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Leader Transitions

Mount Carmel College of Nursing Announces New President and Dean

COLUMBUS, OH—The Mount Carmel College of Nursing Board of Trustees, together with the Mount Carmel Health System, has announced the appointment of Christine Wynd, PhD, RN, as the College's new President and Dean. Dr. Wynd will become the College's second President and Dean effective July 2014.

Dr. Wynd comes to Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) from the Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, where she has served as Dean and Strawbridge Professor since 2007. There she presides over the School that offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing. Her experience in nursing education and leadership is extensive and includes directing the PhD in Nursing program at the University of Akron and teaching at both The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Wynd retired from the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps at the rank of colonel in 2001. Her military experience includes serving as chief nurse for two separate Combat Support Hospitals and as the Reserve representative to the office of the assistant chief, Army Nurse Corps.

"Dr. Wynd is an exceptional leader who has the vision and dedication to take nursing education to the next level, to meet the ever-changing demands and opportunities in healthcare and higher education now and well into the future,"

said Matt Mazza, MCCN Board of Trustees chair. "Dr. Wynd will be a tremendous asset to the continued growth and sustainability of the College."

Dr. Wynd was selected following an extensive national search. The Search Committee was chaired by MCCN Board of Trustees member, Brian Tierney. Dr. Wynd will succeed President and Dean Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, who retires and becomes President Emeritus on July 31, 2014. Dr. Schiele is the longest-sitting president of any college or university in Ohio, having held the title since 1990 when Mount Carmel transitioned from a diploma program to a degree-granting institution. The College is now among the largest nursing programs in Ohio with more than 1,150 students enrolled.

Commenting on the transition, Mount Carmel Health System President and CEO, Claus von Zychlin said, "We thank Dr. Schiele for the decades of dedication, growth and success the College experienced under her leadership. Mount Carmel is proud of our strong affiliation and rich history with Mount Carmel College of Nursing. It's an unparalleled heritage that started 110 years ago when the institution was founded as the School of Nursing by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Columbus' Franklinton area. It's a legacy of outstanding nursing education that will continue to live on in this community under the new leadership of



Dr. Christine Wynd

Dr. Wynd. We congratulate Dr. Wynd and look forward to working with her toward our mutual objective of providing the best in healthcare and nursing education."

Dr. Wynd received her Doctoral degree (PhD) in Nursing Executive Administration from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Science degree in nursing from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Saint John College. She is married to Charles Santose and has two grown children, Rachel Santose, who lives in Gouverneur, New York, and son Nathan Wynd, who resides in Columbus, Ohio.

"The College has been on an outstanding trajectory of growth and achievement since its founding," said Dr. Schiele. "I am confident that Dr. Wynd, with whom I have enjoyed a long professional association, will keep MCCN on a path of continual growth and excellence throughout this leadership transition and into the future."



Dr. Tina Holland

BATON ROUGE, LA-- Our Lady of the Lake College has announced Tina S. Holland, PhD, as the new President of the private Catholic institution. Holland will lead the four-year college which provides a strong foundation in health sciences, nursing and liberal arts programs.

Holland will join Our Lady of the Lake College from Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana where she serves as the Executive Vice President and Provost and also held the roles of Vice President for Student

Affairs, Mathematics Professor, and the Director of the Conditional Acceptance Program. She will assume her position on April 22.

Our Lady of the Lake College is a subsidiary of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and is sponsored by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System. Sr. Kathleen Cain, Provincial of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady shared, "Dr. Tina Holland is everything we envisioned when we began this important national search. Her qualifications bring a depth of experience in higher education administration from a faith based organization that fits with our culture and will serve Our Lady of the Lake College well during

an exciting time of growth."

The search committee was headed by Judge Luke LaVergne of Baton Rouge who stated, "Dr. Holland is an eminent teacher who demonstrates a profound faith in the power of education to change lives and add value to communities. She recognizes the demand for a well-prepared healthcare workforce and the important role Our Lady of the Lake College has to train future healthcare professionals. Her experience will ensure the College continues advancements in higher education while remaining engaged with the community."

