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# AHSEC Member News

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## Leader Transitions

### Beshears Installed as Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health

QUINCY, IL —**Brenda Beshears** was installed April 29 as the first president of Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences since the school expanded its name and its focus.

"It is what we do and who we are," Beshears said of the name change that added health sciences to its teaching emphasis.

Blessing-Rieman College has been around for 125 years, but Beshears said the core goal remains the same.

Karin Baughman, a Quincy native and nursing instructor at Crowder College in Neosho, Mo., was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. She was a nursing instructor at Hannibal-LaGrange University when Beshears was earning her bachelor's degree. Baughman described Beshears as happy, even joyful. Yet she said challenges have made Beshears passionate about her work.

"We get the best from Brenda every day because of the grit and determination she has," Baughman said.

Beshears joined the college in 1991 as a faculty member and became academic dean in 2007.

Beshears described herself as a servant leader and said the college has an amazing team of faculty and staff.

Blessing-Rieman offers its four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree through joint programs with partners Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University. Students take nursing courses and participate in clinical experiences at Blessing-Rieman, and take general education courses at the partner colleges where they are enrolled.

Beshears said Blessing-Rieman's name is known coast to coast.

"We like to have at least 60 percent of our graduates stay in our area. That other 40 percent goes to California, Minnesota, Texas. One of our graduates is going to Houston, Texas, and her starting job will be in one of the transplant units," Beshears said.



Brenda Beshears, second from left, is congratulated by faculty, family and friends after she was inaugurated as president and chief executive officer of Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences during a ceremony Saturday, April 29, 2016, at Madison Park Christian Church. Beshears is the first president of the nursing school, which has been in existence since 1891. | H-W Photo/Phil Carlson

National figures show that 1.2 million nurses will be needed by 2022.

Lucinda Awerkamp-McClain, chairman of the college board of trustees, presented Beshears with the presidential medallion. She laughed and assured Beshears that she would not tip over because of the weight of the medallion.

Several graduates from the class of 2006 attended the installation ceremony at Madison Park Christian Church.

# Leader Transitions

## Dr. Richard Lloyd Named President of Bryan College of Health Sciences; Moore Retires



LINCOLN, NE—Dr. **Richard Lloyd** has been named President of Bryan College of Health Sciences. He began July 1 and succeeded Marilyn Moore, EdD, who retired from her position as president June 30.

"Our search was led by Dr. Georgianne Mastera, immediate past chair of the College Board, and with her guidance we have selected an outstanding president," said Erin Pemberton, current Bryan College of Health Sciences Board Chair.

"We are delighted to welcome Rich back to Nebraska and know that the College's mission is secure in the hands of this visionary leader."

Dr. Lloyd is originally from Nebraska, where he grew up in Hastings and earned his undergraduate degree in English from Hastings College. He earned an MA from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, and a PhD in English from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Dr. Lloyd served as a member of the English faculty at Hastings College for more than twenty years. While there, he assumed positions of increasing leadership responsibility, including Vice President for Academic

Affairs, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for College Initiatives. For the past four years he has served as the President of the College of Saint Joseph, in Rutland, Vermont.

Dr. Marilyn Moore became the third President of Bryan College of Health Sciences in September 2012, after retiring from her leadership role with Lincoln Public Schools. "We are grateful for Marilyn's years of leadership of our College and are thrilled that she will continue on with the College as an adjunct faculty member, teaching a leadership course in the doctoral program this fall," said Pemberton.

## Carolinas College of Health Sciences Names New President: Dr. Hampton Hopkins



CHARLOTTE, NC—After 22 years of service, Dr. Ellen Sheppard retired June 30. When Dr. Sheppard joined Carolinas College of Health Sciences as its second president, it offered just one

program: nursing. Today it enrolls students in 12 different credit and non-credit programs, all directly related to Carolinas HealthCare System's current and anticipated workforce needs.

**T. Hampton Hopkins, EdD**, was selected as the new College president. Dr. Hopkins has served as the dean of student affairs and enrollment management at Carolinas College since 2001. He became the third president of the College when he assumed the role June 12.

Dr. Hopkins has more than 22 years of experience in higher education in various student affairs leadership positions with the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College (Knoxville, TN). While at Carolinas College, Dr. Hopkins has been instrumental in increasing student enrollment by 31 percent since 2001. He also created and developed student support services including the nationally recognized student success center and

online application, registration and transcript processes.

Dr. Hopkins also serves as an adjunct instructor for several colleges where he has developed and taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, including strategic planning, academic governance, higher education law, research methods, student development theory and community college leadership. Dr. Hopkins is the author of numerous professional papers and has presented at regional and national conferences more than 20 times. He is regularly invited to deliver professional presentations and consultations, workshops and keynote speeches. Dr. Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Winthrop University with a concentration in marketing, a master's degree in leadership studies from the University of Tennessee with a concentration in higher education administration and a doctorate in educational leadership with a concentration in educational research at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

His dissertation on the development and validation of scores on a student retention survey won the UNCC College of Education Outstanding Research Proposal Design Award and the Legacy for Leadership Outstanding Dissertation Award.

He has been active in his profession

having served on the board of directors of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He has also served on regional and national leadership teams for the National Association for Campus Activities and the Association of College Unions-International.

Dr. Hopkins is active in the community currently serving on the advisory board for Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences and having previously served on the board of directors of the Charlotte Area Education Consortium, the Matthews Alive Festival and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences ([CarolinasCollege.edu](http://CarolinasCollege.edu)), consistently ranked among the best two year colleges in the nation, offers programs in many areas of health care.

Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

# Leader Transitions

## Dr. Tony Damewood Named Clarkson College President



OMAHA, NE—  
**Dr. Tony Damewood** assumed the role of Clarkson College President last

summer following the transition of former College President, Dr. Louis Burgher, to President Emeritus.

Dr. Damewood earned a B.A. degree in psychology from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1990. After graduating, he worked for five years as the Director of Admissions and was also the head baseball coach at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. His success with the baseball

program led him to a new opportunity as the head coach at Bluefield College in Virginia.

After four additional years of coaching baseball and earning his M.B.A. from Averett College in 1998, Mr. Damewood joined the Clarkson College community as the Director of Admissions. In 2001 he received a promotion as the Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services.

The combination of Dr. Damewood's success in this role and a restructure of leadership at the College in 2005 led to his appointment as the Vice President of Operations. In 2014, Dr. Damewood earned his Ph.D. in Human Capital Management from

Bellevue University.

In his role as College President, Dr. Damewood attends various student-related affairs throughout the year and is continuously proposing new strategies and ideas to further enrich the educational experience for Clarkson College students. He also leads a number of employee-specific meetings and initiatives to further enhance the work environment for College faculty and staff.

From 2008–2012, Dr. Damewood coached baseball for the Millard Athletic Association. He is an active member of his church and has volunteered several years as a Little League coach.

## Therese A. Scanlan, EdD Named President of Resurrection University Chicago



CHICAGO, IL—  
Resurrection University announced the Board of Directors' selection of Therese A. Scanlan, EdD to the position of President of the University.

Dr. Scanlan has assumed the role as President and will lead the charge for the University that has recently doubled enrollment in less than five years. Prior to the role as president and interim president, she served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer where she led a multitude of governance, legal, construction and financial initiatives through the University's enormous period of growth.

Dr. Scanlan has held significant positions throughout the University's history, from the former West Suburban College of Nursing to what is now named Resurrection University. In 2010, the University embarked upon

a change of control process to become an independent organization from the non-profit parent health system. In addition to the control process change, the University also relocated from Oak Park's West Suburban Hospital to Chicago. In December 2012, the University moved to its new location where it now stands and continues to grow inside the walls of Presence Saint Elizabeth Hospital at 1431 N. Claremont in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood.

