

Berea College Nursing  
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Reflection  
Collaboration  
**Success**

# Letter from the Editor

Within the pages of this most recent Newsletter you will find a celebration of nursing at Berea College. We celebrate our current and future students, faculty and alumni.

Nurses traditionally find it difficult to celebrate their accomplishments. We tend to be humble and just accept that what we do, is just what we do. Nurses need to celebrate all of the things we do, accomplish and achieve. Hopefully with this newsletter we will show our students that it is ok, and even encouraged, to celebrate our achievements, and share with our peers.

## Reflection

I want to encourage all students to reflect on the type of person they were when they entered Berea College as a freshman. Reflect on the uncertainty, fear and insecurity that made you wonder if nursing was really what you wanted to do, whether being a nurse was really what you wanted to be.

Now reflect on the person you have become at the end of your undergraduate education. You have become strong, confident professionals, ready to take on the world. Build on this, never let it waiver. Never lose the voice you have developed. Use it for your patients, yourself, and your profession.

Being part of a profession of almost 3 million nurses should provoke feelings of pride, belonging, accomplishment and fellowship. Being part of this profession allows us to be powerful, at the bedside, in our work environments, in our local, regional and national organizations and in policy change. Reflect on where you want to make your mark in this profession.

## Collaboration

Success, in anything we do, takes collaboration. Students and faculty collaborated to get to the point we are at this semester, graduation. Collaboration occurred among the senior students themselves. They helped each other get to this point. They worked and studied, and cried together, and now they celebrate together. This is what collaboration is, togetherness. Nurses must work together to make a difference.

## Success

Together, nurses must collaborate to succeed in creating policy that supports and protects the public. We must succeed in being part of the intra professional team that impacts patient outcomes. I know that the 2014 graduates will succeed in representing Berea College and the Profession of Nursing as leaders, advocates and citizens who make a difference in health and healthcare, locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

Success does not stop with graduation from a nursing program. Success occurs when we become the best professional, and person, we can be. Success is recognizing those who collaborated in making you this person: mentors, friends and family, and colleagues. Success requires reflection, on where you came from, where you are now, and where you want to be.

Congratulations to the class of 2014. I look forward to hearing about all of your successes. I know there will be many.



Teresa Villaran MS MSN, APRN-BC, CCRN

Associate Professor

Nursing Program

Berea College







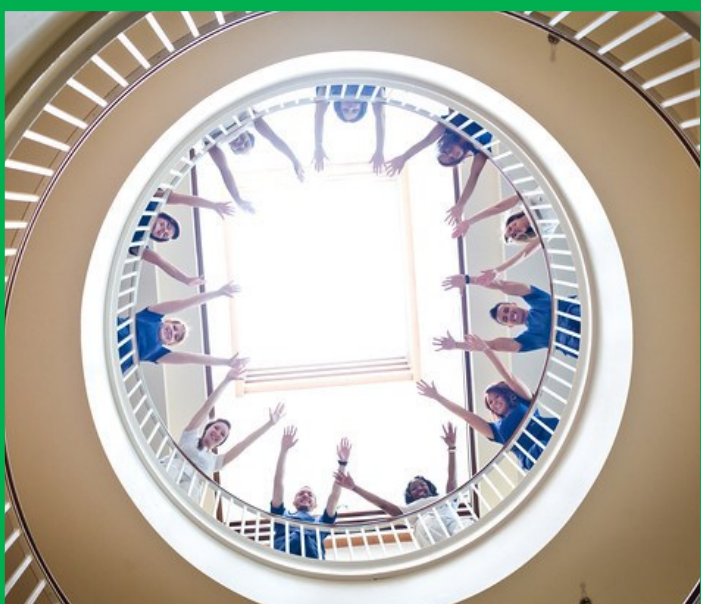
Picture provided by Ruth Gaylord

# Reflection

So many changes since the  
Class of 1961.

# Collaboration

Family  
Peers  
Faculty  
Mentors



# Success

Growth, Purpose, and  
Finding one's path leads to  
Success

# Berea College Nursing Honor Society

Congratulations to those students chosen to be a part of the  
Berea College Nursing Honor Society!



