

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

OCTOBER 22, 2011 • HYDEN, KENTUCKY



FRONTIER NURSING UNIVERSITY
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Commencement Ceremony

October 22, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

Please remain standing until graduates are seated.

Processional

Welcome **Susan Stone, DNSc, CNM, FACNM**
FNU President & Dean

Invocation.....**Ray Wilson, Pastor**
Rockhouse Baptist Church

Special Music **Tonya Nicholson, DNP, CNM**
Program Director of Midwifery and Women's Health

Greetings..... **Jane Leigh Powell**
National Chairman, FNS Board of Governors

Note from the Alumni Association.....**Kitty Ernst, DSc, MPH, CNM**
Mary Breckinridge Chair

Commencement Address.....**Claire M. Fagin, PhD, FAAN, RN**

Student Honors

Student Council Representatives.....**Rhonda Arthur, DNP, CNM, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC**
Program Director of Family Nursing

ScholarshipsScholarship Committee
Kitty Ernst Leadership Award
Nurse Practitioner Leadership Award

Faculty Honors

Student Choice Awards for Excellence in Teaching: Academic Graduates
Student Choice Award for Excellence in Teaching: RCC Graduates

Honorary Doctorates..... **Michael Carter, DNSc, DNP, FAAN, FNP/GNP-BC**
Chairman, FNU Board of Directors

Susan Stone, DNSc, CNM, FACNM
FNU President & Dean

Confirmation of Graduates **Michael Carter, DNSc, DNP, FAAN, FNP/GNP-BC**
Chairman, FNU Board of Directors

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Presentation of Graduates..... **Susan Stone, DNSc, CNM, FACNM**
FNU President & Dean

Julie Marfell, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP
Associate Dean of Family Nursing

Suzan Ulrich, DrPH, CNM
Associate Dean of Midwifery & Women's Health

Trish Voss, DNP, CNM
Director, ADN-MSN Bridge

Joyce Knestrick, PhD, FNP, FAANP
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Barbara Anderson, DrPH, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
DNP Program Director

Recessional & Circle up..... Faculty and Graduates
"It's In Every One of Us"

School Song..... *Audience Participation*
Lyrics found on Page 11

*Graduates: Immediately after the pinning and circle up please gather at the end of the bleachers,
toward the back of the gym, for a class photo.*

Reception

(Please join us for a reception for the Graduates following the ceremony)

