40 YEARS BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

“This is fantastic,” remarked one of the attendees at the Associate Degree Nursing Celebrating 40 Years Reunion/Reception. The event was held on Thursday evening, May 7, in the Art Gallery Lounge on Parkland’s campus. Over 60 past graduates, retired faculty, current faculty, and administrators came to the Lounge for refreshments, a DVD presentation, and to hear remarks from a variety of speakers.

Dr. Thomas Ramage, Parkland College President, welcomed alumni, faculty, and guests at the start of the program. Bobbi Scholze, Parkland Health Professions Department Chair, introduced current Association Degree Nursing faculty and then the speakers that followed. Reminiscing about her role as the Associate Degree Nursing Program Founding Director was Sister Julia Moriarty. She was followed by Gloria Valenti, President of Diversified Healthcare Inc., and long-time advisory committee member; Matthew Johnson, current president SNAP (Student Nurses Association at Parkland); Allen Barnes, first male nursing graduate from Parkland’s Associate Degree Nursing Program; and Patricia Hunt, graduate of Parkland’s Associate Degree Nursing Program and current part-time CNA Instructor.

Extra special thanks to the Co-chairs of the committee, Joanne Huff and JoAnn McGrain, both retired Parkland nursing faculty, who worked tirelessly for months to create such an extraordinary event. And thanks to the committee members, Rita Myles, Parkland Health Professions Recruiter; Kathy Lewis, current Parkland nursing faculty; Sandy Reifsteck, Class of 1970; Dona Stanner, Burnham alumni; Pat Tymchyshyn, retired Parkland nursing faculty; and Carmen Zych, current Parkland nursing faculty.
Dear Alumnus,

What a year this has been for Parkland College athletic teams and our student-athletes! Five Cobra teams won Midwest Athletic Conference titles, four teams advanced to their respective national tournaments (a school record), and three came home as top four finishers, highlighted by the NJCAA World Series Championship won by our Baseball team in early June.

Team success was not the only good news for the Cobras this year. Nine players earned NJCAA All-American honors, 12 student-athletes were recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans, and 24 were selected as Academic All-Conference. To find out more about this amazing year in Cobra sports and the student-athletes and honored coaches who made it happen, visit www.parkland.edu/athletics.

Of course, we weren’t surprised at seeing our students shine regionally and nationally. Parkland College students and alumni inspire us every day with determination to excel academically, achieve beyond their dreams in the workforce, and give back to their communities and their college. Their success matters—both to them and to us.

Enjoy your summer,

Thomas Ramage
President

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You’ll find details, criteria, and deadline dates of all the scholarships that the Foundation offers to Parkland students. As well an on-line donation form, information on our measurable successes, a snapshot of the Alumni Association, and past issues of the Parkland Update.

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On April 15, the Foundation and Office of Student Services hosted its Annual Scholarship Reception honoring Parkland College Salute, Trustees, and Foundation scholarship recipients and the donors. Over 250 people packed the Parkland College Theatre to hear remarks from Dr. Thomas Ramage, President of Parkland College; James Ayers, Chairman of the Parkland College Board of Trustees; Donald Dodds, President of the Parkland College Foundation Board of Directors; as well as scholarship donor Dale Ewen, retired Executive Vice-President of Parkland.

One student wrote a thank you and said “I will always be grateful to the people who have helped me achieve my goals. I will always keep this gift in my thoughts, and I hope that someday I will be able to give a gift like this to a struggling student like myself.”

For the sixth consecutive year, the Foundation increased the number of scholarships that were awarded to Parkland College students. This year, 212 deserving student received over 270 Foundation scholarships totaling over $200,000. An increase from 2007-2008 of 10% in scholarship dollars!

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For more information, please contact Mike Hagan, Director of Planned and Major Gifts at mhagan@parkland.edu or 217.351.2457.

ST. JOSEPH FRIENDS AND PARKLAND GRADS

Randy Jacobs and Greg Knott were best friends growing up together in St. Joseph and both attended Parkland College after high school. Their paths separated after Parkland and they attended different universities. Both are now extremely successful in their chosen fields.

Randy Jacobs graduated from the University of Illinois in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering. For Randy, “Parkland was a great way to get started. It was very cost effective and provided the foundation to move on the University of Illinois.”

For nine years, Randy has been employed by General Electric in North Carolina. He is currently the Manager, Transient Analysis, Nuclear Analysis COE. He and his wife have three girls aged 8, 6, and 2.

Greg Knott graduated from Illinois State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agri-Business. He went on to receive his MBA from the University of Illinois Springfield in 1995.

“Parkland College is (an) amazing community resource. The faculty I had such as Don Nelson, Paul Curtis and others had a tremendous impact on my future. Paul Curtis is passionate about agriculture and teaching students and is one of the kindest persons I have ever met. I will always be grateful for the opportunities that Parkland College gave me and is still providing to this day,” said Greg.

Greg spent nearly 10 years working for the Teachers Retirement System and State Universities Retirement System. Since 2002, he has been Business Manager for the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition and also serves as Associate Director of the Center for Advanced BioEnergy Research (CABER). CABER is currently researching the next generation of biofuels and developing new educational programs such as Professional Science Masters degree in BioEnergy.

He is a member of the Champaign County Board since 2000, a member of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation board since 2001, and Cub Scout leader in St. Joseph. He and his wife have two kids, 10 and 6.
PARKLAND WINS BASEBALL SERIES!

The Parkland College Cobras team dominated from beginning to end on the evening of May 29th to win their second NJCAA Division II World Series title defeating Scottsdale Community College (Ariz.) 11-3 at David Allen Ballpark in Enid, Okla.

The Cobras scored three times each in the second and third innings to build a 6-1 lead and never looked back as they out hit the Fighting Artichokes 18-6. Winning pitcher Max Friedman worked 8.1 innings allowing just three runs while striking out 10.

Parkland’s offense was paced by tournament MVP Kevin Kiermaier who went 3-4 with two runs scored and four RBI. Nate Roberts, Colin McKeen, and Kevin Crane all collected three hits for Parkland in the victory. Rafael Perez had three of Scottsdale’s six hits.

Parkland, which won their five games in the Series by the combined scores of 51-20, broke the NJCAA record for team batting average with a .408 mark for the tournament. They were lead by the hitter of the tournament Nate Roberts who broke the individual hitting record going 12-17 for a .710 average. He was joined on the All-Tournament team by teammate Kory Rombold who was selected the Pitcher of the Tourney for picking up two wins while walking just two batters and striking out 22. Also selected were second baseman Jordan Mitchellhill who hit .570, third baseman Collin DeDecker who hit .500 and was outstanding defensively and rightfielder Kevin Kiermaier who was named the MVP after he hit .444 with 3 HR and 9 RBI.

The title is the second for the Cobras who also won the title back in 2002 and were runners-up in 2005.

SARANTAKOS RECEIVES 2009 ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

Criminal Justice Program Director and Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Human Services Paul Sarantakos has been selected the 2009 Illinois Community College Trustees Outstanding Faculty Member award.

Paul was recognized at the ICCTA awards banquet on June 5 in Chicago. He will receive $1,000 professional development funding and a plaque from Parkland’s Board of Trustees at the June meeting.

In addition, Paul’s name will be added to the plaque along with the other award winners in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Congratulations on a well deserved award, Paul!
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