

Dedication
of the
**Mark and Huldah
Buntain**

*School
of
Nursing*

Friday, September 29, 2000

*Mark and Huldah Buntain
School of Nursing*

Dedication Ceremony

Friday, the Twenty-Ninth of September

Two Thousand

At Ten O'clock in the Morning

Butterfield Chapel

Northwest College

Kirkland, WA

Welcome to this extraordinary day in the life of Northwest College. Today marks the culmination of a great deal of work by a number of key people, punctuated by God's performance of truly remarkable miracles. Thank you for sharing this day with us as we dedicate the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing.

In the life of Northwest College, this day was set into motion over 65 years ago. When we examined the College's earliest documents, we discovered that the founders called for a nursing program. From the very beginning we understood that the gospel was often best proclaimed through hands of compassionate service. The dedication of the School of Nursing today is, in many ways, the culmination of steps that began at Northwest's formation.

In my life, this day was set into motion almost ten years ago when I learned firsthand how nurses reach a hurting world.

In 1992 I accepted an invitation to minister with former students on one of the toughest mission fields in the world: Cambodia. The only reason the communist government had even admitted these young missionaries was because they were willing to establish and run *Mission of Mercy* clinics and orphanages.

I am not generally given to tears, but I literally wept through Cambodia. I have been to third-world countries. I have witnessed abject poverty and suffering. But nothing had prepared me for the devastation in Cambodia.

The need, however, wasn't what moved me to tears. It was the sacrifice of these young missionaries. They had left every comfort to answer God's call to that faraway land. It was clear to me—and to everyone who saw their labors—that they were making a significant difference for the Kingdom with people who had never heard the Gospel. It was also clear that the nurses on the team were the ones who really opened the doors for this ministry.

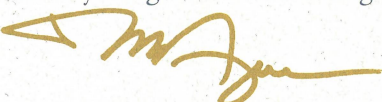
I've never forgotten this experience. And it has always fueled my vision to build a school of nursing.

An incredible series of events have brought us to this extraordinary day. Our faculty and board have embraced the vision. The Lord has provided leading experts in nursing education to guide us. We have assembled a highly qualified faculty led by a Dean of exceptional character and credentials. Our first class of upperclassmen are already in classes and will graduate with Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing within two years. And key organizations and individuals have pledged financial support needed for start-up funds.

We even feel that the name of the school was the Lord's idea. A few of us—including an alumna—were discussing our dreams for this new program when it hit us: **The Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing!** What could be better? The Buntain name (along with *Mission of Mercy*) is synonymous with proclaiming the Gospel by serving hard-to-reach people in tough places.

It is a special thrill to have Huldah Buntain participate in this special event. We honor her for her life of sacrificial service; we are honored by her presence.

Thank you again for celebrating with us. **To God be the Glory!**



Don Argue, President



Mark Buntain is known as a pioneer missionary with extraordinary vision and compassion. The Buntains founded Mission of Mercy in Calcutta in 1954. After 35 years of ministry there, Mark passed away in 1989. Today, Mission of Mercy is ministering in 25 countries around the world.

*MISSION OF MERCY
is helping to meet
the physical and spiritual needs
of hurting people
in poverty-stricken areas
of the world.
Through emergency
and support roles,
people receive food, education,
medical aid
and hope in Jesus Christ.*

Prelude Music

“Come Unto Him”

Dan Carter

Performed by Master Chorale

Directed by Dr. Robert Engle

Professor of Music

Call to Worship

“O Worship the Lord”

Robert McCutchan

Performed by Master Chorale

Directed by Dr. Robert Engle

Professor of Music

***Invocation**

Dr. Annalee Oakes

Consultant and Visiting Professor of Nursing

Welcome and Recognitions

Dr. Don Argue

President

***Hymn of Assurance**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

led by Dr. Marshall E. Flowers, Jr.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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- ❖ The Dedicatory Charge: *Dr. Don Argue*
- ❖ The Dedicatory Prayer: *Reverend Les Welk,*
Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Dedicatory Response

Dr. Huldah Buntain

Founder, Mission of Mercy

Special Music Presentation

“The Battle of Jericho”

arr. Moses Hogan

Performed by Master Chorale

Directed by Dr. Robert Engle

Professor of Music

The Dedication Message

Dr. Fulton Buntain

Senior Pastor, Tacoma Life Center

Benediction

Dr. Bob Houlihan

President, Mission of Mercy

Hymn of Affirmation

“How Great Thou Art”

led by Dr. Marshall E. Flowers, Jr.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Dedication Ceremony

Northwest College Community

On this special occasion of the dedication service for the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing at Northwest College, we gather together and ask the Lord to bless all that takes place here.

