

Enriching Lives

October 2017



2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

SAINT JOHN'S EMPLOYEE SCHOLARS CELEBRATE!

For 33 years, Saint John's has been helping employees advance their education with scholarships, and 2017 saw a record number of 19 qualified applicants. On August 16, the worthy candidates shared a pool of nearly \$18,000 in scholarships at a ceremony in the Cultural Arts Center. Friends, family, co-workers and residents were all on hand to applaud the hard work of these ambitious staff members as **Renée Anderson** and **Kim Huntley** shared the students' stories.

Through the generosity of many donors and with the success of Saint John's Thrift Shoppe and online Etsy store *Surprising-Findings*, the pool of funds for scholarships continues to grow, allowing us to ease the burden of skyrocketing tuition rates.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of residents **Lloyd Lewis**, **Mary McAndrews**, **Dale Neese**, and **Liz Pfeifer** and staff members **Sybil Bell**, **Kim Huntley** and **Mary Przybylski**, examined personal statements from the applicants, length of employment, job performance, education needs, grade point average, and letters of recommendation in determining the awards. We salute and celebrate all of these candidates' dreams and ambitions, and wish them every success in the years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARDEES:

Katie Beisiegel

MATC Nursing

Meighan Bentz

UWM Applied Gerontology

Stephanie Carrillo

MATC Nursing

Angela Crimmings

MATC Health Care Services Management

Katie Eedy

UWM Speech Therapy

Danielle Lewis

Cardinal Stritch Nursing

Briana McKinney

MATC Nursing

Ariana Mercado

WCTC Language Interpreter

Nikeeta Moore

UWM Education Policies &
Community Studies

Crystal Morgan

U.S. Career Institute Medical Assistant

Kaila Oelhafen

UWM Communication Studies

Susan Scolaro

UWM Nursing

Lindsey Shuler

UWM Nursing

Brittany Vana

UWM Nursing

LaBrenna Watkins

MATC Nursing

Mimi Wilson

MATC Nursing

Tasha Wilson

WCTC Human Services

Samuel Wojcinski

Marquette University Physical Therapy PhD

A Culture of Philanthropy



OCTOBER 2017 – OUR MESSAGE

At the heart of philanthropy is the desire to make a difference. Your giving makes a profound statement of your belief in the power, the relevance, and significance that charitable giving has to further excellence at Saint John's. We are grateful to all our donors who embrace our culture of philanthropy by giving joyfully.

Sybil and Mary

CAMPAIGN STATUS REPORT

The Campaign to Endow the Albert O. Nicholas Chaplaincy and Chapel Music Funds is nearing the achievement of its combined goal of \$2.3 million. Can you feel us doing the happy dance?

This effort underscores the important presence of a full-time Chaplain and is echoed by our supporters. We are grateful for the abundance of gifts and pledges already committed—178 donors for \$1.9 million—wow!

And, an additional five donors have pledged legacy gifts to maintain steady fund growth. If you are among those who have generously contributed, you have our deepest thanks.

Please consider making a gift, or an additional gift, to help us raise the remainder needed to carry us across the finish line—we look forward to thanking you.

ANNUAL APPEAL-ING

Donors—93 of them—have responded generously to our Annual Appeal since the May mailing with a total of \$116,002. That's an average of \$1,247 per donor! It is YOU, the donor, who make the magic happen: you who give to benefit program selection, operational support, legacy intentions, and permanence in the Foundation. Our once-a-year Annual Appeal is an opportunity to support what is important to you and your personal interests. There are many funds to choose from. If you have yet to participate, we will be delighted to accept your donations through year-end. The Office of Philanthropy will send reminders to those we haven't heard from in early December.

As we enter this season of giving, be sure to watch for the Employee Holiday Fund mailing in October. From the contributions collected, each staff member will receive a holiday bonus check at the annual party, scheduled for Thursday, November 30. Your gift to this fund is a way to show appreciation to our staff, as tipping is not allowed, even if well-deserved.

Applause...Applause



AWARD FOR AGED TO PERFECTION



At the end of October, Saint John's Vice President and Director of LifeStreams **Donna Spars** will accept another award, this time from the national organization of non-profit aging services providers, LeadingAge, at their annual convention in New Orleans. LeadingAge has 6,000+ members and partners including organizations representing the entire field of aging services, 38 state partners, hundreds of businesses, consumer groups, foundations and research partners.

