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# AHSEC Member News

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## Leader Transitions

### *Mount Carmel President Transitions to New Role*

COLUMBUS, OH—Ann Schiele is moving into an advocacy role for the clinical and community health collaboration between Columbus-based Mount Carmel Health System and Lower Lights Christian Health Center.

Ann Schiele, the longest-serving college president in the state of Ohio, isn't going far when she steps down after 24 years as the founding president of Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

On Aug. 1, Schiele started an advocacy role for the growing clinical and community health collaboration between Columbus-based Mount Carmel Health System and Lower Lights Christian Health Center nearby. More than 50 years after starting as a nurse at Mount Carmel West, the 74-year-old still will be working in Franklinton.

Likewise, Mount Carmel and Michigan-based parent CHE Trinity Health are committed to the neighborhood, Schiele told me in an interview Tuesday while preparing for this weekend's commencement. The system has previously acknowledged that a full hospital is a potential future use at its newly opened outpatient campus in Grove City, but said it has made no decisions on the fate of inpatient services at the 385-bed Mount Carmel West, which would

be impacted by a sister hospital that close.

"There will be a transformation of the West campus. The college will stay here," Schiele said. "Mount Carmel is not in any way abandoning the west side."

How it transforms is yet to be decided, she said, but the neighborhood's needs are changing.

"Over time, with all the changes in health care, we're moving into the care for the health of populations. West will be more involved with that," she said. "It's just following the trends of what is needed – not just for nursing but for health care."

A nursing school has been on the site since 1903. Schiele was named president when the diploma program transformed in 1990 to a bachelor's degree-granting college; the first class was 32 students. Master's degrees were added in 2003. Today enrollment is about 1,100, buoyed by online programs that started three years ago. Schiele said it could grow to 1,400 students within three years. Its bachelor's programs, at about 730 students in 2012-13, are the fourth-largest in the state, according to the Ohio Board of Nursing. A doctorate of nursing practice (as opposed to a research-oriented Ph.D.) is in early planning stages, and Schiele said the college might

add other degrees in allied health fields in the next few years.

Nurse practitioners and other master's-level nurses not long ago were battling for recognition and changes to state law to increase their scope of practice. Now schools can barely produce enough graduates to fill openings for advanced-practice nurses in hospitals and physician offices.

"The physicians and the nurse practitioners, they're working better together," Schiele said. "The (roles) are different, but they complement each other. ... There is much less of the conflict between those two roles. They see the value in each other."

More highlights from our interview:

- On the biggest changes in the profession, after the emphasis on bachelor's and graduate-level training: "Today the real change, as I see it, is a dual focus – to be able to care for the acutely ill, but also equally prepared for keeping them healthy."
- On the role of nurses in transforming health care: "They're the heart and soul of health reform. ... For the patient to get healthy and remain healthy, you need multiple disciplines. ...



Dr. Ann Schiele

You need the whole team approach – you need physicians, you need dentists. The physician can see more patients if they've got expertise in nursing (implementing care plans)."

- On nursing salaries, especially for advanced-practice nurses: "You can go to different areas and those salaries will vary. I believe health systems really value them, and try to be fair and compensate them fairly."
- On the progress of the Ohio Action Coalition formed in response to a 2010 nationwide study that called for 80 percent of RNs to have bachelor's degrees: "They're meeting here in another week. What they're proposing is pretty much what we've been seeing: There's value to an associate's degree, but those students should go on and get a bachelor's."



Dr. Jim Hauschildt

KANSAS CITY, MO. (May 12, 2014) – The Saint Luke's College Board of Directors appointed Dr. James A. Hauschildt president and dean of the College effective June 1, 2014. Dr. Hauschildt has served as the dean since 2011 and will succeed President Dr. Dean. L.

Hubbard who is retiring.

During his tenure he hired a significant number of new faculty and supported implementation of new educational technologies. He also fostered new curricular and instructional innovations, and collaborated with Saint Luke's Health System and community partners on various new programs.

Dr. Hauschildt's nursing

career spans 20 years in both military and civilian environments, with emphasis in the areas of clinical practice, Nursing Education, Healthcare Informatics and Healthcare Quality Management. He maintains an active nursing license as well as Board Certification in Nursing Informatics from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

He has a doctorate in education, master's degree in business management, bachelor's degrees in psychology and nursing, and a nursing diploma.

"I'm honored to be appointed the next president of this fine institution, excited for the future of the college and health system, and ready to begin", he said.

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## *Hauschildt Named President of Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences*



Dr. Tracy Poelvoorde

ROCK ISLAND, IL – Trinity has announced the appointment of Tracy Poelvoorde, BSN, MSN, PhD (c), as the new Chancellor for Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, effective immediately. Poelvoorde has served in the role of Interim Chancellor since August 2013. As Chancellor, she will establish the academic institution's vision and overall strategic direction, curriculum, student recruitment and retention plans as well as oversee operations for the college.