Dr. Scanlan's vision for the University has continued into 2016 with the development of a new 14-room state-of-the-art Foglia Family Foundation Inter-Professional Education (IPE) Simulation Learning Center, which replaces the one-room Simulation Learning Center that was built in 2012. This new center allows nursing, radiography and health informatics and information management students the opportunity to work collaboratively on interdisciplinary patient care teams in both colleges through didactic clinical, classroom and simulation education, which will produce

graduates who practice patient-centered, integrated team-based healthcare.

In addition to her work at Resurrection University, Dr. Scanlan has held various administrative positions within different sectors of higher education and non-profit management. These positions include District Director of Student Revenue for the City Colleges of Chicago, Regional Director at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning and Director of Financial Aid at both DeVry Chicago and Governors State University. Dr. Scanlan also was a faculty member in the School of Education at Capella University.

Dr. Scanlan earned her Doctorate in Higher Education and Organizational Change from Benedictine University. She received a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from St. Xavier University.

Dr. Scanlan and her family reside in Chicago's Beverly area. She has two sons, one in college and one at a Catholic high school in Chicago.



# Leader Transitions

## St. John's College of Nursing Announces New Chancellor: Dr. Charlene Aaron



SPRINGFIELD, IL—College of Nursing officials announced **Charlene S. Aaron, PhD, RN**, has been selected to serve as the new chancellor.

Dr. Aaron most recently served as an assistant professor at Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing. She worked there for over a decade and served as the director of nursing for various nursing homes and retirement communities in Livingston County before that.

She received her PhD in Nursing from the University of Iowa, with a dissertation focused on self-management of diabetes in African American female caregivers of persons with dementia.

She also received her MSN in nursing systems administration from ISU, her BSN from Illinois Wesleyan University, her diploma in nursing from Methodist Medical Center School of Nursing and her LPN license from Kankakee Community College.

Dr. Aaron began as chancellor on June 1. President and CEO of HSHS Central Illinois Division, E.J. Kuiper, MHA, DPT, FACHE, says they are happy to have her.

"[Dr. Aaron] is passionate about educating students to be great nurses and increasing diversity of nursing students and faculty members," Kuiper adds.

This new appointment comes as the college's outgoing chancellor, Brenda Jeffers, PhD, RN, retired.

## Bellin College Names New HRSC Director

GREEN BAY, WI—We are excited to introduce **Randy Cash** as our new Health Sciences Resource Center (HSRC) Director.

Randy joined Bellin College in November as the HSRC Faculty Assistant. Randy brings over six years of nursing experience; including medical-surgical, cardiac, bariatrics, and management/supervision. Randy is currently working on completing his

MSN-Nurse Educator degree from Grand Canyon University where he also completed his BSN. Prior to working in the medical field the past 10 years, Randy has received experience from all walks of life; from enlisting in the Air Force to being a gemologist for a jeweler.

During his nursing career, Randy enjoyed the interaction he had with patients and educating caregivers. He

is very passionate about healthcare education and helping people understand the signs that may lead to an emergency situation. In his new role as the HSRC Director, Randy is most excited to help make the best possible experience for students at Bellin College and grow the Health Sciences Resource Center to its fullest potential.

# Leader Transitions

## Drinkard Named Interim Dean for Goldfarb School of Nursing



St. Louis, MO—Gretchen Drinkard, PhD, RN, was recently named interim dean for the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College as a national search takes place to replace Michael Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN who left the college at the end of May.

Drinkard currently serves as the Jack Taylor Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and doctorate of nursing practice program director. Prior to that, Drinkard was associate dean for graduate programs at Goldfarb.

As a nurse educator, Drinkard has more than 35 years of teaching experience, with faculty positions held at University of Texas-Arlington, the University of Missouri-St. Louis,

Maryville University and Southwest Missouri State University.

In the interim dean role, Drinkard will work closely with Jean Davis, PhD, RN, Paul J. McKee Senior Associate Dean for Research and PhD program director, along with the rest of the Goldfarb leadership team to advance the school's mission.

## Nebraska Methodist College Welcomes New Leaders

OMAHA, NE—Nebraska Methodist College is honored to welcome **Dr. Lori Gigliotti, Ed.D.**, and **Dean Tickle, Ed.S.**, as the new Vice President of Enrollment & Student Success and Vice President of Business & Operations, respectively.

Dr. Gigliotti began her career as an elementary teacher in both public and parochial schools. She left teaching to expand her professional experiences in business development, staffing and communications before ultimately

returning to her roots at the higher education level, serving at Creighton University as the Director of Communications in IT, Director of Enrollment Services and adjunct faculty teaching future teachers for the Education Department.

Mr. Tickle began his career as an English/Social Science teacher. He has served 17 years as a school administrator in the roles of activities director, assistant principal, middle level principal and superintendent.

He has also served as a lecturer at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on the History and Philosophy of Middle Level Education. He has served on the UNK Advisory Board for the College of Education. He was also the PK-12 representative on the tripartite council for UNK's National Network for Educational Renewal initiative.

# Academic Program News

## Stetson and Adventist University Unite to Create New Career Pathways

ORLANDO, FL—Stetson University and Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) signed a milestone agreement on November 3 to collaborate in the creation of new opportunities for their students. "Stetson and ADU are far more complimentary than competitive," stated Dr. David Greenlaw, President of ADU. "ADU has access to world-class clinical facilities at Florida Hospital with several graduate degrees like Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy where we can build bridges for our students. There are also some opportunities for joint research in the health sciences."

The agreement outlines several career pathways that Stetson and ADU students can follow toward earning degrees at either campus as well as dual-degree offerings. These new prospects introduce stronger career

options for graduates. Dr. Wendy B. Libby, President of Stetson, said, "Some of our MBA students may like to add the Masters in Healthcare Administration from ADU, and those students may like to pursue graduate law degrees with Stetson. Students in our life sciences programs can prepare for entrance to ADU graduate degrees in physical therapy or occupational therapy. This agreement really opens up new career options for our students." The partnership will bring other benefits as well. Students from both schools will have the opportunity for collaborative research as well as access to certain campus clubs, events and facilities.

This agreement also captures the attention of Florida Hospital. "More than ever, the delivery of quality, cost-effective healthcare requires creative minds to find innovative solutions,"



Dr. Wendy B. Libby and Dr. David Greenlaw sign agreement between Stetson and Adventist University respectively.

explains Daryl Tol, President and CEO of Florida Hospital, Central Region. "Stetson's stellar academic reputation combined with ADU's clinical expertise will prepare students to make real and substantial contributions to the healthcare industry." Members from both universities are excited about the positive contributions this collaboration can bring to their campuses and local community by providing enhanced courses to better equip students entering the workforce.

## Aultman College Receives Initial HLC Approval for BSN Degree

CANTON, OH—Aultman College is pleased to announce the start of a **pre-licensure (four-year) bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree**.

Pending final approval from the Higher Learning Commission, the program will start in fall 2017 and is now accepting applications.

"We have been working on this degree program for the last three years, and this approval is the final step in the process," said Jo Ann Donnenwirth,

Ed.D.(c), MSN, dean of nursing and allied health. "We are constantly evaluating our educational offerings to match the demands of the health care industry. With the bachelor's degree in nursing becoming the new entry-level requirement, this program will serve our students well. Our mission is to educate students for success after graduation, and the BSN will give them a solid foundation for their nursing careers."

Fall 2017 will be the last semester for students to start an associate degree in nursing at the college.

Other degree programs under development at Aultman College include the **bachelor of science in health sciences** with tracks in health care leadership, health education, and health informatics and the bachelor of science in social work.

# Academic Program News

## Allen College to Start New Programs

WATERLOO, IA—Allen College has been approved to start several new programs.

