



# Pacesetter

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*Iron will,  
steel resolve*





## president's message



### Mission Marathon: And the Winner Is...

Now we've raised the bar. It took a lot of huffing and puffing, but it was worth the effort.

Kettering College of Medical Arts got its start when, forty-plus years ago, Eugene and Virginia Kettering gave Seventh-day Adventists the chance to build and run a hospital and a college. While living in the Chicago area, they'd loved Hinsdale, the Adventist hospital in that city's western suburbs. The Dayton region would benefit most, they thought, if their gift of land and money came with the proviso that Adventists take on the leadership.

Ever since, Kettering College has put faith at the forefront. The college's purpose was always to produce great health care professionals. But they were to be professionals with a difference: minds and hearts shaped by Christian vision and Christian compassion.

Kettering's very identity is about educating students "to make service a life calling."

Once the college began offering four-year and post-graduate degrees, we took the opportunity to reconsider our basic mission. We had to say how our degree offerings had broadened; we needed to say how fresh thought was renewing our sense of what it means to put faith at the forefront.

Two summers ago, a series of conversations led us to agree that Kettering's very identity is about educating students "to make service a life calling." Over the past several months, we've discussed how Adventism's characteristic emphasis on the "whole person" might play out in the mission statement. All the while, we knew that what we said should feel welcoming to anyone, Adventist or not, who is at home teaching and learning in a Christian setting.

This is what we came up with:

*Kettering College of Medical Arts, born out of Adventist faith, offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in health science. Upholding Christ, the college educates students to make service a life calling and to view health as harmony with God in body, mind, and spirit.*

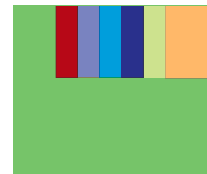
The College's board endorsed this mission statement on Nov. 13.

It took some huffing and puffing to get to consensus. Now it will take more of the same to assure that we live out the new statement, that we make it real in our words and deeds — and minds and hearts.

DR. CHARLES SCRIVEN, PRESIDENT

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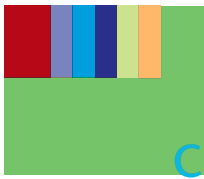
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# campus notes

## New Faces >>

Although she is a familiar face around Kettering College, nursing skills lab coordinator **Peggy Allyn** did not join the faculty full time as an assistant professor until this fall. Allyn has been part of the faculty since 2001, previously as an adjunct assigned to the nursing skills lab. She also taught leadership classes in the baccalaureate nursing program and a nursing foundations course for two years.

Prior to coming to Kettering College, Allyn had been retired for two years from the Department of Veterans Affairs, where she served 23 years at seven different medical centers. Her most recent assignment was five years at the VA Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., first as associate chief of nursing service then as practice guideline coordinator.

"Working for the veterans of our country was a pleasure and was my way of serving our country," Allyn said. "Working for the nursing students at KCMA is fun and is my way of serving my profession. I have been fortunate to have these opportunities in my professional life, and I thank God for them."

Allyn received her bachelor's in nursing from the University of Evansville in 1974 and a master's in gerontology and leadership from the University of Arizona in 1990. She and her husband, Darwin, have been married for 41

years; they have six children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Amy Jauch** was an adjunct clinical nursing faculty member in

> Nursing Faculty

 Amy Jauch



 Peggy Allyn

> Nursing Faculty



Taryn Talbott 

> Radiology Faculty

this fall as an assistant professor for radiology. She continues her work as an adjunct faculty member for advanced imaging and health professions courses.

Talbott has been on staff at Miami Valley Hospital for the past eight years as a radiology technologist, computed

tomography (CT) technologist and magnetic resonance imaging MRI technologist. In 2006, in recognition of her accomplishments since graduation and for demonstrating potential, Talbott received the Rising Star Award from Kettering

College's Alumni Association.

"When I was a little girl, I wanted to be a teacher," Talbott said. "I became interested in the medical field in high school. Now I have the privilege of doing both things I love to do."

Talbott earned an associate's degree in radiologic technology from KCMA in 2000, certificates in both CT and MRI in 2001, then a Bachelor of Science in Health Professions with an emphasis in advanced imaging in 2004. She earned a master's in education curriculum and instruction with a specialization in adult education from the University of Phoenix in 2007. Talbott and her husband, Brian, have been married for seven years.

the 2007-08 academic year before becoming a full-time instructor this fall. For eight years, Jauch was an emergency department staff nurse at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

Although Jauch said she was called to nursing as a young child, she took interest in nursing education while working with student nurses and new graduates and after serving on her unit's education committee.

Jauch earned an associate's degree in nursing from Central Texas College in 1998 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2006. She is now working toward a master's in nursing at Indiana Wesleyan.

**Taryn Talbott**, an alumna of Kettering College's radiology department, joined the faculty

## Faculty Member Named Ohio Respiratory Care Education Practitioner of the Year



At the 30th annual state meeting of the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care (OSRC) in Columbus in September, Kettering College faculty member **Nancy Colletti** was named Ohio Education Practitioner of the Year.

"I was very surprised to hear I was nominated, and even more surprised to hear my name called as the winner," said Colletti, an associate professor and chair of the respiratory care department at Kettering College. "I know a few of the other nominees personally, and they are outstanding educators who are very involved in the professional organization. I tend to be an 'under-the-radar' type of person. If I see a job that needs to be done, or if I see an opportunity to contribute, I'll just roll up my sleeves and jump in there until I've done the best I can. Receiving this award was quite heartening, and knowing it comes from my peers is especially gratifying."

Colletti serves on the OSRC program planning committee; is the education chair for the OSRC; is chair of the OSRC scholarship committee; and is an OSRC "Sputum Bowl" judge. Colletti also serves on the board of directors for Lambda Beta, a national honor society for the respiratory care profession.

## Campus Event Encourages Students to Become Active Voters

On Monday, Sept. 29, more than 200 students, faculty and staff visited the Kettering College Student Center to participate in KCMA Votes '08. This nonpartisan election party encouraged students to register to vote, learn more about the presidential candidates and vote in every election. Attendees were treated to an "election cupcake" and were able to complete a presidential quiz for a chance to win a political movie prize pack.