This Award For Innovation is one among nine award categories. Saint John's was chosen from 24 applicant organizations that met stringent criteria for innovation implementation. The award recognizes Saint John's imaginative collaboration with UW-Milwaukee to create and offer the university course, Aged to Perfection: An Introduction to Aging. Now in its third year on our campus, the class introduces students to the value, the strengths, the wisdom, and the contributions of those considered old, in the hopes that the students may choose careers working with older adults. We are honored to receive these accolades from such a prestigious organization.



Photo Above: Aged To Perfection Instructor Team: Resident Volunteer Mary Beth Petersen, UW-Milwaukee's Shari Azinger and Rachelle Alioto.

Photo Below: The 2017 Fall Class of Residents, Instructors and Students.



Rising Student Stars

SAINT JOHN'S JOINS TRAINING CONSORTIUM

Starting this fall, Saint John's has joined a consortium that partners local retirement communities with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) to provide degree certification for licensed practical nurses (LPNs). The three-year program is the first of its kind for healthcare, and is made possible by an MATC Workforce Advancement Training Grant.

Because of this grant support, MATC is able to provide instruction for the entire cohort of students for a group tuition fee of just \$27,000 for the first year, regardless of the number of participants. Additionally, classes will be held on a consistent weekday and at a location of the consortium's choice. All the students will advance together through the three years as a cohort group, with courses offered exclusively to this group. They are guaranteed no waiting or petitioning for clinical placement, and students will continue on to their clinical training without interruption. That clinical experience will take place on-site at one or more of the participating retirement communities. The cooperating communities are Clement Manor, Franciscan Villa, Luther Manor, Lutheran Home, Newcastle Place, St. Camillus, Saint John's On The Lake, and Tudor Oaks, and each may sponsor up to three participants.



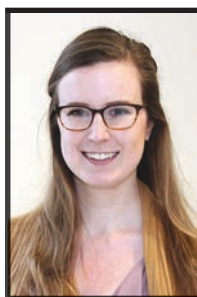
Congratulations to Saint John's employees **Jennifer Ezell** (Concierge Services, former CNA scholarship recipient), **Raven (Howled) Jones** (Stratford Court), and **Nick Young** (Stratford Court) who have passed rigorous application, screening, and testing requirements, and have both qualified and committed to participate in this exceptional opportunity. We wish you every success in your studies!

HARVEST TIME FOR SEEDS WELL SOWN

Since supporting educational aspirations through scholarships has been a Saint John's tradition for 33 years, it's nice to take a look at some of the real success stories, right here in our midst. These are stories of just three individuals who have advanced their education and stayed to offer their enhanced skills to Saint John's residents.



Stephanie Carrillo is a three-time Saint John's scholarship recipient, and has recently advanced from working as a resident assistant on Canterbury Court to her new role as an LPN on Windsor Court. Her supervisor, Anilisa McDonald, describes Stephanie as dependable and a quick learner, and one who "possesses the drive, knowledge, and ability to succeed and become a wonderful R.N." Stephanie continues to work toward her R.N. degree at MATC, and we wish her every success.

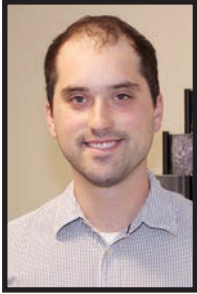


Emily Treuthardt was a scholarship recipient in 2013 and 2014, and left for a time to complete her education. Emily found her vocation in patient/resident care and progressed from a certified nursing assistant at Saint John's to achieve her licensure in nursing care. Emily was most recently employed at the VA Hospital to experience a different care environment. We're delighted that she is back again at Saint John's and working as an LPN in our care neighborhoods.



Mesheoka "Mimi" Wilson has been a fixture at Saint John's for 17 years, running our laundry department with her own special flair. After many years, Mimi decided to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, and has been helping out when needed in that capacity in our care neighborhoods. Now, Mimi is pushing herself further and with the help of a scholarship award is pursuing an Associate's Degree in nursing from MATC. Go Mimi!