Dr. Holland earned her PhD in Higher Education from Indiana State University and received her MA in

International Relations from the University of San Diego. Before attending graduate school she graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. Holland and her husband, Peter, will be coming to Our Lady of the Lake College from northern Indiana, where they raised their four children.

"Our Lady of the Lake College has a solid strategic plan and is working closely with Our Lady of the Lake and all of its partners and subsidiaries. Dr. Holland is a servant leader who will continue to guide us forward and help us achieve our plan and continue to be a premier academic institution," said Charlie Freeburgh, Our Lady of the Lake College Board of Trustees Chair.

Appointment of Vice President of Enrollment Services/Dean of Students, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty and Dean of Nursing—St. Vincent's, Bridgeport Connecticut

BRIDGEPORT, CT-- During the summer of 2013, two Vice Presidents and a Dean of Nursing were appointed to leadership roles at St. Vincent's College in Bridgeport Connecticut.

Dr. Christie Boronico was appointed to the role of Vice President of Enrollment Services/Dean of Students in August 2013. Over the previous eight years Dr. Boronico served as the Associate Vice President for Retention and Assistant Provost for Experiential Learning at the University of New Haven. She brings to her new role here at St. Vincent's College experience in a variety of other leadership roles at Rutgers University and a number of colleges and universities in Michigan. She is a native of Michigan

and currently lives in Middlebury, Connecticut.

Dr. Boronico holds a Ph.D. in College and University Administration from Michigan State University, a Master's degree in Counseling and a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Oakland University, and an AAS degree from Oakland Community College.

The second Vice President appointed in summer 2013 was Dr. Susan Capasso, who was promoted to the role of Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty from her previous role as Dean of Academic Affairs. She was appointed to that role in 2009. Prior to that, she served as a Professor of Science and Chair of General Studies here at St. Vincent's Col-

lege. Dr. Capasso has over 35 years of experience in higher education, research and as a genetic counselor. At St. Vincent's College she has provided leadership for new program development, distance education, cancer survivorship education, grant development and many other initiatives including the summer science camp designed for middle and high school students that was held for the sixth consecutive summer in 2013.

Dr. Capasso holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Hartford, a Master of Science in Biology from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Vermont.

Dr. Karen Barnett was ap-

pointed as the Dean of Nursing at St. Vincent's College in August 2013. Dr. Barnett's most recent service was as an Assistant Professor, Nursing and Undergraduate Baccalaureate Program Coordinator at Southern Connecticut State University. She brings to her new role at St. Vincent's College over twenty-five years of experience in the profession of nursing as a clinician, researcher, faculty member and textbook author.

Dr. Barnett earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southern Connecticut State University, her Master of Science in Nursing from Fairfield University and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve.

Leader Transitions

President of Saint Luke's College Announces Retirement

KANSAS CITY - Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, president of Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences announced his retirement today effective August 1, 2014.

Hubbard has been working with the College since 2010, initially as chair of the board of directors and then as president. This is the second time Hubbard has retired. He was president at Northwest Missouri State University for 25 years: 1984-2009.

"I suppose it's not uncommon now for people to re-retire. Although some have said I flunked retirement," said Hubbard.

"The primary reason for this decision is timing. We have accomplished all of the goals we set when I accepted this position four years ago. None of our achievements would have been possible without sustained support, involvement and encouragement from Saint Luke's Hospital, our outstanding board, and our faculty and staff. I can't overstate how grateful I am to have

had the privilege of working with such a talented, dedicated and flexible group of educators."

During his tenure, the College incorporated as a standalone 501(c)(3) educational institution with Saint Luke's Hospital as the sole member of the corporation. The College remains closely aligned with Saint Luke's Health System and is partnering on a number of key programs.

