Samuel Merritt College Makes Strides on Student Scholarships—Matching Grant Extended!

“It is our goal to establish one of the largest scholarship funds held by the College in order to provide lasting recognition of Dr. Diaz’s work and many contributions.” — BOARD OF REGENTS

This Summer We Need all of our alumni and supporters to dig deep for a great cause! The clock is still ticking on Samuel Merritt College’s challenge to raise $1.5 million in named scholarship funds. We have come a long way already, and the Lakeside Foundation has generously extended their matching grant program to help SMC make more scholarship funds available to deserving students.

Every SMC graduate has a role to play in helping us meet this match, and the time to act is now! If you can make a substantial gift to the Sharon Clark Diaz Endowed Scholarship Fund in the next few months, it will go farther than ever before to help students. Even if you can give the equivalent of only one or two hours of your pay, your support will qualify for matching and will demonstrate strong participation by our alumni. Please use this opportunity to recognize a special achievement, occasion, or relationship with a commemorative donation, and invite others to join you in giving, so that together we can meet this challenge.

Annual Tavi M. Van Ogle ’88 Scholarship Awarded

Each Spring, members of the Van Ogle family gather together on the Samuel Merritt College campus for what they refer to as “Tavi Day.” A day in which they celebrate the life of Tavi M. Van Ogle, a 1988 BSN graduate of Samuel Merritt College, with a luncheon, lots of stories, and the presentation of the annual Tavi M. Van Ogle ’88 Scholarship Award.

Tavi M. Van Ogle graduated from Samuel Merritt College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 1988. Tavi’s interest in nursing started at Martinez High School, where she joined a program that bused students to the Martinez Veterans Hospital where she became interested and enthusiastic about the nursing profession. She graduated from Martinez High School, where she won a nursing scholarship which she applied towards her tuition in the Saint Mary’s College/Samuel Merritt College Intercollegiate Nursing Program. She devoted herself full time to her studies and graduated with her BSN in 1988. She began her nursing career at John Muir Medical Center, where she worked more than seven years, doing what she loved. “Tavi was open and alive with an incredible capacity for love and compassion. She was especially fond of the elderly; they seemed to touch her very deeply. Even as a child, Tavi, loved people and animals,” states her father. “She always seemed to take them under her wing and care for them, so nursing seemed to be the perfect profession for her. Her patients loved her for her warmth and attentiveness, and delighted in hearing her stories of her many pets.”
Dr. Martha Jewell to Retire from Samuel Merritt College
by Terrence Nordstrom, MA, PT, Interim Chair, Physical Therapy

Dr. Martha Jewell, professor and the founding chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, will retire at the end of the summer semester in 2005. As the founder of the program, Dr. Jewell created a physical therapy program that became known for graduates with a commitment to excellence in clinical practice and professionalism. The PT program, opening in 1990, was the first program outside of nursing that the College offered. It was through Dr. Jewell’s leadership that the program became the first doctoral program offered by the College.

Dr. Jewell is known among her students as an excellent teacher who places high demands on students for learning complex subject matter in a manner that is essential to success in the profession of physical therapy. While upholding those high expectations, she has always gone out of her way to help students; she holds special study groups for her courses every semester and freely gives her time to answer students’ questions in one-on-one sessions in her office. She explores students’ levels of understanding in a way that brings out their understanding and helps them improve their learning.

Dr. Jewell is a respected member of the professional community. In 2003, she was awarded the Charles Magistro Service Award, the highest award recognizing service conferred by the California Physical Therapy Association. She advanced scholarship in the profession through publication of articles and book chapters in the neurosciences, anatomy and clinical sciences. She has provided numerous invited presentations in the same areas in many areas of the state and has consulted with other physical therapy programs in curriculum development in anatomy and neurosciences.

