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Letter From the Chair

I became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Helene Fuld College of Nursing over 30 years ago. I have known throughout this time that the College was a very special place. My belief was proven correct in 2016, when the College was rated the “Number 1 Community College in the United States” by an online rating agency called WalletHub. The introduction to the assessment said the following:

“WalletHub’s analysts compared 821 community colleges to identify those that outshine their competition. In making such a comparison, we examined each school across 12 key metrics, ranging from the cost of in-state tuition and fees to student-faculty ratio to graduation rate.”

Helene Fuld College of Nursing stood out especially in two areas. First, students who matriculated had a very high likelihood of completing the program in which they enrolled. This is a result of many things including that the faculty is very conscientious and is flexible to accommodate personal needs. Second, students who graduated had a very high likelihood of passing the certification exam and finding excellent employment in the nursing profession. Online nursing educational programs are easy to enter and look cost effective, but fail badly in the two areas in which Helene Fuld College of Nursing is renowned in the United States.

The College is engaged in a number of activities that are intended to make admission to the degree programs more flexible. At the present time, to enter the Associate Degree program that results in certification as a Registered Nurse (RN), students must have certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and to enter the Bachelor’s Degree program, one must be a Registered Nurse. New programs are under development that will allow matriculation without prior nursing certification.

Another place where the College needs to grow is in its endowment. To continue to be able to offer the outstanding academic programs that it does, the College needs to encourage all of its graduates and friends to continue to be generous. With its endowment funds, Helene Fuld College of Nursing is able to continue to make its outstanding academic programs available within the Harlem community and beyond.

I am very proud to be associated with the College. Over its more than 70-year history, it has grown from being a start-up diploma institution to a fully accredited and chartered private, non-profit college. I am also glad to say that I believe that the College will continue to grow and prosper and do what it does best – provide a very high quality education to all who enroll.

James C. Frauenthal, PhD
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Our Vision: “Helene Fuld College of Nursing will be nationally recognized for excellence in nursing education, and noted for its comprehensive, innovative academic programs that are responsive to the healthcare challenges of the future.”
Letter From the President

Helene Fuld College of Nursing continues to build upon its foundation of providing a quality education in nursing. Although we are a small college in a city that has a high concentration of elite educational institutions, the College has achieved national recognition for its accomplishments. In 2016, compared to over 800 other educational institutions, the College was recognized by WalletHub, a web-based evaluator of financial products, professionals and companies, as the best community college in the country. Multiple key indicators of quality were measured, including the cost of tuition and fees, retention rate, graduation rate, student loan default rate, and student-faculty ratio. The following year, after ranking hundreds of associate degree programs, PayScale, the world’s leading provider of on-demand compensation data and software, ranked the College’s LPN to RN program as the top associate degree program in the country for producing the highest-paid graduates. These graduates receive an average of $62,500 within the first five years of graduating and $87,300 after working in nursing for ten years. They should be proud of their accomplishments and how they have been able to advance economically, while providing vital services to their patients and communities.

As the College moves forward with new academic and community initiatives, we welcome you to support our endeavors through your financial support. Ninety-one percent of our income comes from tuition. Your financial contributions allow us to keep our tuition affordable, while continuing to provide superior educational resources and support services.

Wendy Robinson, PhD, FNP, RN
President & CEO

Our Mission

“Helene Fuld College of Nursing is an independent, single-purpose institution. Its mission is to provide the opportunity, through a career-ladder approach, for individuals to enhance their education and improve their nursing practice. The College endeavors to produce high quality and technically adaptable nurses who are able to function effectively in a changing society.”
College President, Dr. Wendy Robinson, was presented with the Dr. Muriel Petioni Award in Health Professions Education, by the Manhattan-Staten Island-Area Health Education Center (MSI-AHEC), at its fourth Annual Champions of Diversity Awards Reception, on November 9, 2017. The award is named in honor of Dr. Muriel Petioni Award (1914-2011), a physician, educator, and community activist, known as the “Mother of Medicine” in Harlem.

HFCN’s Director of External Affairs, Michelle Hernandez (pictured in the middle), received the Professional Achievement Award from the Omicron Chapter NYC, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., on November 11, 2017. The organization recognized Ms. Hernandez for her dedication to professional achievement and the advancement of nursing in her role at the College.

2017 marked the entry of the sixth cohort of RN to BS students. Gerard Ragoobar, Tracey-Ann Hyatt-Smith, and Dibenise Sanchez all graduated from HFCN’s LPN to RN Associate Degree program and are currently in the fifth cohort. In 2017, Tracey-Ann Hyatt-Smith and Gerard Ragoobar were the recipients of multiple scholarships for their academic achievements and community outreach. Ms. Dibenise Sanchez has also been recognized by external organizations for her academic excellence and community service.

