

## **School of Nursing 2006 Distinguished Alumnae**

This year the SON Alumni Board had a number of wonderful nominations for 2006 Distinguished Alumni. After much discussion and deliberation the members voted on two outstanding individuals to receive the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award.

### **Mary Ann Glynn '76**

During her 30 years as a nurse leader in Massachusetts and Rhode Island , Mary Ann has consistently placed patients and families at the center of her work, building strong, collaborative leadership teams and creating environments that support exemplary nursing practice. Known for her compassionate, strong and visionary nurse leadership, Mary Ann Glynn has an outstanding record of accomplishment in organizational problem solving, strategic planning, performance improvement, health care financing, and program development and implementation. Recognized as an effective and experienced nurse executive, she has provided key leadership in turning around financially and clinically challenged health care institutions. In addition, she has a distinguished record of achievement in cardiology, critical care and patient care services. Recently Mary Ann assumed the position of Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services at Kent Hospital in Warwick , Rhode Island , the second largest hospital in Rhode Island with 359 beds and over \$209 million in annual revenues. Previously, she served as Vice President of Patient Care Services at Caritas Norwood Hospital in Norwood , MA .

### **Jean F. Rogers '78G**

An inspiration to nurse leaders and educators, Jean Rogers' professional career exemplifies extraordinary dedication and drive as well as a passionate commitment to nursing education and patient care. A recipient of numerous honors and awards, Jean Rogers began her career in 1947, when she earned her diploma from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. Initially working as a R.N., she left work in 1950 to start a family. At age 44 and a mother of five children, Jean decided to return to school. Six years later, she received her B.S. with honors in biology from Smith College , the first part-time student to achieve these honors at the college. She went on to receive her certificate as a Nurse Practitioner in 1977 and her M.S. in 1978, both from UMass Amherst School of Nursing. With the same energy, skill and determination, Jean took on a number of nursing educator and clinical positions. As a nurse practitioner at Northampton State Hospital from 1978 to 1992, she was responsible for the health and well-being of up to 100 psychiatric patients. During the same time, she also taught physical assessment at the University of Massachusetts Amherst School of Nursing, Elms College and Baystate Medical Center . From 1994 to 2000, she was an Adjunct Clinical Instructor in the UMass Amherst School of Nursing Nurse Practitioner program. Throughout her career—— and into her retirement—— Jean has always found ways to utilize her nursing education and experience to serve the health needs of the community, both local and global. In the late 1980's, she was an Emergency Medical Technician for several years. In 1997, at age 72, she traveled to Guatemala to work for a year at a health care clinic in a remote village. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, she went to work at a clinic in

Honduras . Locally, she has volunteered at the free health care clinic at College Church in Northampton since 1992 and provided health care to the homeless in Springfield since 2000. Now in her 80's, Jean Rogers is active in numerous professional nursing organizations and continues to be an inspiration because of her ongoing service and dedication to patient care, particularly the health care of underserved populations.