We gratefully acknowledge His plan for this School and its' contribution to the College mission of preparing graduates to integrate their faith with service and leadership; and to Carry the Call with heart, head, and hand. At every turn, we have experienced the Lord's abundance and outpouring of resources. In the spirit of thankfulness and appreciation, our combined responses are made in praise.

We begin with thanks, Oh Lord, for showing us love and compassion, for caring so much that you willingly sacrificed yourself at Calvary and made a way for our salvation and healing. We thank you for the personal call on each life, and now we invite you to receive our offerings of commitment and dedication.

Nursing Students

pre-nursing and nursing students together

Thank you, Lord, for calling me into Nursing, to prepare me for a way to follow you even when the path is not clear, to serve wherever you lead, to be a channel of your love in action, to willingly and joyfully carry your gospel, and to professionally bring health and healing to a wounded world.

Thank you, Lord, for taking full control of me, for guiding my studies, meditation times, and experiences that prepare my mind;

For giving me daily grace to trust you in every step I take, making steps of applied faith;

For teaching me your ways of caring that soften pain and suffering,

And for using my hands and whole self as a therapeutic nurse.

Help me, Lord, as I dedicate myself to your high calling and the expectations of nursing. Bring to my consciousness and memory those promises of your peace, and faithful partnering, when I am tested and discouraged. I ask for loving and devoted faculty to come alongside in times of trials, and help lift the burdens—to ultimately share in the joys of my successes.

Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.”

Lord, Take Control Of Me

“Release me now into the current of Your Spirit's power,
And fill me, Lord, each moment of the day and ev'ry hour.
Make my life count for you in ev'rything I say and do.
Help me ever to pursue the fullness of Your love;
Take my life, Lord, fill it with your love.

The Nursing Dean and Faculty

We count it a great privilege and honor, Lord, to stand beside these students who have answered your call on their lives. They desire to make a personal commitment in learning and practicing professional nursing as servant-leaders, even to the outer parts of our world.

We are humbled by so great responsibilities as Dean and Nursing Faculty. Yet, we are sure of your constancy in creating the Nursing Program at Northwest College and positioning each one of us here at this special time.

We know and rely on your daily guidance and strength, Oh Lord, to divinely mentor and guide us as we mentor and guide the students. Please, help us together, and each one personally, to bring our learning and achievements into a full circle—that we might reach the highest potential with our students, and colleagues, alike.

The Buntain Family

As we have taken up the call and continually answered the challenges to bring Christ to the lost, we re-dedicate our commitment of unwavering service in Your name.

We thank you, Lord, for daily sending the physically and mentally needy into our care, for giving us the opportunity to share Your love for them. Help us, now, to stand with these nursing students, their faculty, the Northwest College community, and other professional colleagues as they begin the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing. Let us contribute to the preparing of students for a ministry in nursing.

We will pray for them, mentor those who choose a mission field of service, advise those who are called to wait on Your leading here at home, and give thanks always for their dedication and faithful witness through the vocation of professional nursing.

President Argue

Lord, You have heard the pledges and dedication statements of our college community, the nursing students, dean, faculty, and the Buntain family.

We surround our brothers and sisters with our own scholarship, leadership, service, and Christian faith to uphold the new Nursing Program within our community.

We dedicate our prayers, encouragement, and support as we bond together in a common journey, one that reaches out with Your love and compassion through our respective calls to work and serve.

You have blessed us, Lord. Together we lift up Your name, and honor You with the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing at Northwest College.