More than 65 students registered to vote or completed an absentee ballot request. Out-of-state students also were assisted in obtaining absentee ballots so that they could vote on campus.

Nuclear medicine student **Allison Engelman** was the grand prize winner in the presidential quiz. She was one of three entrants to answer all of the questions correctly; a drawing netted her three DVDs and a National Amusements gift pack with movie tickets and concession vouchers. Runners-up were **Chloe Baran** (human biology) and **Daniel Grant** (respiratory care).

KCMA Votes '08 was sponsored by the Kettering College Alumni Association.



## STUDENTS LEND A HAND WITH STORM CLEANUP

In the wake of a Hurricane Ike-induced windstorm that swept through the Miami Valley on Sept. 14, many Kettering College students ventured out into the local community to assist those who were unable to clean up the storm debris on their own.

With the school closed and classes canceled the day after the storm, three dormitory residents – **Anna Kroll** (medical sonography), **Josh Struck** (human biology) and **Joanne Cross** (nursing) – went around the neighborhood



^ **John Fierce**  
(human biology)

to see who needed help. Just up the street from the school, the group assisted a retired teacher who lives alone. Then they aided a retired Kettering Medical Center nurse whose husband was unable to do yard work due to heart problems.

"We weren't trying to do something to get attention," Kroll said. "We just had free time since school was canceled, so we decided to go check out the damage and help out if we could."

On Sept. 30, the spiritual

life office spearheaded a larger cleanup effort that included 12 Kettering College students, recruiter **Mike Unterseher** and chaplain **Clive Wilson**. They helped at three Kettering homes that had extensive storm debris in their gardens. The group spent nearly four hours sawing, chopping and dragging branches, leaves and debris to each home's curb.

"It was nice visiting the different homes, and the students had a great time offering their strength and vigor," Wilson said. "The residents that we served (and their watching neighbors) were most appreciative!"



# Iron *will,* steel *resolve*

*Disability drew doubters, but perseverance won;  
sonographer is now an achiever ... and a survivor*

by JULIE THOMPSON

**J**ackie Birr has struggled to be heard her entire life.

Yet she is the one with severe hearing loss.

It's a silent war she has fought since she was diagnosed in Mrs. Brown's third-grade class. Since then, the 48-year-old has weathered cruelty from others and inwardly shouldered the self-doubt that comes from it.

Still, Jackie said, each battle has made her stronger and more resilient. Each victory has left her with the courage to face the next challenge.

Those who have been blessed to encounter Jackie don't forget her. It's not because of her disability, but because of the type of woman she has become in spite of it. A handful of professors at Kettering College can attest to it.

In 2002, when Jackie first stepped foot onto KCMA's campus, it had been years since she had left the work force to raise her three children. She was looking for a challenging career.

Her greatest desire was to become a sonographer.

Jackie's career choice took many Kettering College professors by surprise. After all, a big part of a sonographer's job depends on picking up different sounds such as blood flow. Jackie was determined to prove she could do the job.

Her determination changed the

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way some KCMA professors looked at students forever. And, paving a fairly new path in the medical field would prepare her for what was to become her hardest battle yet: cancer.

## Stepping Out of Silence

Jackie's journey to Kettering College started with an ad in the newspaper. She wanted to see what

jobs were hot, and she learned that health care was the place to be.

She saw an ad for a sonographer, and she decided to start at KCMA.

The prospect of starting over in school was frightening, Jackie said. Since she was a little girl, the classroom was where her disability was exposed and magnified. In grade school, her inability to hear a teacher say there was to be no talking led to a punishment of soap in her mouth. And she'll never forget the stares as she was pulled out of class for special education classes or therapy.

Perhaps that's why she was relieved when a friend who also was pursuing a new degree offered to take her to Kettering to sign up.

"I didn't have the confidence to do it by myself," Jackie said. "I not only had my hearing against me, but I had been out of school for 20 years."

She was soon accepted and decided to start out slowly. Jackie's hearing impairment – which was caused by nerve damage that left her 70 percent deaf in one ear and 30 percent in the other – makes it difficult for her to hear people who speak in a certain range or when background noises like rustling paper compete with voices. She



▲ Jackie Birr's family (left to right): son J.C., Jackie, daughter Niki, husband Gary, and son Ryan.

frequently has to rely on her eyes, reading lips to pick up what her ears don't hear.

She began by taking one class the first summer as she learned how to study again. Once she mastered one class, she would move on to the next. Her goal was to do the best she could, which meant sitting in the front row to hear better and doing more work than was required.

Her work ethic and desire to succeed quickly gained the respect of her professors.

"I learned a lot by having her in my class," said Dan Schoun, an algebra professor who taught Jackie's first class. "Jackie is a very, very determined student."

No one knows that better than Dan, who not only was Jackie's first professor, but also her adviser. He was one of the first to learn of Jackie's desire to be a sonographer and talked with her about the challenges that might lie ahead. Dan was honest with Jackie and told her he didn't know if her hearing impairment would allow her to do the work she wanted to do.

"One thing that made me so proud of her was that if she heard that something was unknown, she didn't take that as a no, but rather, 'Ok, then I want to try to do it,'" Dan said.

Dan's response only prepared Jackie for others' concerns in

the field. Joyce Grube, associate professor and chair of the medical sonography department, said she tried to discourage Jackie from considering the program. Jackie was the first student Joyce encountered in her field who didn't just have a hearing deficiency, but a hearing impairment.

"Part of being a sonography professional is not only seeing a Doppler signal, but hearing it," Joyce said. "We had our reservations, but that was absolutely what she wanted to do. It wasn't something that we could

hold her back from."

Jackie soon found her acceptance into the sonography program would be twofold. First, she would have



▲ Jackie receiving her diploma from Dr. Scriven in 2006

to get the tools in place to make her hearing the best it could be for the job; second, she would have to continue to study to make sure the grades got her in.

Her efforts paid off. She was

selected for the competitive program, which often accepts only half of those who apply. She saw an audiologist, who fitted her with new hearing aids, which make a significant difference in some of her hearing. She also purchased special instruments to allow her to work better.