Dr. Jewell received her bachelor’s degree in physical therapy in 1966 from the University of Colorado and her doctoral degree in anatomy from the University of South Dakota in 1977. She previously served on the physical therapy faculty at the Chicago Medical School, the University of Southern California, Stanford University, and Mount Saint Mary’s College. Her first job as a physical therapist was with Charles Magistro in Southern California. In addition to other clinical positions, she had private practices in Palo Alto and Santa Monica. She served on the California Physical Therapy Association’s Board of Directors from 1998–2001.

Our thanks, Dr. Jewell, for the many contributions you have made to Samuel Merritt College!

Student and Faculty Research in Occupational Therapy at Samuel Merritt College
by Gordon Muir Giles, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Associate Professor, Samuel Merritt College, and Director of Neurobehavioral Services, Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY as a profession is moving away from traditional practice models towards evidence based practice. Occupational therapists are increasingly grounding clinical practice in research findings. The idea of the practitioner-researcher is built into the curriculum of Samuel Merritt College. The goal is to have clinicians who maintain their own research agendas mentor students in research. Students are provided with the positive experience of participating in an area of faculty-guided research in which they can be successful and also advance an occupational therapy research agenda. This mentorship is accomplished through the Samuel Merritt College Synthesis Project cycle.

Following a one-semester “Introduction to research” class, students participate in synthesis projects for three of their four academic semesters in the Master of Occupational Therapy program. Students select a faculty member to work with and join a new or ongoing research group. The students’ role depends on the stage of the project and may vary from initial planning of the project and preparing an institutional review board submission to data collection, to analysis and presentation of findings. Synthesis projects are selected so that students gain clinical as well as research experience. Following completion of their part of the ongoing study, students prepare a formal written report and make a formal oral presentation to faculty, students, the wider college community, and the general public.

A brief review of some of the current research synthesis projects will illustrate their range and clinical relevance. Three of the faculty, Kate Hayner, Gimmy Gibson and Gordon Muir Giles, provide scholarships to students enrolled in any SMC degree program, is to reach $1 million. Raising sufficient funds to meet the Lakeside Foundation’s challenge would achieve that goal.

President Diaz’s vision and dedication have built the institution we are so proud of today. Under her leadership SMC became an independent four-year college; developed its fully accredited undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs; and grew enrollment from 150 prospective nurses to over 1,000 students in five disciplines. She has always championed the importance of making health sciences education accessible by keeping tuition competitive and helping students obtain financial aid.

Please honor President Diaz and do your utmost to enable SMC to help students achieve their professional dreams by making the most generous contribution you can this year.

Mail your check to:
Sharon Clark Diaz Endowed Scholarship Fund
c/o Samuel Merritt College
450 30th Street, Suite 2840
Oakland, CA 94609

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Mary Lopez, RN, President of ACNL

Mary Lopez, RN, MSN, received her diploma from Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in 1978 and her AA from Fresno City College in 1986. She was awarded her BSN in 1988 and her MSN from California State University in 1992. She is director of critical care, telemetry and dialysis corporate services at Community Medical Centers and is responsible for the clinical operation of a 12-bed ICU, and 8-bed CVU, a 60-bed telemetry unit, and acute dialysis in five hospitals and three outpatient clinics. This past February, she became the president of the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL) for the year 2005.

Q: Why did you decide to become a nurse? Nurse manager?

It seems as if I always wanted to be a nurse. Nursing impacted me more as a receiver than a provider. At the time when my needs were greatest, nurses were there to give the care I needed. When I was in eighth grade, I was standing in front of a fireplace in my flannel nightgown, and it caught on fire. I was badly burned on my legs and hand. They thought I’d lose my right leg. Wounds smelled and looked so bad, and then return to doing my dressings. While in college, I went for a five-week Bible college in Mexico and contracted five different strains of typhus, losing 23 pounds in 14 days. I was hospitalized and again received the necessary nursing care. Nursing Management. The short answer is that I got into it by accident.

The interest rate was 18 percent in 1985. We wanted to raise a family in a home with a fenced yard so we moved to Fresno. I became a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist and went into a masters program to keep that job, which I loved. However, with three small children I had to leave it to finish school. My employer asked me upon graduation to establish my entire family lives abroad. Upon completion of her academic studies, Beatriz intends to work in the field of oncology.