### **Pre-Licensure Hybrid Accelerated BSN Program**

Allen College will implement a fifteen month accelerated hybrid BSN (ABSN) program leading to RN licensure in May 2017. The Iowa Board of Nursing approved the new program at its June meeting. According to Allen College chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham, the program will be the only one of its kind in Iowa and one of only a few offered elsewhere in the nation. The program's curriculum will be identical to the accelerated BSN program already offered in a face-to-face context on the Allen College campus. The accelerated BSN program currently admits 64 students each year. With the addition of the hybrid option, the program will be able to admit 96 students each year.

Allen College admitted its first class of accelerated BSN students in May 2007.

Qualified students who follow prescribed plans of study at Wartburg, Central, Loras and Simpson Colleges and at the University of Northern Iowa can be admitted to Allen College's BSN program after their junior year and subsequently receive two degrees: a BSN degree from Allen College and another baccalaureate degree from their "sending"

institution.

Chancellor Durham reported that Allen College leaders worked with a consultant for six months. The College plans to admit up to 32 students in the new program. Students in the program will spend May through August on the Waterloo campus and then complete the last twelve months of clinical study at agencies in the Des Moines area, primarily at UnityPoint Health hospitals.

According to Chancellor Durham, the students enrolled in the accelerated BSN program have high retention and graduation rates and excel in passing the RN licensure examination upon graduation.

### **Bachelor of Health Sciences in Medical Imaging Studies**

This program is being developed to provide students with a diversified plan of study to include Computed Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to prepare them for additional career opportunities and advancement within the profession. The coursework will be offered online using distance education technologies. Clinical externship experiences are optional for the BHS in Medical imaging. Clinical externship experiences are not optional for the certificate plans of study. Clinical sites will be identified by students and are subject to site approval.

The Higher Learning Commission has approved these tracks. The College is searching for human resources for this program.

### **Nursing Informatics Track in the Master of Science in Nursing Program**

Approvals have been received to offer a nursing informatics track in the MSN program in collaboration with the University of Minnesota. Allen College will offer the core courses and the University of Minnesota will provide the nursing informatics courses. Upon completion of the program, students would receive a master's in nursing degree from Allen College and a certificate from the University of Minnesota. There is a workforce shortage of nurses with clinical knowledge and informatics knowledge.

### **Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**

The Higher Learning Commission scheduled a site visit at Allen College in February 2017 to review the proposal for a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

# Academic Program News

## Bellin College—New Program Offerings

GREEN BAY, WI—Bellin College received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer **Diagnostic Medical Sonography** as a new bachelor's degree program. We welcomed our first cohort of eight students this fall.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (also known as an Ultrasound Technologist) is an essential, highly-skilled member of the healthcare team dedicated to preserving patients' health by helping to diagnose injury and disease, through the use of special imaging equipment.

The new sonography program provides excellent opportunities, resources, and state of the art facilities to enhance students' academic and clinical experience. With small class sizes, students gain clinical, academic, and laboratory training.

Students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in three years. Upon successful completion, graduates will be eligible to take the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) certification examinations in obstetrics and

gynecology, abdomen, vascular, and sonography principles and instrumentation.

Adding sonography to the degree program offerings at Bellin College, helps meet the demands for advanced education and improved patient outcomes in the surrounding areas.

Bellin College also received approval from HLC to offer **distance education courses for the RN to BSN program**.

## Carolinas College of Health Sciences

CHARLOTTE, NC—Carolinas College of Health Sciences is seeing growth in the **Histotechnology** program in response to local and national need for HTL-certified Histotechnologists. The program increased enrollment for 2016 by 100%.

## Nebraska Methodist College Offers New Programs to Meet Healthcare Needs

OMAHA, NE—With a brand new Master in Occupational Therapy program, MBA in Healthcare, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, a new Doctor of Nursing Practice track and an

Informatics track in its ongoing Master of Science in Nursing program, NMC has adapted to meet the healthcare needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Mercy College Offers a New Evening/Weekend Nursing Opportunity

DES MOINES, IA—Starting fall 2016, Mercy College of Health Sciences (Mercy College) will be delivering its **Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)** degree during evenings and weekends. Students will be prepared for an entry-level role as a registered nurse practicing with holistic skills and competencies in settings such as hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities.

The new offering provides part-time study, two-nights-a-week in class with completion of nursing clinical rotations on Saturdays. The core courses are arranged for study over six semesters with liberal arts and science courses completed in advance.

With the change, students will have increased flexibility and time to continue daytime commitments.

Evening nursing courses will begin at 5:30 p.m., while Saturday clinical rotations will begin at 7:00 a.m.

Upon completion of the nursing major, students will be eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) Exam.



# Academic Program News

## Resurrection University Health Systems Leadership (MSN)

CHICAGO, IL—The first cohort for the **Health Systems Leadership Master of Science in Nursing** program will begin in January 2017.

This program will foster nurse leaders who want to take on challenging and varied executive level roles within healthcare. It is 37 semester hours in length and is offered in the weekend format, with classes meeting every

third weekend each month.

For more information, visit <http://www.resu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/health-systems-leadership/>

## Saint John's College of Nursing— MSN Program

SPRINGFIELD, IL—The Saint John's College of Nursing has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer a **Master of Science in Nursing** degree.

The college expects 10 to 20 students in the new program each year. Full and part time programs will be offered,

with classes beginning in the fall.

The graduate program features two specialty options: family nurse practitioner and nursing administration/ leadership.

FNP and nursing administration/ leadership students will take their core curricular courses online. After moving

into their specialty areas, the nursing administration/leadership students will continue with online courses.

The FNP students will take their courses at the college.

## St. Luke's College: 100% Online Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs Now Being Offered

SIOUX CITY, IA—Health Care Professionals now have the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees through St. Luke's College with the flexibility of **100% online learning**. Designed for the working health care professional, the bachelor's degree completion programs at St. Luke's College allow busy adults the ability to design their own schedule with both full-time and part-time options. The 100% online format allows students to easily balance academics with their work and personal responsibilities.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program (RN-BSN) allows registered nurses to transfer coursework from their previous associate degree or diploma programs to St. Luke's College. Health care professionals in fields such as radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, surgical technology and paramedics can transfer their previous coursework toward completion of the Bachelor of

Health Science (BHS) degree. The programs provide the knowledge and leadership skills necessary for health care professionals seeking career advancement opportunities.

"With the increase in baby boomers requiring care and the growing shortage of health care providers, there are increasing demands placed on health care professionals. We believe there is a large population of working professionals with the desire to continue their education in preparation for the future of health care. Our new 100% online option provides an opportunity for students to complete degrees while managing busy work and home schedules," says Michael Stiles, Chancellor of St. Luke's College.

"As the region's only hospital-based health science college, St. Luke's College is uniquely positioned to provide students with a well-rounded learning experience," added Stiles, "St. Luke's College has a rich history of preparing competent and

compassionate health care professionals, and we look forward to continuing that tradition with the flexibility of our 100% online bachelor's degree completion programs.

St. Luke's College has a 115-year history of educating health care professionals through its associate degree programs in nursing, radiologic technology and respiratory care; its certificate programs in medical laboratory science, phlebotomy and clinical pastoral education; its advanced specialty programs in CT, MRI, sonography, and mammography; and now its bachelor's degree completion programs in nursing and health science.

The college counts more than 3,200 health care professionals nationwide among its alumni. For more information on St. Luke's College, visit [www.stlukescollege.edu](http://www.stlukescollege.edu) or call (712) 279-3149.