## New Inductees

Alyssa Gordon , Senior  
Jessica Pierce, Junior  
Kristen Lynch, Junior  
AnnMarie Garland, Junior  
Nicholas Cress, Junior



## Previous Members

Anna Carman, Senior  
Mikheil Matcharadze, Senior  
Betsy Crabtree, Senior  
Natallie Branham, Senior  
Katie Laxsom, Alum

Erin Philips, Alum  
Mariam Pourheydarian, Alum  
Janie Presnell, Alum  
Brandy Woodall, Alum  
Allison York, Alum

## Committee Members

Judith Carr, Dr. P.H. , RN, MSN  
Lisa Turner, Ph.D. RN, PHCNS-BC

Susan Vickous, RN, MSN  
Janis Tolliver, RN





# Academic success



**E.R. Brann Good**

**Citizenship Award**

**Luwam T. Okbazion (Senior)**

**Julia Braden Thompson  
Award**

**Mikheil Matcharadze  
(Senior)**

**Olive Ruth Russell  
Fellowship**

**Betsy Crabtree (Senior)**

**Nursing Department  
Labor Award**

**Jessica Pierce (Junior)**

**Margaret Rogers Nursing  
Award**

**Nicholas Cress (Junior)**

**Martha E. Wylie Award**

**Jessica Pierce (Junior)**

**Jazzmine Ramey (Junior)**

**W.H. And Mabel Simmons  
Dean Scholarship**

**Stephanie Walden (Sophomore)**

## **Dean's List Fall 2013**

Sara Clark (Freshman)

Nicholas Cress (Junior)

Kiona Davis (Freshman)

Kirsten Davis (Freshman)

Alyssa Gordon (Senior)

Ifeanyi Madujibeya (Junior)

Marian Popa (Freshman)

Rachel Snider (Freshman)

# Class of 2014

When I grow up, I want to be...



**Luwam Amare**  
**Women's Health or Critical Care**



**Ines Aquino**  
**Intensive Care**



**Natallie Branham**  
**Critical Care**



**Betsy Crabtree**  
**Women's Health or Critical Care**



# Class of 2014



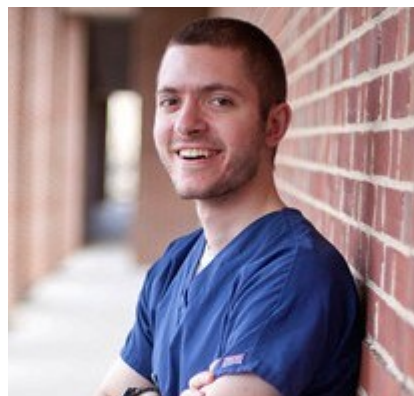
**NK Oranusi**  
**Maternity or Oncology**