Poelvoorde joined Trinity College as an assistant professor

in 2000. After serving as a clinical educator, she became Director, Nursing Programs, before advancing to the position of Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences in 2009. Since becoming Interim Chancellor, Poelvoorde has overseen the launch of its new Master of Science in Nursing program and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. She also has played an instrumental role in the facility's renovation and expansion to accommodate new academic programs.

"Tracy offers us a proven track record of success in working with the board, faculty, students and community. She was a bright, shining star among all of the applicants we saw during our national search," Trinity College board chair Benton Johnson II said. "She is a very well-grounded person who brings a fresh vision of where Trinity College can improve in order to maximize our potential. The full

board is not just supportive of but excited about where she will take us in the future."

"Trinity College has a rich history and tradition of academic excellence upon which we can build as we prepare our future health-care professionals," Poelvoorde said. "I'm honored for the opportunity to explore new opportunities for growth and continued partnerships within the community that will help us graduate students with the much-sought after critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in the evolving health care field."

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Biological Science/Pre-veterinary Medicine from Augustana College and her Diploma in Nursing from the United Medical Center School of Nursing, a predecessor institution of Trinity College. She received both her Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing degrees from Idaho State University and is

currently completing her dissertation toward a PhD in Nursing Education at the University of Northern Colorado.

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education. All programs at the college are professionally accredited. The Master of Science in Nursing program will seek accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

In addition to the new degree options, Trinity College also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), as well as the Associate of Applied Science degree in both Radiography and Respiratory Care.

## *Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences Appoints New Chancellor*



Susan C. Wajert

TOLEDO, OH—**John F. Hayward, JD**, who served as President of Mercy College of Ohio since 2005, retired June 30, 2014. Under his leadership, the private health science college in northern Ohio experienced a period of substantial growth with a 65% increase in enrollment and the addition of many accredited programs.

The dean of health sciences at a college in Cincinnati is Mercy College of Ohio's choice to become its new presi-

dent. **Susan C. Wajert, PhD, MSN, MBA, RN** was appointed president and CEO and began her new position on August 4, 2014.

Susan C. Wajert, whose degrees include a bachelor of science in nursing from Bowling Green State University and a master of business administration from the University of Toledo, succeeds John F. Hayward, who retired June 30 after nine years in charge at Mercy.

"We are confident that Dr. Wajert will build on the strong foundation of previous presidents and lead the college to new levels of growth," Carl

Barnard, chairman of Mercy's board of trustees, said in a statement today announcing her appointment.

"Her experience and commitment to health education give her a valuable background on which to draw as we work together to make Mercy College a more integral part of Catholic Health Partners," said Brian Smith, CHP's executive vice president for networks.

Dr. Wajert has been the health-sciences dean at Mount St. Joseph University since last year, and was previously chancellor of Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences in

Rock Island, Ill., and associate academic dean for program development at Defiance College in Defiance.

Areas of focus for her presidency will include building enrollment, program development, and becoming a leader in distance education and improving educational offerings at all CHP institutions, according to the college's statement.

**Kimberly A. Watson, EdD, MBA, BS, RHIA**, has been named Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty. She also holds the rank of Associate Professor.

# Leader Transitions

## *Mercy College of Ohio Names Susan C. Wajert its New President*



Dr. W. Gary Pack

CINCINNATI, OH—William Pack, Ed. D., has been named President of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. In this role, Dr. Pack will oversee long-term planning for continued development and philanthropic support of the College; ensure the College maintains certifications, accred-

itations and an environment supportive of higher learning; oversee all operational aspects of the College, including capital and operating budgets; and oversee student retention, recruitment and alumni relationship programs.

"Dr. Pack is a service leader who believes that the success he has experienced is a direct result of collaboration, partnership and building strong and sustainable relationships with those he works with on a daily basis," said James S. Wendel, MD, Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. "We look forward to working with Dr. Pack on advancing the College's success in preparing students to meet

the evolving healthcare needs of our community."

Dr. Pack has more than 40 years of experience in education, as a teacher, principal and administrator. He most recently served as superintendent of Princeton city School District in Cincinnati and as a member of the Board of Directors for The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He has previously served as superintendent for the Garfield Re-2 School district in Rifle, Colo.; the Blount County Schools in Maryville, Tenn.; and Simpson County Schools in Franklin, Ky.

During his career, Dr. Pack has taught in several higher education institutions, including Western Kentucky Univer-

sity, Tennessee Tech University, Tusculum College, University of Colorado at Boulder and, most recently, the University of Cincinnati, where he trained future principals and superintendents in the state of Ohio licensure and certification program.