Q: What is your vision for ACNL?

Our current vision is to lead nursing to influence and improve health care in California. Our mission is to be a nursing leadership organization that advances professional nursing practice, influences health policy, and improves the health of our communities. We are now bringing stakeholders together to review our focus and further refine our direction. The next two to three years will be pivotal for nursing in California and my goal is to provide leadership as we navigate change and establish our future.

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On March 2, the 2005 Tavi M. Van Ogle ’88 Scholarship was presented to Beatriz Coll. Ms. Coll is a second-year undergraduate nursing student who maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.61 and anticipates a completion date of December 2006. She is a single mother supporting herself and her daughter with no additional support — her entire family lives abroad. Upon completion of her academic studies, Beatriz intends to work in the field of oncology.

Q: What is the ACNL?

The Association of California Nurse Leaders is a specialty organization for nurses in leadership positions or those who aspire to be leaders. ACNL is associated with the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), which is affiliated with the American Hospital Association. In the mid-’90s, with the advent of managed care, hospitals reorganized and eliminated their nurses in top-level, decision-making positions. Nurse executives began to lose their positions, continual transition became the norm for these nurse leaders and ACNL changed direction. This new direction allowed us to focus on nurse leaders and not just nurse executives. ACNL now has 950 active members and most of our work is done through committees and regional taskforces.

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In December 1996, Tavi’s life was cut short by a bacterial lung infection. In honor of his daughter’s dedication to the nursing profession, Mrs. Fred Van Ogle, established the Tavi M. Van Ogle Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2000 in her memory. This scholarship is awarded annually to a pre-licensure nursing student entering his/her second year of full-time study at Samuel Merritt College on the basis of financial need and demonstrated academic and clinical excellence.

TOP: Fred Van Ogle presenting the 2005 Tavi M. Van Ogle ’88 Scholarship to Beatriz Coll.

RIGHT: Attendees of the 2005 “Tavi Day” Left to right: Jim and Norma Crain (longtime friends of the Van Ogle family), Jodi Wellman (Tavi’s cousin), Dr. Sharon Diaz, President, Samuel Merritt College; Beatriz Coll (2005 Scholarship Recipient); Fred Van Ogle (Tavi’s father); Audrey Giovannetti (Tavi’s Aunt); Vicky Keeler (Tavi’s cousin); and Leonid Giovannetti (Tavi’s Uncle). Attendees not pictured: Mary Robinson, Director of Financial Aid and Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development.

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APMA College Visitation at CSPM

by Dr. Chris Robertazzi ’81, APMA Treasurer

MS. JAYE FRANKFORT, Dr. Thomas
C. Miello and I had the opportunity
to visit CSPM on January 16 and 27,
2005. Wednesday night was a dinner
meeting at Scott’s Seafood Restaurant
in Oakland’s Jack London Square.
There were 30 in attendance, includ-
ing Dr. Albert Burns, and Ms. Irma
Walker-Adams. The questions from the
students were excellent. They included
topics such as: residency programs,
externships, private practice, group
practices, finding certain niches, podia-
try’s role in health care and APMA. The
student leaders were all well spoken
and a delight to be with. They had their
own business cards and have certainly
raised the level of sophistication
from when I attended school.
Thursday we gave our presentation
to the students at the school. Every fresh-
man was present and more attentive
than any other group that I have ad-
dressed in the past. You could have
heard a pin drop in the room. Once
again, the questions were outstanding
and showed a higher level of under-
standing about the profession than
seen before.
The school has 44 freshmen with 48
being their maximum in order to keep
the student teacher ratio at an accept-
able level. Dr. Burns expressed his
appreciation for the student recruit-
ment campaign sponsored by the
APMA. He feels the program has been
very successful on various fronts.
After our presentations, Ira gave me
a tour of the faculty. This is the first
time I had been to the new location. As
a student at CCPM, I would work with
Ira to assist the freshmen in finding
housing. This gave us a chance to
catch up with each other. She has
obviously been doing a great job as
her office walls were covered with
plaques and certificates for her won-
derful work over the last couple of
decades. Ira introduced me to many
of the administration and staff includ-
ing the President of Samuel Merritt
College, Sharon C. Diaz, PhD, and
Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs
and Development. The new location
is high tech with multiple styles and
class sizes. There are dorm rooms on
campus for about 20 students.
The education I received at CCPM was
spectacular. It allowed me to move into
a rural small community in Newton,
New Jersey (about 35 miles from my
home town) and blend right in with the
other physicians. I was the first podia-
trist to get operating room privileges
in the two hospitals in the county. In
addition, throughout the four years
at school, I developed and still main-
tain, many wonderful relationships
with fellow classmates, administra-
tion and professors. The attitude and
 camaraderie were like none I had ever
experienced before. As an alumnus of
CCPM, I admit that for several years I
was concerned about the future of the
college. I was heartbroken to think that
my positive experience at the school
would no longer be available to fu-
ture generations. After visiting CSPM,
seeing the beautiful buildings, and
spending time with the students, I think
the tough times are behind them. There
is a tremendous potential available that
I am sure the administration and staff
will utilize. 😊