She moved through the program with one goal: "Watch me," Jackie recalled saying to herself. "I'm going to try hard, and I'm going to pass."

And that's just what she did. In 2006, Jackie graduated from the sonography program with honors.

"I walked down that aisle and onto that stage with cords around my neck," she said.

It was a proud moment – one that would mark the beginning of a new test of perseverance.

## The Fight For Life

About a year after graduating and entering the sonography field, Jackie was diagnosed with stage-one breast cancer.

The reality of the disease left her shocked and her family devastated. She and her husband drove home from the doctor's visit without saying a word, and for one of the few times in her life, she was thankful for the silence.

After spending the first few hours alone to contemplate what she faced, she sat her kids down and said what she had heard herself say so many times in life: "I'm going to fight this."

She determined she would deal with the fear, but not allow it to overcome her as she walked through her biopsy and then chemotherapy.



▲ Jackie (left) with Joyce Grube, chair of the medical sonography department at Kettering College



^ Jackie (left) completed her final chemotherapy treatment in Sept. of 2007



^ When Jackie (right) finished her chemotherapy treatments, the nurses gave her a "purple heart award" and celebrated by blowing bubbles and horns



^ Jackie (left) with her classmate and friend Michelle Walker, who is one of Jackie's closest friends from Kettering College

*"What she has battled through with breast cancer since graduation shows even more what a remarkable person she is," Joyce said. "I am proud to say she is a graduate of my program."*

"I was scared to death," Jackie said. "I would cry and then go in and work on a patient, and then go out and cry some more."

She possessed an incredible will to defeat cancer. By the time she went through her fourth chemotherapy treatment, she had significantly shortened the amount of time she was sick from four days to a matter of hours.

"I learned how to control it," she says. "I learned how to beat it."

The stares she got after losing her hair weren't anything new. In fact, the looks she had gotten over her hearing impairment had toughened her and prepared her for it.

The biopsy and diagnosis. The chemo. The radiation. The surgery to remove her uterus and ovaries to prevent further risk. It was a long road that often felt much like

a roller coaster, but she now celebrates that her blood counts are all fine and that there have been no recurrent lumps.

It helps, too, she said, that she has a job she enjoys.

"I love it," she said. "I love knowing that I am helping people."

One of the favorite parts of her job is when students come through. It's her opportunity to instill confidence in others so that they, too, can get out there in the real world.

Jackie has left an impression in the classrooms at Kettering College.

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# Eyes on Alumni 2008

## *Alumni share experiences in diverse areas of care*

On Monday, Sept. 8, more than 300 students, faculty and staff participated in the Alumni Association's second Eyes on Alumni event, a luncheon and panel discussion that encouraged interaction among current students, faculty and alumni and allows students to learn about career paths and "life after graduation."

After a lunch of subs, chips and cookies in the student center, five alumni shared their experiences in a one-hour panel discussion. Panel participants included five outstanding alumni:

\* Rebecca Kronauge, nursing '82, is a practice administrator for Acute Care Consultants, where she is responsible for the business aspects of the practice. Kronauge has a master's in health care administration from Central Michigan University and was named the National Medical Manager of the Year by the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management and Kettering College of Medical Arts Alumna of the Year in 2007.

\* Bonnie Peebles, medical sonography '06, is pursuing her Master of Business Administration in health care administration from Southern Adventist University and works in the Echo Lab at Kettering Medical Center and Sycamore Medical Center.

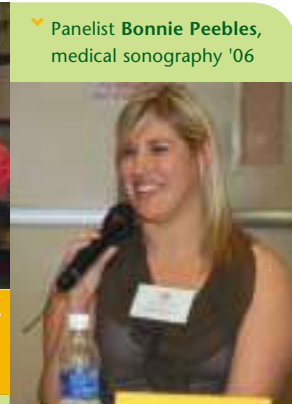
\* Merle Peterson, radiologic technology '71, is director of medical imaging for Kettering Medical Center and Sycamore Medical Center. Peterson has a master's in management and human resource development from National-Louis University and was awarded the Nycomed Amersham Award of the AHRA, the Association for Medical Imaging Management, for outstanding contributions to the field of radiology. He was named the Kettering College of Medical Arts Alumnus of the Year in 2008.

\* Glenda Updyke, physician assistant '98, is a physician assistant in trauma at Miami Valley Hospital. Her experience includes serving on the abdominal transplant program in liver transplant at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and in thoracic surgery at the Ohio State University Medical Center. She earned a master's in medical science with an emphasis in surgery from Alderson Broaddus College.

\* Suzanne Coleman, nursing '71, was the panel's moderator. Coleman is director of the office of research and the Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute at Kettering Innovation Center with the Kettering Health Network. She has more than 35 publications in peer-reviewed journals and recently earned her doctorate in health care administration from Warren University. Coleman was named the Kettering College of Medical Arts Alumna of the Year in 2006.



Panelists Merle Peterson radiologic technology '71 and Glenda Updyke, physician assistant '98, answers questions following the panel.



Panelist Bonnie Peebles, medical sonography '06



Kettering College students enjoy food and valuable advice.



Panelist Rebecca Kronauge, nursing '82



Eyes on Alumni 2008 panel



# Radiologist, nurse, administrator receive top alumni honors

Each year since 1987, the Kettering College of Medical Arts Alumni Association has recognized outstanding alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Awards, including the Alumnus(a) of the Year Award and the Rising Star Award, are the highest honors bestowed by the Alumni Association and recognize graduates for their professional achievements, contributions to society and support of the College. The Alumnus(a) of the Year Award recognizes a lifetime of achievement, while the Rising Star Award recognizes recent graduates who have accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time and demonstrate future potential. These honorees represent just a few of the many alumni who contribute to the College, to their communities, to their professions and to humankind.

This year's awards were presented by College President Dr. Charles Scriven at the alumni awards dinner on Thursday, Oct. 23, at NCR Country Club.



^ Merle Peterson and Dr. Scriven

## 2008 Alumnus of the Year

**Merle Peterson,  
Radiologic Technology '71**

A graduate of the radiologic technology program, Merle Peterson is recognized as a pacesetter in his field. Some of his accomplishments include establishing the first ultrasound school and the first PET and PET CT imaging center in central Florida and developing a national online MRI and CT program to prepare students for MRI and CT registry.