Interns in the House



SAINT JOHN'S IS DEDICATED TO EDUCATION

Hi, I'm **Michael Hermann**. I am working as an administrative intern here at Saint John's. I am in my final semester at UW-Milwaukee studying Healthcare Administration and Business Administration. After gaining some practical experience, such as this opportunity at Saint John's, I will be looking to continue my education by acquiring my Masters of Public Health. During my internship, I will be under the wings of Mary Milliren assisting the organization with policy and procedural work.

I am very excited to be working in such a reputable place with many welcoming individuals. I really believe that the culture and care of residents here is an excellent example for other communities. I hope that I will have time to get to know as many of the residents and staff as possible during my time here. If you ever see me around, I'd love to meet you!

My name is **Lucy Roudebush**, and I am the Fitness Intern working under Personal Fitness Coach Dodie Novak here at Saint John's. I am a junior at Marquette University studying Exercise Physiology, and will be continuing into the field of Physical Therapy. I'm excited about the many opportunities that Saint John's has to offer, and the things I will learn while working with residents. Through the various fitness classes and personal training sessions I have observed, I have had the chance to get to know some of the residents and learn about fitness options at Saint John's. I am very thankful for this opportunity, and am excited to continue to learn from my experience here and use what I learn in my continued Physical Therapy education.



My name is **Maricela Westemeier (Mari)** and I am a Resident Assistant Apprentice. I am a senior at Riverside University High School and will be going into the pre-medical field in college. I would like to become a Pediatric physician with a minor in child psychology. I am very proud to be part of the Saint John's team

because it will help me grow as a person and allow me to have more experience in the medical field. It makes me happy to be able to go to work after school and see so many wonderful people. I am looking forward to my further endeavors with Saint John's and I hope to get the chance to meet all of you.

Mari is part of the Health Science Youth Apprenticeship (YA) in Wisconsin, a school-to-work program that provides high school juniors and seniors with a working understanding of specific skills common to healthcare careers by integrating learning in the classroom with learning at the worksite. The YA student finishes with entry level job skills, as well as opportunities for post-secondary educational advancement. This program is sponsored by the state of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Advancing Our Mission



Teepa Snow, Dementia Care Training Expert

WHEN THE STUDENT BECOMES THE MASTER

In February of this year, Saint John's arranged for nationally acclaimed dementia training expert Teepa Snow to provide three days of intensive, state-of-the-art instruction for every employee, with workshops for residents, nursing students, and board members as well. In her engaging, deeply caring, and often humorous way, Teepa demonstrated proven techniques with staff that allow residents with dementia to thrive wherever they are in their memory journey.

As a follow-up to this immersive seminar, LifeStreams Coordinator **Angela Crimmings** recently completed a rigorous, three month course of advanced training including three days in San Diego, California working directly with Teepa, to qualify her as a certified Teepa Snow Dementia Care Trainer. "This was a wonderful experience that pushed me to look at how we work with people living with dementia," said Angie. "I have learned new techniques that will help us provide the best, person-centered care to those living with dementia."



With this advanced mastery of Teepa's techniques, Angie can provide immediate mentoring of new employees and ongoing reinforcement of skills for existing staff to ensure that residents continue to enjoy the gold standard of dementia care in every area of our campus. We extend our thanks and congratulations to Angie for achieving this prestigious level of certification in dementia care training.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

As stewards of the Foundation's purpose, Board members look forward to hearing from you.

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We say farewell to Cecelia Gore and acknowledge her generous time of service on the Foundation Board.

OUR THRIFT SHOPPE IS A BLESSING

You can impact the lives of student employees by supporting the activities of the Thrift Shoppe, whose profits support our annual scholarship awards. Visit the Shoppe to donate saleable items (tax-deductible receipt available) and purchase our treasures.

Are you looking for a gift for someone special? Gift certificates to the Thrift Shoppe are now available in the Shoppe. See Dale Neese in the Shoppe on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m.– Noon and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. Or contact him at 414.347.2335 or daleneese@aol.com.