Hubbard's first task was to create a strategy that would end heavy financial support from Saint Luke's Hospital in no less than five years. He increased enrollment 96 to 460 students and including graduate programs. Within three years the College was solvent and is now one of the largest programs in Missouri. The College continues to receive 5-7 applications for each opening. To accommodate the growth, the College was relocated from Ward Parkway to a new campus at 624 Westport Road—faculty and staff are proud to be part of the historic

Westport area.

Saint Luke's College graduates have the highest scores on the NCLEX licensing examination of any nursing programs in Missouri, indeed, the last class scored 5th in the nation. The College retention rates are also consistently above 95 percent and our last class is 100% employed.

Hubbard has a doctorate in Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University, an undergraduate and master's in theology from Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and a diploma in Korean language from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. In December, 2008 he was awarded an honorary Ph.D. from Gloucester University in the UK in recognition for his work in promoting quality in British Universities. During his tenure at Northwest Missouri State University, the university was a four-time winner of the Missouri Quality Award and the 1996 winner of the National Association of Col-

lege and University Business Officers Higher Education Award. He was a founding member of the board of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation and in 1998 received the Missouri Governor's Quality Leadership Award.

Dr. Hubbard was appointed to the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Council on education statistics and served as a member of the American Council on Education's Commission on leadership Development. He has evaluated 30 colleges and universities for accreditation on three continents, consulting to educational institutions in Asia, Eastern and Western Europe and Central America.

He has written and edited, or contributed to more than a dozen books and published over 20 articles on the topic of quality. He has spoken at conferences and educational institutions all over the world on quality and other topics in higher education.

Academic Program News

Aultman College Adds a Nursing Degree

CANTON, OH--Aultman College has added bachelor's degree in nursing programs in the past year. Aultman College's program is for registered nurses who want to earn a bachelor's degree. Jim Kelley is the success story that any two-year nursing program would love to use for a promotional poster.

Just two months after graduating with an associate degree in nursing from Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Kelley landed a full-time job as a registered nurse at Aultman Hospital's medical intensive care unit. But now, less than two years later, Kelley knew his job wouldn't last if he didn't go back to school. "With how the industry is going right now and how nursing

is in general, it's only a matter of time that I would have to have a bachelor's degree," said Kelley who graduated from the associate degree in nursing program in December 2011. "Otherwise, I would probably lose my job."

Kelley was one of the first 18 students to enroll in Aultman College's new bachelor's degree completion program for registered nurses.

The college, which started as a diploma school in 1892, is one of two educational institutions in Stark County to begin offering a bachelor's degree in nursing program in the past year. The University of Mount Union began offering a traditional, four-year bachelor's degree in nursing in August for students who want to obtain a

nursing license.

BROADER LEARNING

Jo Ann Donnenwirth, director of Aultman College's bachelor's degree in nursing completion program, said a bachelor's degree introduces nurses to a broader range of health care issues and helps them develop critical-thinking skills. Aultman College's completion program offers courses that range from leadership and public speaking to the care of culturally diverse populations and world religion to politics of health care.

"So it's a little bit more nursing but a lot more general education to round out that degree," Donnenwirth said. "The bachelor's degree is a little bit heavier on the liberal arts."

Kelley said the public speaking class taught him how to communicate with patients and families more effectively.

"The associate (degree program) was teaching us the fundamentals of how to be a nurse and what we needed to do with checking vital signs and giving baths," Kelley said. "They taught you how to be a safe nurse. Now, everybody in class knows how to be a good nurse, how to be a safe nurse. Now, they are building upon what we already know and adding more in-depth assessments, (teaching us about) communication and getting into research ... that will help us to do more evidence-based practice at the bedside."



Academic Program News

Allen College to Offer Four New Healthcare Programs

WATERLOO, IA—Allen College chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham has announced that the College has received final approval to implement four new degree programs. The College's regional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission, has granted approval for Allen College to offer bachelor's degree programs in dental hygiene and public health and graduate-level programs in occupational therapy and health professions education.

