



## Letter from the *Advisory* Board Chair

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As we find ourselves in a global public health crisis, unseen for a century, now more than ever, the world is reminded of the importance of nursing. Our work supporting **FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing** has never been more relevant.

Nurses are always at the forefront, both in hospital settings and the community. As nurses around the world put their lives at risk in their service to humanity, we are reminded that nurses answer the call to care every single day. Nurses have a profound impact on patients at the most critical times of their lives. Nurses do not just help us survive, their commitment to caring gives patients hope. When loved ones cannot be near, nurses step in.

It is a privilege to support the education and development of student nurses – our future healthcare heroes.

The year 2020 has been filled with uncertainty. In her first year at the College, Dean Safiya George has proven to be an outstanding leader and community partner. She has made every effort to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. She also worked hard, in coordination with faculty and community partners, to educate and support the community through this pandemic, including offering contact tracing classes and providing PPE to some of the most medically vulnerable in our region.

It is a privilege to serve as ambassadors for the College of Nursing, whose faculty and students are rising to meet the needs of a world in crisis. Thank you for taking time to learn more about the College. We hope you'll join us in supporting this incredible local treasure.

Warmly,

**Terry Fedele**  
Chair, Advisory Board  
FAU's College of Nursing

### In Memoriam:

We mourn the loss of **Jay Van Vechten**, Vice Chair of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Advisory Board. A devoted husband, father and friend, Jay had extensive media and public relations experience that he used to create the largest, free, outdoor event in the country for people with disabilities - Boating & Beach Bash. The annual Boca Raton event honors and celebrates those who struggle with daily challenges. Jay's legacy lives on through those he inspired in his service to the community.

**John Shuff** passed away after complications from surgery. His wife, Margaret Mary Shuff, a College of Nursing advisory board member, was by his side. In 1981, the Shuffs started JES Publishing with its flagship magazine, *Boca Raton*. *Boca Raton* magazine and many other publications were at the core of John's life. He was passionate about their quality, their integrity, and their service to the community. The Shuffs understood their business was only as good as the community it served and reflected. The Shuffs are generous community supporters and long-time advocates of FAU's College of Nursing. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Society or FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.