# Academic Program News

## St. Vincent's College and Bridgeport Public Schools Launch Healthcare Career and College Readiness Pilot Program

BRIDGEPORT, CT—*20 students will graduate with a high school diploma, a healthcare career certificate, and college credits enabling immediate opportunity for employment*

*Parents and legal guardians of current Bridgeport students plus Bridgeport Public School employees now offered 20% tuition discount at St. Vincent's College*

St. Vincent's College and the Bridgeport Public School District will be kicking off a new **Healthcare Career and College Readiness Pilot Program** this Fall at Bassick High School. Twenty students will be chosen to take courses at St. Vincent's College and graduate with a high school diploma, a healthcare certificate, and college degree credits.

To further support the community, St. Vincent's College also is offering a twenty percent tuition discount to all Bridgeport Public School employees and parents of students attending a school in the school district. The first class of students is expected to complete the program in 2018.

"We see this as an extension of our Mission to serve our community," explained Michael Gargano, president, St. Vincent's College. "This program identifies students who show

promise and hope; it provides support, both financial and tutorial, for them to begin a rewarding career in healthcare."

Bassick High School's new principal, Tomas Ramirez, Ph.D., will appoint a three-member selection committee to choose the 20 students for the pilot program. Starting in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and continuing through senior year of high school, students will take classroom courses, engage in hands-on practical learning and skill building experiences, and begin transition to the world of work. Students will be able to choose from several career pathways including the Certified Nurse Aide Certificate Program, Patient Care Technician Certificate Program, Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program, and Community Health Aide Program. After completion of these programs, students are eligible for immediate employment or to continue their college education.

"This is the first time the Bridgeport Public School District has formed a partnership with St. Vincent's College," said Fran Rabinowitz, superintendent, Bridgeport Public Schools. "This is a profound opportunity to help students fulfill developmental coursework while

earning college credits toward a healthcare degree or certificate."

Courses during freshman and sophomore years will provide fundamental skills such as computer basics, word processing, medical terminology, and familiarization with illness and diseases. As juniors, students may choose a career pathway, such as certified nurse assistant or pharmacy technician. Coursework in the junior and senior years includes informatics and electronic health records as well as sociology and psychology. Students also will benefit from workshops including practice interviews, financial literacy, and essay and resume writing, and will have access to tutoring and peer mentoring.

This program is being funded entirely by St. Vincent's College scholarships and grants. All program material costs will be covered, as well.

"I am committed to taking a fresh approach to education and student engagement," stated Ramirez. "It's a new day and we are doing things differently from here on out."

# Accreditation News

## Allen College

WATERLOO, IA—

### **Medical Laboratory Science**

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) announced that Allen College's Medical Laboratory Science program has been reaccredited for ten years, the maximum duration that may be awarded by NAACLS.

### **Nuclear Medicine Technology**

The Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) announced the continuing accreditation status of the Allen College Nuclear

Medicine Technology program for seven years, the maximum accreditation that can be offered.

### **Occupational Therapy**

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) conducted a site visit in September for the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. It was a successful visit and the final accreditation decision from ACOTE should be made sometime in 2017.

### **Nursing**

The Iowa Board of Nursing (IBON) was on the Allen College campus in October for a site visit. The site visit went very well. A final accreditation report from the IBON will be communicated sometime after the next IBON board meeting.

## Cox College

SPRINGFIELD, MO—In March, Cox College hosted Higher Learning Commission visitors as one of the final steps in the separate incorporation process.

Official HLC feedback was received in July and stated the College has met appropriate standards and remains in compliance with accreditation requirements.

Cox College became a separate corporation on October 1, 2015, and is completing its first year as a stand-alone entity with distinct 501(c)3 designation.

## Resurrection University

CHICAGO, IL—

### **Distance Education Courses and Programs**

The University received notice of approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in August 2016, to offer Distance Education Courses and Programs. The newly accredited Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program beginning January 2017, will follow the Distance Education Course format and will be completely online. Additional

programs and curriculums will be offered in the online format, including the BSN for RN program, the RN to MSN program and the Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology Post-Licensure Program.

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

Resurrection University is pleased to announce that it received Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approval for the new Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The first

cohort will begin in the Fall Term of 2017. This program is 32 semester hours in length and will take approximately two years to complete. It is designed with the working professional in mind, and is completely online.

For more information, visit <http://www.resu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/dnp/>

# Awards & Recognitions-Institutional

## Allen College

WATERLOO, IA—

### **Nursing Schools Almanac Names Allen College Top Nursing School**

Allen College has been ranked as one of the top 100 nursing schools in the nation by Nursing Schools Almanac. Data was collected on over 3,200 institutions nationwide, including approximately 1,900 public institutions--community and technical colleges, four-year colleges, and universities.

Rankings were driven by three critical factors: 1. Academic prestige and value 2. Breadth and depth of nursing curriculum 3. History of student success. Nursing Schools Almanac then combined these assessments into an overall score and ranked the schools accordingly. Additionally, Allen College ranked 47th on the list of private nursing schools and as the 12th best nursing school in the plains. For complete rankings and more information, visit [nursingschoolsalmanac.com](http://nursingschoolsalmanac.com).

### **Allen College Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**

For the sixth time Allen College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Allen College has been previously named to the Honor Roll in 2009, 2013, and 2015 and to the Honor Roll with Distinction in 2010, 2012, and 2014. During the 12-month period covered by the Honor Roll 456 of the 575 of Allen College's enrolled students were engaged in community service activities for a total of 6,866 hours. Allen College submitted three community service projects for award consideration: Allen College's Nurse Run Free Clinic in Partnership with the Salvation Army(ACE-SAP), Partnering for Education with Junior Achievement and Partnering to Increase Literacy: Reading Buddy Program.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support exemplary community service programs and raise the visibility of effective practices in campus community partnerships. Institutions nationwide were honored for their work in one of four categories – general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education.

Allen College was honored for the college's efforts in general community service. The General Community Service category recognizes institutions that have made a commitment to improving the quality of life of off-campus community residents, particularly low-income individuals. Institutions applying in this category will be those engaged in service that addresses education, health, economic opportunity, the environment, disaster preparedness, or other human needs including support for veterans and military families.

### **Allen College Ranked Amongst Top Best Online Nursing Degrees**

Allen College has been ranked No. 1 in Best Online Nursing Degrees for 2016 by Affordable Colleges Online. The list was generated by ranking and analyzing cost and quality metrics across thousands of U.S. colleges with online nursing degree options.

Only public, not-for-profit institutions were eligible for the ranking. The primary data points used to identify the Best Online Nursing Degrees of 2016 include the following:

- Specialized accreditation form CCNE or ACEN
- NCLEX-R Pass Rate for BSN Programs
- In-state tuition and fees

- Percent of full-time undergraduate students receiving institutional financial aid
- Number of online programs offered
- Student-to-teacher ratio
- 6-year graduate rate

An in-depth look at the Best Online Nursing Degrees for 2016 can be seen here: <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/degrees/nursing-programs>

### **Allen College Receives Federal Grant to Educate Future Nursing Faculty**

Allen College has received a \$59,752 Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The purpose of NFLP is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty to help educate the nurses needed to address the growing nursing workforce shortage. The NFLP provides funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a NFLP loan fund.

Participating schools of nursing make loans from the fund to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The program offers partial loan forgiveness for borrowers that graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty for the prescribed period of time. The loan recipients may cancel 85 percent of the loan over four years in return for serving full time as faculty in any accredited school of nursing.



# Awards & Recognitions-Institutional

## Methodist College Awarded \$1.5 Million Federal Grant for Nursing Scholarships and Diversity in Nursing

PEORIA, IL—Dr. Kimberly Johnston announced that the college is the recipient of a grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that will enable the college to recruit and educate future nurses to work in medically underserved communities.

The \$1.5 million grant will be awarded to the college over a period of four years and will enable the college to award scholarships to students who demonstrate a financial need, but also may be members of an ethnic or racial minority, or may be a first generation student.