Graduates

Family Nurse Practitioner

Akers, Lori	Class 63	9/17/11	Slemp, KY	Harris-Moulton, Melinda	Class 61	5/27/11	Olympia, WA
Andrews, Tammy	Class 72	9/15/11	Lexington, KY	Hartsfield, Chris	Class 63	1/24/11	Columbia, TN
Baechle, Jane	Class 61	6/30/11	Albuquerque, NM	Helton, Tim	Class 64	9/13/11	Edgewood, KY
Ballou, Laura	Class 68	6/7/11	Albion, IN	Hunter, Donna	Class 66	2/23/11	Carson City, NV
Banks, Kelli	Class 66	12/30/10	Washburn, MO	Jacob, Lori	Class 55	12/2/10	Lexington, KY
Banks, Shana	Class 60	7/28/11	Isom, KY	Jacobson, Elena	Class 62	7/14/11	Lehigh Acers, FL
Bazdaric-Russell, Mara	Class 59	12/9/10	Brushton, NY	James, Laura	Class 65	5/18/11	Battiest, OK
Benton, Lisa	Class 63	5/31/11	Eatonville, WA	Jones, Maudella	Class 67	7/15/11	Bulan, KY
Berends, Naomi	Class 78	9/27/11	North Newton, KS	Jordan, Nan	Class 64	3/11/11	Austin, TX
Bickel, Linda	Class 64	11/5/10	Live Oak, FL	Kabosky, John	Class 61	1/19/11	Lone Tree, CO
Branch, Stephanie	Class 62	9/19/11	Centraillia, IL	Kartt, Emily	Class 65	5/17/11	Pensacola, FL
Brown, David	Class 66	7/28/11	London, KY	Kehrer, Leon	Class 59	12/30/10	Marion, IL
Chamberlain, Cris	Class 55	8/23/11	Washington, UT	Kilpela, Jeannie	Class 67	4/28/11	Cynthiana, KY
Churchill, Melissa	Class 64	7/29/11	Mancos, CO	King, Christina	Class 64	2/7/11	Troy, OH
Coggins, Debra	Class 67	7/15/11	Strawberry Plains, TN	Knowles, Constance	Class 68	5/23/11	Elijay, GA
Coleman, Suzanne	Class 66	2/10/11	White Lake, MI	Kuhn, Brandy	Class 66	4/14/11	Slidell, LA
Conley, Shannon	Class 61	4/16/11	Prestonsburg, KY	Lavoie, Karen	Class 63	4/20/11	Saxtons River, VT
Coon, Deborah	Class 63	11/30/10	Satellite Beach, FL	Liles, Katelyn	Class 64	2/11/11	Knoxville, TN
Cox, Marjory	Class 58	10/29/10	Guymon, OK	Lyons, Shenaye	Class 66	8/16/11	Jacksonville, FL
Crabtree, Jo	Class 65	3/24/11	Poplar Bluff, MO	Mader, Penny	Class 55	7/20/11	Caballo, NM
Crews, Amy	Class 57	3/25/11	Jacksonville, FL	Madick, Candace	Class 62	2/18/11	Boardman, OH
Cribbs, Kaylene	Class 64	3/29/11	Farmington, NM	Maiorano, Mary	Class 65	4/14/11	Salem, CT
Cronk, Adrienne	Class 59	1/14/11	Arlington, VA	Martin, Tami	Class 64	2/28/11	Cape Girardeau, MO
Dameron, Andrea	Class 65	7/19/11	Griswold, CT	McCree, Dorothy	Class 62	11/22/10	Coeur d Alene, ID
Davenport, Abigail	Class 66	6/21/11	Albuquerque, NM	McGeorge-Shimizu, April	Class 69	9/15/11	Lexington, KY
Deekens, Jennifer	Class 67	9/13/11	New Windsor, NY	McKinney, Rachel	Class 53	3/18/11	Morristown, TN
Devine, Carol	Class 62	2/16/11	Green Bay, WI	McLeod, Courtney	Class 60	6/9/11	Knoxville, TN
Dobroth, April	Class 58	10/11/2011	Aurora, CO	McNeil, Dina	Class 67	3/8/11	Eustis, FL
Dudley, Marie	Class 64	7/28/11	Greensburg, KY	McNeill, Sara	Class 94	6/4/11	Duluth, MN
Ellis, Leslie	Class 65	3/15/11	Henry, TN	Meeker, Melinda	Class 66	5/18/11	Portland, OR
Engbring, Megan	Class 70	8/16/11	Flagstaff, AZ	Miller, William	Class 62	8/26/11	Ocean Shores, WA
Estridge, Tracy	Class 65	7/27/11	Wooton, KY	Miller, Tiffany	Class 66	7/28/11	Frankfort, KY
Forester, Brandon	Class 68	5/12/11	Perry, FL	Morse, Sonya	Class 62	9/8/11	East Concord, VT
Fosdick, Jennifer	Class 67	6/21/11	Norman, OK	Muir, Rachel	Class 52	11/8/10	Dillingham, AK
Furman, Torrie	Class 65	6/3/11	Morehead, KY	Music, Mary	Class 61	4/16/11	Oil Springs, KY
Gauze, Kevin	Class 67	6/21/11	Louisa, KY	Nielsen, Sarah	Class 59	1/18/11	Palmer, AK
Gilliam, Lori	Class 66	8/27/11	Hazard, KY	Noggle, Jeremiah	Class 50	2/10/11	Big Creek, KY
Grace, Heather	Class 62	5/11/11	Topeka, KS	Olson, Heather	Class 61	11/23/10	Orange City, FL
Grace, Tracie	Class 64	8/9/11	Aztec, NM	Payne, Sharon	Class 70	9/15/11	Corryton, TN
Gray, Rebecca	Class 75	3/10/11	Wolf Point, MT	Peavler, Carol	Class 70	8/12/11	Richmond, KY
Hamilton, Kimberly	Class 65	6/3/11	Owingsville, KY	Pendergraft, Courtney	Class 66	6/14/11	Jonesville, VA
Hampton, Mary	Class 69	9/29/11	Versailles, KY	Phelps, Natalie	Class 65	1/26/11	Marion, IL
Hardesty, Cynthia	Class 69	7/28/11	Richmond, KY	Plondke, Tammy	Class 60	5/20/11	Bagley, WI
Harris, Rebecca	Class 64	1/6/11	Lexington, KY	Quastad, Revadean	Class 37	1/25/11	Armstrong, IA
				Rainer, Ruth	Class 62	7/21/11	Spartanburg, SC

