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Alumni Spotlight COVID Pandemic Front-liners



Josh Calhoun '13
Travel Registered Nurse

"I began travel nursing during the first wave of COVID-19. I worked a crisis job in New Jersey, where it was like a movie scene. The skin on my nose and ears began breaking down after wearing an N95 mask for 14 hours at a time. The non-breathable fabric of my full-body isolation suit stuck to my sweaty arms as I assisted in 5 separate codes, a shocking single-shift total. Despite all interventions, some people didn't make it. I watched as the plastic film hallway barrier sealing off the isolation section was moved down the hallway multiple times each day, as more and more isolation beds were needed.

Of my 6 patients, half of them were intubated and on a ventilator, a critical state normally reserved for the ICU, but a heavier load than an ICU nurse would normally carry. They required continuous IV infusions, or "drips", of sedation and vasopressor medications, critical interventions also normally run only in the ICU. But these are not normal times. As our healthcare system is again pressed to the breaking point, I encourage you to continue to pray, and to continue following recommended guidelines to keep you, your loved ones, and those of us on the frontlines safe."

Your Alumni Spotlight - Pandemic Frontline Workers



Kathy Kelley '71 stands with New Hagerstown Mayor Emily Keller

Feeding the hungry during a pandemic. By Kathy Kelley '71

I volunteer at ACTS 9 - the Adventist Community Services

food and clothing bank for the Hagerstown, Maryland area. The pandemic changed a great deal of how we serve our clients. Before they would come to the office and we talked about what they like for food choices. Now with masks on and social distancing we meet on the front porch and I ask is there anything they won't eat.

Before we often had prayer together-now there is little prayer because most don't want to pray in front of a crowd. Before I got to know

them as a person and their families but now there is lack of privacy when the new clients want to share their stories. The love of Jesus is shown by encouraging each one to trust God. This pandemic did not catch Him off guard.

COVID 19 has also affected the number of staff working. Even though several volunteers in the "high risk " group chose to stay home, Jesus has continued to bless our efforts to be His hands and feet and we thank Him for all He has given us.

First Year of Nursing experience

By Emma Worthington '13



Photo by Caitlin Worden '13

Nursing school could have never prepared me to dealing with a pandemic before my first year of nursing was over. At the beginning, my former unit was shut down because people weren't coming into the hospital and we could be pulled to work in the designated COVID unit. I transferred into the emergency room right before my former unit was shut down again to staff the secondary COVID unit.

The nurses who helped me grow and survive my first year of nursing are on the front lines every single shift. My hospital has gone from a handful of beds to 3 full units and two other partial units dedicated to COVID patients who have come into the hospital for any number of issues.

We appreciate the prayers. Please keep them coming. And please be patient



Alumni Updates News from you...

Awards....Dr. Laura (Smith) Khandagle '92..-was recently named as one of the top doctors in Washington DC beltway area by Washingtonian Magazine for internal medicine. She is based in Silver Spring, MD. If you are in the area - contact her at <http://mdfamilycare.com/> Horman/Nichols LLC run by alumni Marshall Horman '95 and Andy Nichols '95 was recently named as the winner of the Best Law Firm for 2020 by their local paper *The Frederick News Post* for Frederick County, MD. They can be reached at <https://www.hormannichols.com/>

Passings... Charles E. Myers, Jr. (former faculty) passed away on October 29, 2020. He taught and coached sports at HVA from 1980-1994. His memorial service was held at the Hagerstown SDA Church on November 14, 2020. Memorial contributions can be made in his memory for the Worthy Students Fund at HVA. Donald W. Jacko '69 passed away on January 5, 2021. On September 11, 1973 he married his wife Cheryl McCluskey who survives him. He also leaves 2 sons, five grandchildren, a brother, Raymond Jacko '65 and various nieces and nephews. He was both a physical therapist and pastor in his career, spending the majority of those years in West Virginia. A memorial service was held on January 17, 2021 in the Buckhannon SDA Church that he also designed and built. This was another passion of his—building his own log home, the Highland Adventist School and the home of one of his sons.

More updates on page 5.

5 top ways

To Cope with the COVID Pandemic



- 1) Wear a Mask, Socially Distance when possible and Wash Your Hands (20 sec or more)
- 2) Help others in your communities to show how Tartan Alumni seek to serve their world
- 3) Give back—to the current HVA students - use your time, talents, and treasure.
- 4) Follow HVA on your social media and share good news
- 5) Encourage your family and friends to send their children to HVA—as students

Development Report

Update 2020-2021*

Annual Giving Goals*

Fund Name	Goal	Received
Annual Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$715.42
ASSIST	\$ 3,600.00	\$550.00
Campus Improvement Fund	\$ 15,000.00	
Class of 2021	Varies	\$121.00
DeHaan Scholarship Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$60,325.00
Athletics/Gymnastics Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$2,500.00
HVA Cafeteria	Varies	\$250.00
Karen Minner Scholarship Fund	Varies	\$500.00
Music Dept	\$ 5,000.00	\$200.00
Professional Development Program	Varies	\$4,388.00
STEM Trust Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$25,017.00
Worthy Student Fund	\$ 370,000.00	\$183,884.25
Grand Giving Total		<u>\$278,450.67</u>

*Data as of 12.14.2020

Thank you for giving generously this year in helping over 60% of the HVA student body with scholarships! Annually HVA gives out over \$400,000 in scholarships!

Join the Tartan Spirit Giving Club today!

Would you like to show your support monthly by giving to the Worthy Student Fund , DeHaan Scholarship Fund or other funds to provide a monthly impact on both current and future HVA Students? Join the **Tartan Spirit Giving Club** by committing to making an monthly gift to your fund of choice. Sign-up by going to our giving page:

www.highlandviewacademy.com/giving and indicate you want to support monthly! Thank you for making an impact in a HVA student's life!

