

The Dion Family Permanent Fund Benefactor and Namesake Profile

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The Dion Family Fund was established by 2019-2021 Sigma President-elect Kenneth Dion, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, FAAN, to honor the memory of his late mother Nancy L. Dion, RN. The fund will provide scholarships for nurses pursuing an advanced degree (or country equivalent) in nursing informatics and/or gerontological nursing.

Benefactor

Kenneth Dion, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, FAAN, 2019-2021 Sigma President-elect, is Assistant Dean for Business Innovation and Strategic Relationships at the John Hopkins School of Nursing.

Dr. Dion founded Decision Critical, Inc., an information systems company, to meet the education, compliance, and competency development needs of healthcare organizations that was acquired by HealthStream, Inc., where Dr. Dion served as vice president and chief of nursing informatics until 2014.

Dr. Dion earned his BSN at the University of Central Florida and his MBA, MSN, and PhD in nursing systems at the University of Texas at Austin.



Namesake



Nancy L. Dion, RN, graduated from the Bayonne Hospital Nursing Diploma Program in 1960. A single mother and lifelong learner, she went on to obtain her baccalaureate degree in nursing and a master's degree in healthcare administration. She excelled in multiple nursing roles, including staff nurse, nursing executive, and legal nurse consultant.

Mrs. Dion was inducted into Sigma in 1991. She was an ardent Sigma supporter and a tireless advocate for the nursing profession. She founded and served as President of the Nightingale Nursing Tribute Society in Naples, Florida, USA, until her passing in 2020.

[Learn more about Nancy L. Dion](#) as seen through the eyes of her son in his post, "The Lady in the Cape."