No other bachelor's degree programs in dental hygiene and public health are currently being offered by Iowa colleges. Graduates of the new programs will receive the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree. Both

programs will be offered to students in Iowa and other states through distance education. The College is currently recruiting directors for both programs. The new program in dental hygiene will admit students who are already registered dental hygienists. According to Allen's vice-chancellor of academic affairs, Dr. Nancy Kramer, Allen College's 2012 survey of Iowa's dental hygienists found significant interest among those surveyed in earning a bachelor's degree. Allen College is planning to admit its first dental hygiene students no later than the fall of 2015. The public health program will address current and future needs for entry-level public health workers and prepare students for graduate

study in public health and related fields. Dr. Kramer said that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that 80% of the public health workforce lacks specific training in public health. The College is planning to admit its first public health students in fall 2014.

The College is planning to start two graduate programs--the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) and the Doctor of Education (EdD) in Health Professions Education. The occupational therapy program will graduate students who are qualified to work as occupational therapists. According to Dr. Kramer, Iowa has only one other occupational therapy program. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a growing demand for occupa-

tional therapists over the next several years. Allen College is planning to open the occupational therapy program in fall 2015.

The Doctor of Education in Health Professions Education will address a growing need for nurses and other health educators who hold doctoral degrees. Dr. Kramer noted that Iowa has a shortage of nurses and other health professionals with this level of education. The new doctoral program, the only one of its type to be offered by an Iowa college, will admit students in fall 2014 and will be offered entirely online. Allen College currently offers one other doctoral degree program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

More information about the new programs is available by calling 319-226-2014.



Nebraska Methodist College Starts New Online Programs

OMAHA, NE--Nebraska Methodist College is pleased to announce the August launch of two online graduate degree programs.

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** prepares nurses who want to expand their leadership and practice expertise to improve and promote the well-being of patients within their community. The DNP curriculum prepares a student to be a family nurse practitioner (APRN

-FNP) with the scientific knowledge, practice expertise and leadership skills needed to evaluate, advocate, integrate and apply clinical prevention and population health initiatives that improve patient care and outcomes. Students complete 75 credit hours of online coursework in combination with 1080 clinical practice hours. Elective courses will be offered in advanced clinical practice, leadership and patient safety. More details are available at: <http://www.methodistcollege.edu/nursing/doctor-of-nursing-practice/bsn-to-dnp>

The **Master of Science in Academic Program Admin-**

istration and Leadership (APAL) is designed for busy healthcare professionals who have a passion for healthcare education and wish to advance their careers in higher education. Individuals who are in (or aspire to) an administrative position in healthcare education (clinical coordinator, program director, dean, senior administrator) will find this program beneficial to their professional advancement and personal growth. The online curriculum provides the knowledge and skills needed to work as an educator and academic administrator in many different settings (college or university, hospital, or commu-

nity agency). Coursework is in educational theories and methodology, curriculum design, course and program assessment, budgeting and financial management, human resources management for higher education, academic administration, issues and trends in higher education, healthcare education challenges, leadership theories and application, instructional design, external funding and grant writing. More details are available at the program website: www.methodistcollege.edu/apal.



Academic Program News

St. Luke's College in Sioux City, Iowa Has New Bachelor's Degree Programs

SIOUX CITY, IA--St. Luke's College now offers health care professionals additional opportunities for advancement with two new degree completion programs, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) and a Bachelor of Health Science.

Designed with the working adult in mind, the programs offer a combination of online and classroom learning with flexible full-time and part-time schedules available. Registered nurses, with active licenses, can transfer coursework from their previous associate degree or diploma programs to St. Luke's College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Health care professionals in radiologic technology, respiratory therapy,

surgical technology, paramedics and others can transfer their previous coursework toward completion of the Bachelor of Health Science program.