Reck, Abril	Class 58	5/19/11	South Pasadena, CA	Bennett, Victoria	Class 62	1/24/11	St. Petersburg, FL
Richardson, Dana	Class 66	7/29/11	East Moss Point, MS	Brooks, Rachael	Class 65	3/24/11	Broken Arrow, OK
Ritchie, Kathy	Class 61	1/10/11	Tahlequah, OK	Buck, Sharon	Class 61	11/10/10	Elkton, MD
Ritenour, Lisa	Class 66	12/22/10	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	Burkhardt, Melissa	Class 66	6/24/11	Tipp City, OH
Robinson, Summer	Class 66	4/26/11	Maryville, TN	Crespo, Caryn	Class 56	2/14/11	South San Francisco, CA
Romero, Aileen	Class 67	5/24/11	Springer, NM	Cricks, Richelle	Class 61	5/19/11	Butler, PA
Rose, Patricia	Class 63	8/24/11	Nashville, TN	Critchfield, Amber	Class 58	6/10/11	Santa Cruz, CA
Ross, Jenny	Class 67	7/7/11	Ithaca, NY	Cross, Holly	Class 62	6/10/11	Perry, GA
Saeugling, Jennifer	Class 67	3/1/11	Blue Springs, MO	Deagle, Amy	Class 66	4/11/11	Consort ABTOC 180
Savant, Theresa	Class 61	3/23/11	Elton, LA	Deardorff, Amanda	Class 63	6/2/11	Seattle, WA
Scalone, Ginger	Class 62	9/14/11	Mills River, NC	Dial, Emily	Class 75	9/22/11	Lawrencburg, KY
Scarborough, Donna	Class 62	2/28/11	Morriston, FL	Drury, Maria	Class 61	8/25/11	Chandler, AZ
Schneider, Kathy	Class 62	5/31/11	Euharlee, GA	Dunning, Kathryn	Class 61	6/29/11	Morgantown, NC
Scott, Kimberly	Class 69	9/22/11	Cape Coral, FL	Engdahl, Kori	Class 61	10/19/10	Fort Wayne, IN
Smith, Gemma	Class 62	3/28/11	Nikiski, AK	Ganster, Kelly	Class 55	10/19/10	Florence, KY
Smith, Jessica	Class 66	5/24/11	Metter, GA	Garcia, Jennifer	Class 63	3/16/11	Weston, FL
Spangler, Aubrey	Class 63	4/12/11	Palmer, AK	Healey, Amy	Class 60	8/4/11	Deering, NH
Spikes, Rachel	Class 65	5/11/11	Panama City, FL	Hedrick, Andrea	Class 58	10/19/10	Clarkston, WA
Stafslien, Jennifer	Class 61	11/22/10	Eau Claire, WI	Hodder, Belinda	Class 62	11/8/10	Gilbert, AZ
Stalder, Jan	Class 65	3/25/11	Parker, TX	Jensen, Jessica	Class 58	3/2/11	Clarksville, TN
Standafer, Glen	Class 67	8/18/11	Malone, KY	Kehoe, Gillie	Class 65	9/20/11	Warrenton, WA
Staten, Rosemary	Class 67	7/28/11	Gillespie, IL	Kromroy, Sarah	Class 62	4/12/11	Saint Paul, MN
Steele, Allison	Class 70	7/14/11	Stanley, NC	Kuhlmann, Jennifer	Class 63	10/1/11	Sandy, UT
Steinkraus, Wendy	Class 63	1/25/11	Marcellus, MI	Lee, Ellen	Class 63	4/23/11	Asheville, NC
Stephens, Cheryl	Class 62	5/3/11	Canton, GA	Londino, Sandra	Class 60	6/24/11	Ithace, NY
Stine, Britten	Class 64	8/12/11	Bonita Springs, FL	Maier, Christiane	Class 60	7/12/11	Lafayette, CA
Stout, Sabrina	Class 60	6/3/11	Harrisburg, IL	Marin, Traci	Class 58	4/18/11	Bristow, WA
Swihart, Jodi	Class 66	1/12/11	Strasburg, OH	McLay, Jasmine	Class 65	4/12/11	Almond, NY
Thorpe, Shelly	Class 64	2/28/11	Bonanza, OR	Meade, Nicole	Class 65	9/30/11	Brooklyn, NY
Thurman, Elizabeth	Class 60	11/20/10	Lexington, KY	Mears, Bethany	Class 71	6/22/11	Mount Vernon, TX
Tither, Pauline	Class 69	9/27/11	Albuquerque, NM	Motzenbecker, Tammy	Class 63	10/27/10	Hamilton Square, NJ
Travis, Melba	Class 70	9/28/11	Hereford, AZ	Murray, Amanda	Class 65	9/19/11	Shawano, WI
Turner, Teresa	Class 60	3/31/11	Berea, KY	Nihart, Britte	Class 60	2/22/11	Edgerton, OH
Volking, Camille	Class 62	12/8/10	Coeur d Alene, ID	Nona, Lisa	Class 60	2/25/11	Gastonia, NC
Washington, Tiffany	Class 59	4/25/11	Elgin, SC	North, Michele	Class 56	2/17/11	Omaha, NE
Whitaker, Leslie	Class 64	6/16/11	Wise, VA	Parsons, Pamela	Class 53	2/4/11	Blackfoot, ID
Winger, Jeffrey	Class 67	8/17/11	St George, UT	Paul, Daniela	Class 58	5/5/11	Waxhaw, NC
Wood, Janeen	Class 66	4/12/11	Harker Heights, TX	Peabody-Brown, Kimberly	Class 58	6/14/11	Ronan, MT
Wright, Melinda	Class 65	5/10/11	Wise, VA	Pelton, Michelle	Class 68	9/27/11	Clayton, DE
				Peterson, Christine	Class 65	8/25/11	Leon Valley, TX
				Poole, Melissa	Class 59	7/21/11	Charlotte, NC
				Riordan, Erica	Class 65	6/28/11	Minot, ND
				Roark, Michelle	Class 53	12/22/10	Dyersburg, TN
				Roundy, Marci	Class 64	9/24/11	Salt Lake City, UT
				Schade, Dana	Class 61	1/29/11	Boothwyn, PA
				Scharp, Gabrielle	Class 59	1/10/11	Kayenta, AZ

Nurse-Midwifery

Adrian, Claudia	Class 61	12/28/10	Palm City, FL
Allen, Lynn	Class 58	11/4/10	Meadville, PA
Antinozzi, Lori	Class 60	6/1/11	Fallston, MD
Baker, Kimona	Class 54	12/17/10	St. Petersburg, FL
Belt, Alyssa	Class 57	1/11/11	Eustis, FL

