

California Endowment-AACN 2006 Nurse Faculty Scholarship Awardees



Mrs. **Sunny Yim-Alpers**, RN, MSN, NP, was born and educated in liberal arts in South Korea and immigrated to the US in 1980. Since then, she has been involved in the nursing profession for over 20 years. She is currently practicing as an FNP in a community clinic for under-served populations. She also teaches nursing students, bringing a multi-cultural perspective of patient care into the classroom. At the University of San Diego, she is currently working on her PhD, focusing on the application of Tai Chi to Health Promotion and Illness Prevention.

Maria Lourdes G. Bayog, BSN, is an MSN Student at the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing with a specialty in Advanced Community Health and International Nursing. She received her BSN from the University of San Francisco, Class of 2000. Maria is a Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation 2006 Fellow.



Rita R. Callahan, MA, BSN, RN, graduated from San Diego State University, earning her BSN degree; two years later, graduated from the University of Phoenix with her MA degree, and is presently working on her PhD degree at the University of San Diego. Rita enjoys writing and contributed personal essays to *Touched By a Nurse*, a published book about special nursing moments that transform lives. She was an issue editor as well as writer for articles in the Home Health Care Management and Practice Journal- Aspen Publishers.

Erik V. Carter, BSN, RN, CCRN, received his ASN from Cypress College and his BSN from the University of Phoenix. He has earned both Adult CCRN certification and his PHN certificate. Erik's areas of interest are cardiovascular nursing and nursing education. He is a member of the national and local chapters of the American Association of Critical Care Nursing, and a member of the AAHFN. Erik is currently pursuing his Master's Degree at the University of California San Francisco.



Denise Dawkins, RN, BSN, is the Nursing Skills Lab Coordinator, part-time clinical lecturer and Master's student at California State University, Bakersfield. She received her diploma in nursing in 1983 from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, and graduated from the City University of New York, Hunter College with a Bachelors of Science with honors in 1989. Denise's professional experience includes Medical -Surgical, CCU, Neonatal ICU, PACU and clinical trial research nursing.



Elena Flowers, MSN, graduated from the University of California Davis with a degree in psychology in 2001. In 2003 she enrolled in the Master's Entry Program in Nursing at the University of California San Francisco, and obtained her Registered Nurse license in 2004. She works at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City on the Cardiac Surveillance Unit and is completing her Master's of Science in Nursing with a specialty in Cardiovascular and Genomic Nursing. She lives in Oakland, California with her husband and two dogs.

Joseph Morris, CNS, GNP, received a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, Masters of Science in Gerontological Nursing (Clinical Nurse Specialist), and Post-Masters Certification (Geriatric Nurse Practitioner) from the University of Michigan. He is currently pursuing his PhD at UCLA, and his area of interest is "Disruptive Behaviors in African-American Older Adults with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias." Joseph's other areas of interest include: teaching, program development, and community outreach.



Robert Pope, MSN, RN, is a PhD student in the school of Physiological Nursing at the University of California San Francisco. He is a John A. Hartford scholar whose focus is on Older African Americans and Substance Abuse. A recently completed Pilot Study on this topic produced interesting findings and an abstract titled: "The Media and Substance Abuse in Older African Americans."

Charlotte Stoudmire, MS, PHNCCM, RN, began her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse in OB/GYN and Medical/Surgical nursing. She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing in 1978, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1988, and a Masters in Nursing degree from the University of Phoenix in 1997. Charlotte is presently pursuing her PhD in Nursing from the University of San Diego. In the past twenty-six years she has obtained a wide range of experiences in psychiatric nursing, clinical research, education, management, program development, forensic nursing, quality improvement, case management, and legal nurse consulting. Charlotte is presently the College of Health and Human Services Nursing College Chair for the San Diego Campus of the University of Phoenix.

