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I never knew how much I could accomplish.

The people are amazing. You’re surrounded by the best.

It was a great year to be part of the University.

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I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished, and I look to the future with great anticipation. This University means so much to so many people.

I’ve always believed that if a university isn’t moving forward, it’s falling behind. It’s also doing a disservice to students, faculty, alumni, and the community itself. That’s why in 2013, just like in our previous 98 years, we made tremendous strides to not just keep our university current but to stay a step ahead of the rapidly evolving world of healthcare professional education.

This year, the College of Nursing revised the MSN Nurse Administrator Program in an innovative executive format — classes will be held one weekend every three weeks for twenty months in 2014. This allows graduate students to advance their educations while maintaining their current careers. Upon completion, students are awarded a Master’s Degree from ResU that is sure to put them on the fast-track to leadership. When the first class convenes this January, Resurrection University will become the first — and only — university in Illinois to offer a Master’s Nurse Administrator Program in an executive format.

In the College of Allied Health, our Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) program continued to expand. Enrollment doubled in 2013. It’s estimated that 80% of healthcare providers will have a Clinical Documentation Specialist on staff by the end of 2014 and by 2017 as many as 50,000 new HIIM related jobs will be created. Needless to say, Resurrection University is well positioned to prepare students for a career in what is widely recognized as one of healthcare’s fastest growing fields.

The growth of our HIIM program is proof positive that healthcare is going digital and paper is going away. This year’s Annual Report is a great example. For the first time in our history, more copies of our Annual Report will be distributed in a digital format than printed.

So what does the future hold for Resurrection University? Rest assured that if it’s happening in the world of healthcare, it will be happening here.

In 2014 we will be celebrating our College of Nursing’s Centennial Anniversary. It’s a tribute to the great thinkers who came before us and the bold plans we’re making to continue their legacy.

Once again, I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished by working together and I look to the future with great anticipation.

Beth A. Brooks, PhD, RN, FACHE
President, Resurrection University
Who’s who at ResU?

We conducted a student census Fall 2013 and discovered a student body rich with diversity.

- 462 Students
- Average Age: 31
- 14% Men
- 26% Presence Health Employees

Our Mission

Resurrection University prepares students for professional healthcare careers and provides undergraduate and graduate learning experiences that integrate personal and professional growth, compassionate service and scholarly activities.
January marked the beginning of a new era. After 98 years in Oak Park, we moved into our new home at Presence Saint Elizabeth Hospital in the heart of Chicago’s historic Wicker Park neighborhood. Instruction at the new facility began on January 7, 2013 and a formal ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 13, 2013 with Bishop Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Chicago, who blessed the campus.

Our new campus is remarkable and the shops, cafes and restaurants that make Wicker Park one of the most popular neighborhoods in Chicago, are just steps away. It was a move that will keep our University moving forward.

On the first floor you’ll find our student lounge. It’s open 24/7 and has quickly become a favorite place for students to meet, socialize and study. Our new library is located next to the student lounge and offers an updated collection specific to areas of student interests, as well as expanded online resources that serve our diverse population. New classrooms, an advanced simulation learning center, faculty and administration offices are located on floors 6, 7, and 8. Classrooms feature the advanced technologies you would expect from a world-class university — including Apple TV — and the advanced simulation center is three times the size of our previous lab.

Our new campus has been designed to meet the needs of students today and tomorrow.

Campus Highlights:

- Our building has received LEED-Certification for Commercial Interiors from the US Green Building Council based on its energy performance, waste management, use of low-emitting paints and coatings and the use of local and regional products
- Our new campus includes 44 offices, 10 classrooms, and a state-of-the-art simulation learning center — 37,700 square feet on four floors
Our New Advanced Simulation Center is as real as it gets.

It was designed to allow students to put classroom instruction to the test under “real-world” conditions using actual hospital and clinic equipment. The center features four hospital beds with adult human simulators, one bassinet with an infant human simulator, and five exam tables to resemble clinics and private medical offices. If it happens in practice, chances are we can simulate it right here.

Our Learning Community volunteered, donated time, raised money, and made a difference.

Our Staff Advisory Organization (SAO) collects donations every semester for charitable organizations through our “Denim Friday Program.” Employees donate an amount of their choosing to wear denim on Fridays and we donate the funds to various charities including local food banks and women’s shelters.