**Sonam Yangzom**  
**Women's or Public Health**



**Alyssa Gordon**  
**Pediatrics**



**Mikheil Matcharadze**

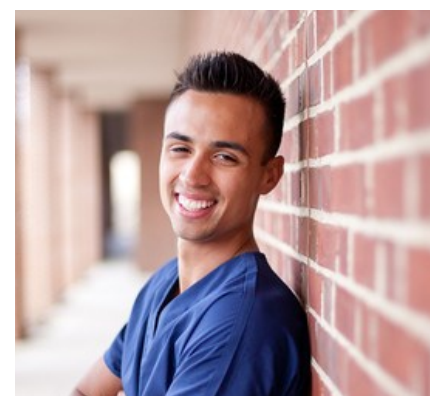


**Anna Carman**  
**Critical Care**



**Jessica Renner**  
**Women's Health or Critical Care**

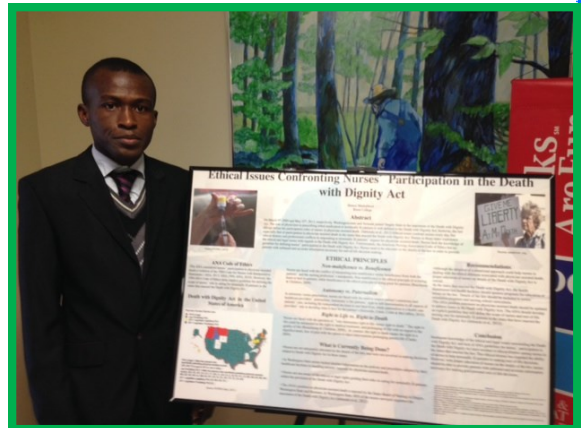
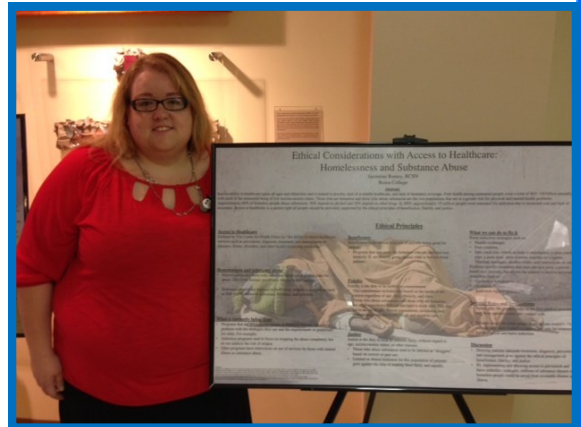
**Critical Care or  
Informatics**



**Kyle Fosbenner**  
**Critical Care or Public Health**

# Class of 2015

## Ethics Poster Presentations



On December 2nd, 2013 Junior nursing students presented their research on ethical issues in healthcare at St. Joseph Hospital, Berea. Juniors have been presenting their research at this venue for the past five years. We wish to thank the administration at St. Joseph for allowing our students this professional presentation opportunity.

The following students received awards for the top three presentations:

**Jazzmine Ramey**

“Access to Healthcare”

**Brittany Sullivan**

“Treatment of Psychiatric Patients”

**Ifeyanyi Madujibeya**

“The Death with Dignity Act”

### Going Above & Beyond

We would like to congratulate Joan Maninang, Ifeyanyi Madujibeya and Brittany Sullivan whose posters were accepted to be presented at the up coming Kentucky League of Nursing Conference May 15th and 16th!



# Class of 2015

## Learning & Research



On April 11th, junior nursing students attended the University of Kentucky's Research Scholarship Showcase with professor Nora Warshawsky. At this event they were exposed to the latest research by UK Ph.D., DNP, and undergraduate candidates through oral and poster presentations. This was an excellent opportunity to share in and appreciate the work of others. We hope that junior nursing research students may continue to attend this event in years to come.

## Collaborating with

# UK

UNIVERSITY OF  
KENTUCKY®



**Nora Warshawsky,**  
**PhD, RN, CNE**

The class of 2015 would like to extend their appreciation and sincerest gratitude to Nora Warshawsky and Carrie Gordy, faculty at the University of Kentucky, for filling in for our Pediatric and Research courses. We could not have done it without your help! Thank you!



**Carrie Gordy,**  
**APRN, MSN, PNP-BC**

# Class of 2016

## "The Sophomore Class Got Skills"



Gladys Kamau—IV



Sarah Maney— clinical



Kirsty Maxson—Med Admin



Paeleena Busscher  
Trach Care



Stephanie Walden—Assessment



Nicole Oguike—Wound Care



# Class of 2017

## New Beginnings in Anatomy & Physiology



**Yunpeng (Ray) Xia with the Lungs  
Shenyang, China**

“I want to become a nurse because I want to make a change in the community to help people in need. My goals are to work in the ED and eventually get my PhD in Nursing and educate future nurse leaders, who themselves will help others.”

**Kirsten & Kionna Davis with the Body  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

“Our parents are missionaries so we have traveled all over the world and have witnessed the effects of poverty. We wanted to become nurses so we could travel the world and provide compassionate care to those in need. “



**Brooke Freibert with the Heart  
Louisville, Kentucky**

“I have always wanted be a nurse, since I was little. I chose nursing at Berea College because it felt like home and the idea of a smaller school was less terrifying.”