The quality of Peterson's work has been recognized by several professional organizations. He received the SunHealth Cluster Leadership Award in 2004 and the

Nycomed Amersham Award of the AHRA, the Association for Medical Imaging Management, for outstanding contributions to the field of radiology in 2001.

A loyal and supportive alumnus of Kettering College, Peterson recently used his professional relationship to reconnect the College's sonography program with GE Healthcare-Ultrasound. This relationship led to a new partnership between the College and GE on the acquisition of four state-of-the-art ultrasound systems.

Peterson was the administrative director of radiology at Florida Hospital for 24 years. During his time there, the system grew from a three-hospital, 1,200-bed system to seven hospitals, 1,800 beds and multiple outpatient centers. Peterson is now the director of medical imaging at Kettering Medical Center, where he is responsible for all aspects of medical imaging at Kettering Medical Center, Sycamore Medical Center, and the Englewood and Conover outpatient sites.

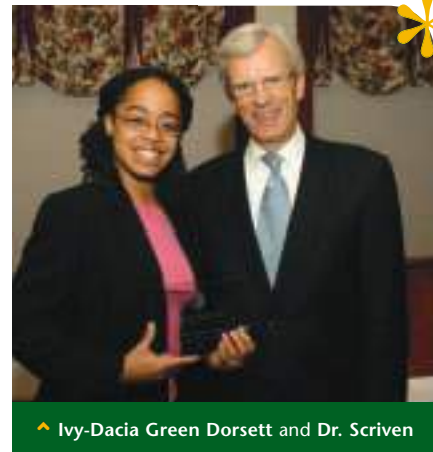
## 2008 Rising Star Award

**Ivy-Dacia Green Dorsett  
Nursing '01, '03**

Ivy-Dacia Green Dorsett earned her associate's degree in nursing from Kettering College in 2001 and in 2003 was part of Kettering College's first class to graduate with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Dorsett, who has served as nurse in the United States and abroad, also is a graduate of the Vaughn-Beaven Service Learning Honors program and holds registered professional nursing licenses in Ohio, Michigan, New York and Virginia. She is pursuing a master's degree at Wayne State University in Michigan.

Dorsett, who was Student Senate president in 2001-02 and a nominee for the George B. Nelson Award, has cared for patients in a variety of

settings—including the Association for the Help of Retarded Children in New York and at a Dayton Area Diabetes Association camp for adolescents with diabetes.



^ Ivy-Dacia Green Dorsett and Dr. Scriven



After graduation, Dorsett volunteered for the Peace Corps, working as a rural health educator in Haiti and in the west African nation of Senegal.

During her studies at Wayne State, she also has collected research data on various health belief patterns. She also has volunteered with Project Challenge, a Children's Hospital of Michigan program reaching out to children infected with or affected by HIV.

**Belinda Huffman,  
Bachelor of Science in Health Professions '04**

In 2004, Belinda Huffman completed her bachelor's degree in health care professional studies and received



the George B. Nelson Award, given to a graduate who has had a significant impact on society through his or her professional work and personal life.

Huffman continues to advance in a management role at Dayton Children's Medical Center. She has elevated the hospital's pulmonary

health and diagnostic services and works to ensure that her employees provide high-quality care. She serves on many committees to improve care for asthma, cystic fibrosis and technology-dependent patients and is committed to customer service. Active in patient and family education, she is chair of the Ohio Asthma Coalition and collaborates with other community organizations to apply for grant funding to provide asthma and anti-tobacco



▲ Sara Brown, Huffman's daughter, and Dr. Scriven. Huffman was unable to accept her award in person due to a speaking engagement at a national conference.

education. Huffman obtained funding to develop and implement the Dayton Children's "Breathe" in-home asthma education and environmental assessment program and hopes to replicate the program statewide with support from managed care organizations.

Huffman was a member and vice president of the Kettering College of Medical Arts Alumni Association board of directors and is currently a member of the bachelor's degree advisory committee.

## Distinguished Alumni Awards

**2008**

Alumnus of the Year *Merle Peterson, Radiologic Technology '71*  
Rising Stars *Ivy-Dacia Green Dorsett, Nursing '01, '03*  
*Belinda Huffman, Bachelor of Science in Health Professions '04*

**2007**

Alumna of the Year *Rebecca Kronauge, Nursing '82*  
Rising Star *Beth Maxwell, Medical Sonography '99*

**2006**

Alumnus of the Year *Suzanne Benner Coleman, Nursing '71*  
Rising Star *Taryn McGirr Talbott, Radiologic Technology '00*

**2005**

Alumnus of the Year *Louie Job, Physician Assistant '75*

**2004**

Alumna of the Year *Brenda Kuhn, Nursing '81*

**2003**

Alumna of the Year *Tammy Smiley Czynewski, Nursing '78*

**2002**

Alumna of the Year *Bev Ervin, Respiratory Care '84*

**2001**

Alumnus of the Year *Ricardo Rios, Physican Assistant '85*

**2000**

Alumna of the Year *Michelle Nangle Chew, Nursing '79*

**1999**

Alumnus of the Year *Benfold Leonard Panulo, Medical Lab Technology '78*

**1998**

Alumna of the Year *Kathy J. Ferriell, Nursing '83*

**1997**

Alumna of the Year *Barbara Reece, Nursing '75*

**1996**

Alumna of the Year *Carol Warner, Nursing '76*

**1995**

Alumna of the Year *Denise Kenworthy Bathe, Dietetics Technology '74*

**1994**

Alumnus of the Year *David R. Seidel, Respiratory Care '71*

**1993**

Alumna of the Year *Beverly Brendel Cobb, Nursing '72*

**1992**

Alumna of the Year *Linda Lyons Koeppen, Nursing '72*

**1991**

Alumnus of the Year *William Cowling, Radiologic Technology '74*

**1990**

Alumnus of the Year *Robert C. Hewes, General Education '71*

**1989**

Alumna of the Year *Betty Schmoll, Nursing '70*

**1988**

Alumni of the Year *Robert Wilkins, Respiratory Care '74*  
*Brenda Kuhn, Nursing '81*

**1987**

Alumna of the Year *Mark Grady, Biomedical Technology '75*  
*Judy Newman, Respiratory Care '72*



## class notes

### 1970s

**Irene (Whitehead) Haller '70** is a clinical instructor at Miami-Jacobs Career College. She and her husband, Norman, live in Springboro, Ohio. Irene writes that she would love to see some of her fellow classmates at an alumni social event. Her e-mail address is npih@hotmail.com.