Dr. Pack completed his bachelor's degree in history, sociology and psychology and his master's degree in educational administration at Morehead State University. He completed his doctorate in educational administration and organizational systems at the University of Louisville. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators and the National School Boards Association.

## *W. Gary Pack, EdD Named President of The Christ College of Nursing*





**Nate Brandstater**

KETTERING, OH—Kettering College's Board of Directors has named Nate Brandstater, Ph.D., as the college's seventh president, effective February 3, 2014. He replaced Alex Bryan, who left Kettering College at the end of the 2013-2014 school year to become senior pastor of the Walla Walla University Church.

Dr. Brandstater comes to Kettering College from La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., where he served as associate professor of chemistry, and accreditation liaison officer. He

also was an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Radiation Medicine at Loma Linda University.

He joined La Sierra University in 2000 as director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and associate professor of chemistry. He held several other positions at La Sierra, including director of Computer Information Services, assistant vice president for Academic Administration, and associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

"We are pleased to welcome Nate Brandstater to Kettering College," says Roy Chew, chair of the Kettering College board of directors and president of Kettering Medical

Center. "Under Nate's leadership, Kettering College will continue to develop outstanding curriculum and programs to help our graduates meet the needs of today's health care environment. Nate understands and embraces the Kettering tradition of innovation. This is the beginning of an exciting era in the history of Kettering College."

A native of rural Ontario, Canada, Dr. Brandstater received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Occidental College in Los Angeles. He earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from UCLA, and a master's in financial management from La Sierra University. His wife, Ronda, is a registered

nurse who most recently served as director of Patient Care at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California, and interim director of the Loma Linda International Heart Institute.

Kettering College is a fully accredited, coeducational college that specializes in health science education. A division of Kettering Medical Center (KMC), the College is located on the KMC campus in a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, and is chartered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Kettering College offers certificate programs, Associate and Bachelor of Science degrees, and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree.

# Leader Transitions

## *Nate Brandstater Named President of Kettering Col-*

## *Bellin College Welcomes New Vice President of Business & Finance*

GREEN BAY, WI — Ginger Krummen Schraven took over in the role of VP of Business and Finance at Bellin College on April 28, 2014.

Ginger came to BC with over 12 years of experience as an accountant, with her most

recent employment being at Bellin Health as a Team Leader in Clinic Finance. She has managed financials for high-budget projects and has a wealth of supervisory experience.

Prior to Ginger, this role was occupied by Joseph

Keebaugh since January of 2005. Joe provided support to all areas of the college and was instrumental in establishing an effective system for all areas of business and finance operations. He helped the College obtain its first integrated student software

program and was an asset in other technology advancements that followed. Joe will be missed dearly by the Bellin College family.

## *St. Luke's College Announces Staff Promotions, Additions*

SIOUX CITY, IA—St. Luke's College Chancellor Mike Stiles announces the appointment and promotion of three current members of the St. Luke's College leadership team to the position of Dean. The implementation of a new organizational structure for the College coincides with these appointments. The new College structure creates the Division of Nursing Education, Division of

Health Sciences Education and the Division of Student Services.

**Dr. Susan Bowers**, EdD, MSN, RN, Dean of Nursing, will provide administrative leadership to all nursing education programs and services of the College. Dr. Bowers will continue to serve as Department Chair of the RN to BSN program.

**Dr. Dan Jensen**, Dean of Health Sciences, will provide administrative leadership to the Departments of Respiratory Care Education, Imaging Sciences Education, Medical Laboratory Sciences Education and Clinical Pastoral Education. Dr. Jensen will continue to serve as the Department Chair of Imaging Sciences Education and provide similar leadership to the College's Bachelor of

Health Science and general education programs and services.

**Danelle Johannsen**, MA, BS, Dean of Student Services, will provide administrative leadership to Student Services and the Library. Danelle will continue to serve as the Department Chair of Student & Administrative Services.

# Leader Transitions

## *Bryan College of Health Sciences Leader Transitions* LINCOLN, NE



**Dr. Kristy Plander** is the new Dean of General Studies and Academic Advancement



**Dr. Marcia Kube** is the new Dean of Graduate Nursing and Health Professions



## Academic Program News

### *Kettering College Expanding to Greene Co. Facility*

KETTERING, OH — Kettering College is expanding into Greene County, where it plans to offer health science education classes, including a new occupational therapy doctoral program. The college, a division of Kettering Medical Center, plans to begin offering classes at the Ollie Davis Medical Arts and Education Center on Darst Road in Beavercreek as early as this fall.