# Berea College Association of Student Nurses

## Newly Elected BCASN Officers



**Jazzmine Ramey**  
Treasurer

**AnnMarie Garland**  
President

**Jessica Brown**  
Secretary

**Klara Aminova**  
Vice President

Thank you to the outgoing officers for their support of our student organization







It has been a year since Mikheil started working as an IT-TA. He has been actively involved in peer assisted learning, faculty assistance, and technical support. Projects he has implemented include creating the learning modules for the use of technology and assisting faculty with incorporation of the academic electronic health records into their courses. In addition, the IT-TA has been involved in helping faculty with development of simulation programs of learning with barcode scanner technology for medication administration.

As an IT-TA, Mikheil has participated at various conferences, sharing the benefits of this position with faculty and students from across the United States. He was given the opportunity to network with members of the American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA) and gain membership into this prestigious organization, representing our student body. The Berea College Nursing Program is unique in utilizing an undergraduate nursing student as an IT-TA. No literature mentions students working as IT-TAs. This is where the integration of work and education come together, leading to student opportunities.

The IT-TA student laborer will be involved in the future development of technology as a learning tool at Berea College. After Mikheil Matcharadze graduates in May of 2014, Nicholas Cress, a rising senior nursing student, will take the role of the IT-TA and continue to promote knowledge, skills and attitudes of nursing students through the use of technology.

\*Below is the list of oral and poster presentations Mikheil Matcharadze participated in as an IT-TA.

## **2014**

Incorporating an Academic Electronic Health Record across the Curriculum (60 min talk)

Incorporating IT-TA into an Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum (Poster)

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educator Institute, Branson, MO, USA

Undergraduates: Infusing Technology into a Nursing Education (20 min talk)

National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Lexington, KY, USA

## **2013**

Incorporating IT-TA into an Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum (Poster)

NSNA 31<sup>st</sup> Midyear Career Planning Conference, Louisville, KY, USA

## Berea College Nursing Faculty



We want to welcome Lori McKeel.

Lori is the new Administrative Assistant for the Nursing Program. Lori comes to us from Alumni and College Relations.

Teresa Villaran, Mikheil Matcharadze and Susan Vickous presented at the Nurse Educator Institute in Branson, Mo in April, 2014. The Topic of their presentation: Incorporating Electronic Health Records Across the Curriculum



During the fall of 2013, the senior nursing students enrolled in NUR 448: Community Health Nursing, planned and implemented a health fair at the Berea Senior Center. Approximately thirty senior citizens attended the health fair, along with several faculty and administrators from the College. The director of the Berea Senior Center was very pleased with the students' work and has expressed interest in making the health fair an annual event, with the hope that attendance will grow from year to year. This project was supported by funding from the Bernice Baird Scholarship Award. Drs. Lisa Turner and Judy

Ponder



## Berea College Nursing Faculty

We would like to thank Carol Kirby for her service to our program. Carol has been The Chair of the Nursing Program for the past 4 years. Her leadership has impacted everyone here and she exemplified professionalism and vision as she represented Berea College Nursing. Carol will be going back to full time teaching after her Sabbatical leave Fall 2014. Thanks again Carol, it has been a pleasure to work with you in this capacity. We look forward to continued collaboration as you transition back into teaching.



We would like to welcome Dr. Monica Kennison. Monica is the new Chair of the Nursing Program. She comes to us from Wheeling Jesuit University. She has extensive administrative experience at the Community College and Baccalaureate Program levels. She has published extensively including topics like: incivility, role of liberal arts education, and writing at the undergraduate level.

# BC Nursing Alumni



Dr. Romeatrius Nicole Moss, RN, MSN, APHN-BC, DNP

Dr. Moss is the founder of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Black Nurse Association where she is the Executive Director. She was recently featured in the MinorityNurse.com 2013 Spotlight

She acts as unit director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Medical Reserve Corp.

"I got my roots and love for service from Berea's Nursing program!"

"It is great to have knowledge. It is powerful."

## We Want to Hear From You!

Please take time to drop us a line about your professional activities, honors, employment, or other items of interest.

**Alumni**

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Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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Teresa Villaran, Nicholas Cress, Jazzmine Ramey