**Suzanne (Benner) Coleman '71** recently completed her doctoral studies in health care administration. Suzanne is director of the office of research for Kettering Health Network. She lives in Springboro, Ohio, with her husband, John. Suzanne was recognized by Kettering College as Alumna of the Year in 2006. Suzanne's e-mail is suzanne.coleman@khnetwork.org.

**Paul Thompson '77** is a biomedical engineering supervisor for SLV Regional Medical Center. He lives in Alamosa, Colo., with his wife, Tammy. Paul's e-mail is ttribe4@fone.net.

**Sherrilyn (Hill) Lorenz '78** and her husband, Douglas, live in Johnstown, Colo. She works as a float resource nurse at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo. Sherrilyn's e-mail is dsenlorenz@hotmail.com.

**Leanna (Pearson) Manuel '78** is director of clinical psychology at Choices Changes Attitudes in Beavercreek, Ohio. Leanna's e-mail is cca\_strategies@msn.com.

**Delyte Morris '79** is a physician assistant for Springfield Endocrinology. In addition, she teaches at Cedarville University, where she coaches women's tennis. Delyte's e-mail is morrisl@cedarville.edu.

### 1980s

**Cheryl (Frilling) Kuck '80** is a coordinator for the medical assisting program at Rhodes State College. She was a part-time instructor for eight years taking her current post in 2007. Cheryl lives in New Bremen, Ohio. Her e-mail is kuck.c@rhodesstate.edu.

**Lynda Ullmer '83** married Mark Gage at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bethesda, Md., on Sept. 29, 2008. The Gages live in Gaithersburg, Md., with their three dogs, Radar, Haley and Getty. Lynda graduated from Georgetown University and is a quality specialist at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. Lynda's e-mail is lyndau07@hotmail.com.

**David Randall '83** recently moved back to Dayton, Ohio, with his wife, Linda. His e-mail address is dhrdrum@hotmail.com.

**Dolores (Henski) Davis '84** is an admission support facilitator for Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, Mich. She lost her husband of 11 years, Craig, to a heart attack in 2004. Dolores has two adopted children, daughter Daquaya, 8, and son Avontay, 7. Dolores' e-mail is punkiedee@hotmail.com.

**Susan (Goans) Clark '86** is a health care specialist at Health Care Solutions. She lives in Germantown, Ohio, with her husband of 21 years, James. They have two children, Josh, a high school senior, and Katie, a freshman. Susan's e-mail is sclark5@woh.rr.com.

### 1990s

**Del Jones '90** is a physician assistant at Hudson Medical Group. He lives in Battle Ground, Wash., with his wife, Alanna. His e-mail is delvinjones@hotmail.com.

**Michael Jackson '91** is a registered nurse at Florida Hospital. He lives in Port Orange, Fla., with his wife, Deborah, and their four children, Chelsea, Alex, Katrina and Evan.

**Eloise "Kay" Buckles '95** is a registered respiratory therapist at Springfield Regional Medical Center. She and her husband, Donald, live in St. Paris, Ohio. Kay's e-mail is dbuckles@woh.rr.com.

**Christina (Higgins) Cary '95** is a physician assistant in the emergency department at Copper Queen Community Hospital in Bisbee, Ariz. Christina completed a master's program in emergency medicine in 2005.

**Jared Reiss '95** is a physician assistant at Jewett Orthopaedics. He lives in Oviedo, Fla., with his two sons, Devan and Brendan. Jared's e-mail is jreisspac@earthlink.net.

**Erin Tinnerman-Minailo '96** lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif., with her husband, Michael, and their daughters, Makena, 4, and Kaia, 3. Erin is a physician assistant for Gynecologic Oncology Associates. Erin's e-mail is etminailo@cox.net.

**Heather (Parks) Cornett '97** is a cardiovascular sonographer for Central Baptist Hospital. She lives with her husband, Tim, in Winchester, Ky. Heather's e-mail is heathermyriah@yahoo.com.

**Sonia Neidigh '98** is a physician assistant at Loma Linda University Medical Center. She lives in Loma Linda, Calif. Sonia's e-mail is sonianeidigh@hotmail.com.

**Heather (Myers) Arena '99** graduated from Indiana University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in applied health science. She then became a health care specialist for ConvaCare Services and is now a home care respiratory therapist in southern Indiana. Heather and her husband, Tim, were married June 25, 2006, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, after meeting at the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1999.

**Amy Maitlen '99** is an ultrasound technologist at Good Samaritan Hospital. Her e-mail is ammsie72986@yahoo.com.

### 2000s

**Heidi (Jozic) Shull '00** is a marketing specialist with Kettering Medical Center. She lives in Centerville, Ohio, with her husband, Chuck '00, and two "beautiful, energetic boys, Jacob and Eli." Heidi's e-mail is hjshull@hotmail.com.

**Gary Corder '01** is a cardiology physician assistant at Harrisonburg Medical Associates. He and his wife, Deanna Corder, live in Harrisonburg, Va. Gary's e-mail is garycorder@comcast.net.

**Holly (Glunz) Cordes '01** worked at Mayo Clinic for four years before moving into private practice. She currently works for Bluestem Center as a psychiatric nurse. Holly completed her BSN in 2003 and married her husband, Todd, in 2005. They live in Kenyon, Minn. Holly's e-mail is hglunz@hotmail.com.

**Teresa Darst '01** is working on her BSN while working as an emergency department nurse and the IV/PICC infusion team director at Huguley Memorial Medical Center. She and her husband, Nathan, live in Burleson, Texas. Teresa has two married children and three grandchildren. She writes that she loves Texas and that nursing is always rewarding. Her e-mail is tsdrn@yahoo.com.