Pandemic Frontline Workers

Salute to the Nursing Professionals—Alumni who serve

First Name	Maiden Name	Last Name	Class Yr	Occupation	Location
Kristen	Bergstrom	Cook	1991	RN	NC
Kim	Miles	Bennett	1993	RN	MD
Jennifer	Calhoun	De Trinidad	2010	RN	TX
Kari	Locke	Currie	2002	RN	MA
Monica	Hickman	Wooton	1990	RN	UT
Kristen	Strahle	Pangborn	1995	RN	MD
Megan	Davis	Nyack	2005	RN	MD
Kristin	Thomas	George	2004	RN	WV
Tony		Di Pinto	1993	RN	NV
Felicia		Ford	2001	RN	MD
Veronica	Van Gils	Rivas	1994	RN	CO
Kartini	Van Gils	Maxson	1997	RN	CA
Angie	Dennison	Brown	1993	RN	MD
Ashley	Distan	Richburg	2011	RN	MD
Danielle	Meadows	McCain	2012	RN	MD
Ashley	Bucklew	Williams	2002	RN	MD
Brianne		Ford	2011	RN	PA
Tiffany		Chelsey	1983	RN	SC
Tammi		Huntzberry	1981	RN	MD
Katrina	Huntzberry	Bishop	1987	RN	MD
Jessica	Callahan	Tulloch	2012	RN/Clinical Coordinator	DE
Ansley	Howe	Heiburg	2003	RN/Midwife	MD

These other nurses are currently serving on the frontlines of the pandemic—Join us in thanking them and all the other professionals* who serve in the face of COVID-19. Do you know more? —let the alumni office know so we can recognize them. *Other pros to be mentioned in future alumni news.

Other Alumni Updates.....

Doreen (Johnson) Negley '73 and husband Lynn moved to Indiana about 5 years ago when they retired to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She is excited to be there and to begin working on her honor class reunion in 2023—soon to be 50 years since her high school years.

Naomi (DeMott) Herndon '83 recently wrote in to let us know that she still lives in Virginia and got married in 2014.

Why I Give - HVA Donor Stories



Shared by by E. Lonnie Melashenko '64 John D. Rockefeller hoarded and amassed billions of dollars. In his lifetime he was without peer. The youngest, wealthiest man in the world. Also the most hated. How? Making life miserable upon the backs of the poor wretches bearing the burdens of his tortuous journey to become the biggest, best and wealthiest. But old stingy John D. Rockefeller became so obsessed with wealth and worry and wickedness that he couldn't eat. Couldn't sleep. It rotted him to the core. He lost his health. He was miserable. Literally dying. Eating nothing but Pablum and crackers. Doctors said he'd likely die before the year ended. Pain and misery. Like computer billionaire

Steve Jobs -- he hated it. So...He panicked. As John D. lay awake thinking and worrying about his enormous empire and wealth -- one night he had an amazing serendipitous epiphany! He couldn't take one thin dime with him when he died. What to do? He decided to give it away. He became one of the world's greatest philanthropists. Showering millions on the poor and disenfranchised. His contributions to research and medical institutions provided funding for the discovery of life-saving inventions to cure diseases like smallpox and diphtheria. He also helped with polio vaccination. Oh! And this: True story. As a result, Rockefeller lived to be 60. Then 70. Then 80. Then 90. He died at the incredible age of 97. He became healthy again. (For more info check out his story in Wikipedia) So what? Well! In my 73-year lifetime, since graduating from Mt. Aetna Academy in 1964 I've discovered something from John D. Rockefeller's poignant pedigree. The key to happiness is not getting, **but giving**. Jeannie and I (class of '64) exist right now on a most-modest preacher's retirement salary. Hardly enough. You'd be shocked and wonder how we survive. Yet God has miraculously multiplied it exponentially so we're GIVING philanthropically. Like John D. Rockefeller I, too, have encountered too many medical exigencies to enumerate. Including facing death by cancer; AVM; Prostate cancer and melanoma. Even threats on my life. No problem! Hey! We can't begin to describe the joy and sense of purpose in GIVING AWAY OUR MONEY. No, it's not much. But God is good. All the time. And to give to our Alma Mater and reach out to help students and teachers there in Hagerstown -- we don't know their names or what careers those kids may embrace after graduation--but we give anyway. Oh! May I whisper a secret? Look at me! And Jeannie, too. Reared in poverty. Too poor to afford tuition at HVA. During my lifetime both Jeannie and I were recipients of "charity" and some "Worthy Student" gifts on more than one occasion. Especially since our parents couldn't afford the enormous tuition rates for Church School, Academy, College and Graduate School. **So Worthy Student charity changed my life**. Changed my future. Changed the lives of all 4 of my brothers (who also attended HVA). Changed our horizons. Eternally. **That's why I choose to give, too**. To bless others. I want my legacy to continue, too--by investing in the Bank of Heaven. The dividends and payoffs are "out of this world!"



**Register today for the Tartan 5K Run 2021 - April 18, 2021
Both in-person and Virtual Runs available**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Hagerstown/Tartan5kRun>



HVA Golf Open 2021

will take place on April 16, 2021.

Register your 4-member golfing team today on the alumni page!

<https://www.highlandviewacademy.com/alumni>

Your past participation in these 2 events raised over \$2000 for Worthy Student Fund scholarships for HVA students.

Thank You!

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Alumni Weekend - April 16-18, 2021

**Double Honor Classes: 1955-1956, 1960-1961, 1965-1966, 1970-1971,
1975-1976, 1980-1981, 1985-1986, 1990-1991, 1995-1996, 2000-2001,
2005-2006, 2010-2011, 2015-2016, 2020-2021 New Alumni**

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