"We are very pleased to offer new opportunities for health care professionals to advance their careers. As the Sioux City area's only medical center based health sciences college and one of very few in the nation, St. Luke's College is uniquely positioned to provide students with a well-rounded learning experience," says Mike Stiles, Chancellor of St. Luke's College. "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 our new

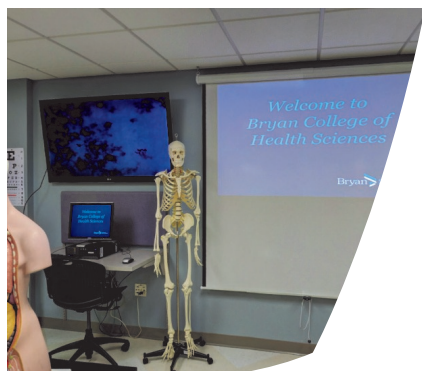
bachelor's degree completion programs.

"With the increase in baby boomers requiring care and the growing shortage of health care providers available, 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 degree programs are a positive step in ensuring health care providers have access to advanced educational opportunities close to home," adds Stiles.

St. Luke's College has a 112-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 programs in nursing and health science. The college counts more than 2,800 health care professionals nationwide among its alumni. St. Luke's College recently moved into a new facility, located at 2800 Pierce Street on the campus of UnityPoint Health – St. Luke's. The facility houses state-of-the-art classrooms, practice labs, computer labs, library and more.

For more information on St. Luke's College, visit www.stlukescollege.edu/bachelor.



Bryan College of Health Sciences Launches New Biomedical Sciences Program

LINCOLN, NE--Bryan College of Health Sciences launched a new undergraduate

program in biomedical sciences this year. The program is designed for those students who are anticipating a graduate pro-

fessional program in medicine, pharmacy, occupational or physical therapy, or another similar field. Students in the

first class rave about the small class size, the cadaver and plastinate labs, and their doctorally-prepared faculty.

Accreditation News

- **Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing** (Quincy, IL) has received official notice that the HLC has granted 10 years in re-accreditation.
- **Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science** (Cincinnati, OH) has received a recommendation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accreditation team for full initial accreditation for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences Receives Award for Outstanding Programs in English

CINCINNATI, OH--The Two-Year College English Association (TYCA) of the National Council of the Teachers of English (NCTE) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 Diana Hacker TYCA Awards for Outstanding Programs in English for Two-Year Colleges and Teachers. The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences' "Developing a Writing Across the Curriculum Program for a Two-Year Nurs-

ing College" has been selected as the exemplary program in the category of Fostering Student Success. Congratulations to you and your college for the creative response to the challenges of educating two-year college students and for demonstrating professionalism in the commitment to educating diverse student populations. We would like to invite you and an administrator (or representative) from your college to be our guest at

the Annual TYCA Breakfast so that we can acknowledge your achievement. As part of their co-sponsorship of the award, Bedford/St. Martin's will provide a \$500 travel stipend to help defray your cost to attend. The TYCA Awards Breakfast is on Saturday, March 22 at 7:00 a.m. at the CCCC Conference in Indianapolis. We would like to present you and the other category winners with a plaque to honor your achievements. A

description of your award-winning program will be published in *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, the national two-year college journal, and on the National TYCA Web site to honor you and your college and to share your program with other colleges that may benefit from your educational accomplishment.

Allen College Recognized for Diversity Efforts

WATERLOO, IA--Allen College has been selected in its employer category to receive the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber Inclusion Award. The Greater Cedar Valley Alliance &

Chamber Inclusion Award honors employers in the Cedar Valley who have made significant achievements in championing inclusion and diversity in their businesses and organiza-

tions. The Inclusion Award winners were announced at the annual Awards banquet, March 27, 2014.

The selection committee lauded Allen College for "their

passion, commitment to the community and efforts/successes in increasing the diversity of their student body."

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Named One of the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs

PEORIA, IL--Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing has been named one of the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs in 2014 by the U.S.