Donors with Heart

PLANNED GIFTS ARE YOUR PERSONAL LEGACY

Our legacy donors are just ordinary people who believe in the extraordinary—the impact that a planned gift makes on Saint John’s future as an unrivaled provider of premier retirement living. A legacy or planned gift is a pledge or pre-arranged payment from one’s estate using various vehicles, like a residential contract refund, a will intention, or a retirement fund. As a legacy donor, you have the choice to designate a future gift to an existing fund in the Foundation or establish a new named fund. You have the satisfaction and the joy of giving now, while feeling no financial effect during your lifetime. Your gift will reflect your personal values, grow in perpetuity, and be a resource for generations to come. We invite you to consider naming Saint John’s as a beneficiary in your estate plans. Once the gift is committed, you are welcomed into the Legacy Society. If you have already included us, please inform the Office of Philanthropy so that we can thank you personally.

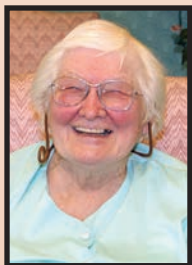
Our Legacy Society Members know the importance of planning with intention to make a difference in Saint John’s future. We welcome new members:



V.A. Downey who designated a portion of her refund to the Foundation’s General Endowment Fund to tangibly express her confidence in our commitment to aging well and lifelong learning.



Kathie Eilers and Barry Blackwell have designated a portion of their refund to the Albert O. Nicholas Chaplaincy Fund to underscore the importance of spiritual wellness and the inner journey in our later years.



The two-year journey to settle the Estate of **Lois Olsen** has reached completion. We, on behalf of Saint John’s Foundation, are humbled and grateful to have been named the primary beneficiary. As a woman of deep faith, Lois’ estate was gifted to the Albert O. Nicholas Chaplaincy Fund in homage to her life as a medical missionary, midwife, registered nurse, associate nursing professor, writer, and joyful soul.

THANKS FOR SHARING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

- **Katherine Smith** loves Wisconsin winters from the view in the apartment, but not driving about in them! She has made the decision to graciously donate her vehicle to Saint John’s, to be sold for the benefit of Saint John’s Foundation. Let it snow!
- We give thanks to **Pat & Allen Rieselbach** who underwrote the recent series that highlighted the architectural style and work of Frank Lloyd Wright in recognition of his 150th birthday.
- EX FABULA is an organization that teaches the art of storytelling. This past August they conducted workshops for Saint John’s residents—with partial support from **Karen & Art Beaudry**.
- CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? We give a big shout-out to **Bill Eastham** who gifted a microphone system for use in the Parlor.
- Kudos to all who contributed to the Chapel Fund with a designation for hurricane relief. Thanks to your big hearts, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund will receive \$2,236.00 to help those whose lives have been so devastatingly affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria this season.
- Do you have an interest you would like to promote?

Looking Ahead

INVITATION TO GIVE

We invite you to experience the joy of giving. Our office accepts gifts by cash, check, credit card, or appreciated stock. Can't think of the perfect holiday gift? Make a contribution in honor or memory of someone— it's just the right size!

All financial gifts to Saint John's Communities and Saint John's Communities Foundation qualify under Section 170(f)(8) as eligible for tax deduction.

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or

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It's easy. It's secure.

2018 SPIRITUALITY SYMPOSIUM

After the great success of our week-long spirituality symposium in March, plans are underway for the 2018 event, ***The Measure of Our Days: Awakening Hope in Aging, Loss and Death.***



The panel of nationally-recognized thinkers will share findings about navigating grief and loss, stories of inner transformation and tools for planning your next chapter in aging.

We continue to seek grants, sponsorships and funders to support this exceptional offering.

SAVE THE DATES
for our next symposium
March 4–10, 2018
The Measure of Our Days

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES UNITED WAY—RESIDENT CAMPAIGN

The campaign for contributions to this worthy organization will run October 2–20.

LEGACY SOCIETY & TOP DONOR ANNUAL LUNCHEON

To honor our legacy donors and lifetime givers of \$10,000 or more. This **invitation-only** event is scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at Noon in the Cultural Arts Center.

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The Foundation is a charitable organization whose purpose is to solicit, hold, manage, invest, and expend endowed funds for the benefit of the residents of Saint John's and its programs and activities. Saint John's mission is to enrich the lives of older adults through gracious retirement living, spiritual growth, cultural and educational opportunities, and residential healthcare services.