The doctoral program — which is awaiting approval from the Higher Learning Commission, the Ohio Board of regents and the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education — would be a first for the nearly 50-year-old institution.

“This program requires a lot of space and resources and so we have really outgrown the space we can use in our main campus,” said Nate Brandstater, president of Kettering College.

The college proposed the new program amid changing standards for certified, registered or licensed health care practitioners, otherwise known as allied health professionals, Brandstater said.

“Increasingly, allied health professions are moving toward higher educational levels and higher levels of certification,” he said, noting that requirements for entry-level positions are changing from master’s degrees to doctorates. “Kettering College is moving in anticipation of that direction the profession is heading.”

The Ollie Davis center is maintained by the Greene Medical Foundation and has been empty since the end of 2013.

“This is set up perfectly for them because it’s set up as an educational facility with therapy areas,” said Jeff Brock, president of the Greene Medical Foundation. “They need a variety of therapy settings that probably are not feasible in just an office setting.”

Kettering College, which has enrollment of about 1,000, would be one of six colleges in the United States to offer an entry-level doctoral program for occupational therapy, according to the school. The Ollie Davis building will allow students to treat patients as they learn.

“It offers our students the latest in facilities and technology,” Brandstater said.

Occupational therapists are in high demand, according to the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. They project the field to grow 29 percent before 2022, adding 32,800 jobs nationwide. The median pay was \$75,400 in 2012.

“The hiring trends are very strong,” Brandstater said. “Occupational therapy is certainly one of the leading areas of allied health.”

The school already has a highly educated community to draw from. Greene County is the second-most educated county in the region where nearly 48 percent of residents hold at least an associate’s degree, according to the Lumina Foundation.

### *Saint Anthony College of Nursing Enrolls Its First DNP Students*

ROCKFORD, IL—Saint Anthony College of Nursing enrolled its first DNP students fall 2014. The college is offering the following (Hybrid) DNP tracks for BSN to DNP & Post-Master’s:

- Adult Gero Primary Care NP
- Adult Gero CNS
- FNP
- Leadership in Macro/Micro Health Systems (Post Master’s only)

### *Bryan College of Health Sciences Implements Doctoral Program*

LINCOLN, NE—Bryan College of Health Sciences implemented a Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia with the class of students who entered in 2014.

The college previously offered a Masters in Nurse Anesthesia; the graduating class of 2017 will be the first to graduate with the DNAP.

### *Mercy College Set Enrollment Record and Implements New Certificate Program*

CINCINNATI, OH—Enrollment in the nursing programs at both the Toledo and Youngstown campuses of Mercy College set record highs for academic year 2014 - 2015. New

faculty positions to support the additional students in Youngstown were made possible through a grant from the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).

The College also successful-

ly launched the Community Health Worker certificate program in fall 2014. Community health workers are entry-level healthcare workers who serve as a liaison between communities and

healthcare providers. The two-semester program will prepare students to work as part of the healthcare team to provide services as part of the “patient-centered medical home” (PCMH).



Carolinas College's histotechnology students and lead instructor celebrate national histotechnology week with an awareness campaign at the college

CHARLOTTE, NC—Carolinas College of Health Sciences is one of the few schools in the nation offering healthcare professionals and students the opportunity to be part of a specialty of growing need and interest – histotechnology.

The College, in partnership with the Carolinas Laboratory Network, recently began offering **one of only seven histotechnologist level programs in the United States and the only one in North Carolina**. It is a full-time, 12-month post-baccalaureate certificate program that enrolls four students per year. In December 2013, the College graduated its first class from the program.

Histology is a science deal-

ing with the structure and morphology of cells and the formation of tissues and organs. Histotechnology centers on the detection of tissue abnormalities and the diseases causing these abnormalities. These scientists are allied health professionals that play a fundamental role in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Due to a continuing shortage of histotechnologists across the nation, demand for these certified scientists is great.

Histotechnologists prepare and mount human tissue onto slides for microscopic examination. This work helps pathologists more accurately determine tissue abnormalities and a patient's disease process. Some of the disciplines of the professions are immunohistochemistry assays, fluorescent in-situ hybridization, digital imaging, electron microscopy, critical thinking and trouble-

shooting technical problems to name a few.

"There is a growing need for histotechnologists nationwide, especially in management and leadership roles, as there are such few programs that train these specialists," said M. Lamar Jones, histologist and education coordinator at Carolinas College of Health Sciences. "Our program provides students with a well-rounded educational experience by offering high-quality didactic, laboratory and clinical opportunities that produce highly-trained, skilled histotechnologists."

Carolinas HealthCare System's Histology department hires histotechnologists to process, embed and cut tissue specimens from several System care locations, including Carolinas Medical Center (CMC), CMC-Mercy, CMC-Pineville, CMC-University

and more than 100 physician offices.

