Story of student saving my life: I was teaching one day, and some students said to me “Hey do you have asthma because we can hear you wheezing in the back of the class room”. So I started to say to myself I better go get this checked out and it involved me going to countless specialists and finally they found a benign mass on my thyroid gland almost completely blocking my airway and down in my chest which took 6 hours to remove surgically. My recovery was spent at Yale New Haven Hospital and I could remember me laughing with the nurses and discussing with them my gateway nursing students and how I could not wait to get back to work to teach them. I pushed my doctor and family so much to help me recovery so that I could make it back in January for the Spring semester. Once I went to my post op appointment my surgeon said the class saved my life as I could have died in my sleep.