

## Alumni Leader Panel

**Brenda M. Afzal, MS '99, BSN '98, RN** has been instrumental in several initiatives during her community public health career, including environmental health education, advocacy and leadership development. Afzal has worked at the state and federal levels to develop nurses' capacity to engage effectively in environmental health policy and advocacy efforts. She has had extensive advocacy and leadership training with both the League of Conservation Voters' Leadership Environmental Leadership Institute and the National Advocacy Academy in Washington, D.C.; through a yearlong fellowship in the Maryland Non-Profit Advocacy Leadership Training program; and via the Rockwood Leadership Institute's The Art of Leadership retreat.



Afzal has a special interest in children's environmental health, drinking water issues, climate change and chemical policy. She has employed her environmental health expertise concerning drinking water issues while participating on national advisory committees for the National Safe Drinking Water Advisory Council and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as an alternate on the State Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council. Afzal has served on the National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures Policies and Practices Work Group, co-leading the committee on secondary prevention. She is a member of the executive board of the Children's Environmental Health Network, serves on the board of Clean and Healthy New York and was a founding board member of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments.

**Megan Hayden, MS '06, BSN '04, RN**, has worked as an emergency department nurse since graduating with her bachelor's degree, throughout her master's program and after graduation. After graduating from the master's program in community and public health nursing, she worked as a community health nurse in the communicable disease division for Howard County Health Department. Hayden later became a community health nurse supervisor at the Anne Arundel County Department of Health and then program manager for the Communicable Disease and Immunization Divisions. She then worked as a civilian public health nurse for the U.S. Army before joining the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to work for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Today, Hayden continues to serve as a lieutenant in the Commissioned Corps as a nurse consultant for CMS. She is board-certified as a clinical nurse specialist in community and public health nursing and is also certified in public health by the National Board of Public Health Examiners. Hayden is kept busy in her personal life by her husband and two children—a 7-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter.



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**Calvert Moore, DNP, MS '11, RN, APHN-BC**, was born and raised in Baltimore and has been a registered nurse for 10 years. Moore has an associate degree in nursing from Baltimore City Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, a master's degree in the Community and Public Health Nursing specialty from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Chatham University. She is also a board certified public health nurse. Moore has worked in a number of specialty areas including medical surgical, telemetry, intermediate care, intensive care and post anesthesia care. As a certified nursing assistant, she had the opportunity to care for patients in their homes.



Currently, Moore runs a hospital-based community health program where she develops health programs for area schools. She is adjunct nursing faculty for the RN-to-BSN program at UMSON. Moore is also a published author, and her latest book, *The Dynamics of the Parent/Child Relationship: The Effects on One's Life* is available on Amazon.com. She is a motivational speaker and consultant, and she facilitates a number of workshops and seminars for various organizations and individuals.

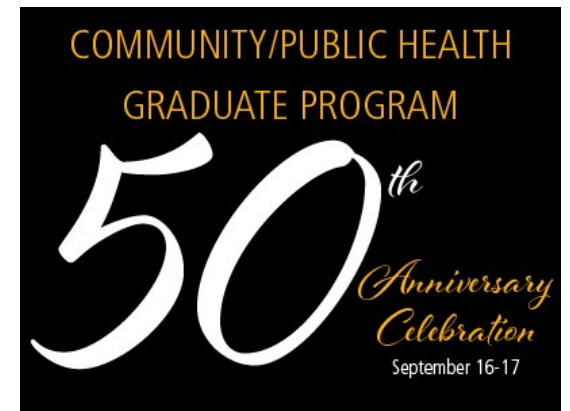
Moore serves on several committees and taskforces throughout the community including those at the hospital in which she currently works, MedStar Harbor Hospital, Baltimore City Health Department, local schools, the University of Maryland, and various community organizations. In 2014, as a result of her hard work and dedication, she was recognized by *Baltimore* magazine as the first person ever to receive the publication's Nursing Excellence Award in the category of school health.

### *Thank you to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee*

**Marlene Cianci, PhD, MS '66, BSN '65**  
**Crystal DeVance-Wilson, MS '06, MBA, BSN '00, PHCNS-BC**, Clinical Instructor, USG, UMSON  
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**Jeanette Jones, MS '70, RN**  
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## Alumni Speaker

**Carolyn Nganga-Good, MS '07, BSN** is a registered nurse and public health practitioner with more than 14 years of experience. She is a health programs bureau administrator with the Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of HIV/STD services. She is responsible for managing HIV/STD testing programs in various settings. She is among the 25 public health nurses (the only one from Maryland) selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Nurse Leader Program. Her project for this leadership program focuses on enumerating and characterizing the Maryland public health nursing workforce and highlighting how nurses are leading in building a culture of health to improve population health outcomes. She is also pursuing a doctorate degree in public health. Her research interests include health policy, social determinants of health and health promotion, HIV-related health disparities, social justice, and health systems strengthening.



