

Hi, my name is Taylor Hayes and I am the President of the Nurses Alumni Organization here at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate you on your graduation from the School of Nursing and welcome you as an alum. We know that this isn't the graduation ceremony that you hoped for but we still wanted to acknowledge your hard work and success.

If you're not familiar with the Nurse Alumni Organization, it was founded in 1927 by the first graduating class of the School of Nursing here in Madison. We promote fellowship and recognition among the alumni; we work with the School of Nursing to advance its programs and to further the high standards of professional nursing education. We also assist students by providing scholarships and recognizing academic achievement.

We would like to encourage all of you to become actively involved with the Alumni Organization. We need you and are counting on you to continue to build the foundation laid by generations of nursing graduates from the University of Wisconsin.

There's a number of ways that you can become involved and stay connected with the School of Nursing:

- You can build a network of other graduates to increase your connections and meet new people.
- Help plan or attend our signature events like the annual homecoming tailgate party, the fall career fair, graduation celebrations or the pinning ceremony.
- Each year the Alumni Organization salutes alumni who have made significant contributions to the nursing profession.
- We recognize students who exemplify the school's legacy of excellence in nursing leadership for such things as teaching, scholarship, clinical practice, nursing leadership, research, community service, or alumni participation.
- Maybe you would like to join the board to continue to develop your leadership skills by sharing your ideas for improving our alumni association

If you would like to participate or need more information as to how you can help, please reach out to us at alumni@son.wisc.edu or you can find us on the School of Nursing website by searching Nursing Alumni Organization or NAO

Nurses have always answered the call to serve their communities during times of crisis. In these unprecedented times this is true more than ever. On May 6th we observe National Nurses Day. The day is intended to raise awareness of nurses' contributions and commitments, and to acknowledge the critical role nurses play in society. Never before can I recall a time when nurses have been in the limelight as much as we are today. We are a proud profession and you will make a difference. Congratulations again on your accomplishment and as always, On Wisconsin!