In 2016, Tracey-Ann and Dibenise learned that a November 2016 associate degree graduating student, Jibu George, had become stricken with cancer. Pooling their resources, they provided him with a monetary gift. As they explained, they just wanted him to know that he was in the thoughts and prayers of the RN to BS students. Sadly, Mr. George died in 2017, but not before fulfilling his dream of becoming a registered nurse by passing his NCLEX-RN exam.

When they graduate in May 2018, we know that all of the students in the fifth cohort will continue to demonstrate the same passion and compassion that have been evident during their time at HFCN.
Faculty – A Key Resource

As a small educational institution, Helene Fuld College relies on its faculty and staff to wear multiple hats while staying focused on its mission of advancing students up the nursing career ladder. How do we ensure that faculty stay informed of the latest educational trends? Monthly faculty meetings are held at the College. Faculty attend annual one-day nursing education seminars in Albany, sponsored by the NYS Council of Associate Degree Nursing, with debriefing at the end of the day, and annual August faculty meetings where full-time and part-time faculty spend the day refreshing their knowledge of the College’s classroom and clinical practices. These experiences also enable faculty to bond in a relaxed setting while discussing problems and offering solutions.

MSI-AHEC Friday Lecture Series

For several years, students from HFCN’s RN to BS program have been invited to participate in the Manhattan-Staten Island - Area Health Education Center’s (MSI-AHEC) ‘Friday Lecture Series’ during the summer. Each Friday, the students attend seminars with medical students and healthcare students from other New York City colleges to learn about a variety of healthcare issues, including health disparities/social determinants of health, health policy, trauma informed care, and immigrant health issues. This interdisciplinary collaboration provides a wonderful learning experience and fosters interdisciplinary collaboration when they enter the workplace.
Although faculty are a key component at any college, administrators and support staff keep the College rolling on a day-to-day basis.

Honoring Harlem’s History of Nursing

In December 2016, HFCN with the support of the mistress of ceremonies, NY1 anchor Cheryl Wills, honored Ms. Mildred Norman, who graduated from the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. The Harlem Hospital School of Nursing was established in 1923 for black women who wanted to become nurses. At that time, few New York City nursing schools accepted women of color. Ms. Norman not only graduated from the hospital’s rigorous program, but went on to become an instructor at the school. Although the school closed in 1977, Ms. Norman and many of the other alumni have continued to support nursing and HFCN students directly, by providing scholarships and mentoring.
HFCN Would Like to Thank Its Clinical Partners

**Associate Degree (LPN to RN) Program:**
- Bellevue Hospital Center
- Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center
- Harlem Hospital Center
- Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility
- Jacobi Medical Center
- John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
- Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center
- Metropolitan Hospital Center
- Montefiore Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Mount Sinai Roosevelt
- Mount Sinai St. Luke’s
- Queens Hospital Center
- Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center
- Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center

**Bachelor’s Degree (RN to BS) Program:**
- Community Life Center Mt. Morris Head Start
- Concierge Physicians of Westport
- Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- Garden OB/GYN
- Greenhope Services for Women
- Haitian American United for Progress
- Hour Children
- Institute for Family Health
- Jamaica Hospital Women’s Health Center
- James J. Peters VA Medical Center
- Lew Medical PC
- Manhattan-Staten Island – Area Health Education Center (MSI-AHEC)
- Montefiore Medical Center
- My Health and Me NP
- North Central Bronx Hospital
- Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Bernard’s Church
- Project Hospitality El Centro
- Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention
- Stevenson Family Health Center
- Stony Brook University Hospital
- Volunteers of America – Veterans Residence
Staff
HFCN employs full-time and part-time faculty who teach nursing, liberal arts, and science courses. All faculty members hold a minimum of a master’s degree in their area of specialization. All nursing faculty are RNs in New York State. The faculty are supported by 20 staff members.

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Financials

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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,483,297</strong></td>
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Expenses

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Revenue Less Expenses

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<td>Revenue Less Expenses</td>
<td>188,605</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets at Year End</strong></td>
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Statistical Highlights

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<td>Number of Degrees Granted:</td>
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<td>Associates Degree</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s Degree</td>
<td>22</td>
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Total Enrollment in 2017: 473
14% men, 86% women
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Support Helene Fuld College of Nursing
Providing Opportunity and Education to Nurses

When you make a gift to Helene Fuld, you know you’re making a gift with long-term potential. Your donation supports all of the elements that reinforce HFCN’s status as a premiere nursing college—from our faculty and uniquely empowering academic environment, to our amazing students. And you are investing in the future of a talented group of students who will enrich the nursing profession for years to come.

Support Helene Fuld College. Invest in nurses. They will thank you.

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