### Alumni Association Note

Thanks to all of you who completed the alumni travel program survey. We had over 175 responses! The winner of the Kettering College sweatshirt for those who responded by July 31 is **Lisa (Keller) Villegas**, a 1983 medical sonography graduate.

**Julie (Trout) Delgado '01** lives in Charlotte Hall, Md., with her husband, Edgardo, a 2-year-old son and an infant daughter. Julie is a technical director of the echo department at the Heart Center of Southern Maryland. Julie's e-mail is jules.delgado@gmail.com.

**Felecia Fick '01** writes that she enjoys her job as a urology physician assistant at the Mayo Clinic and that her education at Kettering College prepared her well. She and her husband, Ed, have been married for seven years. They live in Rochester, Minn., with their two large dogs. Felecia's e-mail is flikfick@hotmail.com.

**Dae Hong '03** lives in Prestonsburg, Ky., where she is a physician assistant in a hospital emergency department. Dae's e-mail is daeyop@yahoo.com.

**Carol (Cunningham) McNutt '04** is a medical language specialist with MedQuist Inc. She has been able to work from home in Greenville, Ohio, since 2006 and writes that she is "enjoying every minute of it," particularly being able to spend more time with her two daughters and four stepchildren. Carol married her husband, Brent, this past spring. Her e-mail is punkcarolann@yahoo.com.

**Verity Digel '05** is a physician assistant with Springfield Family Practice. She and her husband, Matthew, live in Springfield, Ohio, and have a daughter, Zoe, 1.

**Asya Harrison '05** lives in Carlisle, Ohio, where she works in ultrasound for the Seven Hills Women's Health Center. Her e-mail is asya1016@yahoo.com.



^ **Rachel Goss '05** and Edward Moutoux

**Desiree Johnson '05** is a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery at the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital. She and her husband, Rhys, live in Kingwood, Texas. Her e-mail is facefxr@earthlink.net.

**Rachel Goss '05** and Edward Moutoux were married Sept. 27, 2008. Rachel is a full-time instructor for the obstetrics and gynecology modality at Kettering College. Rachel's e-mail is rachel.moutoux@kcma.edu.

**Leslie Vaught '05** is a psychiatric registered nurse at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. Her e-mail is leslie\_vaught@hotmail.com.

**Kelly Belcher '06** and **Roy Belcher '07** are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Kyla Jewell and Roy Spencer III, on June 12, 2008.



^ Roy Spencer and Kyla Jewell Belcher

**Laura O'Donnell '06** lives in Layton, Utah, where she is a CT technologist at the University of Utah. Her e-mail is mickeyfan915@yahoo.com.

**Brynn Wiley '06** is a registered nurse at Southview Hospital. She and her husband, Daniel, were married in 2006, and have two children. They live in Centerville, Ohio. Brynn's e-mail is breewiley@gmail.com.

## Special Recognition

**Brenda Falknor '76** received the "Beacon of Light" Award in July 2008 from the Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio, where she is an assistant director of corporate health. The award recognizes team members who exemplify service, integrity,

respect, unity and stewardship with a commitment to the community. Brenda lives in Bellevue, Ohio, with her husband, Lyle. They have three grown children.

**Aaron Beneke '95** and **Myrica Cook '05** were recognized as Patients First honorees by SouthPoint Medical Imaging and Miami Valley Hospital. They were honored for their efforts to meet and exceed patient care standards and for making patients their main focus though actions, appearance, spirit and service. Both were praised for their high patient satisfaction scores and for doing all they can to make their patients comfortable.

## Remembrance

**Stephanie (Bennett) Bobinger '03** and her husband, Thomas, passed away in an accident on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008. Following graduation, Stephanie worked in the perinatal ultrasound department at the University of Cincinnati for four years. She also worked for Christ Hospital and the Seven Hills Women's Health Center in Cincinnati. She and Thomas are survived by their daughter, Abigail. Memorial donations may be made to the Abigail Bobinger Memorial Fund at any Fifth Third Bank.

## What's your story?

To have your information included in future **Class Notes**, update your information online at [www.kcma.edu/alumni](http://www.kcma.edu/alumni); or, call (937) 395-8607. To include photos of special events in your life (births, weddings, etc.), e-mail photos to [Cheryl.Kennison@kcma.edu](mailto:Cheryl.Kennison@kcma.edu).



*Alumni Spotlight*  
**Paul Robinson '90**



A SIMPLE STATEMENT drew Paul Robinson to Kettering College more than 20 years ago.

"You sound like somebody we can make something out of," Notley "Kip" Maddox '75, then a member of the physician assistant faculty, told Robinson over the phone.

Robinson has proven Kip right. In the almost two decades since graduating from Kettering College with a physician assistant degree in 1990 and entering the health care field, he's applied his profession in both family practice and emergency medicine. Once, his work placed him in a national spotlight.

This past June, Robinson took office as president-elect of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), the only national organization representing nearly 70,000 physician assistants in all medical and surgical specialties and all practice settings. He assumes the presidency in June 2009.

Before taking the organization's top office, he served in a variety of leadership roles on committees and in the AAPA House of Delegates. He also held office in the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants.

But more important to Robinson than his service in professional organizations is his work at St. John's Hospital, part of HealthEast Care System in St. Paul, Minn., where he is an encourager, an

educator and a role model to patients and other medical professionals.

Robinson said his education at Kettering College taught him how to be a lifelong learner – a quality he is passing on to his two children, to his fellow workers and to his patients. He said his most prized accomplishments have been in encouraging others to enter the medical professions or to advance within them.

His daily work also has made Robinson an unsung hero to patients who look to him for guidance. He recalls an elderly woman he cared for in family practice. She was leaving an appointment and

called him, "Doctor."

"I said, 'You know I'm not a doctor,'" Robinson said. "She turned to me and looked at me very much like an older teacher and said, 'Well, you have misunderstood me. I'm using it as a verb, not as a noun.'"

That's when Robinson realized his job is more about how he treats and cares for his patients than the title he wears on his white coat.

