This year marks the 75th anniversary of pastoral care at VCU Health, formerly known as MCV. In 1943, George Osmond became the first chaplain. Also, 2018 marks the 60th anniversary of CPE at VCU when Pat Prest became the first CPE Supervisor in 1958. To celebrate these milestones, we held a weekend of festivities that began on Friday night with a reception at Newton House ~ our former home, now resplendent after a multi-million dollar restoration.

Marlyne Cain (1972/CHP) looks on as Angela Duncan (MS ‘04, PhD ‘11/CHP) shares memories of the “old” Newton House in the now restored first floor parlor. Dr. Duncan is currently the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Community Engagement and former Interim Chair of Patient Counseling. [L-R Kathy Haut (MS ‘05/CHP), Angela Duncan, Ken Faulkner (Cert ‘85/CHP) and Tom David Siebert (MS ‘11/CHP).]
Under One Roof: The New Building for the College of Health Professions

On Saturday, we enjoyed a hard hat tour of our new home in the College of Health Professions building scheduled to open in 2019. Yes, I did say College. In May, our school’s name was officially changed from the School of Allied Health Professions to the College of Health Professions.

The new building provides an opportunity for generous gifts to honor important people in our history. A major gift by Katherine Lantz will name our new suite: The Robert B. Lantz Patient Counseling and Clinical Pastoral Education Suite. Friends and colleagues of Marlyne Cain have reached the 75% mark in an effort to name an office in Marlyne’s honor. We invite your help in reaching the 100% mark.
Skyline View

View from the Robert B. Lantz Patient Counseling and Clinical Pastoral Education Suite. Happy smiling faces overlooking the Richmond skyline. As much as we enjoyed the open-air view on this lovely spring day in April, we understand that windows will be installed before we make it our new home.

L-R: Lex Tartaglia, Katherine Lantz, Russell Davis, and Marlyne Cain.
History Published: The Prest Lecture, Saturday, April 21, 2018

Michael Kurtz unveiled his new book on the history of our department: *A Call to Service: The Department of Patient Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1943-2013*. Dr. Kurtz was commissioned to write this chronicle and was invited to present his findings at the Prest Lecture, a part of the 75th anniversary celebration.

Copies of the book are available free to those who send a donation of $55.00 or more. Make your gifts to the Pastoral Care & Patient Counseling Fund.

[https://www.support.vcu.edu/give/patientcounseling](https://www.support.vcu.edu/give/patientcounseling)
A call to service has inspired many men and women over the past 70 years to create, nurture, and sustain spiritual care at the Medical College of Virginia. Now part of the School of Allied Health Professions in Virginia Commonwealth University’s Health System, the Department of Patient Counseling serves the patients, families, and staff who daily throng the corridors of the VCU Medical Center. The Department, in unique and complex ways, operates in both the Medical Center and University settings. Patient care and academic excellence place high demands on the Department’s staff, and this is the story of the men and women who shaped the Department.

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Rev. Robert B. & Katherine I. Lantz Honored

The Rev. Robert B. Lantz (1964/CHP) was honored on Saturday afternoon with a walk down memory lane. The occasion celebrated two new gifts from Katherine Lantz to honor her late husband – the naming of the Patient Counseling suite in the new building and the creation of The Rev. Robert B. Lantz Scholarship Fund. Former gifts were remembered with gratitude.

May 5, 2011. Investiture of Mark Cooper (1975/CHP) as the Rev. Robert B. Lantz Chair of Patient Counseling and Lex Tartaglia as the Katherine I. Lantz Professor. Photo with Mrs. Lantz at the VCU Scott House.
May 4, 2017. Katherine Lantz receives the Helen Flanders Dunbar award from ACPE President Carlos Bell at the ACPE 50th Anniversary conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The award, given to both Katherine and Robert Lantz, is ACPE’s highest award. Russell Davis looks on with pride and satisfaction.
Marlyne Cain Honored

Retired faculty member and ACPE Certified Educator Marlyne Cain was honored on Saturday afternoon with the announcement that a fund drive has succeeded in raising 75% of the monies needed to name an office in the new building in her honor.

Russell Davis presents a book of letters to Marlyne as alumnus Kevin Crowder (MS ‘01/CHP) looks on. Kevin is an ACPE Certified Educator and Director of Pastoral Care at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia. The book includes current tributes as well as all the letters of support written when she received the ACPE Distinguished Service award in 2004. This was the first time for Marlyne to see those letters. Kevin nominated her for that award. Doug Watson (1975/CHP) who received the ACPE Distinguished Service Award (2017) also offered a tribute to Marlyne.
Angie Flack and Marlyne Cain examine her book of letters. Angie is Director of Education for the Department of Patient Counseling and an ACPE Certified Educator. Angie’s vision started the fund drive to name an office as a salute to Marlyne and her legacy.
Alexander F. Tartaglia Endowed CPE Supervisory Education Scholarship

Ann Charlescraft (1996/CHP) created an endowed scholarship for Certified Educator Students and Candidates. This year’s recipients are Caitlyn Bailey (MS ‘14/CHP) and Rebecca Highfield (MS ‘15, ‘18). During the course of the year, both Bailey and Highfield were successful in becoming ACPE Associate Certified Educators!
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Alexander F. Tartaglia Endowed Student Scholarship

An anonymous donor who wanted to assist CPE interns, created the Alexander F. Tartaglia Student Scholarship Fund.

This year’s recipient is Lea Lahoud (MS ‘18/CHP), a Roman Catholic sister from Lebanon. After the award, a film that Lea and her MS classmates made for their class in Pastoral Care Management was shown.

Russell Davis congratulating Lea Lahoud.
Harold E. Pinkston, Sr., PhD, Th.D. (CPE Certificates 1959-1960)

Harold Pinkston (1959/CHP) took CPE at MCV in the first year it was offered, starting in the fall of 1959. He went on to a distinguished career in ministry and teaching (with two PhDs and a Th.D.). At our reunion banquet, he shared stories of his days as a Freedom Fighter and as a former roommate of Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as some memories of the early days of CPE at VCU. He said that without the knowledge of his emotions gained in CPE and the ability to control them, he would have been killed as a civil rights activist. His story is both dramatic and compelling.
Under One Roof: Lex Tartaglia tells the story of the new building

At the banquet, Lex Tartaglia, Senior Associate Dean and Acting Dean, College of Health Professions, presented a slide show of the new building.

Lex Tartaglia shows a slide of VCU President Michael Rao leaning over the shoulder of Dean Cecil Drain as they enjoy hamming it up over the model of the new building.
Looking to the Future: Trace Haythorn, PhD
ACPE Executive Director

Trace discusses the future of CPE and new emerging initiatives.