MISS “CHECK IT OUT”
by Mary Mauvasi Reeve, ’64

AS YOU NOW KNOW, Lilian Champ
agne died a year ago this past April. None of us will ever forget her mark on our lives. She pushed us to become excellent nurses…she challenged us at EVERY turn... Don’t you remember the sheet TERROR of seeing her marching onto the hospital floor... and realizing she was coming to “your” patient!!! Remember “HAND WASHING”!!! — probably her greatest motto!!! Wouldn’t she be pleased to see world cover-
age on our TVs, newspapers and computers on this subject?!!!

As you may remember, following Lil’s passing, the Lilian B.
Champagne Nursing Scholarship Fund was established at
Samuel Merritt College, in her honor, to benefit current under-
graduate nursing students. Unfortunately, before the first Lilian B.
Champagne Scholarship award can be made, the fund must
reach a minimum funding core of $50,000 in order to allow it to
generate enough interest to fund the award. To date, the fund sits
with a balance of approximately $2,500 and it’s been one year!

So if you have hesitated in making a contribution in memory of
Lil, I urge you to get moving. It will be so great to give some stu-
dent a gentle boost to “become who you were meant to be” — a
Lil quote. Remember, “You are who you’re going to be” — another
one. So, I challenge every alum who was taught by Lilian C. to
give a donation in her memory. Contributions should be sent to:

Lilian B. Champagne Nursing Scholarship Fund
c/o Samuel Merritt College
450-30th Street, Suite 2840
Oakland, CA 94609

We need quality nurses and Samuel Merritt is still turning
out. Please keep Lil’s legacy going. (Five people in the class of
1964 have sent in a contribution—anyone else out there?) 😊

Lilian B. Champagne

Fourth David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Awarded

IN 1991, Patricia Rae Evans, the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education of the Department of Physical Therapy, established the David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Fund in honor of her parents’ profound influence on her life, particularly in the areas of professional-
ism, service and community.

As a young man, David Evans became a volunteer fireman in Hobart, Indiana. He was the primary force for the profession-
ization of the fire service in Hobart and eventually became the first Fire Commissioner for the city. David belonged to a
number of civic organizations, all of which were designed to
provide assistance and service to the people of his commu-
nity. David never met a stranger and instilled in his daughter a deep sense of loyalty and responsibility.

Oolah Evans served as the elected Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Hobart, Indiana, for 20 years. Known throughout the state
and on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, as an honest, forth-
right, and tenacious official who believed in her constituency, Oolah inspired many young people to believe in our system
of government and in our need to be informed and active in
community life. Oolah instilled in her daughter a true sense of
public service as a trust given by the citizenry—a trust which must be honored with integrity and humility. Oolah was
and continues to be very active in community projects and
programs designed to enhance the quality of all of our lives.