"We are thrilled to be selected to receive this grant that will relieve the financial burden for some of our current and future students," said Dr. Kimberly Johnston, president of Methodist College. "In addition, this grant will allow us to establish additional programs that will help support these students and ensure success in their nursing education."

As part of the grant, the college will implement a Reaching for Innovation, Success, and Empowerment (RISE) Scholars program with the goal of increasing the enrollment and retention of full-time Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students from disadvantaged backgrounds—including students of racial and ethnic minority -- and increase the number of graduates working in medically underserved communities.

"Part of our mission at Methodist College is to meet the healthcare needs of the diverse population we serve," added Johnston. "A key component is to educate future nurses who mirror that diversity, however students from minority and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds face many barriers that hinder their success including inadequate family support, feelings of isolation and

discrimination, and lack of role models."

The UnityPoint Health – Methodist | Proctor Foundation approved \$70,000 in funding that will enable the college to hire a program coordinator for the program, and to bring in a nationally-renowned cultural competence expert to work with the students in the RISE Scholars program.

Funding from the foundation will enable the college to bring in cultural competence expert, Dr. Josepha Campinha-Bacote to meet with RISE scholars and Methodist College faculty. Cultural competence is the process which a healthcare professional continually strives to achieve the ability and availability to effectively work within the cultural context of a client.

Along with scholarships for tuition needs not met by grants or other scholarships, funding will be provided to students in the RISE program who choose to live in the Methodist College Student Housing Complex. A goal of the program is to create a living and learning community of RISE Scholars with a resident facilitator available to provide tutoring, coaching, and support.

The grant application team was led by Dr. Garrison; and included Dr. Pam Ferguson, Methodist College dean of nursing; Dr. Teresa Schwindenhammer, Methodist College nursing faculty; Deb Disney, Methodist College counselor; Pam Schubach, UnityPoint Health – Methodist | Proctor Foundation grants administrator. Other support was provided by Dr. Keith Branham, Methodist College dean of student services; Angie Robinson, Methodist College director of financial aid; Melissa Earnest, Methodist College registrar; and many other Methodist College faculty and employees.

Additional information and the RISE Scholars application is available at [www.methodistcol.edu/rise-scholars](http://www.methodistcol.edu/rise-scholars).

### Key Components of the Methodist College RISE Scholars Program

- Total Grant: \$1,496,335; Year 1- \$326,335; Year 2-4 \$390,000 per year
- Will be recruiting a cohort of 20 students
- Scholarships will be for unmet financial need (costs not covered by grant programs such as Pell or MAP)
- Minimum scholarship will be \$7,700, per student, per year
- Scholarship applicants must demonstrate a financial need/ federal PELL grant eligibility
- Scholarship applicants may also be: member or an ethnic or racial minority, or be a first generation students (first in family to attend college)
- Scholarship applicants must also be in a good academic standing with Methodist College and be a full-time students
- Scholarship applicants must be willing to participate in 90% of RISE Scholars program activities

### Proposed Program Activities

- Participate in a mentoring program, "The Hero's Journey," that will provide students with a mental model of success
- Tutoring services and supplemental instruction activities
- Living and learning community in the Methodist Student Housing complex, and a commuting and learning community for students who reside off-campus
- Meet with faculty mentors/advisors
- Participate in activities led by Dr. Josepha Campinha-Bacote
- Other opportunities to be developed as program is implemented

# Awards & Recognitions-Institutional

## Carolinas College of Health Sciences

CHARLOTTE, NC—The Surgical Technology program received the 2016 Galaxy Award for encouraging student membership in the Association of Surgical Technology

## Cox College

SPRINGFIELD, MO—Cox College recently earned a \$16,450 grant from the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The award goes toward financial aid default prevention and marks the sixth consecutive year Cox College has received the grant.

Among other projects, the funds will be used for publication of default education materials, student tutoring, and financial literacy presentations during student orientations and open house events.

Cox College's current default rate is 7.6%, much lower than the 11.8% national average.

## Resurrection University

CHICAGO, IL—

### **2016 American Assembly of Men in Nursing, Best Nursing School for Men**

Resurrection University was selected as a recipient of the 2016 American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN), Best Nursing School for Men.

The University was selected based on its above-average enrollment of men in nursing programs, its commitment

to fostering inclusiveness through the annual Men in Nursing speaker series event, and its public relations efforts to recruit men in nursing.

ResU sent BSN student Mark Parchment to the annual AAMN Conference in Miami, Florida in September, to attend the conference and to accept this award on behalf of the University.

### **HRSA Nurse Faculty Loan Federal Grant**

The University received, for the second time, funding to support students who are interested in becoming nurse faculty in the future to help alleviate the nurse faculty shortage. ResU was selected as one of three Universities in Illinois to receive funding for this program.

# Awards & Recognitions-Faculty & Staff

## Allen College

WATERLOO, IA—**Chancellor, Dr. Jerry Durham** received an Alumni Merit Award presented by the Southeast Missouri (SEMO) State University Alumni Association on November. 4 at the Copper Dome Society/Merit Recognition Dinner during the university's homecoming celebration. The award is presented to Southeast alumni who have brought distinction to themselves and the university. Durham, a 1968 graduate of SEMO with a bachelor of science in education degree has been the chancellor of Allen College since 2005.

Allen College nursing professor **Dr. Lisa Brodersen** received a National League for Nursing (NLN) Foundation Nursing Education Scholarship Award to fund her dissertation research, "Exit Exam Stress in Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students." Dr. Brodersen, who already holds a Doctor of Education degree, is currently a PhD in nursing candidate at Saint Louis University and will begin her data collection during the 2016 fall semester.

The NLN Foundation for Nursing Education offers scholarships of up to

\$8,000 each year to support the NLN's mission to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the health of the nation and the global community. These scholarships are awarded to nurses pursuing advanced degrees in preparation for a career as a full-time academic nurse educator. The funds are for master's or doctoral students enrolled in accredited programs who have completed at least a year of their academic program.

# Awards & Recognitions-Faculty & Staff

## Bellin College

GREEN BAY, WI—

### Awards for Excellence

Faculty and students are awarded for their exemplary commitment to the Bellin College Values. The College grants two awards each year at the spring graduation ceremony; *The Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence*, and *The Nishioka Family*

*Faculty Excellence Award*.

The Nishioka Family Faculty Award for Excellence recognizes a faculty member for their outstanding service to the College through the generosity of Dr. Hiro Nishioka and his family. This year's recipient is **Heidi Monroe, MSN**.

The Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence is a tribute that recognizes one student from the graduating class who best exemplifies Bellin College's values of integrity, community, caring, and excellence. This year's recipient is **Lucy Stedl**, BSRS Class of 2016.

## Carolinas College of Health Sciences

CHARLOTTE, NC—

**Susan Thomasson**, director of continuing education, was an invited member of CHS Integrative Health Advisory Committee – to provide

information and guidance on the educational offerings related to integrative therapies offered within CHS (including policy development).

**Susan Thomasson** was also invited

to participate in CHS HealthWorks events to represent CCHS and the Healing Touch Program courses.

Faculty member **Cathey Miller** was voted Outstanding Educator for 2016.

## Good Samaritan College

CINCINNATI, OH—

**Craig K. West** did a peer review for a research publication: "Integrating Differentiation in English Education Methods Courses: Learning from the Perceptions and Experiences of Teacher Candidates."

**Ma. Camlaria Felismino, Barbara Gillman-Lamping, Janet Paguigan, Melanie Guilla-Deza, and Abigail Batin Villarroya** received first prize for their poster: "From Passive to Engaged: Learner-Centered Strategies in a Concept-Based Curriculum" at the OOADN and Ohio Council of A.N.D. Education Administrators Annual Conference.