Students in the histotechnology program at Carolinas College undergo a year-long program which includes clinical rotations in the laboratory on CMC's campus. The laboratory processes specimens needing routine and/or advanced pathologic testing, and pathologists from Carolinas Pathology Group provide interpretation in several specialties, including breast, GI, neuropathology and bone and soft tissue.

The program is undergoing the process of achieving national accreditation—by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)—which signifies the program meets national education standards and graduates are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification HTL exam. Carolinas College has already earned the "Serious Applicant Status"

## *Mercy College to Offer New Bachelor's Program in Nursing*

DES MOINES, IA—Mercy College of Health Sciences announced it will launch a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program beginning in this fall.

The new program responds to a 2010 report from the Insti-

tute of Medicine that called on institutions to expand the number of BSN-prepared nurses - currently 50 percent - to 80 percent nationwide by 2020. In conjunction with the new academic program, Mercy College will offer three new, \$5,000

scholarships funded by the Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa to assist admitted students to the new program. The new eight-semester BSN program will be offered with a three-year completion timeline.

Read more: [http://](http://www.businessrecord.com/Content/Health---Wellness/Health---Wellness/Article/Mercy-College-to-offer-new-bachelor-s-program-in-nursing/174/836/63158#ixzz30TygJuuq)

[www.businessrecord.com/Content/Health---Wellness/Health---Wellness/Article/Mercy-College-to-offer-new-bachelor-s-program-in-nursing/174/836/63158#ixzz30TygJuuq](http://www.businessrecord.com/Content/Health---Wellness/Health---Wellness/Article/Mercy-College-to-offer-new-bachelor-s-program-in-nursing/174/836/63158#ixzz30TygJuuq)

## *Methodist College Offers New MSN Program*

PEORIA, IL—Methodist College has gained approval from the Higher Learning Commission to launch a new Master of Science in Nursing degree program, starting in January 2015.

The 38 credit program will prepare nurse educators. The curriculum is designed to accommodate the working nurse who desires an advanced degree in nursing. Students are admitted in fall and spring se-

mesters and can complete the program in 6 consecutive semesters, including summer terms, by taking 6-7 credit hours per semester. Students who enroll full-time (9 credit hours per semester) can com-

plete the program in 5 consecutive semesters, including at least one summer term.

The degree program also prepares the graduate to pursue a doctoral degree.



# Academic Program News

## *St. Luke's College Begins Fall Semester with Record Enrollment*

SIOUX CITY, IA—St. Luke's College has enrolled a record 258 students for the Fall of 2014 in its professional health care programs. The record number of students represents a 34% increase from the Fall of 2013 and includes students in the College's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Health Science degree completion programs.

"We are excited to welcome so many new faces to campus. Our growing enrollment reflects a continued interest in professional healthcare

careers as well as interest in our bachelor's degree completion programs" says Michael Stiles, College Chancellor. "Our progress in enrollment is a testament to the quality of our academic programs and the dedication and commitment of the College's team of professional and highly experienced faculty and staff" says Stiles.

Approximately 85% of the students attending St. Luke's College come from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, with the remainder coming from 18 states across the nation including Arizona, California, Colo-

rado, and Minnesota, as well as international students from Canada, South Korea and Japan.

New students arrived on campus for Fall orientation activities on August 14 followed by the College's 11<sup>th</sup> annual community service day activities on August 15. The faculty, staff and student body provided service to area agencies including Good Will Camp, Sioux City Parks & Recreation, the Siouxland Y, Friendship House, Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, Stone State Park, and the

Siouxland Historical Railroad.

St. Luke's College, located at 2800 Pierce Street in Sioux City, Iowa, has Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs in Nursing and Health Sciences; Associate Degree Programs in Nursing, Radiologic Technology and Respiratory Care; Certificate Programs in Medical Laboratory Science and Phlebotomy; and Specialty Certifications in Sonography, CT, MRI, and Mammography; and a Clinical Pastoral Education Program.

## *Good Samaritan College Graduates Inaugural BSN Class*



CINCINNATI, OH—With a walk down the aisle of Cincinnati's St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in May, GSC graduated its first BSN students. All six were awarded their degrees with honors – Suma Cum Laude or Cum Laude. Of the six, four were GSC Associate program graduates, and one held a diploma from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. All six came through the program in two years as

members of the inaugural class for the new GSC degree.

"I was fortunate that the GSC BSN program opened at the perfect time for me," said Michael Mullen '14, who is also a GSH employee. "As an older student, I really did not know what to expect. There are twenty-five years between my last nursing degree and this one. Nevertheless, the professors worked with me where I was and helped me to get to where I

needed to be. I had no idea how much a BSN degree would impact my career, but it's like everything is new again. I understand research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the characteristics of leadership. I am a better nurse because of my BSN preparation, and I hope to encourage others to do likewise."

