

Elizabeth “Liz” Dietz: Cornell Bio

I have had a wonderful life as a CUNYH graduate. I have had an incredible range of personal experiences and have had the pleasure of travel to many wonderful destinations.

During Vietnam I was a LTJG for the USPHS in the Brighton, MA Public Health Hospital. I have spent the remaining years of my nursing career in community health/public health nursing education, service and practice.

I spent 29 years at San Jose State University finishing as a Professor Emeritus in Community Health and Leadership. While a faculty member, I served in many administrative positions as well as the fun-filled university committees. I would not have been able to do that without attending University of San Francisco which had an EdD program for full time educators that meet on Friday nights and on weekends. And of course, none of this would have been possible without my husband Larry's help.

While at SJSU it was made clear to me that one of my requirements was community service. Red Cross was my calling. I am in my 40th year as a Red Cross Volunteer. I volunteer in 3 of the humanitarian services of Red Cross: Disaster Services, International Services and Services to Armed Forces. I am now a Disaster Health Services Manager, and the Disability Integration Regional Lead for Northern CA Coastal Region. I function as an Advisor and chairperson for the military SAF program: active duty, reserves, national guard and veterans. Both Larry and I are Advanced International Humanitarian Law Expert instructors.

I missed being with more clients. Two years ago I completed the Fresno State University Credential School Nurse Program and now function as a substitute school nurse for a large urban/suburban 30,300 students in 41 school district Pre-TK – 12th grade. Interestingly enough, my manager was one of my students in both the BSN and MSN program at SJSU.

I have been blessed with special people in my life. My becoming a faculty member and going back to school would not be without my very special mentor, Dr Jean Steel class 1960. My classmates have always shown me the way. And my special favorite partner of 50 years my husband Larry Dietz

Very much looking forward to seeing everybody in person May 2021.