The Inaugural Class of the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing



The first students studying at the Mark & Huldah Buntain School of Nursing are from left to right: Catherine Small (Yuba City, AZ); Mee-Hyun Andrea Shin (Seoul, Korea); Jenny Glines (Rohnert Park, CA); Amy Martinson (Millwood, WA); Lisa Pak (Garden City, KS); Danielle Colegrove (Dutch Harbor, AK); Jackie Killorn (San Jose, CA); Joel Green (Helena, MT); Christina Rodriguez (Redmond, WA); Mary Martin (Woodinville, WA); Evie Goldade (Bellevue, WA); Sarah McVay (Bellevue, WA); Sarah Gadd (Pasco, WA); Julie Endresen (Kalispell, MT); Melissa Lebeck (Sacramento, CA).

Faculty Biographies

Carl Christensen

Dean, Associate Professor, Nursing

B.A., Anderson University, 1973

A.S., Anderson University, 1976

A.D., Mt. Hood Community College, 1977

B.S.N., Oregon Health Sciences University, 1978

M.N., Oregon Health Sciences University, 1980

Ph.D., The George Washington University, 1990

Carl Christensen identifies with the Buntain School of Nursing's emphasis on nursing as a calling and an avenue of Christian ministry. In 1974 he sensed God's call to become a nurse while on his first job in a nursing home. Carl is amazed at the array of ministry opportunities he finds in nursing; from praying for patients to serving as a trustee on a board which develops and manages Christian retirement communities. Dr. Christensen holds a Master's in Nursing degree from Oregon Health Sciences University and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from George Washington University. He worked for the United States Department of Health and Human Services for eleven years overseeing contracts relating to the quality of care provided to Medicare patients and participating in various management analysis studies. For over three years he was the Nursing Home Administrator at Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood, Washington; he was the Interim Director of Nursing at Bayview Manor Retirement Community in Seattle in 1999, and he has worked as a registered nurse in a number of health care facilities. As an adjunct faculty member at Seattle Pacific University, he found great pleasure in working with students and he is very grateful for the chance to work with students again at Northwest College.

Beth Fahlberg**Associate Professor, Nursing**

B.S.N., Seattle Pacific University, 1987

M.S.N., University of Washington, 1995

Beth Fahlberg has been a registered nurse for thirteen years with a Bachelor of Science from Seattle Pacific University. Her acute care nursing experience has included a variety of medical and surgical settings; beginning with a position as an officer in the United States Air Force, followed by cardiac telemetry nursing at University of Washington Medical Center. She graduated from University of Washington in 1995 as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with a specialty in cardiovascular nursing. She has practiced in a number of outpatient settings including the cardiology clinic at Virginia Mason Medical Center, research at University of Washington, and Seattle Pacific University Student Health Center.

Beth's teaching experience includes a year of clinical instruction at the University of Washington School of Nursing. For the last three years she has taught nursing practicum, pharmacology and pathophysiology to sophomore and senior level nursing students at Seattle Pacific University. She distinguished herself at Seattle Pacific University with her use of computer technology in her teaching methods and brings those skills, and a vision for the use of technology in nursing education to the Buntain School of Nursing.

She has participated in short-term medical mission outreaches in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, and in El Salvador. Currently she and her husband are leading a construction mission team at Meadowcreek Foursquare Church. Beth feels that God has been preparing her throughout her career and education to serve and teach at Northwest College. She is looking forward to preparing students to minister as registered nurses both locally and abroad.

Betty Rairdan**Associate Professor, Nursing**

R.N., Emanuel School of Nursing, 1967

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 1980

B.S.N., Washington State University, 1987

M.S.N., University of Washington, 1990

Betty Rairdan has been a registered nurse for thirty-three years. Her clinical experience includes hospital nursing in the following departments: intensive care, intensive cardiac care, dermatology, outpatient and pediatrics. Betty worked as a missionary nurse in Pakistan for thirteen years, speaks Urdu, and has visited the Assemblies of God Hospital in Calcutta. She earned a Certificate of Tropical Community Medicine and Health from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and a Certificate of Bible from Multnomah School of the Bible. Her Master's Degree track resulted in her being licensed as a nurse practitioner, a role that requires advanced assessment skills and entitles a nurse to medication prescription privileges. She has worked for the last ten years as a nurse practitioner in a correctional facility.

