Marquette University College of Nursing (MUCN) received a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant to Create Nursing Workforce Diversity. The grant has been given the title of Project BEYOND (Building Ethnic Youth Opportunities for Nursing Diversity). Part of the intent of this grant is to help increase recruitment and matriculation, decrease attrition, offer financial support, and graduate more diverse students from the MUCN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

The project consists of three main objectives focused on increasing the number of registered nurses from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups. The objectives address pre-entry preparation, stipends and scholarships, and retention.

Retention efforts will include opportunities for professional nurses to mentor our students. We believe mentoring is a valuable component to ensure the success of our students. The role of the mentor is to serve as a role model, share knowledge, provide direction, and promote development within the nursing profession.

The benefits of being a mentor include helping students develop leadership skills, connecting with a nursing student interested in personal growth, promoting a sense of “giving back”, and most of all having a rewarding experience that is pivotal to the effective development of future nurses.

The Project BEYOND team is inviting you to share your knowledge and expertise to help nurture and cultivate our BSN students. We are asking you to make a minimal commitment of one contact per month (via phone, email, or in person) with a mentee. To become a nurse mentor, please complete the attached form. You may email karen.goodwin@mu.edu, fax to 414-288-1939, or mail to:

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We look forward to collaborating with you on this rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact in the investment of the future generation of nurses.

Sincerely,

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