**Barbara Gillman-Lamping** was inducted into the Kappa chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, nursing honor

society at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

**Pat McMahon** gave a poster presentation at the 2016 National Conference of American Association of Nurse Practitioners in San Jose, "Cardiovascular Risk Modification of Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Through Awareness and On-Line Resources."

**Jill Nutter's** grant application was funded which allowed GSC to purchase Drug Education Guides and Stress less t-shirts. The college also hosted two speaker presentations related to drugs and stress and Jill attended a dialectical behavior therapy training program that she can apply to her counseling work with students.

**Sarah Ann Taulbee** completed the Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Health Systems Leadership degree from Mount Saint Joseph University.

**Joann Sullivan-Mann**, Professor, **Angie Gerrein**, TriHealth Education Specialist, and **Kimberly Schmeusser**, '90, TriHealth Nurse Educator presented "The Ultimate Experience Integrating Electronic Documentation in Simulation" at the 2016 Human Patient Simulation Network (HPSN) World Conference in Tampa, Florida.

# Awards & Recognitions-Students & Alumni

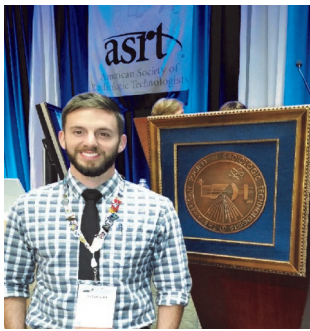
## Allen College

WATERLOO, IA—  
**Medical Laboratory Science Student Selected for Siemens-ASCP Scholarship**  
The Allen College Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program

announced that Lisa Mohon was awarded a Siemens – The American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. Lisa graduated from the MLS program in August.

Lisa previously graduated with a BA in Biology from the University of Northern Iowa in 2008.

## Cox College



SPRINGFIELD, MO—

For the second time in three years, a Cox College Radiography student was selected as one of the **nation's top undergraduate leaders**. Nick Robinson (pictured left) attended the American Society of Radiologic Technologists conference in Las

Vegas and will spend time in the coming year fulfilling various state and national responsibilities for the profession, as well as fellow students. Nick also serves as President of the Cox College Radiologic Sciences Student Association and has been instrumental with fundraising projects.

## St. Vincent's College Presents Distinguished Alumni Award to Shelton Resident Ann Ballas



President Gargano congratulates Ann Ballas, RN, CRN

BRIDGEPORT, CT—St. Vincent's College is pleased to announce this year's Distinguished Alumni of the Year, Ann Ballas, RN, CRN, Class of 1981. A resident of Shelton, Conn., Ann was presented the award during the Annual Alumni Day Cocktail Reception.

A quote from her nomination sums up why she is this year's Distinguished

Alumni of the Year, "Ann is one of the most humanitarian people I have ever met; St. Vincent himself would agree that Ann truly embodies his mission."

This award is presented to an alumnus who acts as role model for excellence in the field of healthcare and demonstrates the underlying attributes of St. Vincent de Paul. These attributes emphasize compassion, a generous spirit, fidelity, respect, gentleness in attitude, and advocacy for the poor.

Ann began her career at St. Vincent's Medical Center as a nurse's aide with the float staff while attending St. Vincent's School of Nursing. After earning her RN degree, Ballas joined St. Vincent's Radiology Department, where today she leads a team of nurses and acts as a liaison between the department and the nursing units. Her dedication to this role is evidenced by the national certification

she has achieved in this specialty. Ann is described as the "heart and soul" of the interventional radiology department. She is the "go to person" for anything that relates to radiology for the hospital.

In 2010 Ann received the St. Vincent's Medical Center Employee of the Year award. She has been an employee at the Medical Center for over 30 years and is currently pursuing her bachelor of science in nursing (BSN).

"Ann is a shining example of the foundation a St. Vincent's College education provides and we are so proud to call her one of our own," stated Dr. Michael Gargano, Jr., president, St. Vincent's College.



# Facilities

## Allen College Adds Creates Lab Space for MLS Program



WATERLOO, IA—This fall, students in the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program began using a new student laboratory in Alumni Hall. The addition of the student laboratory allows the opportunity for students to spend more time with faculty learning skills that will apply to the clinical setting. Students are able to practice skills in a simulated environment prior to attending clinical rotations.

Dedicated space has also allowed the MLS program to purchase testing

equipment to enhance learning opportunities. Students perform testing on actual patient specimens on equipment similar to what is available in a typical clinical laboratory, and faculty have the ability to create case studies to help students apply concepts to patient situations. New equipment purchased for the lab includes a blood cell analyzer, microscopes, and a microscope camera. Both faculty and students enjoy the new space!

## Methodist College Celebrates Grand Opening of New Campus



PEORIA, IL—Thirteen months after the hammers broke through the walls of a former furniture store, Methodist College, UnityPoint Health, and City of Peoria officials cut the ribbon and opened the doors to the new Methodist College campus on July 25, 2016.

Located at 7600 N. Academic Drive in North Peoria, the 126,000 square-foot-building and neighboring student housing complex, provide the opportunity to meet the current and future needs of Methodist College, a nursing and health science college and an affiliate of UnityPoint Health Peoria. With 80,000 square feet of completed collaborative and innovative learning space, the new campus features 14 classrooms,

three science labs, two computer labs, a café, campus store, a student fitness center, a recreation center, conference and meeting space, and faculty and staff offices.

“Today is the result of a vision to create the largest nursing and health science college in downstate Illinois,” said Methodist College President Dr. Kimberly A. Johnston. “It is a place where individuals can come to receive an excellent education and – upon graduation – become a part of the growing community of healthcare professionals not only in Peoria and Central Illinois, but across the country.”

Johnston was joined at the podium by Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis, UnityPoint Health – Peoria President and CEO Debbie Simon, and UnityPoint Health President and CEO Kevin Vermeer.

“As a healthcare provider, we are always looking for top nursing and healthcare talent to join our organization,” said Vermeer. “We do this through our schools and other academic programs. Our first recruitment opportunity is an

exceptional student experience.”

A ribbon cutting, led by Cullinan Properties, Ltd. Chairman and Founding Partner Diane Cullinan Oberhelman, also was held for the Methodist College Housing Complex, a new apartment-style residence located directly behind the new campus. Methodist College partnered with Cullinan Properties to construct student housing that can accommodate up to 112 residents. Students have the option to share one, two or four bedroom apartments featuring an open floor plan, and conveniently located in walking or bicycle distance to the many retail and entertainment amenities available in North Peoria.

A Community Open House was held Monday afternoon. The college opened the doors to the college to allow the college’s new neighbors and the general public to tour the new campus. Guests also had the opportunity to tour the Methodist College Student Housing.

# Facilities

## Nebraska Methodist College

OMAHA, NE—**Campus Expansion-** In addition to new lab spaces dedicated to Occupational Therapy, NMC recently opened the 501 Center along Dodge Street. This renovated space houses a fully energized x-ray lab for radiology

students and various lecture and hangout spots equipped with state-of-the-art furniture and interactive tech. The 501 Center, the biggest campus expansion ever for NMC, also has a Sonography lab with one completely unique feature: an

antique bank vault. NMC has converted the area to a study space adjacent to the brand new lab, creating an impressive conversation piece.

## Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences



LANCASTER, PA—Over the past year, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences had a historic opportunity to establish a single, unified campus which builds far more than walls. In August 2016, the College relocated to a new, 24.7-acre campus at 850 Greenfield Road in East Lampeter Township.

The new campus includes a two-story, 65,000-square-foot, class-A office building for administrative offices and a 148,000-square-foot

warehouse that was renovated into state-of-the-art classroom and lab facilities and include a 90,000-square-foot mezzanine.