Shaw, Wendy	Class 54	11/23/10	Cullman, AL
Sisco, Emily	Class 65	7/11/11	Menomonee, WI
Smarr, Sherishe	Class 63	2/10/11	Mc Donough, GA
Sparks, Lucinda	Class 55	1/13/11	Pampa, TX
Speichinger, Jennelle	Class 68	5/31/11	Spokane, WA
Stanley, Maggie	Class 62	12/7/10	Glasgow, KY
Stefanek, Janna	Class 66	7/11/11	Tucson, AZ
Sullenbrand, Katie	Class 63	12/30/10	Cedar Rapids, IA
Terry, Clare	Class 60	8/10/11	Leslie, GA
Thomas, Staci	Class 56	12/2/10	Henderson, TN
Thompson, Jaime	Class 62	6/8/11	Overland Park, KS
Thompson, Mary	Class 63	11/30/10	Macomb, IL
Toledo, Jodi	Class 57	12/30/10	Woodstock, GA
Ulrich, Lauren	Class 50	11/30/10	St. Louis, MO
VanderSys, Erica	Class 66	6/13/11	San Antonio, TX
Wait, Caitlin	Class 63	1/15/11	Aurora, CO
Williams, Mary	Class 68	7/12/11	Suffolk, VA
Witzel, April	Class 62	4/28/11	Warner Robins, GA
Yates, Calista	Class 61	12/17/10	Everett, WA
Zilar, Leanne	Class 64	6/17/11	Spokane, WA

Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner

Allen, Ada	Class 61	1/4/11	Jackson, TN
Bayer, Jennifer	Class 72	7/12/11	Danville, PA
Bonk, Donna	Class 55	4/25/11	Cartersville, GA
Elk, Leah	Class 58	11/18/10	Aldie, VA
Gray, BrieAnne	Class 66	7/21/11	Chattaroy, WA
Guillemette, Taasha	Class 67	5/17/11	East Berlin, PA
Hays, Lisa	Class 60	4/27/11	Choctaw, OK
Horton, Maxine	Class 63	10/12/2011	Silverton, CO
Hoover, Amanda	Class 64	8/25/11	Woodstock, GA
Inman, Kandiss	Class 64	2/16/11	Lewiston, ID
Jones, Coleen	Class 64	11/16/10	Saint Louis, MO
Khalsa, Davi	Class 29	12/29/10	Los Angeles, CA
Kim, Heidi	Class 57	10/23/10	California, MO
Loeliger, Christina	Class 66	3/11/11	Martinez, CA
Powe, Nicole	Class 32	6/30/11	Meridian, MS
Stern, Lisa	Class 68	8/11/11	Palm Harbor, FL
Surrency, Holly	Class 68	8/25/11	Aiken, SC
Tenney, Erin	Class 52	12/2/10	ASHLAND, WI
Trombley, Leah	Class 65	9/8/11	New Bern, NC
Wack, Alexandra	Class 59	6/1/11	Eagleville, PA
Walker, Jutta	Class 49	5/2/11	Arcadia, FL
Whitworth, Brynn	Class 68	6/3/11	Knoxville, TN
Wilner, Laura	Class 62	7/1/11	Moorhead, MN
Wright, Melanie	Class 58	9/22/11	Manassas, VA

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Aughinbaugh, Laura	Class 03	12/17/10	Mineral Point, PA
Barroso, Rebeca	Class 04	6/24/11	Saint Paul, MN
Carrington, Suzanne	Class 03	12/17/10	Boulder, CO
Charles, Lenore	Class 03	3/25/11	North Bend, OR
Couch, Kimberly	Class 03	12/16/10	Phoenix, AZ
Crowe, Deborah	Class 04	6/24/11	Glennallen, AK
Dietrich, Kristy	Class 04	6/24/11	Greenville, KY
England, Kelly	Class 03	3/25/11	Scottsdale, AZ
Holcomb, Margaret	Class 04	6/24/11	Postestenkill, NY
Jensen, Elizabeth	Class 03	12/16/10	East Hampton, CT
Kellam, Anita	Class 03	3/25/11	Chinook, MT
Kratochvil, Jane	Class 03	12/16/10	Evansville, IN
Kuhlschmidt, Linda	Class 03	3/25/11	Mount Vernon, IN
Lake, Anne	Class 04	6/24/11	Archdale, NC
Malone, Audra	Class 03	12/16/10	Union Mills, NC
Mclaughlin, Angela	Class 04	6/24/11	Shawneetown, IL
Minnick, Rosemary	Class 04	6/24/11	Lexington, KY
Paul, Julie	Class 04	6/24/11	Scituate, MA
Pestawalsh, Nancy	Class 03	12/16/10	Hutchinson, MN
Satterfield, Kimberly	Class 03	12/16/10	Knoxville, TN
Savage, Jennifer	Class 04	6/24/11	Washburn, TN
Simo, Marcel	Class 03	12/16/10	Frankfort, KY
Sparti, Frances	Class 04	6/24/11	Cabot, AR
Wilhite, Kelly	Class 04	6/24/11	APO, AE
Yates, Tambra	Class 04	6/24/11	Anchorage, AK
Findley, Monique	NULL	3/30/11	Fort Myers, FL
Mauro, Sandra	Class 15	3/30/11	Greensburg, PA
Donze, Kelly	Class 57	6/30/11	St. Genevieve, MO
Purinton, Stephanie	Class 53	5/3/11	Cottonwood, AZ

Graduates listed from
Oct. 15, 2010 - Oct. 14, 2011



Scholarships & Awards

Alice Adams Scholarship

The Frontier Nursing Service Foundation presents this scholarship in memory of Alice Adams to a student in good academic standing.

