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Message from the Dean:

Our building at the University of Houston Sugar Land had minor damages and we are totally functional. However, many of our students were impacted from losing everything from homes, cars, books, cell phones, computers, uniforms, stethoscopes. Some students are displaced because of flood waters. None of our students lost their life however, we did have a student who lost family members in the flood waters. A number of students had family members who were medically dependent and had to evacuate or the students were unable to reach the dependent family members until the water subsided. Students have spent up to 3 hours driving to class because of flooding and road closures. This is increasing their fuel costs.

Faculty and staff had to deal with similar issues. One of our faculty members was rescued by boat. It was heartbreaking to see the pictures of her husband writing the children's names on their arms in case they were separated. Luckily they are safe and back home.

Many of our students and faculty are volunteering at the shelters in Fort Bend, the George R. Brown convention center and NRG stadium. Many students and some faculty were in lock-down mode at hospitals for up to 7 days taking care of hospitalized patients. Everyone is exhausted.

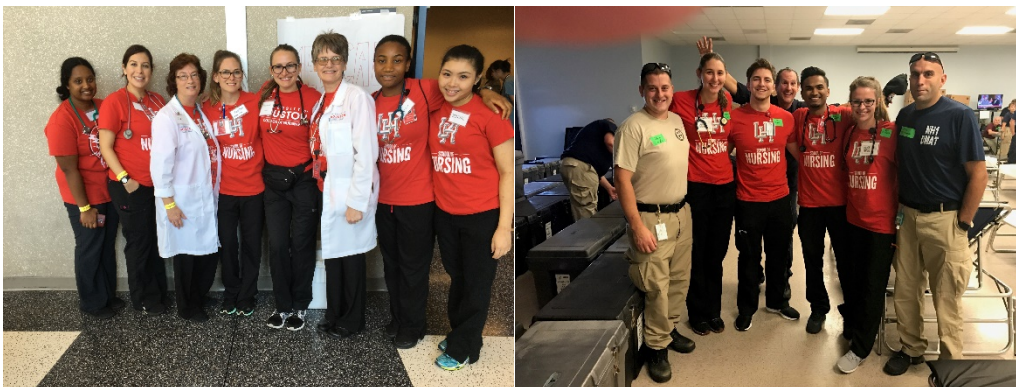
However, we feel fortunate and blessed to have weathered the storm. We are so worried about our colleagues in Florida and hope they prepare to weather this next hurricane.

We have "Friends of Nursing" account that we have had established for some time. We use these funds to help students with emergency scholarships and identified needs. For those students who have lost textbooks and equipment we have purchased them. We have also informed students of the scholarship and of UH scholarships. 100% of all donations received will have a direct impact on students for tuition, living, food, books, equipment or transportation. The gift, in any amount, can be directed to the School of Nursing with a selected designation of "Friends of Nursing": <https://giving.uh.edu/gift/>

You may certainly share this information with your colleagues. Thank you for reaching out to the College of Nursing – it means a lot.

Sincerely,

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Students and Faculty volunteering at shelters across Houston.