ResU staff, students and alumni also participated in the American Heart Association’s Heart Walk helping raise money to fund their incredible work.

When employees and students need us most, we’re there to help.

In keeping with the Mission of Resurrection University, we created the CARES Fund to assist employees and students who experience sudden, urgent financial hardship. The CARES Fund allows us to treat every member of the Resurrection University family like family.
2013 was another wonderful year for the College of Nursing. We continued to grow and expand in ways which enrich our teaching, scholarship, and student success. Five new electives were added this year to the Baccalaureate curriculum — Adolescent Health and Welfare, Complimentary & Alternative Medical Practices, Nurse as Advocate, Urban Health, and Nurse: Healer, Harlot, Handmaiden, and Hero.

Six new service opportunities emerged so our students could participate in health fairs, support disabled persons in the community, and interact with the elderly. Some of these service opportunities were proposed, developed and implemented by the students themselves. Of the colleges and universities with nursing programs across the country, only five percent involve students in undergraduate research. Resurrection University is included in that five percent.

Faculty and staff service is also increasing and now covers almost every aspect of human services and health care. Students and faculty are engaged in research related to teaching, learning, spiritual care and support, safety in patient care, and fostering a good learning environment.

The success of our graduates is also evident in the pass rates demonstrated on the licensure and certification examinations, employment rates and continuing formal education. For me it was a year filled with pride...for our faculty, our staff, our students and our alumni. Together we accomplished great things and our future continues to look bright.

Sandie Soldwisch, PhD, APN, ANP-BC
Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the College of Nursing
We’re continuing to partner with Concordia University Chicago to offer joint degree programs.

It's the continuation of the partnership designed to help students who are just starting their college careers. Concordia University Chicago’s undergraduate students spend their first two years taking pre-professional, general education, and rigorous science courses to prepare them for applying to the Nursing program or the Health Informatics and Information Management program at Resurrection University. Graduates receive a degree from both institutions and are well prepared for successful careers in nursing or health informatics.

Male nurses are more than a trend.

In 1983, just 4.8% of registered nurses were men. By 2006 that number reached 8.9%. In 2012, men in the nursing profession hit double digit levels: 11.5%. There’s no reason to expect this trend to change in the future. With demand for RNs increasing, we’re confident we will continue to see men pursuing these dynamic career opportunities.
Our Health Informatics and Information Management program made tremendous strides in 2013. Most notable is our enrollment which actually doubled. We also introduced an innovative Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program with instruction that is offered entirely online. For traditional students we continue to provide the best of both worlds — a hybrid approach to education with half online instruction and half offered in the classroom.

One of our key initiatives this past year was to move from the ICD-9 to the ICD-10 coding system which is a national initiative that will begin in 2014. Staying a step ahead of the technology is vital to our success. Of course, as much as we’ve grown over the past year, we continue to offer students the personalized attention that ResU is famous for. I know our students by name and they know me. That’s the way it should be.

Catherine McIlwain, MS&Ed, RHIA
HIIM Program Director
College of Allied Health
The information revolution is happening here.

Our HIIM program is designed with the needs of future health information management professionals in mind. We help students prepare for a career that will transform healthcare information into digital form, making it possible for organizations to share information across healthcare systems worldwide.

Our HIIM program is fully accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM).

HIIM graduates can sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam. We’ve also created a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program that allows students who already have a Bachelor’s Degree to take core classes, earn their certificate and sit for the RHIA exam.
Nurses are increasingly expected to prioritize the care of their patients, openly communicating with other healthcare professionals to ensure optimal patient outcomes. Current research indicates that collaborative relationships among nurses and physicians result in improved patient outcomes and less fragmentation of care.

In order to build collaborative relationships, select Nurse Practitioner students and second year Medical Residents at Presence St. Joseph Hospital collaborate on clinical research. Each of the five teams this year have identified areas of mutual interest, designed studies that will provide needed information and improve care, and learned patient care from another perspective.

What we offer is true collaboration — everyone is on an equal footing. Residents learn just how much the graduate nursing students know — and how much they impact patient outcomes — and nursing students learn about how to better work with physicians in real-world situations. Both learn how to conduct clinical research.

The end result is more than valuable research. It’s an improved learning environment developing the critical nursing skills that are essential for advanced nursing practice. It’s better for patients, better for physicians, and remarkably better for our graduate students.