News & World Report. The ranking is computed on data related to student engagement; faculty credentials and training; student services and technology; peer

reputation; and admissions selectivity. In 2014, a peer assessment was used in addition to the statistical data collected. To see the complete list of rankings visit

<http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/nursing>

Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

Nebraska Methodist College Receives Awards and Recognitions

Nebraska Methodist College Receives Recognition from the American Heart Association

OMAHA, NE--In early March Nebraska Methodist College was recognized as a Platinum Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association. The President's Council on Wellness efforts have resulted in the infusion of physical activity and wellness into the culture of NMC resulting in a higher level of energy and passion for improved health throughout our organization. Nebraska Methodist College was also named as a

top 10 college in the small college division of the 2013 Chronicle Great Colleges to Work for Survey.

Nebraska Methodist College Receives Major HRSA Grant

The Nursing Department received its largest award to date for HRSA's Nurse Faculty Loan Program. The award for 2014 was just under \$700,000 with the funds being available to students who are enrolled in the Nurse Educator track of the Master of Science in Nursing Program. To date, NMC has received nearly

\$3 million dollars in support of future nurse educators.

Nebraska Methodist College Receives President's Higher Education Community Service Award

2013 marked the sixth consecutive year that NMC received the President's Higher Education Community Service award for the collective efforts of service to our community that are provided by students, faculty and staff. NMC was one of only three institutions in Nebraska to be recognized at the highest level of 'distinction'.

Wellness Council of America Recognizes Nebraska Methodist College

Nebraska Methodist College was recently recertified as a Platinum level Well Workplace by the Wellness Council of America. NMC was one of first three organizations to be recognized as a Platinum level workplace in 2006 and has recertified at this level every three years since then. NMC is the only college or university in the country to be recognized as a Platinum level Well Workplace.



Lamar Jones with a vintage 1880-era microscope from his personal collection of antique microscopes

Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

Lamar Jones is Recipient of National Histotechnology Award

CHARLOTTE, NC--Lamar Jones, coordinator and sole faculty for the CCHS Histotechnology program, was announced as the winner of the Lee G. Luna Foreign Travel Scholarship, awarded annually by The National Society for Histotechnology to fund a

member's travel to a foreign country to advance a topic relevant to histotechnology and pathology. Lamar will travel to the Institute of Pathology at the University of Cologne Medical Center, Cologne, Germany, to study molecular techniques such as

DNA extraction from paraffin embedded tissue sections, PCR, high resolution melting analysis, and sequencing techniques. He plans to incorporate those basic molecular techniques into the Histotechnology program at CCHS.

Allen College Faculty Member Named



Dr. Ruselle DeBonis

WATERLOO, IA--Allen College faculty member Dr. Ruselle DeBonis has been selected to receive the 2014 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) State Award for Excellence.

This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner in each state who demonstrates excellence in her or his area of practice.

Dr. DeBonis will be officially recognized for this

achievement at the 2014 AANP National Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN in June of 2014.



PEORIA, IL--Construction of a new biological classroom

Facilities

Methodist College Adds Biology Classroom and Laboratory

and laboratory at Methodist College was completed in October 2013. Resulting from an award from the Illinois Board of Higher Education as well as generous support from UnityPoint Health

- Methodist, this new facility seats 24 students at six work stations. It also includes a preparation room with refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, microcentrifuge, incubator, and auto-

clave. Students enrolled in any course across the biology curriculum at Methodist College will benefit, especially students enrolled in anatomy and physiology and microbiology courses.



Fortin family dedicating the space

Blessing and Dedication of Fortin Learning Center— St. Vincent's College, Bridgeport, Connecticut

student-focused learning environment with state of the art technology. The project was made possible through a \$1.8 million grant from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development and philanthropic support from Mrs. Virginia O'Brien Fortin and other individual benefactors.

On this first day of fall Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch and State Senator Andres Ayala were present at this celebration with St. Vincent's leaders and a host of St. Vincent's friends, supporters and students.