The David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Fund was established to honor two remarkable
individuals and is symbolic of their commitment to communi-
ty, service, and professionalism. The physical therapy student
who receives this award typifies the values of David and
Oolah Evans and their daughter “Path,” family and friends.

This past fall, the fourth annual David M. and Oolah
B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship was presented to
Shana Stratford. Ms. Stratford is a second-year student in
the Doctor of Physical Therapy program who maintains a
cumulative GPA of 3.49. Her anticipated completion date is
August 2006. Upon graduation, Ms. Stratford would like to
begin her career working in an outpatient clinic serving an
underserved community. Eventually, she would like to return
to Samuel Merritt College as a faculty member. 😊

Congratulations Shana!
CSPM Alumni & Associates Update
by Douglas M. Taylor, DPM, President of the Alumni & Associates

As my term as President of Alumni and Associates (A&A) comes to a close, I would like to share my vision and goals for the Alumni & Associates. A&A should encourage alumni participation to strengthen and sustain the quality of education offered to students by the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM). A&A should act as a liaison between the La Sierra School of Podiatric Medicine (CSSPM) and its students. It is critical that our membership participates in fundraising for CSPM. The role of A&A is to facilitate the disbursement of those funds to meet essential needs of the School.

In supporting new and existing practitioners, A&A should assist these professionals in establishing and maintaining successful practices. Our organization should provide education to enrich A&A activities and learning opportunities. Additionally, the membership should benefit from educational events designed by A&A that provide information about such topics as post retirement teaching, and how to develop a retirement strategy. A&A also provides an important space for ongoing dialogue with faculty regarding the needs of current CSPM students.

A&A has and will continue to encourage support for student scholarships by individuals, corporations and podiatric societies. Most of all, A&A should encourage fellowship and goodwill between the staff, faculty, administration of Samuel Merritt (SMC), and itself. To accomplish this goal, A&A needs your time, talent and monetary support.

The Alumni & Associates Annual Business Meeting will be held during the Western Podiatric Medical Congress on June 10, 2005. During this meeting we will review the organization in the context of SMC, elect a new board and review the bylaws. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Together we can strengthen the vision of the A&A and contribute to the quality of future podiatric practitioners.

Essentials of Practice Seminar 2005
by Joshua Gerbert, DPM, FACFAS / Professor, Department Podiatric Surgery / Director, Continuing Medical Education

Once again, the Essentials of Practice Seminar will be co-sponsored by the California School of Podiatric Medicine and the California Podiatric Medical Association. This year’s seminar will be held on November 12 and 13 on the Oakland campus of Samuel Merritt College. The program will be divided into four day-hall sessions for the doctors. The program will commence each morning at 8:00am and conclude at 5:00pm with a one hour lunch break. Fourteen contact hours of credit will be issued to the doctors who complete the program.

Friday morning will consist of lectures regarding the current thoughts on the treatment of the dysfunction-attitude. The afternoon session will consist of lectures regarding orthotic therapy related to specific pathologies and the latest technologies to evaluate gait.

Saturday morning will consist of lectures regarding general medical topics that are relevant to podiatric physicians and their everyday practice. The afternoon session will consist of lectures regarding the current thoughts on the management of common wounds encountered by podiatrists.

A two day “assistants program” will run concurrently with the doctors program. Topics to be presented will include lectures on radiology in order to acquire hours to help meet the state requirements, front office computerized scheduling, how to deal with the difficult patient, latest information on orthotic therapy, how to assist in preventing a medical malpractice suit, and current information on coding/billing.

For more information please contact Andrea Carrick at CPMA in Sacramento, CA at 1.800.794.8988 or acarrick@podiatrists.org.

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are leading a grant-funded study comparing two different approaches to post-acute rehabilitation of the post CVA hemiplegic upper extremity. The two treatments to be compared are constraint induced movement therapy (CIMT) and customary treatment provided with very high intensity.

Also relating to CVA, Dr. Hayner is the principal investigator in a study of the use of rigid shoulder taping to manage post CVA shoulder subluxation. The study is continuing but the first report of the successful application of this approach is expected to appear shortly.

