A legacy project was launched to research, capture, and record the history and voice of Kaiser Permanante Nursing. Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing alumni became Kaiser Permanente’s earliest nurse leaders, educators, and care advocates. They helped revolutionize the key concepts of integrated patient care. As early innovators, many graduates pursued advanced degrees and were instrumental in defining expanded nursing roles, including the introduction of nurse practitioners in California. Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing transcended the traditions and cultural norms to reimagine care for future generations.

“The nurse of the future must exemplify health, and teach it.”
—Dorothea Daniel, EdD, RN, FNP, Founding Director, Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing

“I think one of the basic skills [of a nurse] is to look at the humanity of the person, respect and listen to the patient.”
—Helen Robinson, MSN, RN, FNP, Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing Class of 1965

“We were taught to be nurse leaders from the very beginning. The environment in the school fostered this.”
—Deloras Jones, MSN, RN, Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing Class of 1963