This large center for learning allows the entire College to be ideally positioned in one location, fostering a sense of college unity and community. This move provides a significant tool with which the College can further embed our strategic priorities into both the physical environment and learning climate.

This is an opportunity to further PA College's learner-centered purpose, as well collaboration and innovation.

The new campus infuses technology and design that supports collaborative learning and easily reconfigurable spaces that allow for creative use of space. Cutting edge technology was woven into the new environment – from computers and cameras to simulation and learning arts laboratories, examination rooms and operating suites.

A health suite was constructed for student and employee wellness exams, immunizations and screenings. A multi-tiered, four-hundred seat auditorium adjoins to a conference-style corporate education space. A wellness area includes a fitness center and rejuvenation space for learners and staff to "practice what we preach" in embracing mind-body wellness.

# Facilities

## Resurrection University

CHICAGO, IL—

**Foglia Family Foundation IPE Simulation Learning Center** – The University opened its doors to a new 6,200 square-foot, state-of-the-art Inter-Professional Education (IPE) Simulation Learning Center with a dedication ceremony and celebration on June 16, 2016.

Donors, friends of the University, board members, faculty and staff, were invited to view demonstrations of the simulation mannequins used for student learning, including the Sage SIM Man, an advanced model who sweats and bleeds, and has urine return with catheterization, seizures, active pulse, pupil dilation

and abnormal heart and lung sounds.

Another demonstration of the SimMom mannequin included an actual birth of a newborn which allowed viewers to experience the capabilities of the advanced technology being used in the new IPE Simulation Learning Center.

## Saint Anthony College of Nursing Debuts Two New Simulation Labs

ROCKFORD, IL—Saint Anthony College of Nursing officially debuted two new simulation labs that second- and fourth-year nursing students have been using at the Guilford Square campus since January.

One mimicking a home environment is for mental and community health nursing students. The other simulates a delivery room and has a mannequin for OB-GYN students practicing their pre- and post-delivery skills.

The \$350,000 transformation of basement space at 698 Featherstone Road means that students have access to simulation labs throughout their nursing education.

“Nurses who have the clinical experience and can make the decisions at the community level is critically important,” College Board Chairwoman Victoria Glidden said. “To be able to provide that to our undergraduate students who are needing that clinical education ... is an incredible opportunity that we support as a board and would love to see grow.”

Saint Anthony officials spent the past year making the labs come to fruition. They were able to use a grant and money raised at the annual Pink Ball for the construction. Work started last fall when the school moved its medical records online.

The school constructed its first

simulation labs about a decade ago. They include eight hospital beds and a high-tech mannequin.

In the labs, students participate in observing, role-playing and debriefing. They also are recorded.

“They’re assigned a role and they’re given a script and information and asked to act within that role,” said Dawn Mosher, the school’s simulation center coordinator.

“When they get into the environment and they’re working together, it just works out.

“They just really are committed to whatever that role is.”

About 60 students have been using the two new simulation labs



# Philanthropy

## Allen College: UnityPoint Health—Waterloo Launches Its Largest Capital Campaign Ever

WATERLOO, IA—

UnityPoint Health – Waterloo officials and supporters kicked off the public phase of its \$19.8 million “For Allen For You” capital campaign—the largest capital campaign in its history—during a pep rally-style gathering on September 26.

The campaign will help fund three distinctive projects totaling \$48.8 million overall to address the healthcare and healthcare-education needs of the Cedar Valley. Lead gifts and commitments from major donors have given the campaign a substantial start with \$10.2 million of the \$19.8 million goal already raised during the campaign’s quiet phase.

The campaign began a year ago with the Allen Associates who contributed more than \$781,000. The Allen Foundation received gifts from, or in honor of, 100 percent of the Allen hospital, college and foundation employees.

Campaign officials **Pam Delagardelle**, president and CEO of UnityPoint Health – Waterloo; **Dr. Jerry Durham**, Allen College chancellor; and **Dee Vandeventer**, chief development officer for Allen Foundation promised to dye their hair in campaign colors (red, blue and purple) should associate participation reach the 100 percent goal. Over the October 28 weekend the trio delivered thank you treats to Allen associates throughout the Allen Health System.

“Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Allen Associates and our other lead donors for their generous gifts which have pushed us over the halfway milestone of our \$19.8 million goal,” said Mike Christiason, For Allen For You campaign co-chair.

“Our campaign volunteers look forward to meeting with more supporters in the community and sharing how these three projects will enhance the health and lives of Cedar Valley community members.”

The three projects under the For Allen For You campaign umbrella are:

- UnityPoint Health – Prairie Parkway construction, a new comprehensive outpatient medical home in Cedar Falls.
- Allen College – UnityPoint Health initiatives, including building renovations, medical education program expansions and additional endowed scholarship support for students.
- UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital initiatives, including birthing center, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and pediatrics unit renovations and expansion.

### Allen College Initiatives

The For Allen For You campaign seeks to raise \$8.8 million for four Allen College initiatives:

- \$3.3 million to acquire, renovate and equip McElroy Hall to provide office, classroom and laboratory space for a new occupational therapy program and future physical therapy program.
- \$3 million for endowed scholarships to support nursing and health sciences students. Campaign organizers noted that the average Allen College undergraduate debt load has reached nearly \$30,000.
- \$1.75 million to renovate Alumni Hall, providing a state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratory and classrooms/medical lab sciences simulation lab.
- \$750,000 will go toward renovating classrooms and office space



Dee Vandeventer, Jerry Durham & Pam Delagardelle dyed their hair campaign colors.

in Gerard Hall, providing for upgraded technology to classrooms and offices that haven’t been renovated since the building opened in 1995.

“Allen College has a reputation for graduating well-qualified students who find great success in their careers, said Dr. Jerry Durham, Allen College chancellor. “In fact, 96.7 percent of students passed the 2015 National Council Licensure Examination on their first attempt last year. It is time to continue to invest in our students and provide more opportunities for healthcare education in Iowa. By upgrading our facilities and increasing education programs and degree options, we can meet the demand of our growing enrollment.”

Lead donors recognized for Allen College initiatives include the R.J. McElroy Trust, which has donated \$600,000 toward the purchase of McElroy Hall from UNI and coinciding renovations for rehabilitation sciences programs; Mark Baldwin and the Waschek family, who contributed \$326,000 to establish the M. Sue Waschek Baldwin Medical Lab Science Endowment; and Ginny and Mike McBride, who have added \$150,000 to the Virginia Henniges McBride Scholarship.

To learn more about the For Allen For You Campaign, to watch the campaign video or make a donation visit [www.forallenforyou.com](http://www.forallenforyou.com).



# Philanthropy

## Nebraska Methodist College

OMAHA, NE—

**TRIO SSS Makes Its Debut-** For the first time, NMC received funding through the TRIO Student Support Services Program. TRIO SSS at Nebraska Methodist College is committed to fostering a student-centered learning environment, reflecting the school's core values of

caring, excellence, holism, learning and respect by providing comprehensive and personalized services to empower historically underrepresented students to achieve academic excellence.

## Resurrection University

CHICAGO, IL—**Foglia Family**

**Foundation Donation** – The Foglia Family Foundation continued their relationship with the University with their most recent donation of \$1M over the next four years, to support the Foglia Family Foundation IPE Simulation Learning Center.

# Melange

## Bellin College

GREEN BAY, WI—**New**

### **Partnership with Friends of Haiti**

Approximately one year ago, Dr. Jack Hale approached Bellin College about a partnership with the service group, *Friends of Haiti*.

In October 2015, Assistant Professor Kathie DeMuth and Dr. Stephanie Stewart traveled to Haiti to explore the potential for students to participate in the medical mission trip.