Gordon Muir-Giles is working with students on two projects relating to persons with traumatic brain injury (TBI). The first project is a continuing study of an adaptive behavior rating scale (the Adaptive Behavior and Community Competency Scale—ABCCS) for use with persons with TBI. The study involves students in interviewing and assessing the functional impairments of people post-TBI. Participants are recruited from local day programs and community colleges. Students make a case formulation of a person with whom they spend only a limited time and about whom they have limited information—so the intervention that is central to being a practicing occupational therapist. The resulting assessment instrument will allow therapists to measure changes that can occur in occupational therapy in the post-acute period. “Participating in the ABCCS study has exposed us to the client population, research methodology, and honed our interview skills, which will prepare us for future research and clinical application,” says Kerry Becklund, MOTS, one of the 2005 class students participating in the projects.

The other TBI study is the development of an ecologically valid instrument for assessment of dysexecutive syndrome. Office-based paper and pencil tests often fail to capture frontal lobe-based executive function impairments because office-based tests impose a structure that facilitates performance. The “ill-structured” nature of many complex behavioral tasks (such as preparing a dinner party) is what makes the activities more difficult. An ecologically valid test of executive function should be conducted in the real world and should be “ill-structured” in the same way as naturalistic tasks on which these patients often fail. Students are currently preparing to collect a normative sample for the new “Mail Test.” A number of other ongoing or completed studies relate to aspects of pediatric or psychosocial rehabilitation.

An indication of the success of the synthesis projects as an introduction to research is the fact that a number of students have chosen to spend some time after graduation working as research assistants to faculty. Currently, Karen Katsir, MOT is engaged in a research project examining factors that precipitate aggression in persons following TBI. This study is part of the current author’s work in developing non-aversive treatment for persons with aggressive behaviors following brain damage.

GIVING BACK
by Cecily Cosby, PhD, FNP, PA-C / Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program and Associate Professor

It is an experience of great satisfaction to have Samuel Merritt College family nurse practitioner graduates join our community of nurse practitioners as preceptors. Catherine Arthur ’93, Angel Diaz ’98, Kathy Geier ’02, Regina Harrison ’02, Marriana Phillips ’95, Rhonda Ramirez ’96, Linda Ettensohn Scroggy ’00, Jon Vran ’00 and Melissa Witaschek ’00 have all put their personal commitment to nursing education in action by accepting the extra demands and responsibilities of precepting FNP interns.

Semester after semester they make themselves available, extend their working day, and support our future. The rewards for this work are often intangible, making it even more important that we recognize their important contribution. We at Samuel Merritt College in the FNP program wish to extend our sincere appreciation and respect for their work.

“We make a living by what we get...but we make a life by what we give.” — Winston Churchill
California College of Podiatric Medicine

1938
Dr. Charles J. Johnson passed away at 87. Dr. Johnson served as President of the APMA in 1973, and remained a driving force in podiatric medicine long after his retirement from private practice in 1978. Dr. Johnson was named California Podiatric Physician of the Year in 1973, and received APMA’s Distinguished Service Citation in 1994. In 2001, Dr. Johnson was honored by the CPMA’s Lifetime Achievement Award and the Medal of Honor from CCPM’s Alumni & Associates.

1972
The following was taken from a letter written to the Class of 1972 by Dr. William D. Pagliano. “Dr. Bruce W. Carroll passed away on January 5, 2005. He died from complications from lung cancer in Alton, IL at the age of 58. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Evonne, and two children, Natalie and Jeff. After graduation, he completed his residency at Levine Hospital in Hayward, CA, and then practiced podiatric surgery in Chicago. Dr. Randy Sarte (also the godfather of his son, Jeff), also established his practice in Alton in 1973 with friend, Dr. Ray Ward. During his professional career, as expected, Bruce kept very active. He was a clinical professor and clinician at universities in Illinois and Iowa, as well as being listed in Who’s Who of American Colleges and Universities. He participated in local and state podiatric associations and was an examiner for the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Unknown to most, Bruce set his sights on retirement at age fifty. In 2000, he closed the door to his practice, spending his time with the three loves of his life. Evonne, the wife he worshipped, golf, the sport he loved, and the stockmarket, the game he played. Needless to say he excelled at all three. In retirement, Bruce and Evonne traveled extensively, especially to their favorite retreats in Florida. Bruce was truly one of those good guys, and along with his willingness to help you out you could always count on that smile and laugh. Bruce W. Carroll, a kind and gentle man who will be truly missed but never forgotten.”

