



University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing Dean
Dr. Solina Richter. © Dave Stobbe

Welcome to the University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Nursing 2023 Annual Report.

When I look back on the year that has passed, I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished as a College of Nursing. I feel privileged to have been Dean since August 2021 and to work alongside USask Nursing faculty, staff, and instructors, who show an unwavering commitment to our success every day. We have so much to be proud of.

In 2023, we had the largest class to date of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) students complete their program at spring convocation, and the largest class of Saskatchewan-based Nurse Practitioner (NP) graduates recognized at fall convocation. We also celebrated the College of Nursing 85th Anniversary with events across Saskatchewan throughout fall!

Nursing students were recognized with over \$315,000 in student awards, scholarships, and bursaries, we welcomed new faculty and staff, an alumnus received the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program received seven-year program approval from the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan.

Faculty celebrated tenure and promotion, received teaching awards, launched new courses, and expanded their research impact. In December, faculty and staff retirees were honoured for their years of service.

Since 2012, the College of Nursing has continually promoted the "Learn Where You Live" initiative to ensure students throughout Saskatchewan have access to the BSN program. In fall 2023, we announced the opening of two new distributed sites in Lloydminster and North Battleford.

These are just a few successes that come to mind as I reflect on 2023 and certainly not an all-encompassing list.

As I travelled around the province during our 85th anniversary celebrations, I was so proud to hear about the accomplishments of our alumni. I had the opportunity to meet many of them for the first time. College of Nursing alumni truly are the registered nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse leaders, and nurse scholars the world needs.

And finally, I must emphasize that our current students continue to impress. Whether they are located on the main campus in Saskatoon, studying their BSN program throughout Saskatchewan, or completing graduate studies across Canada or the world, they are thriving. Their commitment to their studies is obvious and their perseverance to complete to their programs is admirable.

I invite you to page through this annual report and take in the many exciting stories from 2023 about our outstanding faculty, staff, students, and alumni. While there are too many success stories to capture in just one report, these pages represent the energy and accomplishments of our vibrant community. When you have a moment, I encourage you to follow us on our social media for up-to-date news (@usasknursing) and read more news stories at nursing.usask.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M S Richter".