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Judy Murphy '75 Alverno A-News, August 2011)

Judy Murphy, BSN, Alverno-1975 was recently nominated for a fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing and will be inducted in October 2011. Judy is the Vice President of Electronic Health Record Systems for Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee. This is an integrated delivery network that overlooks 15 hospitals, 120 clinics and 30,000 employees within the Aurora Health system. Judy has successfully combined her 35 nursing year career with health care information technology for the past 25 years. She has been recognized both locally and nationally for her dedication. Most recently she was named as a "Face of Nursing" at the 2010 Wisconsin Nurses Annual Meeting and Conference. Judy is also a sought out lecturer and writer. In May of this year, Judy was on a panel at the Harvard Medical School and Partners Healthcare Patient-Centered Computing and eHealth Conference. She has also been published in such diverse publications such as Essentials of Nursing Informatics, Health Data Management and Journal of Healthcare Information. Of her Alverno education Judy claims, "My education at Alverno influenced my career by showing me see that anything is possible when you go after it in a logical and methodical way.

That helped me explore and then leverage the newly-developing specialty of nursing informatics in the 1980's. I became one of a few pioneers in the specialty, and have never looked back. Over my 25+ years in informatics, I have seen and felt the impact informatics has on patient care by creating new (computer) tools that nurses can use when delivering care. "

Jesse Harrison-Noonan '09 (Alverno A-News, February 2012)

"Life is for service" could be Jesse Harrison-Noonan's motto. She has been committed to service since she was a child. And it is Jesse's commitment to service which drew her to Alverno College where she majored in Psychology with a support in Spanish and Global Studies.

Service to others also inspired her to spend several weeks in Tanzania through the eco-tourism and volunteering group Afrishare Solutions. With her mother, Jesse spent several weeks volunteering at Pasua Primary, an elementary school in the town of Moshi. At Pasua, Jesse taught English, classroom management and the importance of respecting the environment.

However, Jesse faced challenges. The teachers and students had a rudimentary grasp on the English language. And corporal punishment and rote memorization is still used in the classroom. Even teaching about the use of a basic garbage bag proved to be daunting. Westerners see a garbage bag as something to put their refuse in and then throw out. The students thought a garbage bag was too beautiful to get rid of; they wanted to use it as storage.

Still, Jesse wasn't deterred. She used her Alverno-honed problem solving skills, and discovered various ways to effectively teach the students. Jesse found teaching through simple songs an effective teaching method because children respond so positively to music. As much as Jesse taught the children, she also learned from them. Many of her students face adult-sized challenges at home so school is a refuge. They truly wanted to learn. Of the students, Jesse enthusiastically claims, "They just melted your heart."

Jesse is also enthusiastic about Alverno's 125th anniversary. She marvels how Alverno was on the forefront of educating a diverse population of women. Jesse truly admires how Alverno has revolutionized the world of education while staying true to its commitment to service.

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Rosanna Padron-Gutierrez '01 (Alverno A-News, May 2012)

As a Utilization Management Specialist (UMS) at Children's Hospital, **Rosanna Padron-Gutierrez '01** has many responsibilities. She provides daily clinical reviews to insurance companies, works with physicians and Inpatient Case Managers to ensure timely discharge of patients, appeals any denials of medical payment and works with other departments to generate Children's yearly denial reports.

Rosanna's well-rounded Alverno education is invaluable to her profession, helping her see nursing as something "beyond the bed-side." As Rosanna aptly puts it, "Because of my Alverno education I see myself as more of a big picture thinker, how our department's activities affect the organization and the organization's role in the community." Rosanna also believes her Alverno education is helping her navigate the recent changes in healthcare.

Rosanna recalls a time when she first heard of Alverno when very few people were aware of its existence. But now that Alverno is celebrating its 125th anniversary she is amazed how Alverno is on the forefront of education with its sports programs, multiple level of graduate degrees and stellar reputation. Rosanna says, "I am so excited to be a part of the legacy that Alverno has created in the community and globally!"