Berea College Appalachian Scholarship

This scholarship is provided by a grant by the Berea College Appalachian Fund. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is living and plans to practice in the Appalachian region.

Betty Lou Johnson Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an FNP student who returns to school later in life, demonstrates academic excellence and has a commitment to working in underserved areas.

Jesse Smith Noyes Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the Frontier Nursing Service Foundation to a FNU student. The student must be in good academic standing and have an interest in women's health issues.

Kate Ireland Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of Miss Kate Ireland. Miss Ireland began her service with FNS in 1951 as a courier and served as National Honorary Chairman until her death in 2011.

Kitty Ernst Leadership Award

Given by Kitty Ernst, this award is given annually to a CNM student who shows leadership ability as well as academic and clinical excellence.

Nurse Practitioner Leadership Award

Given by the FNS Foundation, this award will be given annually to a nurse practitioner student who demonstrated leadership ability as well as academic and clinical excellence.

Susan Preston Wilson Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the Frontier Nursing Service Foundation to a FNP student or graduate in honor of Susan Preston Wilson.

Academic Regalia

GOWNS

The gown for the master's degree – which is untrimmed -- has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front has an arc cut away. The gown for the doctorate degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The material may vary from light to heavy, and black is recommended. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. Facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive to the discipline, agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctoral degree.

HOODS

In all cases, the hood is black and must be the same material as that of the gown. Hoods are to be lined with the official color or colors of the university conferring the degree. The colors for Frontier Nursing University are blue and white. The length of the hood for the master's degree is three and one-half feet; for the doctor's degree, four feet. Only doctoral hoods shall have panels at the sides. The binding or edging of the hood is to be velvet or velveteen, three inches and five inches wide for the master's and doctor's degrees, respectively; the color should be indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains. The color associated with Nursing - the discipline for this university – is apricot. In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

CAPS

Caps – black in all cases and to be worn indoors and out – are made of cotton poplin, broadcloth, rayon or silk to match the gown; velvet is appropriate for doctoral degrees only. Mortarboards are generally recommended. A long tassel is to be fastened to the midpoint of the top of the cap only. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold. *The tassel is worn on the right until the degree is conferred. It is then moved to the left front quarter.*



Claire M. Fagin, PhD, FAAN, RN

Dr. Fagin’s career has blended an interest in consumer health with professional health and nursing issues, and she is known for her efforts to create a new paradigm for access and quality. Currently she is Director of the John A. Hartford Foundation National Program, “Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity.” This program supports Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, schools and institutions looking to enhance their geriatric expertise, and pre-doctoral and post-doctoral scholars.

Serving as the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of the School of Nursing from January 1977 to January 1992, Dr. Fagin developed landmark education and research programs, a privately funded research center, and a PhD program. During her tenure she had the most faculty members of any nursing school in the American Academy of Nursing and the Institute of Medicine and was ranked #1 by US News and World Report. Dr. Fagin served as the Interim President of the University of Pennsylvania from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. She was the first woman to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the University and the first woman to serve a term as Interim President of any Ivy League University. Presently, she is Leadership Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita at Penn.

Research

Dr. Fagin has extensive and progressive experience in nursing, and in health care and educational administration. Through teaching, practice, consultation, and participation in the formation of health policy Dr. Fagin has had a vital impact in both public and private sectors. Her doctoral thesis, published in 1996, was a study of the relationship between the recovery of hospitalized children and their parents “rooming in”. This research received national attention, and, combined with subsequent work, it helped to permanently change attitudes and rules about parental visitation in pediatric facilities. Later research surveyed changes in hospital visitation, studied cost effectiveness of nursing research and nurse practitioners, and investigated nursing home reform.



Celebrating WOMEN OF VISION

Conferring of Honorary Doctoral Degrees

Frontier Nursing University is proud to present honorary doctorates to five pioneers of nursing who shaped the beginning and future of our school. These women played critical roles in designing, establishing and growing our institution. Through their vision, determination and relentless devotion to our cause, Frontier has become one of nursing's premier graduate schools.