1975
Dr. Paul E. Connell writes, “recently retired from full time practice, may do some locums here in the greater toronto area or in the state of California when called down to the Golden State by any of my former classmates or colleagues when they need someone to cover their practice as I have maintained my active license to practice in the state of California knowing I would return there one day. I may also practice my other profession of Pharmacy as I still have my license to do so in Canada et al. Life is so much better now, the practice was just cutting into my traveling time. I am in excellent health and could definitely outpace Dr. Allen Seiner in the Bay to breakers race just as I almost did when we killed that run in 1975 — I’m being nice to you, Allen. My biggest problem now is deciding where to fly to next. I’ve slowed down since they took the Concordie away. Good health to all.”

1978
Dr. Travis Westermeyer was recently married in Hawaii and is expecting a child in June.

1994
Following is from an email correspondence sent to Dr. William Jenkin, 1970 alum and Professor and Chair of the Department of Podiatric Surgery at CPMM, from a CPMA alum Dr. Dianne Stevens. “I just joined with you to publish a book—published in our Human Resources Department. You were the one that believed in me and said that with my background, I should go into Wound Care. I did—and here it is! My specialty is going into under developed countries and setting up programs. I did this with nursing in the 1980’s—Saudi Arabia and Qatar—and am now doing it with podiatry in Qatar. I was just asked to head of Podiatric Services for the 2006 Asian Games, which is scheduled for November/December of 2006. After this, I want to open my own private practice. I need to start making some real money! I am having fun setting up my new clinic. Besides the Duplex for Toe Pressures, I just got Radiometer’s transcutaneous oxygen monitoring system. Hopefully, I will be able to get some research published. In my spare time, I am getting my second Masters. I am finishing my first year in the Master of Wound Healing and Tissue Repair at Cardiff University, Wales. They have fabulous Wound Healing Research with Keith Harding and Andrew Donvilton. I have been able to meet both. I occasionally speak internationally. I will be going to Saudi in December—Riyadh—to give a talk. Not sure what it will be this year, but I am treated first class when I come. Besides my career, I meet interesting people here like Dr. Al Asbari. He was Saddam Hussein’s doctor. At all new practices here. He’s a fabulous surgeon. He reattached an entire hand on a man in 1981. What makes him interesting is that he is also an artist. Well, that is my life. I am not bored! Haven’t been back to San Francisco since 1994. Maybe one day!”

Providence College of Nursing

1961
Donna J. Henkel Carlton writes, “Finally retired after a long and busy career. Spent most of it in pediatrics, both in hospitals and offices. I was a day care mom for 30 years while my three children were small, and then spent the last 20 years working in correctional health, first at Juvenile Hall in San Leandro, where I rediscovered Gladys Coors Moore (also a 1961 Providence alum).”

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1994
Sisian Lim Sze To is now in real estate, and saw her at Moreau Catholic High School when she was youngest. Sisian Victor Cogg has handled two of her escrows, and is planning to retire soon. My best to all my former classmates.”