Sharing their enthusiasm, State Senator Andres Ayala remarked "This is a wonderful project and we are fortunate to have St. Vincent's and the College in the City. The state delegation is your partner."

The new facility adds important new teaching, learning and gathering spaces for students and faculty. The College now has the much needed space to meet its ongoing commitment to serve the area

healthcare community by preparing the next generation of nurses and allied health professionals and meeting the challenge to

educate for the new roles emerging in the changing healthcare delivery environment.

St. Vincent's College offers associate in science degrees in nursing, radiography, medical assisting and general studies as well as two online bachelor degrees, the RN to BSN Completion and a bachelor of science in radiologic sciences. Through its continuing education department, the College also offers a wide range of certificate programs leading to immediate employment in the healthcare field. St. Vincent's College is a subsidiary of St. Vincent's Medical Center and a member of Ascension Health.



Virginia O'Brien Fortin

Philanthropy

Allen College Receives Scholarship Gift

WATERLOO, IA--Allen College has received the largest scholarship gift in its history. The \$420,000 gift came from the estate of Donald L. Dilley of Water-

loo who died in 2011 and who also gave a similar scholarship gift to Hawkeye Community College. The Lloyd R. Dilley and Donald L. Dilley Memorial En-

dowed Scholarship will be awarded annually to at least one deserving Allen College student based on financial need, character and scholastic ability to pursue an

undergraduate or graduate degree in nursing or health sciences education at Allen College.

Bryan College of Health Sciences Estate Gift

LINCOLN, NE--Phylis Holamon, president emeritus of Bryan College of Health Sciences, has made an estate gift to the

College of nearly \$1 million, the largest gift ever to the Bryan Foundation. She has designated a portion of the gift to scholarships,

but the bulk is designated to the College's area of greatest need, allowing flexibility in responding

to a growing and changing College for decades to come.

Mélange



Ray Lupse

Synchronicity! Carolinas College of Health Sciences Nursing Student Connects to Great Grandfather

CHARLOTTE, NC--The odds were smaller than finding a needle in a haystack. Perhaps smaller even than finding a needle in all of North Carolina. But for reasons that can't be understood or explained, a synchronicity of events occurred at Carolinas College of Health Sciences last week that startled all observers.

First, a little background. Flash back to the mid-sixties. A formal radiologic technology (X-ray) training program had just opened at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The first program director (Susan Stricker) had been appointed and her first task was to assemble a collection of reference materials. The X-ray field was new. X-rays had become a formal field of healthcare just 60 years earlier. Few printed references were available, but one of those was an opus on patient positioning, written by Dr. Leroy Sante at the University of St. Louis. That book was the first one ordered by Ms. Stricker as she began to assemble a collection. When Stricker's program became part of Carolinas College in 1996, that book, and a few dozen others were relegated to

a corner cabinet in a rarely-accessed resource room at the college. Like most outdated materials in a modern learning environment, little attention was paid to it, other than occasionally wondering, "Should we throw this out?"

Fast forward to 2002. Joe Bowers, then a senior administrator with Carolinas HealthCare System, but whose start in health care was in imaging, gave the college a Crooks Tube he'd found years before in the attic at a prominent Chicago hospital and saved from the discard pile. A Crooks Tube, the earliest form of delivering X-rays, is a clear glass bulb with adjoining tubes. College officials grabbed a stack of old imaging books on which to support the display of the tube in the college lobby.

Fast forward another 12 years to 2014. A first semester nursing student from Gastonia was passing time waiting for class to begin. He noticed – then studied – the stack of books. With a surprised look on his face he headed for the Dean's office. "You know those books out there under the Crooks' Tube?" he asked. "I think my great grandfather wrote one of them."