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**Marlene Cianci, PhD, MS'66, BSN'65, RN**, earned a DIN from Abington Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Abington, PA. She continued her nursing education in the RN-to-BSN program at University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON). In 1964, Dean Florence Gipe established the MS Program with a specialty in public health nursing, and encouraged her to apply. Cianci went on to become the first student to complete that degree in February 1966. She joined the UMSON faculty as an assistant to Dr. Martha Borlick, teaching in the graduate program, and later, served as RN advisor at the University of Maryland, College Park. Additionally, Cianci served as president of Pi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, from 1966-1968. After a nine-year hiatus to raise three children, Cianci was lured to George Mason University, by Dr. Evelyn Cohelan, former head of the UMSON graduate programs, and founder of the nursing program at GMU. Cianci remained at GMU for 21 years, teaching community health and senior seminar courses and serving as coordinator of clinical placements. While at GMU, Cianci earned a certificate in international nursing and a PhD in nursing history.



Since retiring in 1999, Cianci has pursued learning-in-retirement courses at the Johns Hopkins University, has become a certified Master Gardener through the University of Maryland Extension, and has continued volunteering in the community.

## Schedule of Events

9 a.m.

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
Main Lobby, School of Nursing

10 a.m.

**Program**  
Room 140, School of Nursing

### Welcome

*Pat McLaine, DrPh, MPH, RN*  
Assistant Professor, Family and Community Health  
Director, Community and Public Health Nursing Master's  
Specialty

### Remarks

*Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN*  
Dean and Professor

### Alumni Speaker

*Carolyn Nganga-Good, MS '07, BSN '05, RN*

11 a.m.

**Break**

11:15 a.m.

**Alumni Leader Panel**  
*Crystal DeVance-Wilson, MS '06, MBA, BSN '00,*  
*PHCNS-BC, RN, Moderator*  
Clinical Instructor, Universities at Shady Grove

12:15 noon

**Closing Remarks**

12:20 p.m.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group Photo**  
Main Lobby, School of Nursing

12:30 p.m.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon**  
Southern Management Corporation Campus Center  
Elm Ballroom B

2 p.m.

**Living History Museum tour**  
Second floor, School of Nursing  
**Photo & Media Exhibit**  
Room 150, School of Nursing

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**Jeanette Jones, MS '70, RN**, was born an identical twin in Suffolk, Virginia. As a Girl Scout for 16yrs, Jones developed a keen interest in nursing. A graduate of the first nursing class at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, Jones' first position after graduation was with the Virginia Department of Health in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she practiced community health nursing for four years. She pursued graduate studies at UMSON to become a nurse educator. While she was a student, Jones was employed by the Baltimore County Health Department as a nurse manager. After graduation she joined the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, where she taught community health nursing for 25 years. Throughout her nursing career, Jones used the values of health promotion and disease prevention across the lifespan to guide her while practicing and teaching. In her own life, she sought health promotion through fitness, which included playing competitively in the United States Tennis Association League; she has participated in several national championship tournaments over the past 40 years.



Additionally, Jones assisted her parents with maximizing their independence and promoting quality of life during the last decade of their lives. Her parents moved to Richmond from Suffolk in 2000 to live together until brief illnesses resulted in both of their deaths. Jones is passionate about healthy nutrition and physical fitness. She volunteers with the Arthritis Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and serves on UMSON's Board of Visitors.



**Laura Culbertson, MS '86, BSN '79, RN**, took a course during her master's degree program at the University of Maryland that gave her a foundation in organizational and community theory. At the same time, she had the opportunity to work in home care on the weekends, and her caseload placed her on Baltimore's west side. This gave her insight into the role caregivers have in the health of the community. Early in her career, Culbertson founded a community health center, a partnership between Union Memorial and the Govans Neighborhood Association. A community needs assessment indicated that health care access was an issue for the residents of this community; this was Culbertson's introduction to a core function of public health in assessing census tract data. Today, she works for the Baltimore County Department of Health, where she has worked for more than ten years. She manages the quality improvement division as it prepares for their Public Health Accreditation Board application process. Culbertson says her master's degree gave her a solid foundation in theory and research in community health nursing. Additionally, she has used her minor in education to work effectively with various levels of students throughout her career. She adds that a strong connection to educational partners is of vital importance to public health.