The Honorees

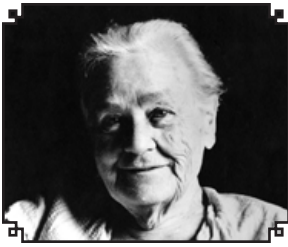
FRONTIER FOUNDER MARY BRECKINRIDGE

RUTH COATES BEEMAN

EUNICE K. M. "KITTY" ERNST

JOYCE FITZPATRICK

RUTH WATSON LUBIC



1881-1965

MARY BRECKINRIDGE

Founder of the Frontier Nursing Service & Our University



Mary Breckinridge graduated from the St. Luke's school of nursing in 1910. After World War I, she served in Europe on the American Committee for Devastated France. Becoming acquainted with the nurse-midwives in France and Great Britain, she thought that with their training, she could meet the problem of medical care for mothers and babies in rural America.

Upon completing her work in France, Mrs. Breckinridge studied midwifery at the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies in London and spent time with the Highlands and Islands Medical and Nursing Service in Scotland to observe the decentralized healthcare that would become the model for the Frontier Nursing Service (FNS). After the war, Mrs. Breckinridge studied Public Health Nursing at Columbia University. She formulated two goals: improving the health of children and pioneering a system of rural healthcare that could serve as a model for healthcare systems serving the most remote regions of the world.

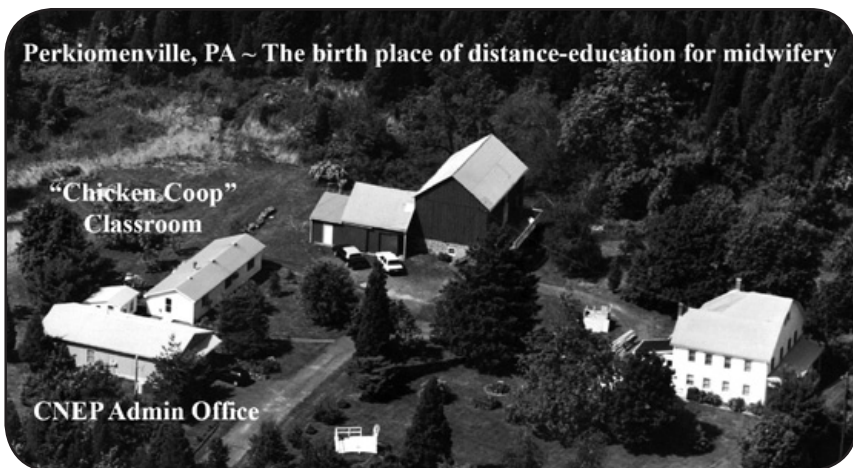
In 1925, Mrs. Breckinridge came to Southeastern Kentucky to establish the FNS, which operated as a decentralized healthcare system with the hospital at the center and outpost clinics within a five-mile ride on horseback. These centers were staffed by nurse-midwives, who held clinics, made home-care rounds on horseback and attended births in people's homes. They served an average of 250 families per outpost. They also held immunization clinics in one-room schools and provided advice on sanitization of wells and outhouses.

Mrs. Breckinridge's healthcare system worked so well that mortality rates for infants and mothers decreased immediately. By 1958, the FNS nurse-midwives had attended more than 10,000 births. All maternal and infant outcome statistics for FNS's first 30 years of operation (1925-1954) outperformed the country as a whole.

When World War II began in 1939, a number of the British staff returned home to help in the war effort. Under wartime conditions, it was not possible to continue sending American nurses to Britain for midwifery training, so the FNS put into operation its dream of a graduate school of midwifery. The Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery admitted its first class in November 1939 and has been in continuous operation since. In the late 1960s, the FNS recognized that as healthcare options became more complex, a broader-based education was necessary for nurses to provide comprehensive primary care to all family members. At this time, the Frontier School developed the first certificate program to prepare family nurse practitioners (FNP).

The Service developed by Mrs. Breckinridge has provided excellent care to the people of Southeastern Kentucky for more than 80 years, and the School – which today operates as Frontier Nursing University to reflect the graduate-level master's and doctoral programs offered – has graduated nearly 3,000 nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners who carry the Frontier philosophy of care all over the world.

Perkiomenville, PA ~ The birth place of distance-education for midwifery



CNEP Class 1 convened for orientation, called Frontier Bound, at the home of Kitty Ernst in Perkiomenville, Pa. This setting included Kitty's repurposed chicken coop (see photo at bottom), used for hosting the group sessions.

THE BIRTH OF CNEP

Founded in 1939, the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery operated as a traditional campus-based program until 1989. In the late 1980s, with the increasing demand for midwifery education, particularly for students who couldn't relocate for graduate school, Frontier turned to distance education as a solution. In 1990, as a joint effort of the Maternity Center Association, Frontier Nursing Service, Case Western Reserve University and the National Association of Childbearing Centers, the Community-based Nurse-midwifery Education Program was born. The goal of CNEP was to enable nurses to remain in their communities while obtaining graduate education as nurse-midwives and ultimately increase the number of practicing nurse-midwives in underserved areas. Today, we honor the women who played a key role in pioneering this revolutionary nurse-midwifery education program that marked the beginnings of Frontier's distance-education programs. Revered for its tradition of excellence, Frontier Nursing University has grown into one of the country's leading graduate schools of nursing, offering doctoral and master's degrees for nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners. Utilizing our innovative distance-education model, Frontier reaches thousands of nurses throughout the country and the world.