Helen Wronski '71 (Alverno A-News, June 2012)

As CEO of the New Jersey Girl Scouts, Helen Wronski has many responsibilities, especially as the Girl Scouts celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Wronski makes sure the assets she has today achieve current goals, but she also remains "future oriented" - keeping aware of any changes that may affect the Girl Scouts. Wronski never forgets she is responsible towards 54,000 members and anyone else involved with the Girl Scouts.

Of her role as CEO, Wronski claims, "Every week brings new and different challenges, which I love about my role." Some challenges are controversial like

allowing a transgendered youth join a Girl Scout troop to the great tradition of selling Girl Scout cookies. Wronski is currently involved with the "ToGetHerThere" campaign (www.togetherthere.org) whose goal is to achieve gender balance in our society within the next generation.

Without a doubt, Wronski's Alverno education greatly influenced her. One of her most vivid Alverno memories is of President Joel Read greeting a business man with authority and being totally in control of the situation. This moment told Wronski, she, too, could be a leader. Wronski recently had a meeting with nine men regarding a construction lawsuit. Once the meeting ended, an administrative assistant asked Wronski if she had been scared meeting all those men. Being scared never crossed Wronski's mind, and that is due to her Alverno education.

It's almost serendipitous that the Girls Scouts are celebrating their 100th anniversary the same year Alverno is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Of Alverno's 125th anniversary, Wronski says, "I am Alverno College, now 125 years, part of its history, vision and future. I am sure that there are pictures of me somewhere in the archives as I served two years as the school photographer and performed four years in the orchestra...When current days students see me in those pictures and wonder about my life, it is happy, rich and rewarding and full of promise each day, built on the magic that is the history of Alverno College."

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Sallyanne Hassert '69 (Alverno A-News, August 2012)

Sallyanne Hassert has always loved music so it's not surprising she has made it her life calling. Her parents encouraged her to sing and listen to music, and she took lessons in piano, organ, flute and voice. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree at Alverno, and later earned Masters of Education degree from Marian University and a Masters of Theological Studies from the St. Francis Seminary School of Pastoral Ministry.

Ms. Hassert taught elementary general music with the Franklin Public Schools, but her dedication to music education and children didn't end once she retired. Today, Ms. Hassert is the assistant director of the Choristers of St. Francis of Xavier, the Children's Choir of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. With her involvement with the Choristers Ms. Hassert has found the perfect opportunity to combine her love of liturgy and liturgical music with her love of educating children. "Giving my Choristers an age-appropriate and beautiful way to express their faith is my highest priority," claims Ms. Hassert.

But the children get so much more out of the Choristers than a musical education, which can best be summed up by a lovely comment Ms. Hassert received from the parents of young man named Jerry she educated:

"Thank you for all you have done for him and the Choristers over the years. WE

appreciate the job you have done and the challenges you faced blending the range of voices from the very young to the high school aged 'old-timers.' It took a lot of effort and creativity. The program has been a blessing for all of us and has given Jerry a way to express his faith in such a beautiful way."

Ms. Hassert has no doubt her Alverno education has affected her teaching and her work with the Choristers. Ms. Hassert says she was inspired by Alverno's commitment to education the music faculty demonstrated in their teaching and working with students. When it comes to her work with the Choristers, Ms. Hassert has nothing but praise for the School Sisters of St. Francis and their collaboration with other religious institutions of the Archdiocese. "It is because I value this tradition in Liturgical music that I continue to direct the Choristers of St. Francis Xavier." Ms. Hassert claims, "I am a product of this tradition and it is my responsibility to honor this tradition by handing it on to the next generation."

Ms. Hassert is quite enthusiastic about Alverno celebrating its 125th anniversary. Of this momentous occasion, Ms. Hassert says, "... I go back to the tradition of excellence in teaching music and nursing that has been the long-standing tradition of the School Sisters of St. Francis and Alverno College. It was because that tradition of excellence that I chose to attend Alverno; it is in that tradition of excellence that I have been formed as a musician and as a teacher. And it is in that same tradition that I hope many more generations of women will come to be formed in the future."

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