



Letter From The Dean



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Amar".

Angela F. Amar, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean, UNLV School of Nursing

During times of doubt, it becomes important to remember what we are grateful for. For me, I am grateful for family and friends. Grateful for all healthcare workers on the frontlines. Grateful for our UNLV School of Nursing family for staying together virtually. Grateful for you, our alumni, for your unwavering support. We value the impact you have on our students. From helping mold our future nursing leaders through our Rebel Nurse Mentorship Program to providing financial support through scholarships, you do so much for our school, and we cannot say thank you enough. Your commitment to give back is a great example of gratitude. We hope that you continue to stay engaged with the school. Please make sure to keep us updated on all of your accomplishments and milestones. You are all reminders that nurse leaders begin here at UNLV.

Alumni Spotlight

ALYSON BLIGHT, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, '09, '15 Nurse Practitioner in Palliative and Hospice

Ms. Blight graduated from UNLV twice. The first time was in 2009 with her BSN and the second time was in 2015 with her MSN on the Family Nurse Practitioner track. Ms. Blight is a Daisy Award Honoree and serves on the Cancer Committee at Mountain View Hospital as the Palliative Care representative. She also helps develop future nursing leaders through the Rebel Alumni Mentorship program; so far, she's mentored for 3 semesters. Ms. Blight says The UNLV School of Nursing has provided her with the confidence and professionalism to create a positive environment for her coworkers, patients and their families.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FUTURE ALUMNI

UNLV School of Nursing's future alumni family is growing. We want to recognize our newly honored doctoral students for their successful DNP Project Defenses.



Dr. Valerie Barboa



Dr. Beth Hock



Dr. Jocelyn Allen



Dr. Mary Nara



Dr. Jud Simonds



Dr. Sarah Deredza



Dr. Tonya Bryant



Dr. Mailo Brantner



Dr. Teresa Praus



Dr. Kaylie Humphreys

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Alumni Scholarship Spotlight - The Alma Miracle Scholarship

The Alma Miracle Scholarship is a one-time donation of \$50,000 awarded to 5 UNLVSON students. The scholarship is named after UNLVSON alumna Alma Miracle, a former valley RN who worked at University Medical Center.

Mrs. Miracle was originally an LPN. She used to be a beautician but wanted to go back to school to get her RN degree at UNLV. That's where she met Carol Henderson, another UNLVSON alumnae (class of 1985). Both women worked as Registered Nurses in UMC's ICU, specifically the surgical and neurological departments.

Their friendship grew over the years. When Mrs. Miracle was sick, Mrs. Henderson would visit her in the hospital. Before she passed away in 2017, Mrs. Miracle put a revision in her trust to establish a scholarship; she also made Mrs. Henderson the executor of that trust.

The Alma Miracle Scholarship emphasized the commitment to nursing over grades. The first distribution of funds is scheduled for fall 2020.

There are many ways to give to support UNLV School of Nursing, from scholarship contributions to faculty and student services funds. For more information, please contact Megan Black, Associate Director of Development at megan.black@unlv.edu.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

One of the many ways you can stay connected to the school is by volunteering your time. There are many opportunities including:

- **Rebel Nurse Alumni Connection-** Our Rebel Nurse (RN) Alumni Connection program allows you to share your experience as a graduate student in the School of Nursing with those considering taking the next steps in their professional & academic careers.
- **Nursing Alumni Speakers Bureau-** It's beneficial for students to hear from alumni - whether it's about life after graduation, challenges they may face in the workforce, deciding on a specialty or even exposure to other nursing employment opportunities outside of ambulatory care. All of our faculty will have access to the Alumni Speakers database and may contact you directly to be a guest in their class.
- **UNLV Rebel Nurse Mentoring Program-** This program connects current nursing students with alumni by matching them with a professional in their area of interest, who can offer advice and information about career options or other issues relevant to nursing. The program is open to all alumni of the School of Nursing, as well as UNLV alumni working in nursing-related fields. **NEW: We are currently expanding the program to include incoming graduate students. It is expected to launch this summer.**
- **Words of Wisdom Postcard Project-** This is a great way to share your words of wisdom with a graduating nursing student as they embark on their professional career. Postcards and postage are provided, all we need is your wisdom!
- **Rebel Nursing Advocate -** We are calling upon our alumni and friends to become a Rebel Advocate to support higher education and the interests of the UNLV alumni community. Please join our Rebel Impact Campaign to allow our voices to be heard among our key decision-makers. We are asking you to write a short electronic message about why the College of Nursing is important to our community. Please click here to help. This campaign is driven by two student-interns who are looking to make a difference for future generations of UNLV students and our community.

Interested in getting involved? Contact 702-895-1230 or email Patrice.Hester-Harper@unlv.edu.

THINKING ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL? WE HAVE THE PROGRAM FOR YOU!

- PhD in Nursing - Nursing Education
- PhD in Nursing - post DNP to PhD
- MSN-DNP - Advanced Practice
- MSN-DNP - Nurse Executive
- MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner
- MSN - Nurse Educator
- Advanced Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education
- Advanced Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nurse Practitioner (Spring 2021)
- Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Fall 2021)
- Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP (Spring 2021)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Online - Spring 2021)

Questions? Contact Christine Lam, Enrollment Coordinator, at GradNursingAdmissions@unlv.edu



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11TH BEST ONLINE MASTER'S NURSING PROGRAM - U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (2020)

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (2019)

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