RUTH COATES BEEMAN

RN, CNM, MPH

Former Dean of Frontier School of Midwifery
and Family Nursing, now Frontier Nursing University

Mrs. Ruth Beeman has been a nurse-midwife since 1950 and continues to make major contributions to midwifery and women's health. She has served as a nurse, midwife, educator, missionary, consultant, administrator, author and an informative leader. As a nurse-midwifery pioneer, her accomplishments include: development of innovative educational programs, advancement of family planning, licensure of lay midwives in Arizona and the promotion of nurse-midwifery. Internationally, she made contributions in maternal-child health to the former Belgian Congo, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, West Africa and Egypt.

In 1983, Mrs. Beeman was recruited to the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, now Frontier Nursing University, to take on the task of assisting the School in staying nationally accredited, recruiting faculty, maintaining funding and establishing an affiliation with an institution of higher learning. Mrs. Beeman answered the call, moved to Hyden, Ky., and lived in the Bolton House, named after Frances Payne Bolton. Realizing the importance of the school's rich heritage and contribution to nurse-midwifery in this country, Mrs. Beeman, with the help of many of her midwifery and nursing contacts, succeeded in strengthening the modular curriculum to meet the challenges of the growth of the profession in the United States. Later, in a further step into the future, Mrs. Beeman worked with Kitty Ernst, Kate Ireland, Ruth Lubic and Joyce Fitzpatrick, consulting with leading nursing and midwifery educators, to translate that curriculum for development of the plan for a comprehensive distance-learning program for nurse-midwives: the Community-based Nurse-midwifery Education Program (CNEP).

She resigned as Dean of the School to devote full-time effort to developing a faculty practice and clinical site at Booth Maternity Center in Philadelphia. This effort was discontinued with the closure of that facility. Mrs. Beeman, never one to give up easily, responded to the call to serve on the Frontier faculty during the successful implementation of the CNEP pilot program in Pennsylvania until it was moved to Hyden, Ky. More recent contributions include her parish nursing work and mentoring Frontier Nursing University doctoral students.



EUNICE K. M. ERNST

RN, CNM, MPH, DSc (HON)

Mary Breckinridge Chair of Midwifery

Kitty Ernst is a certified nurse-midwife, a graduate of the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery (now Frontier Nursing University) and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Public Health. For a half century, she has been a pioneer in both the field of midwifery and in developing the best care possible for families in pregnancy and birth. An early president and active member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, she conducted the first wave of accreditation for nurse-midwifery education programs and developed the first "What is a Nurse-Midwife?" brochure. As a practitioner, she served families in capacities ranging from public health nurse-midwife in the mountains of Kentucky to the home-birth service of Maternity Center Association in New York City and directed the nurse-midwifery education program at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

While starting her own family, she began working as a parent educator, teaching some of the first childbirth education groups of the International Childbirth Education Association. As a field consultant for Maternity Center Association committed to innovation for the sake of healthy families, she developed family-centered maternity care provided by an obstetrician and nurse-midwife team at the Salvation Army Booth Maternity Center in Philadelphia. She designed a project to develop and evaluate a program of Self-Care/Self-Help Education Initiated in Childbirth and assisted in planning and implementation of the Childbearing Center at Childbirth Connection. She was co-founder of the National Association of Childbearing Centers and led the way by inspiring and coaching the many birth centers that followed.

She conducted a national on-site survey of freestanding birth centers and provided consultation for the First National Collaborative Study of Freestanding Birth Centers. As Director of the National Association of Childbearing Centers (NACC), she continued to be a leader in the effort to bring birth centers into the mainstream of healthcare delivery and helped to institute the Commission for Accreditation of Freestanding Birth Centers. During this time, she also served as Vice President of ACNM. During the 1980s, Mrs. Ernst became concerned about two issues: the small number of nurse-midwives being educated each year and the fact that most nurse-midwives were being educated in large tertiary care centers and lacked out-of-hospital experience. To address these issues, she led the design and implementation of the first distance-education program for nurse-midwives, later adopted by the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. Mrs. Ernst occupies the first endowed chair in the profession, the Mary Breckinridge Chair of Midwifery. She is recipient of awards such as the Martha Mae Eliot Award for Exceptional Health Service to Mothers and Children from the American Public Health Association, the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award from the American College of Nurse Midwives, and the Childbirth Connection Medal for Distinguished Service.



JOYCE FITZPATRICK

PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FNAP
Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing

Joyce Fitzpatrick is the Elizabeth Brooks Ford Professor of Nursing, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Fitzpatrick was Dean of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University from 1982 through 1997, during which time the School of Nursing's endowment grew from \$8 million to more than \$50 million. She earned her BSN at Georgetown University, MS in psychiatric-mental health nursing at Ohio State University, PhD in nursing at New York University and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University. In 1990, she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Georgetown.

She was elected a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 1981, received the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award 18 times and has been honored by many other organizations. She is editor of the National League for Nursing's journal, *Nursing Education Perspectives*, and edits two other journals: *Applied Nursing Research* and *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*. She was president of the American Academy of Nursing from 1997 to 1999. She is widely published in nursing and healthcare literature.