Three of the six new GSC alumni work at Good Samaritan Hospital in NICU, Emergency, and Critical Care. The other three BSN graduates work in medical facilities around the area. Besides their work and school, this inaugural class is made up of parents, community volunteers, and caregivers. Four of the graduates utilized the TriHealth Forgivable Loan program. Nurses who take advantage of the program attend the BSN program tuition free if they agree to "repay" the tuition loan by working 6,240 hours (approximately 3 years) at TriHealth following gradua-

tion.

"By TriHealth taking this financial burden off my shoulders, I was better able to focus on my studies," Mullen said. "Because of the TriHealth Forgivable Loan benefit, at no time was I concerned about the cost of my education. The three-year commitment that I am requirement to serve in exchange for this substantial benefit, I will perform with a heart filled with gratitude."

"This was a wonderfully cohesive and supportive group," added Dept. Chair Teresa Getha-Eby, "We will miss them."

More than 100 students are enrolled in the BSN program's hybrid model of education – with both online and face-to-face instruction. The program is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing).

# Accreditation News

## *Bryan College of Health Sciences Receives Accreditations*

LINCOLN, NE—The Bryan College of Health Sciences was reaccredited by the Higher Learning Commission in June 2014. At the same

time, the HLC approved the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Program (DNAP).

The BSN program at Bryan College of Health Sciences

was reaccredited by ACEN.

The MSN program at Bryan College of Health Sciences received initial accreditation by ACEN.

The cardiac/vascular sonography program at Bryan College of Health Sciences was reaccredited by CAAHEP.

## *Bellin College Receives Reaffirmation of Accreditation from HLC*

GREEN BAY, WI — On July 1, 2014, the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission granted continued accreditation of Bellin College. The accreditation is for the next 10 years, with the next reaffirmation of accreditation to take place during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Bellin College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) Higher Learning Commission (HLC). At its last full review in 2004, the College was granted a 10-year accreditation through April 2014. A focused HLC visit subsequently occurred in 2008 when the College petitioned to have the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science (BSRS) degree incorporated as a program of study.

From April 7 through April 9, the College underwent a re-affirmation process of accreditation where a team of HLC reviewers came on-site for a full review. In preparation for the visit, the College underwent an extensive internal assessment process, developed a self-study team and generated a report that evaluated the College's past decade of operations.

"Through the preparation process, we discovered just how much the College has accomplished in the past 10 years," noted Dr. Connie Boerst, President and CEO of Bellin College. "It's amazing to see the changes that have occurred: a brand new, free-standing campus, creation of the accelerated BSN (15-month), graduate nursing, and

the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences programs, the addition of general education course offerings, and of course the changes in leadership and other key personnel. We have come so far in such a short time, and I anticipate that even more positive change will come in the next decade at Bellin College."

Over the next decade, the College will be on the Open Pathway for Reaffirmation of Accreditation. This pathway seeks to enhance institutional value by opening the improvement aspect of accreditation so that BC may choose quality initiatives to suit its current circumstances, to reduce the reporting burden by collecting data in electronic forms over time, to enhance rigor by con-

ducting Assurance Reviews twice in the ten-year cycle, and to integrate all HLC processes and requests for data into the reaffirmation of accreditation cycle. Institutions that have not raised significant Commission concerns about circumstances or developments may participate in this pathway configuration.

"It is a great feeling knowing that HLC has confidence in Bellin College and the education and services we are offering our students," noted Dr. Connie Boerst. "We look forward to working regularly with the Commission over the next ten years, as we continue to advance our mission of educating healthcare professionals."

## *Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science Granted Full Accreditation From*

CINCINNATI, OH—ACEN Accreditation for BSN program

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science

(Cincinnati, Ohio) was granted full accreditation of its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program by the ACEN Board of

Commissioners. The GSC BSN Program began admitting students in the Fall of 2012.

The program received the full initial review of five years.



# Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

## *Resurrection University Awards Honorary Degree*

CHICAGO, IL—Doris Mesenbrink, from the class of 1939, was awarded an Honorary Degree at Resurrection University's Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The Hon-

orary Degree was awarded to Doris upon the approval of Resurrection University's faculty and Board of Directors.

## *Bellin College BAAMN Earned Newcomer of the Year Award*

GREENBAY, WI—Bellin College is thrilled to announce that the Bellin Assembly for Men in Nursing (BAAMN) earned the 2014 Newcomer of the Year award from the AAMN national organization. In a short period of

time, the chapter has demonstrated remarkable progress in membership recruitment, outreach and programming. BAAMN is being recognized for promoting positive role modeling for men in nursing

and for encouraging more men into the profession.