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**Editor's Note**

The first in our Alumni Spotlight series, this profile of Paul was planned for this issue of the *Pacesetter*. As the magazine was going to print, we learned that Paul had tragically passed away on Nov. 12, 2008, at the age of 55. We are deeply saddened to hear of his death, and our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Dianne, and his children, Amanda and Aaron. We run this spotlight as a tribute to Paul's life.

# Alumni building networks at family, professional events

The Kettering College Alumni Association continues to partner with the college's academic departments to offer networking opportunities for graduates. The first partnership was a nursing conference May 14-15 with Donna "Iggy" Ignatavicius, presented by the nursing program and supported by the Alumni Association.

Respiratory graduates and program faculty attended dinner and an evening of fun and games with other respiratory care professionals at SEGA GameWorks in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 28. The event was concurrent with state meeting of the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care.

More than 70 medical sonography graduates, faculty and family members gathered for a fall picnic at Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Oct. 5.

Entertainment included miniature golf, batting cages, a driving range, a corn maze, volleyball, cornhole and a petting barn. Alumni introduced their families to classmates and enjoyed some "down time" away from their professional lives.

On Oct. 10, more than 30 physician assistant alumni and faculty attended an alumni reception during the annual conference of the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants, chaired by Karen Storer '98 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn. The College had an impressive turnout at the conference; more than a quarter of the registrants were KCMA graduates.

Attendees at all events had the opportunity to reconnect with alumni and program faculty and to make contacts in their professional fields. Several alumni used the opportunity in their search for employment.

The Alumni Association will continue to host these events. Watch for upcoming events in your program area.



^ **Karen (Rickabaugh) Miller**, medical sonography '03, with daughter Savannah.

^ Alumni reception at the OAPA annual conference



^ **Nancy Colletti**, chair of the respiratory care program, and son Glen at GameWorks.

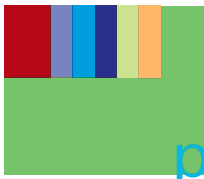
^ **Debra (Oktavec) Cannon '03**, **Terri (Holley) Long '04** and **Kathleen Rowell '90** at the physician assistant alumni reception.



^ **Robert Campbell**, respiratory care '84, with **Bev Ervin**, respiratory care '84 and director of the Learning Commons

^ **Heather (Parks) Cornett**, medical sonography '97, and her husband, Tim, at Young's Jersey Dairy.





## partnerships

# 'Give a Latte' to Kettering College

It is amazing how easy it is for small things to add up.

You know how it is when you look at the credit card bill, and all those small purchases have reached a total that can make your stomach sink. How about turning that feeling around by giving small, regular gifts to Kettering College's "Give a Latte" campaign?

The campaign is based on the idea that small gifts really add up and, in the right hands, can support dreams and create outstanding health care professionals. "Give a Latte" can do just that.

Those who give to this fund will receive quarterly updates on what their funding has accomplished for Kettering College. Funding through this program will help create scholarships, renovate facilities, acquire and update equipment and develop academic programs.

Recipients of scholarships will share their stories in *Pacesetter* and in our quarterly updates.

Equipment will be identified as being supplied by "Give a Latte" donors. Unlike your credit card bill, your updates won't upset your stomach, and you will know your dollars went to an excellent cause.

Kettering College is committed to using 100 percent of your contributions for creating scholarships, purchasing equipment, and keeping facilities and programs current. Your gifts will touch lives and create a new generation of health care professionals.

Watch for our next mailing in January; or, contact Kathryn Keyes, director of college development, at 937-298-3399, Ext. 57173.





# Our Mission Really Matters

by DARYLL WARD, PH.D., associate professor of religion

**B**ecause Kettering College is an Adventist institution of higher learning, it faces the permanent challenge to integrate the content of its

convictions with the daily privilege of offering education. It really matters that we achieve all that is possible in meeting this challenge.

A story may help understanding. A student walked into my office to apologize for her absence from class.

"My sister is missing," she said. "She's been gone for more than a week, and we have no idea where she is. I just haven't been able to think of anything else."

And then the blow that literally took my breath away: "It's so much worse than when my children died," she added. "As bad as that was, I knew what had happened. Now, I don't know, and it is just unbearable."

You may be sure we talked for a good while, and I counted on God's grace to provide courage, hope and patience where my feeble words could not. We prayed. I am happy to report the missing sister was found, unharmed. My student had missed class, but what she needed much more than instruction was solace.

From the earliest days of Adventist education, the conviction that persons are an indivisible unity of mind, body and spirit has informed institutional purposes. Few students must suffer in the dramatic ways the student in my story did. But every student must endure the threats, losses and failures—the pain that is part of every life. To educate is to cultivate

the mind, but it is also to nurture the spirit, to bind up the broken hearted and to set at liberty the captive.

To believe persons are a profound unity demands that our educational efforts deliberately accept the

responsibility to care about more than test scores.

Does it mean we should care more about persons than policies? Clearly it does.

Does it mean our expectations must be tempered by the limits of physical endurance? Certainly.

