skills I learned at Truman have made me a better doctor.”

### Kirk McCarty, '98

**F**ollowing graduation, McCarty was given the opportunity to work for Governor Carnahan focusing on finding qualified appointments to the state healthcare boards and commissions. After a few months, he started working as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Research Medical Center (RMC) in Kansas City. During 16 years at RMC, he met his wife, who is also a nurse. They have three children - Isaac 6, Sam 10, and Izzy 12.

McCarty worked in the ICU for a few years and entered nursing management. He spent eight years managing departments including ICU, Telemetry, ED, Dialysis, PCU and Trauma. Around 2005, he was selected for the Chief Nursing Officer Development program with HCA. He spent a few years working as the Associate Chief Nursing Officer for RMC. As his career continued, McCarty was promoted to the Vice President of Operations for the same hospital where he started as a graduate nurse.

In 2015, McCarty was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, CO. In his role as COO, he has continued his nursing executive leadership while also being responsible for much of the other operations of the hospital.

McCarty concluded, “I believe that my education at Truman prepared me for all that I have done. As you can tell my career has been far from traditional. By receiving a liberal arts education it prepared me for everything I faced. It also opened my eyes to the different directions you can go in this world no matter your degree. I’m proud to be a Truman Alumni.”



Veronica, Isaac, Sam, Izzy & Kirk McCarty

You may also notice in the photo in the “Student Life” section of this newsletter that 4 out of 11 students in the 3rd ABSN cohort are males.

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## Alumni News/Notes

Share your news, accomplishments, plans, travels, marriage, births, etc. Don't forget address changes so we can keep up with you. Send updates and notes to **Kimberly McDaniel**, [kmcdaniel@truman.edu](mailto:kmcdaniel@truman.edu) or to [nursing@truman.edu](mailto:nursing@truman.edu), or by postal mail.

**Corrine (Anderson) McCune, '86**, is continuing to work at Harry S. Truman VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri for soon to be 30 years. She currently is the Nurse Manager of the Primary Care clinics. McCune is also expecting her first grandchild in February 2016. Her daughter, Kaylee, will graduate from Truman in May of 2016 with a BSN as well.

**Jessamyn Phillips, '11**, is currently working on her DNP at the University of San Francisco. The master's portion is in public health, and the DNP will be with an emphasis in community health. In the end, Jessamyn will be a family nurse practitioner. She was inducted into the Beta Gamma Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and is set to graduate December 2018. When she is not in school, she is maintaining a job as a bedside nurse providing care for left ventricular assist device (LVAD) patients.

**Lisa Archer, '87**, After working almost 20 years with Kirksville's Northeast Regional Medical Center, Lisa took a turn in her career path and is now with A.T. Still University (ATSU) as Director of Simulation and Performance Assessment. She is also the Training Center Coordinator for the area's American Heart Association training center which is housed in ATSU. Lisa, along with nursing faculty member Pam Melvin, will be leading a new interprofessional education experience between the Truman nursing students and the ATSU medical students.

## A Special Request

The Department of Nursing is searching for class composites for the following years: 1979-1981, 1983-1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993-1997, 1999-2001, 2003, and 2009. If you have any of these or know someone who may have access to them, please contact [nursing@truman.edu](mailto:nursing@truman.edu) or [kmcdaniel@truman.edu](mailto:kmcdaniel@truman.edu).