This chapter was established in October 2013 and its goal is to provide resources, knowledge, and opportunities for individuals interested in gender equality and advocating

for men in nursing. The Bellin College chapter will serve as a place of social connectedness for nurses and nursing students interested in promoting gender equality in nursing. BAAMN is one of only three AAMN chapters in the State of Wisconsin.

## *Saint Anthony College of Nursing Has Initiated a Global Initiative*

ROCKFORD, IL—Saint Anthony College of Nursing has initiated a Global Initiative with Nursing & Health Care Providers in Japan. Academic Agreements for Exchange, Collaboration, & Scholarship have been signed with the University of Tsukuba,

Japan & Saint Anthony College of Nursing; and Japanese Red Cross Kyushu International College of Nursing & Saint Anthony College of Nursing.

# Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

## *Belling College Faculty Recognized*

GREENBAY, WI —  
**Dr. Jason Mott, Instructor of Nursing**

In Oct. 2013, Dr. Jason Mott was instrumental in establishing the Bellin College chapter of the American Assembly of Men in Nursing. Resulting from Dr. Mott's hard work in the arenas of membership recruitment, outreach and programming, the BAAMN chapter

received national recognition as the 2014 Newcomer of the Year.

On Aug. 20, 2014, Dr. Mott presented as one of two speakers at an event titled Men in Nursing and the Incivility in Nursing, hosted at Bellin College.

In Oct. 2014, Dr. Mott will give a podium presentation at the national AAMN conference

in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Dr. Lori Kulju, Assistant Professor of Nursing**

At the 13th Annual International Nursing Simulation/Learning Resource Centers Conference on June 19, 2014, Dr. Kulju was awarded second place for her poster presentation entitled The Effect of Simulation on BSN Students'

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Clinical Judgment Regarding Pain.

The conference was held in Orlando, Florida and was sponsored by The International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning.

## *Aultman College Congratulates 2014 eTutoring Award Winner*

CANTON, Ohio (Date, 2013) – Aultman College congratulates Yvonne Lee for winning the 2014 Diane J. Goldsmith Excellence in eTutoring Award!

Yvonne earned the award by scoring the highest in categories relating to reliability, going above and beyond in her tutoring and being personable and engaging in student interactions. She excelled in productivity and quality of tutoring as well as being an

active part of resource building and the professional development of students. Learning Resource Center Coordinator Michelle Speedy shares, "Yvonne is a very conscientious and caring tutor. She goes the extra mile with students to make sure they find the resources they need.

Yvonne is a great team player and always willing to help students and co-workers. Yvonne is highly revered by students and faculty as a reliable, trust-

worthy resource to aid in writing across the curriculum. Yvonne is always eager to assist with any task in the LRC and is always ready for a challenge."

The Diane J. Goldsmith awards provide the eTutoring community with an opportunity to recognize outstanding Tutors, Administrators and Professionals who have had a significant impact on the development and/or the delivery of online tutoring services

across the entire eTutoring community. The result is a multi-consortia, multi-institution community of practice that is delivering collaborative online tutoring services across more than 130 campuses internationally.

Aultman College is a member of the OH-Tech Consortium. Yvonne was competing with tutors from all three consortia totaling well over 200 tutors.

# Awards & Recognitions— Faculty & Staff

## *Resurrection University—Professor Presents Research at International Nursing Research Congress*

CHICAGO, IL—  
Professor Marie Walker presented her research in Hong Kong last month at the Sigma Theta Tau International's

25th International Nursing Research Congress.

Professor Walker's research "Parents' Perception of the HPV Vaccination for their Adolescent Children"

was presented in a poster session where more than 1,000 attendees from around the world collaborated on improving global health at this prestigious conference.

This is a first for Resurrection University....presenting nursing research to an international audience.



Cathy Borysewicz

## *Congratulating Cathy Borysewicz, Carolinas College nursing faculty member, on becoming one of only eight Healing Touch Certified Practitioner/Instructors in North Carolina, and one of only 130 in the nation*

CHARLOTTE, NC—This achievement represents completion of 6 levels of education in classes as far away as Boulder, CO. Level 6 of the Healing Touch Program is the Instructor Training level and is open to applicants who are Healing Touch Certified Practitioners (HTCPs).

HTCPs have completed the previous 5 levels of education and successfully sought certification. Healing Touch Practitioner status is awarded after successful completion of Levels 1 through Levels 5 of the Healing Touch Program. Practitioners can then choose to seek certification which includes additional requirements beyond program completion and the passing of a national certification exam. Following acceptance into and completion of the Level 6 Instructor Training, the candi-

dates meet additional requirements including co-teaching and solo teaching in at least 5 Level I classes. Certified Instructor status is awarded to candidates after all their materials are reviewed by the certification panel of the Healing Touch Program.

