

Meet Janet Wessel Krejci, Dean of Marquette's College of Nursing

Janet Wessel Krejci re-joined the Marquette community on Jan. 1 as dean of the College of Nursing. Previously, Krejci held various roles in the college ranging from research assistant to associate dean for 21 years. She then went on to serve as dean and professor of nursing at Illinois State's Mennonite College of Nursing from 2009–14, and most recently, vice president for academic affairs and provost at Illinois State University.

Krejci has been busy reconnecting with former colleagues, meeting new ones and getting acquainted with the student body. As Marquette's College of Nursing continues to grow, the emphasis on innovation and thinking differently is imperative. She looks forward to working with university leadership and community partners to discover ways in which the college can continue to enhance their national reputation in research, teaching and professional practice.

Learn more about Dean Krejci:

Hometown: Whitefish Bay, Wis. I attended St. Monica's for grade school and Dominican High School.

Family: I am the youngest of 10. My husband is middle of 11. We have two grown sons, both of whom are expecting children. My husband and I were high school sweethearts.

Hobbies and interests: I love to bike and hike in Door County; really any place outside! Reading biographies, leadership, science; and spending time with my family.

Favorite book: Too many for just one!

Currently reading: Buffet (Biography of Warren Buffet); The Telomere Effect (Blackburn and Epel); Life on Purpose (Strecher); Mysteries of Modern Physics: Time (great Courses); Reframing Academic Leadership (Bolman & Gallos).

Heroes: Nurses. Every day they advocate for vulnerable humans seeking health care.

Favorite quotes: "None of us have it all together, but together we have it all." (This is a quote our sons remind us of.) "Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is definition of insanity. Embracing change opens doors."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Favorite vacation spot: Door County

— *Interviewed, edited by Clare Peterson, Marquette University Office of Marketing and Communication*