In December 2015, Kathie and Stephanie presented a proposal to the *Friends of Haiti* Board. The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

The College is excited to offer students the opportunity to provide care and service to the underserved population in Haiti.

Two groups of Traditional BSN Juniors had the opportunity to travel

to Haiti for a community clinical this past April, led by Assistant Professor Kathie DeMuth. The first group of four went to Thomazeau, a city in the valley. The second group of four went to the mountains of Noyau. About 80% of Haiti's population lives in poverty, 50% of children do not attend school, and the average life expectancy is 63 years.

Haitians residing in the mountain areas are mainly farmers. The Haitian government does not account for roughly 3 million people who live in the mountains, which means they do not receive government support services. With little support and access to transportation, many Haitians living in the mountain areas rely on the Friends of Haiti group for medical services each spring and fall.

Bellin College will be offering the medical mission trips to Haiti twice per year.

The outcomes the College hopes students to achieve vary based on the program of study. BSN students who complete the mission trip receive clinical credit for their community/public health clinical course. BSRS students may use this experience for diversity credit. FNP students who are interested in going may also be able to get practicum credit for their experience.

The hope is all students will gain a better understanding of poverty, medically underserved populations and a greater understanding of the role they play in global healthcare.

# Melange

## Caring Cupboard Helping Eradicate Food Insecurities at Blessing-Rieman

QUINCY, IL—The Caring Cupboard helps alleviate "food insecurities" for some students at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Brenda Beshears, the president and chief executive officer of the college, said she began to sense -- through correspondence, conversation and observation -- that there may be some Blessing-Rieman students having difficulty making ends meet when it came to being able to have enough food to eat.

Beshears, with the help of community health nurse Kim Gray and others, helped establish the Caring Cupboard to combat the food hardships. The food pantry helps provide a distribution point for students in need.

"We probably average nine to 10 users per day," Gray said. "There are times in the month when we may be busier than others."

The Caring Cupboard is less than a year old, but already has been well-received. Extra food is also supplied to the student lounge for students to take.

Blessing-Rieman staff and faculty who may also be experiencing food

insecurities are also encouraged to utilize the Caring Cupboard.

There are canned and boxed goods, plus fresh produce and hygiene items available at the pantry. Aldi supermarket is partnering with Blessing-Rieman, providing its daily excess of produce for the pantry.

There have been benefits from the outreach that Beshears never imagined.

"Students are seeing what an amazing community this is, and what a giving community it is," she said. "This is having rippling effects ...sometimes we talk the talk, but don't walk the walk. The students are seeing all of this in action and realize we are concerned about them as individuals."

As word has spread, donations are increasing. For example, Gray and Beshears said alumni are getting more involved, making it known they appreciate the effort the college is making to help take care of its own.

In turn, the Caring Cupboard partners with Horizons Social Services -- which operates a soup kitchen and food pantry in downtown Quincy -- by sharing its daily produce from Aldi.

"It has been wonderful," said Sarah Stephens, executive director of Horizons. "We appreciate what they are doing so much. We are able to provide more nutritious meals with the produce we get from Blessing-Rieman. We are so grateful."

The Caring Cupboard is also raising awareness concerning overall hunger issues, especially those experienced by low-income students. Student engagement is also being encouraged, according to the Caring Cupboard mission statement, to "foster a sense of community, volunteerism and service to peers on campus."

The Caring Cupboard is open to students, faculty and staff 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. It is located in the lower level of the Student Services Building.

The Caring Cupboard is closed whenever the college is not open for things like Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks

# Melange

## Carolinas College of Health Sciences

CHARLOTTE, NC—

- 100% pass-rate on the national certification exam for August 2016 Histotechnology graduates.
- 100% pass-rate on the national certification exam for August 2016 Medical Laboratory Science students.
- 100% pass-rate on the national certification exam for May 2016 Surgical Technology graduates.
- 65 Nursing Students graduated in May. NCLEX pass rate is at currently at 98%. All eligible students have been placed in jobs.
- The radiation therapy program graduated 7 students in August. Six have taken their boards and all six have passed. 100% have secured jobs.
- May 2016 graduates of the Radiologic technology program had a 100% first time pass rate (13 students); 100% job placement rate.

## Cox College



SPRINGFIELD, MO—Cox College again demonstrated tremendous community support during the United Way's Day of Caring on August 18.

A total of 79 students, staff, and faculty tackled projects at three Southwest Missouri locations – Zagonyi Park (Springfield), York Elementary School (Springfield), and Girl Scouts Campgrounds (Rogersville). Pictured are groups from the College's Associate of Science in Radiography program, and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program, respectively. Tasks completed including painting, cleaning, weeding, planting, mulching, furniture repair, and fence installation.

## Nebraska Methodist College

OMAHA, NE—**Record Enrollment-** At a time when colleges across the country are struggling to meet enrollment goals, Nebraska Methodist College's exclusive focus on healthcare has led to an unprecedented number of students. The not-for-profit college has 1,088 students for the fall of 2016, an increase of 14% from two years prior. First-time first-year students have also increased by 40%.

**Student Engagement Center-** NMC opened the Charlotte Schultz Learning Commons and Student Engagement Center. Response has been overwhelmingly positive as demonstrated by the constant usage of the Center for studying and other forms of interactivity. Meeting spaces, study pods and other amenities in the Center have improved the educational experience and facilitated camaraderie among students, faculty and staff.

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## Our Lady of the Lake College Changes Name to Reflect University Status

BATON ROUGE, LA—Our Lady of the Lake College has embraced a new name to reflect its university status and to bring awareness to its advanced degree offerings, while at the same time honoring the ministry's founding sponsors and its Catholic Franciscan values.

**Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University** will be the new name of the college, which is the only Catholic Franciscan higher education institution in the southeastern U.S.

Full implementation of the name will be complete by 2017, Sister Barbara Arceneaux announced. Arceneaux is provincial for the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, who established the initial school of nursing in 1923.

"There are a number of reasons why we are excited to announce a new name that recognizes our institutional maturity ... our university status," says President Tina Holland in a statement. "But I am most excited about the opportunity to declare the proud heritage entrusted to us by our Sisters, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady. Our new name is a clear reflection of our commitment to enhance our Franciscan identity."

In achieving university status, OLOL College has expanded degree programs to include master's and doctoral degrees and comprises three established schools: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Health Professions and Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing.

The university enrolls 1,600 students, has 76 full-time faculty members and welcomes all faiths and backgrounds. It was initially founded as a nursing school in conjunction with Our Lady of the Lake Sanitarium in the downtown Capitol Lake area. Today the university, now located near OLOL Regional Medical Center on Essen Lane, has grown to offer a range of programs while maintaining a focus on health care.

Degree programs outside of nursing include radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, health service administration and more. The university also plans to develop future programs in nutrition, professional communications and business.

"Academics has been a growing component of our organization, and the perpetual learning environment maximizes the positive impact we have on individuals and the greater

community," says Scott Wester, CEO of OLOL Regional Medical Center.

A cornerstone of the curriculum is the nationally recognized service-learning program, named seven times to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Since 2012, OLOL College has earned the enhanced "With Distinction" honor, bestowed on only 120 colleges or universities in the nation and the only one in Louisiana.

Holland says the new name does not change the institution's historic relationship with OLOL Medical Center and the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System.

"By highlighting our university status and our Franciscan identity, we believe we are better positioned to serve and support the sisters' health care ministry within the many higher education alternatives," Holland says. "An important impetus for the new name is that the first cohort of students will graduate with Doctor of Nursing Practice-Nurse Anesthesia (DNP) degrees in December 2017."

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **2017 spring AHSEC meeting** will be held following the NAICU Annual Conference in Washington, DC **starting on Wednesday, February 1 and concluding at noon on Thursday, February 2.**