Lucretia Smith**Assistant Professor, Nursing**

R.N., Burge School of Nursing, 1982

B.S.N., Southwest Missouri State University, 1985

M.S.N., University of Missouri, 1991

Lucretia Smith has been a registered nurse for eighteen years. Her clinical experience includes pediatrics, endocrinology, and medical/surgical nursing. She is a Certified Diabetes Educator, nurse consultant and Co-Primary Investigator for a project targeting women with diabetes in rural areas. She taught at Montana State University College of Nursing for seven years in the areas of family/child nursing, psychosocial concepts and legal/ethical concepts. Her faith journey began with the heritage of a Christian family and the call to be a nurse early in life. She earned a master's degree in family and child nursing and loves ministering in that area both personally and professionally. Lucretia was drawn to Northwest College because of its commitment to integrate Christ's love into every aspect of life. God confirmed her calling to the campus by a series of unusual events that brought her and her family from Montana to Northwest Washington and kept her available to teach when the school opened. She is excited about teaching students to serve God with nursing as their tool.

Erin-Joy Bjorge

Adjunct Professor, Nursing

B.S.N., Seattle Pacific University (1987)

M.S.N., Seattle Pacific University (1991)

After her first meeting with her nursing advisor as a pre-nursing student at Seattle Pacific University, Erin-Joy Bjorge realized that becoming a nursing educator was her calling. Ms. Bjorge completed her undergraduate degree from Seattle Pacific University and immediately started working at Northwest Hospital in the Intensive Care/Critical Care/Telemetry Unit. She returned to Seattle Pacific University to earn her master's degree in nursing leadership. Her master's thesis was based on a study comparing job satisfaction among nurses in Norway and nurses in the state of Washington. She has been a clinical instructor for first-year nursing students at Seattle Pacific University and Shoreline Community College. Erin-Joy has also been an instructor for American senior-level and graduate nursing students obtaining a transcultural clinical experience in Taiwan. In teaching her students, she shows her personal relationship with Jesus Christ through her words and actions. Her goal is to show the love of Jesus to her students so they, in turn, can show His love to their patients and colleagues. She wants those who come in contact with Northwest College nursing students, graduates, and faculty to notice that there is something different: *we are not only the best, but we also CARE!*

Becky Budke

Adjunct Professor, Nursing

B.S.N., Seattle Pacific University, 1973

M.S.N., Seattle Pacific University, 1999

Becky Budke has been a registered nurse for twenty-seven years. She currently works at Providence Medical Center as a clinical quality improvement educator. Previous healthcare experience includes the development of a care management program for all patients admitted to Northwest Hospital in Seattle, Washington. She directed the program for eight years. Other clinical experiences include the delivery of care for pediatrics, surgical, and oncology patients in the acute care setting, caring for oncology and hospice patients in home health, and directing a home infusion and pain management program in the community.

"I believe God has a specific assignment for me at Northwest College. He has been preparing me for this assignment through practical experiences, graduate school and my heart's sincere desire to serve God. He knew me before time began and knew what He wanted to do with my life. 'But rise and stand on your feet: for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.' (Acts. 26:16)"

Annalee Oakes

Consultant, Visiting Professor, Nursing

R.N., Diploma St. Luke's Methodist Hospital (1954)

B.S.N., University of Washington (1970)

M.S.N., University of Washington (1971)

Ed.D., Seattle University (1988)

Annalee R. Oakes, graduated from St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and began her career as an operating room nurse. She has provided care in a wide array of specialty areas including pediatric, tuberculosis, emergency, and critical care units. She was involved in the development of Seattle's world-renowned Medic I system. After thirteen years of clinical practice, she returned to the university setting to study nursing, physiology and bio-physics. Findings from her master's thesis were used by NASA scientists in measuring heart rates and EKGs of astronauts while in space. Dr. Oakes taught nursing for twenty-eight years at Seattle Pacific University. She served as Director of SPU's first RN Baccalaureate Program, the first Director of its' graduate program in nursing, and as the Dean of the School of Health Sciences. At SPU she initiated the Japanese Nurses Exchange and the Chinese-Taiwan Nurses Exchange programs and took groups of nursing students to Asia for cross-cultural clinical experiences. Dr. Oakes provided consultation for the development of baccalaureate nursing programs at Gunma University in Japan and National Yang Ming Medical University in Taiwan. Dr. Oakes is widely published and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Her life is committed to serve wherever God calls, and she takes pleasure in using nursing as the vehicle. Dr. Oakes relies on Philippians 1:6 and she is frequently heard to say, "If it doesn't count for eternity, it doesn't count!"

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