Greetings alumni!

As we begin our centennial year, I am excited to update you on some of the recent achievements and upcoming events here at our College of Nursing! We have so much to look forward to this semester and it is my hope that you will join us in commemorating this important milestone. As we honor our past successes, we also look to the future to envision the innovation, inspiration and impact the next 100 years of Ohio State nursing will bring to the state of Ohio, the nation and globe.

As part of our Global Health initiative, the College of Nursing is maintaining its relationships with both the University of Gondar, Ethiopia and visiting scholars from China to share insights on evidence-based practice, grant and creative writing, basic life support and more!

The National Interprofessional Educational and Practice Initiative to advance Million Hearts that our college founded and launched has over 80 colleges across the nation participating to help prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. In the spirit of Million Hearts and prevention, if you have not had your biometric screening conducted this year, now is a great time to do it! In addition, on April 17-18, some of our faculty and I will be taking a bus load of nursing and other interprofessional students on a WOW (Wellness on Wheels) tour to advance Million Hearts in which we will make three stops in communities across the state to conduct Million Hearts education and screening. I would love to have alums join at our destinations so if you are interested, please contact Megan Amaya at 614-292-5509.

This past December, we hosted a very successful clinical immersion program at our Center for Transdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice that brought participants from across the country. In the next year, we will have four more immersions that will be hosted both here in Columbus as well as in Atlanta, GA and Flagstaff, AZ.

I am delighted to share that our college was recently designated a National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence due to the leadership and terrific efforts of Dr. Mary Beth Happ and everyone in the Center of Excellence in Critical and Complex Care.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting our Centennial Gala on March 29th at the Ohio Union. We invite you to join us in celebration for an evening filled with friends, food, dancing and fun. You will not want to miss out on our special guest speakers, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and USAF Captain (Ret.) Mark Kelly as their talk will be sure to inspire. We also will be honoring our 100 Alumni Transformers in Nursing and Healthcare as well as our distinguished faculty and staff here at the college. For more information on upcoming centennial activities and to register for this event, visit nursing100.osu.edu.

During this time of celebration and success, I could not be more proud to serve the College of Nursing and its wide span of inspirational alumni across the state of Ohio and beyond. I am thrilled to be a part of our exciting vision and drive to leapfrog our college ahead in transforming health and transforming lives. As we reflect on our last 100 years and see how far we have come, I am very confident that our future will be tremendously bright and the impact of our Buckeye nurses will be exceedingly large across the nation and globe.

Fond regards,