Letter from the Board of Trustee President

Your generosity offers nursing scholars the opportunity to change the world.

The MNRS Foundation was established in 2007 to ensure MNRS members have access to funding and more than a decade later, donors continue to generously give to support the future of nursing science. The Foundation is supported by gifts of all sizes and the Board of Trustees wants to assure you that each gift has an impact! Due to your generous gifts and donations the MNRS Foundation was able to grant seven MNRS members with grant funding in 2020. The 2020 grant recipients were Laura Beth Kalvas, Alexandra Nowak, Jennifer Kowalkowski, Ashjan Babgi, Yun Jiang, Katie Donahue, and Grant Pignatiello. Your support provided these scientists with funding to study patient outcomes in fields as varied as gerontology, pediatrics, cancer care, and epigenetics.

This past year was transformative to nursing, research, MNRS and the Foundation. While we all quickly transformed our daily lives in the midst of a global pandemic, MNRS and the MNRS Foundation continued to provide nursing researchers and practitioners with opportunities to foster and share research. MNRS hosted the annual research conference on a virtual platform where the MNRS Foundation announced the 2020 grant award winners. While the two major conference fundraisers were not an option in 2020, MNRS members continued to support the Foundation with more than $3,250 in donations, and $1,304 in purchased raffleless raffle tickets. Many thanks to Fundraising Committee Chair, Dr. Janet Larson, and the whole committee for pivoting and providing alternative options to support nursing research and practice. We could not have achieved success without your dedication and service to MNRS.

Please be sure to visit the website and help us build a brilliant community today. Your generosity will have immense impact – just ask Laura Beth, Ashjan, Grant, or any of this year’s grant recipients!

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- Annual Conference Fundraising: 12%
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The Legacy Circle is a group of special individuals who have left a gift to the Midwest Nursing Research Society Foundation in their will or trust. We established the Legacy Circle so we can recognize your future gift today. Your Legacy Circle donation is the most lasting gift you can give to the Midwest Nursing Research Society Foundation.

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Lorraine Robbins, PhD, RN, FAAN
Michigan State University
Nominated by: Dr. Jiying Ling

CLICK HERE to watch the video of her nominator acknowledging her impact.
Building a BRILLIANT Community...
At the Annual Research Conference

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April 2020 Grant Award Winners

SEED GRANT
Yun Jiang, PhD, RN, MS
University of Michigan
Tolerance of Toxicities of Oral Anticancer Agents among Older Adults with Advanced Cancers

Founder’s Circle Endowment Dissertation Grant
Laura Beth Kalvas, MS, BSN, RN, PCCN
The Ohio State University
Sleep Disruption and Delirium in Critically Ill Children

Joseph and Jean Buckwalter Dissertation Grant
Ashjan Babgi, MSN
Wayne State University
Exploration of Help-Seeking Among Arab-American Women Who Have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence

Advocate/Aurora Health Dissertation Grant
Alexandra Nowak, JD, RN
The Ohio State University
Neighborhood Disorder and Epigenetic Regulation of Stress Pathways in Preterm Birth
April 2020 Grant Award Winners

**MNRS / CANS Grant**

Jennifer Kowalkoski, RN, MPH  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
*Examining the role of social support networks in farmer health*

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**MNRS / American Nurses Foundation (ANF) Research Grant**

Grant Pignatiello, PhD  
Case Western Reserve University  
*A Biobehavioral Exploration of Family Intensive Care Unit Syndrome*

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**MNRS / Sigma Research Grant**

Katie Donahue, MSN  
Saint Louis University  
*Experience of First-Time Breastfeeding in Rural Mothers*

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