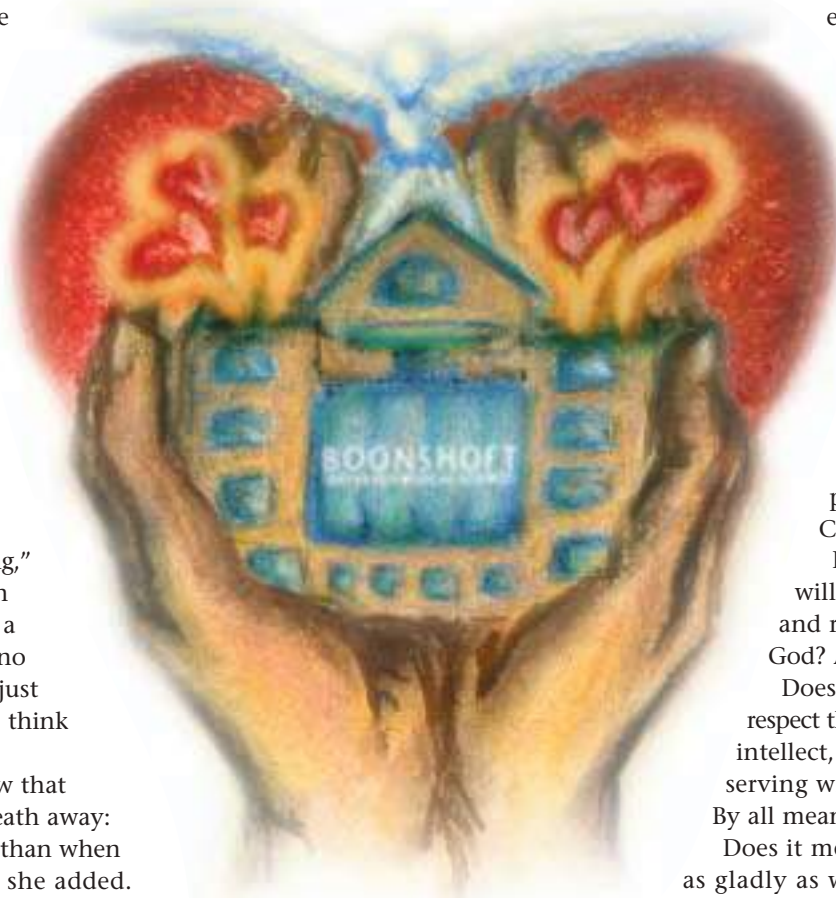
Does it mean we will devote real time and resources to worship God? Absolutely.

Does it mean we will respect the limits of our own intellect, strength and faith, serving with humility? By all means.

Does it mean we will learn as gladly as we teach? Yes.

What an astonishing privilege we all share in this great adventure.

And there is joy in it. Last summer, at the invitation of another student, Medhanie Kifle, I took the opportunity to go to Columbus, Ohio, to worship with him. Medhanie comes from Eritrea and is a member of The Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church. I could not understand a word of the lengthy liturgy. I was an awkward participant. But across the great gulf of our linguistic and cultural differences and the not-so-great differences between our theologies, I recognized and rejoiced in the infinite beauty of the Spirit of Him who fed the hungry, forgave the wayward, healed the sick and raised the dead. He has promised to return. May He find us faithful to His calling to care for students – our whole students.



## behind the scenes

# Who is Etta Hanahan?



*Etta Hanahan has been an administrative assistant at Kettering College for the past four years, but she's been a Kettering Health Network employee for more than 32 years. She has the unenviable task of keeping president Charles Scriven and chief business officer Jack Burdick organized.*

### How do you manage to keep two very busy administrators on schedule?

I love to work in the morning, so I come in around 7 a.m. I can accomplish so much before anyone gets in the office. I also work for two wonderful administrators. We are a great team.

### What's the best thing about your job?

I love to meet and work with people, and the college is like a great big family. Each year brings in new students to meet. I especially like the opportunity of meeting our graduation speakers each year. Each day is different; no two days are ever the same.

### What's the worst thing about your job?

Seeing students upset because of tests, etc., and not being able to help them.

### What is the most amusing anecdote you can share about Dr. Scriven?

Chuck has given me strict instructions to deny that he ever stoops to frivolity. He wants me to think he's all business.

### What has been the most personally rewarding moment of your life, perhaps your greatest accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment is raising two wonderful children. Kea, 27, is married to a wonderful young man and is working on her doctorate of physical therapy at the University of St. Augustine. Clint, 24, is a senior at the University of Cincinnati. He will be graduating next spring with a bachelor's degree in finance and an associate's in aviation science. He is engaged and will be married next year. I have many, many wonderful memories with my family. We continue to enjoy vacations at the lake together.

### If you could go back and change anything about your life, what would it be?

I would have spent more time with my parents while they were alive and spent more time with my children while they were growing up.

### What's the most superstitious thing you believe?

I believe that our everyday life is affected by the moon. When the moon is full, I believe there are more babies born and people become more stressed.

### How would someone else describe you?

Supportive, "a mother hen," loyal, nurturing, down-to-earth, conservative, not afraid to get my hands dirty, persistent, unique and excitable. They would say I am "just Etta."

### What is your guilty pleasure?

Wow, I have so many guilty pleasures. I love to play the piano; I can play for hours. I tape several shows during the day. I have watched *Days of our Lives* since I was a child; the story line still has not changed, but I have to watch it. *The View* – they make me so mad, but I have to hear what they are saying. I also enjoy watching *Jamie Kennedy Experiment* videos – they make me laugh, and I love to laugh. I also love gardening; I have many beautiful, large plants in my sunroom.

### What is the most romantic thing you and your husband have done, or that he has done for you?

Before we were married, my husband would write poetry for me. This continued until we started having children. Now, we love to spend weekends on our boat, Time Out II, on Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee. We dock out in the open water. It gives us a chance to get caught up with each other and to reconnect with nature without interruptions.



# campus candid



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1 Medical sonography students **Kevin Van Tassel** and **Kara Tapalman** had a chance to network with sonography alumni during the department's picnic at Young's Jersey Dairy in October.



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2 Nursing students **Brittany Hay** and **Sarah Thorpe** take a break from orientation meetings for the annual pizza lunch in August.

3 Arts and sciences student **William Hutaaruk** relaxes in the Lazy River at the Splash! Moraine waterpark in August.

4 **Milfred Abraham** (radiologic technology) and **Melissa Van Liempd** (nursing) enjoy the Breakfast at the Boonshoft event during orientation weekend in August.

5 **Brandon Abrams** (respiratory care) and **Tony Passerallo** (human biology) move into the Residence Hall in August.

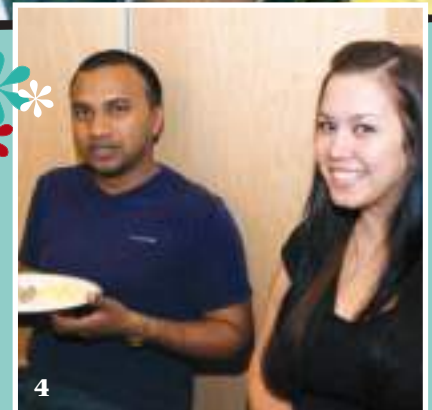
6 **Esther Kroll** (medical sonography) and **Joanne Cross** (nursing) at Aroma Café in September.



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