In 1991, through her leadership, a collaboration was formed between Case Western Reserve University, Maternity Center Association, American Association of Birthing Centers and Frontier Nursing Service to complete a pilot program of distance learning for nurse-midwives. The successful pilot was later adopted by the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, now Frontier Nursing University, as its ongoing midwifery program. Dr. Fitzpatrick further collaborated with Frontier to allow its certificate graduates to complete a Master of Science in Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. This collaboration was a critical component of the success of the distance-learning program at Frontier and allowed more than 500 Frontier certificate-educated nurse-midwives to receive their MSN from CWRU.



RUTH WATSON LUBIC

CNM, EdD

Founder and President of the Developing Families Center

Ruth Watson Lubic is a nurse-midwife and applied anthropologist who has championed personalized care during pregnancy and childbirth for all women, particularly those in low-income neighborhoods. Dr. Lubic has received honorary degrees and special recognitions from eight universities and is the first nurse to have received a MacArthur Fellowship. She served for two years as an Expert Consultant to the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health in Washington, has published widely, is a charter member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and in 2001 received its prestigious Lienhard Award. The American Academy of Nursing, also in 2001, named her a Living Legend. The American College of Nurse-Midwives honored her with its highest recognition, the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award. She has been made an Honorary Member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society. In 2006, the American Public Health Association conferred its Martha May Eliot Award.

She received her certificate in midwifery in 1962 from the country's first midwifery school, run by the Maternity Center Association in New York City. She spearheaded the development of the Childbearing Center, an out-of-hospital, midwifery-model birth center, which opened in 1975. In 1983, she co-founded the National Association of Childbearing Centers, now known as the American Association of Birth Centers, which has helped establish more than 300 freestanding birth centers nationally. She founded the Morris Heights Childbearing Center in a low-income area of the Bronx in 1988. In 1993, the MacArthur Foundation named Lubic a "genius" and awarded her \$375,000 over five years to use as she wished. She followed her vision for reducing disparities and improving the outcomes of care in one of the poorest neighborhoods of our nation's capital with the highest infant mortality in the country. After six years of working to gain the community's support and trust, gain funders' confidence and bring together four not-for-profit agencies to provide the comprehensive program of care, the Developing Families Center (DFC) opened in 2000. Dr. Lubic serves as Founder and President Emerita of the DFC. The cost-effective DFC model has reduced significantly disparities found between African American and other populations while saving significant funds for the healthcare system.

Even with the decades of demonstrations from the Frontier Nursing Service and the success of midwifery-led hospital units and birth centers, the contribution that the midwifery model of care could make to improving the health of women and families struggled to become integrated into the healthcare system. The leaders we honor today brought together their individual talents to form a collaboration of critical institutions and agencies to overcome this hurdle. Dr. Lubic's key role was in garnering support of professional groups and raising funds to launch the pilot program for distance learning. As Director of Maternity Center Association, she obtained the critical funding to develop and implement the Community-based Nurse-midwifery Education Pilot Program.



“The thing we want most –
more than all our plans –
is to better the work we do now
in the years to come.”

MARY BRECKINRIDGE

celebrating
WOMEN OF VISION

A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping, swirling lines that extend from the bottom of the word "celebrating" and under the phrase "WOMEN OF VISION".



Mrs. Mary Breckinridge established the Frontier Nursing Service (FNS) in 1925 as a demonstration project in the care of mother and child. The Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery was established by the FNS as part of the demonstration project admitting the first students in November 1939. The first class graduated in 1940.

During Mrs. Breckinridge's lifetime, she often spoke of expanding the school to include education for district (family) nursing. In 1970, The Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery became the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing (FSMFN) with the opening of the nation's first family nurse practitioner education program.

From 1988 to 1993, the FSMFN, in an effort to meet the needs of foreign trained nurse-midwives, conducted a pre-certification education program. This program prepared almost 100 nurse-midwives educated in other countries to take the National Board Examination to become Certified Nurse-Midwives in the United States.

In 1989, the Community-Based Nurse-Midwifery Education Program (CNEP) was established to accommodate nurses who, because of family or work responsibilities, could not relocate to universities offering nurse-midwifery education. Both the traditional nurse-midwifery program and the family nurse practitioner program were discontinued. In 1999, the Community-Based Family Nurse Practitioner Education Program (CFNP) reestablished nurse practitioner education at FSMFN using the CNEP distance education model to help meet a growing demand for primary care providers. In 2005, the Community-Based Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner option was added using the same model. In 2011, FSMFN became Frontier Nursing University to underscore the distinct graduate level programs while reflecting the institution's history and vision.

Nearly 3,000 nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners have graduated from FNU. These graduates represent all fifty states and many foreign countries and are serving women and families all over the world.



Frontier School Song

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Welsh folk melody

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

And there - fore we have come to join hands and hearts to -
And when we have com - plet - ed, this task that we have be -

Chorus

geth - er, To give gen - tle care to fam - lies, U - ni - ted we learn. For the
fore us, Our cul - ture of car - ing will cir - cle the globe.

ba - bies and for the moth - ers, The fa - thers and for the bro - thers, The

sis - ters and all the o - thers, we come to Fron - tier.



Mrs. Mary Breckinridge,
Founder, Frontier Nursing Service

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