Ray Lupse is this student. He is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in

biology. Following graduation, he was unable to immediately find a job. His love of science combined with his exposure to healthcare through various members of his family led him to explore a career in healthcare. After taking some courses and shadowing a physician assistant, he found his calling. "I realized that nursing was the best fit because I was looking for a career that would allow me to have close relationships with patients and use my love of science." He ultimately chose Carolinas College because of the quality nursing program, the relationship to Carolinas HealthCare System, and the exceptional clinical facilities. But what really stands out is the synchronicity of this legacy. He is the great grandson of Dr. Leroy Sante. One can only ponder all the "what ifs" that ultimately led to this young North Carolinian finding his great-grandfather's book on display at his small nursing school.

Dr. Sante earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Washington University in Saint Louis in 1913. He interned at Saint Louis City Hospital from 1913 to 1914 and at the Saint Louis City Dispensary from 1914 to 1915. He joined the Saint Louis City Hospital as a radiologist in 1919, at the same time becoming an instructor in

radiology at Saint Louis University. In 1928, Dr. Sante founded and served as the first chairman of the Department of Radiology at Saint Louis University, serving until 1960. He was a Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) and was awarded the Gold Medal, ACR's highest honor, in 1959 for his distinguished and extraordinary service to the discipline of radiology. He was the author of numerous academic articles and textbooks and generally recognized as a leading radiologist of his time.

Dr. Sante's textbook, *Manual of Roentgenological Technique* (1943), is displayed in the lobby of Carolinas College of Health Sciences. That's where Ray Lupse discovered it. He later added, "While cleaning out my mother's garage a few weeks ago, I found one of my great grandfather's radiology books. That prompted me to take a look at the college's Crook's Tube. I was shocked to see another of Dr. Sante's books there as well. "It was a amazing feeling to see my family's history in the medical field still being recognized today – and so far from where my great-grandfather ever lived or practices. This certainly affirmed that Carolinas College is the right place for me."

Allen College Students Serve Community Through Free Clinic for Five Years

WATERLOO, IA—Sixty Allen College students devoted a semester to caring for patients at the Allen College Engagement and Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP) free medical clinic in 2013. In 2013, 1,196 patients were cared for. In 2008, the ACE-SAP clinic served 226 patients. Since its inception, the ACE-SAP free medical clinic has seen a growth of 19 percent, and has served a total of 3,767 patients. Over the past five years, Allen College students and educators have provided patients with:

- Approximately \$532,000 worth of patient care
- 4,129 prescriptions for medication
- 356 vaccines for adult patients
- More than 850 free lab tests
- 754 referrals to community agencies

Caring for patients at the ACE-SAP clinic has provided students with 5,607 clinical hours over the five-year period. Many of these students are mas-

ter's students who also practice as registered nurses as they study to become nurse practitioners. Allen College students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program who are taking clinical courses, studying lab science and training to become psychiatric nurse practitioners can contribute time to the free clinic as part of their coursework or as volunteers as well.

"Patients received more than \$150,000 worth of care for free at the clinic last year," said Dr. Ruselle DeBonis, associate professor and clinic coordinator for the Master of Science in nursing (MSN) program at Al-

len College. "And we help students understand the barrier poverty can be to healthcare, especially for those who do not qualify for healthcare plans through their employers."



The emphasis of the ACE-SAP free medical clinic is to provide preventive care and educate patients about the importance of preventive healthcare, whether the patient has an acute or preventive need.

Not only do Allen College students provide free preventive and acute care at the clinic, patients can also receive medica-

tion assistance and ongoing monitoring for conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes. Services provided at the free clinic include:

- A complete medical history
- Full physical or health check-up
- On-site cholesterol and blood sugar screening
- Health education and referrals
- Immunizations as recommended
- Diabetic testing supplies
- Diabetic foot care
- Medications needed for treatment
- A1C testing for diabetics
- Preventive, acute and mental healthcare
- Chronic disease management
- Prescription medications

Patients seeking psychiatric care may need to wait two to three months before an appointment is available, due to limited access to psychiatric care in the area. At the free medical clinic, Allen College students are able