Samuel Merritt College

1934
Beatrice “Bee” Woodbury Warren returned to Samuel Merritt for a visit in February, 2005. Bee, a 1934 graduate of Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing, is busier than ever. She has authored ten books and 350 articles and is on her third computer. Bee practiced nursing for 42 years and it was her experiences as a nurse that inspired most of her books. “As a young nurse during the depression, I held clinics for migrant farm workers in California, Arizona and Utah. The federal government’s Agricultural Workers Health and Medical Association was my boss,” Bee recalls. “The writing bug bit me later when I worked as an industrial nurse for Westinghouse in Sunnyvale, CA.” Bee attended an adult education writing class and took her instructor’s advice “write what you know.” Much to Bee’s amazement, her writing was successful. Avon Books signed her for its series slanted toward young people. “The editor liked my query letter, and I sold nine books.”

Her latest book, West By Handcart was self-published in 2002 and is very dear to her heart. She spent years reading over family journals. In 1856, her Scottish great-grandfather, Daniel D. McArthur, was captain of a Mormon party that made the 1300-mile trek from Iowa City to Salt Lake City. “All my life I’d heard about this story and longed to write it,” Bee said. “Everyone in Great-Grandfather’s party survived. West By Handcart is written as fiction, but all the historical settings are true. Benjamin Franklin said, “Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.” Bee has done both.

“Bee” left California for Oklahoma shortly after her visit to Samuel Merritt College and living in Sunnyvale for over 50 years to be closer to her son, Albert. We wish Bee the very best as she begins yet another journey and look forward to reading about it soon!”

in memoriam...

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On the front steps ofكسلاس Hall pictured L to R: Katie Cherry, Samuel Merritt College, Payroll Specialist (and Bee’s great niece), Beatrice Woodbury Warren ’34 and Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development.

1997
Frances Householder Brown writes, “I graduated from an accelerated class of Samuel Merritt’s School of Nursing on January 1, 1937. There was a severe nursing shortage and ours was a busy, hardworking and fun loving class as the 36 month class was squeezed into 28 months. It also was a very varied class with wide age differences as well as very varied backgrounds. The formal graduation of both classes of 1937 was in June—but by that time the 28 month class was scattered and busy, some of us married, others going on for more education. I was married and in a few years had five daughters (remember, Dr. Hall!), Nancy Brown Hasker, our oldest, became our first Merritt graduat in 1960. Elizabeth Brown Vese...”
followed the next year in 1965. The other three girls chose other profes- sions. But now, along comes Elizabeth’s daughter, Donna Christiansen Holmes, who also is a 1983 SMC graduate and her 10 year old daughter, Emily, tells us she, too, will be a SMC nurse in a few years. It is very gratifying to work in various capacities for varying periods with each of us remembering that we are a SMC nurse! Has anyone else such a history?

1944
Margaret Middleton Edwards writes, “In a nutshell—busy—elder hostelling trips and dancing at least twice a week. Oregon is still an exciting place to live.”

1947
Beverly Peterson Eggert writes, “I was sorry to miss the holiday dinner but I still work Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday every week at the convalescent hospital as the re- lief supervisor. Always thankful for my Merritt training. Working keeps my mind busy and active. I am very thank- ful for my tour kids, their spouses, two granddaughters, seven grand- sons and two great grandsons.”

1958
Carol Coleman Wilson writes, “My husband and I have been fa- mily soon. I’d love to hear from any other SMC graduate. I am proud of my alma mater so please feel free to email me marmymri2005@charter.net.”

1960
Mary J. Colburn LeMieux writes, “I was recently visited by my 10 year old daughter, Emily, tells us who we are very involved with.”

1964
Susan Holland Flatt continues to work in the endoscopy suite at Holy Cross Hospital—Silver Spring, MD. First grandchild—I born December 23, 2004. Her mother Evangeline Holland died February 24, 2005 at home—age 88. “I always shared the comments from class of 1964 with her—she specially enjoyed—as did the article on Lillian Champaign stated Susan.”

1989
Vicki Moore writes, “I’m currently work- ing as an acute care nurse practitioner for cardiac surgery in Napa, California at Queen of the Valley Hospital and teaching in the ACNP graduate program at UC San Francisco. In 2001, I married my wonderful husband, Jeff Weiss. We are looking forward to starting our fam- ily soon. I’d love to hear from any other 1989 graduates; and look forward to the 20th year reunion!”

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