Dr. Lynda Crawford, PhD, RN
Assistant Dean of Research and Scholarship Scholarly Research
100% of our faculty are involved in scholarly research activities.

How does collaborative research really work? Take a closer look. This is how our graduate Nurse Practitioner students team with second year Medical Residents at Presence St. Joseph Hospital to approach a project.

- Nurse Practitioner students and Medical Residents establish an area they want to study — this year is focused on Internal Medicine.
- A literature search is conducted to identify what research is needed.
- The project is submitted to the appropriate IRBs (Institutional Review Boards) for approval.
- Upon IRB approval, data are collected and then analyzed.
- Nurse Practitioner students present their findings to the Resurrection University Learning Community before graduation.
- Nurse Practitioner students and Medical Residents work to have projects published in medical and nursing journals.

Clinical research and research in education contribute to a culture of Evidence-Based Practice at Resurrection University. Our team of Nurse Practitioner students and Medical Residents continue to improve collaboration while obtaining the valuable information that leads to optimal patient outcomes. Working together truly sets us apart.
Service Learning Chicago is all about serving the communities we call home. This past year undergraduate nursing students went out into the community to places such as Catholic Charities Health Fairs, Centro Nuestro, The Irish American Heritage Center, St Leonard’s Ministries, and the Ronald McDonald House. According to Program Director Maureen Kelly, “Volunteering in local community programs is about earning respect and being asked to come back because you truly made a difference.”

Service Learning Chicago is more than applying what is taught in the classroom and at clinicals, it’s about broadening perspectives. Kelly explains, “The class teaches students to be aware of their community. As the class progresses there is a definite change in the students’ outlook.” Often, after being asked to find one volunteer opportunity, students go above and beyond by working with two or more organizations.

You don’t just become a better nurse; you become a BETTER PERSON.
How we’re helping men and women get a fresh start on life at St. Leonard’s Ministries.

St. Leonard’s Ministries is a residential community that provides services and programming to men and women who have been recently released from the Illinois prison system. Residents are housed, fed, and receive job training to help prepare them for success. ResU undergraduate nursing students provide vital healthcare services at St. Leonard’s Ministries. This includes:

• Providing a thorough health exam and taking a complete health history (often the first residents have ever had)
• Making referrals for more advanced care
• Patient teaching
• Monitoring of chronic conditions
• Providing educational information to both residents and St. Leonard’s staff

Since August 2012, ResU students have managed over 160 clinic visits and have assisted more than 100 residents. Most residents have chronic diseases that need follow-up such as diabetes and fungal infections. Residents are often surprised that people are willing to take time out of their day to provide care, get to know them as people, and help them build a foundation for a healthy, successful future.

Caring for people is what our Service Learning students do best. “Compassionate service” isn’t just something we talk about in our Mission Statement. It’s a commitment that our students make real each and every day.
Student Services at Resurrection University includes the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), Counseling and Wellness Services, Career Services and Alumni Relations, Library Services, and the Student Government Organization (SGO).

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) provides tutors to help students in math and science, reading and writing, and nursing coursework. The goal of ACE is to ensure that students receive the support they need to achieve excellence in the classroom and in their chosen careers.

Counseling and Wellness Services gives students access to professional counselors who can help manage the complex personal issues students often face. Career Services and Alumni Relations offer ongoing guidance and career advice that prepares students for success in their healthcare careers.

The Student Government Organization (SGO) offers students a voice within the University by linking students to the faculty and administration. Information is communicated directly and ideas are exchanged freely so students can see that their thoughts and concerns are heard and respected. Additionally, SGO held fundraisers for Catholic Charities and clothing and shoe drives to donate to those in the community surrounding ResU who are in need.
We're making Student Services better than ever by asking the people who know best.

What are we doing well? What could we be doing better? We want students to tell us exactly what they're thinking so we created an online suggestion box. Now students can share their ideas quickly.

Highlights from 2013:

- Expanded career services for both students and alumni
- Updated and expanded tutoring materials, library guides, and online training and learning modules for time management, dealing with stress, how to prepare for exams, etc.
- Added a Disability Services Coordinator and created a Disability Services committee
- Created a ResU LinkedIn page with more than 200 members added since its inception
- Revamped new student orientation and added Welcome Week at the start of each semester

Career Services @ Work.

Career Services and Alumni Relations provides support to students and alumni in developing career and job-related skills. The office provides:

- Resume reviews
- Goal setting, guidance and counseling
- Practice interviews
- Web-links to hiring organizations
- Seminars in professionalism
- Alumni activities, workshops and networking
One of the greatest measures of a University’s success is the success of its graduates. In our most recent employment survey forwarded to the Classes of 2010-2013, graduates reported obtaining employment at numerous prestigious Chicagoland hospitals including:

- Presence Health (Saint Joseph, Saint Mary of Nazareth, Our Lady of Resurrection)
- Advocate Health Care
- LaRabida Children’s Hospital
- Loyola University Medical Center
- Lurie Children’s Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Rush University Medical Center

Based on this August 2013 survey, 73% of alumni have found direct employment in the healthcare field, of those 88% work in hospitals and the remaining 12% in clinics, home care and VAs.

Just as our Mission states: “Resurrection University prepares students for professional healthcare careers...”

Just ask our alumni who are building these careers throughout Chicagoland.

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LinkedIn
Career Services and Alumni Relations launched a LinkedIn page in 2013 and already more than 200 graduates, current students, and recruiters are members.
It’s been a journey filled with achievements, milestones, and remarkable people. In 1914, the commitment to excellence in nursing education started at West Suburban Hospital. Over the years the College of Nursing has made many changes, impacted many lives, and launched many successful careers. That’s why, this May, we’re going to take time to reflect on a century of making a difference.

May 2 – 4 the Resurrection University family will come together to celebrate the past, present, and future of our College of Nursing. For more information about our 100th Anniversary visit resu.edu/100

100th Anniversary Weekend Celebration Details

**Friday, May 2**
2:00 pm • College of Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare
7:00 pm • Homecoming Class Reunions
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

**Saturday, May 3**
10:00 am • Commencement Ceremony
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont
2-4 pm • Mission Fair
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare
7:00 pm • Celebration Dinner
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

**Sunday, May 4**
11:00 am • Prayer Service
Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O’Hare

A nursing icon welcomes a football icon. We’re proud to announce NFL Hall of Famer and Chicago legend Mike Singletary as our keynote speaker at our Celebration Dinner. Visit resu.edu/100 for ticket information.
Gifts to Resurrection University allow us to improve virtually every aspect of everything we do. From our facilities to our technologies to our capabilities, these investments have a tremendous impact on today’s students as well as tomorrow’s.

The President’s Fund: This critical fund allows our President to rapidly respond to areas of opportunity as they arise. This helps keep our University current with the world of the healthcare.

Service Learning Fund: Service Learning is a critical component of our students’ education. This fund supports student and faculty travel and necessary medical equipment and supplies.

The College of Nursing Dean’s Fund: This fund was created to keep our graduate and undergraduate nursing programs on the cutting-edge of the nursing profession.

The College of Allied Health Dean’s Fund: This fund provides scholarships that make it possible for talented students to pursue educations in health informatics and information management.

A FEW OF OUR SCHOLARSHIPS
President’s Community Scholarship – Two scholarships per semester for one year (two semesters) to a student enrolled in our BSN pre-licensure or HIIM program who attended a City College of Chicago.
Alumni Scholarship Fund – This nursing scholarship is available to juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time. It is awarded on the basis of merit and need.
University Scholarship – This nursing scholarship is available to juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time. It is awarded on the basis of superior academic achievement, clinical qualities, scholarship, professionalism and leadership.
President’s Scholarship – All newly admitted and continuing students (including MSN students) are considered each year for the President’s Scholarship. The President’s Scholarship is awarded on the basis of a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.

For information about making a donation to one of our funds or scholarships, contact Matt Hughes at matthew.hughes@resu.edu or call (773) 252-5310.
Financial Information

Revenues: $9,002,000

- Student Tuition and Fees: 93.3%
- External Support: 5.6%
- Auxiliary Services/Other: 1.1%

Expenditures: $8,602,000

- Instruction: 38.3%
- Mission and Administration: 26.8%
- Student Services: 8.1%
- Advertising/Marketing/Recruiting: 7.3%
- Rent: 6.6%
- Financial Aid: 4.9%
- Enrollment Management: 4.6%
- Instructional Technology: 3.4%

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We continue to invest in our future collaboration, creativity, and personal initiative. It's like being part of a family that's always there for you.

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