There are currently 8 instructors in the state of North Carolina and 130 Healing Touch Certified Practitioner/Instructors in the nation.



Dr. Michael Berger

## *Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences Professor Receives Outstanding Programs in English Award*

CINCINNATI, OH—Dr. Michael Berger, associate professor at The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received the 2014 Diana Hacker TYCA Outstanding Programs in English Award from the National Council of Teachers of English.

His work, "Developing a Writing Across the Curriculum Program for a Two-Year

Nursing College," received an award in the category of Fostering Student Success. The award honors the achievements of two-year college English teachers who, together with administrators, community leaders, and/or colleagues in other disciplines or programs, create exemplary programs and initiatives to enhance language learning of stu-

dents and enable students of diverse interests and backgrounds to achieve their college, career and personal goals.

The Christ College Writing Across the Curriculum program works with the College's liberal arts and sciences core curriculum to provide graduates a foundation for lifelong learning, broad humanistic awareness, advanced clinical

problem-solving and communication skills, and familiarity with the scholarship of their field. Michael Berger, Program Coordinator, also authored a guidebook for student writers, *Writing Well in School and Beyond* (2013), drawing on 20 years of empowering student writers in college and high school.

# Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

## *Bryan College of Health Sciences Awards & Recognitions*

LINCOLN, NE—Dr. Barbara Sittner, professor of nursing at Bryan College of Health Sciences, has been named a Fellow by the National League

for Nursing.

Dr. Lina Bostwick, associate professor of nursing at Bryan College of Health Sciences, received the Outstanding Dis-

sertation award from the College of Saint Mary.

Sue Pilker, assistant dean of undergraduate nursing at the Bryan College of Health Sci-

ences, has been selected to participate in the National League of Nursing LEAD program.

# Awards & Recognitions—Students

## *Our Lady of the Lake Student Named 2014 Newman Civic Fellow*



BATON ROUGE, LA—Jeffery Green is a dedicated student leader active in issues involving civic engagement on all fronts. Since early 2012, Jeff has increasingly made his presence known to many non-profits in the Baton Rouge Area because of his desire to help those most in need.

As the father of five children, Jeff is a strong advocate

for children's health rights since his very own daughter was faced with so many dire heart-health needs during her early life. He continually and methodically helps to raise funds for children's health care priorities as well as for research for the kids at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis.

He has been a leader and a student organizer for Habitat

for Humanity Builds in North Baton Rouge for several different home builds. Jeff has been very active with the Student Ambassador group at OLOL College.

He has helped with "adopting" 8 small children with the Respire Haiti School this past academic year and he is working with the Student Government Association to plan a weekend mission trip to the school in Haiti for "construction" purposes during the next academic year. Jeff has

helped with countless community health service projects through the Student Nurse Association Student Organization on Campus.

He was recently named a recipient of the Louisiana Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarship. He is a leader for health rights and has actively excelled in his purpose to serve others while consistently keeping a 4.0 GPA the entire time. He tirelessly gives of his time to others through various community-wide efforts through his church, too.

## *Resurrection University Students Recognized*

CHICAGO, IL—Resurrection University announces the achievements of some chosen students in the Resurrection University Stu-

dent Nurse Association (RUSNA).

The student group will present three posters at the National Student Nurses' Association

(NSNA) national convention in Nashville, TN on April 9-12. In addition to this achievement, Aric Shimek the RUSNA Vice President and

BSN pre-licensure student will be receiving a scholarship during the opening ceremony of the convention.



# Facilities

## *Bellin College and Medical College of Wisconsin Collaborate to Prepare Healthcare Professionals in Northeast Wisconsin*

GREENBAY, WI — Bellin College is excited to announce that construction will begin late this fall in its simulation space to make room for the Medical College of Wisconsin. The space downstairs will be used by BC and MCW students as a space for interprofessional

training and clinical simulation.

The build out will result in approximately 8,500 square feet of additional usable space. The preliminary plans include an ICU/Peds/ER simulation room, OR simulation room, practice and procedure rooms, and a number of exam rooms.

There will also be a complete birthing suite, funded by the Cloud Family Foundation, that will serve as a permanent home to two of the college's high-fidelity simulators, Noel and Baby Hal.

"The space is going to be so versatile and beneficial for

training future healthcare providers in the Northeast Wisconsin Area," shared Dr. Connie Boerst, President and CEO of Bellin College. "We are very eager to get medical students on campus in 2015 and expand our partnership with MCW."

## *Mercy College of Ohio Receives Funding for Facilities Improvements*

CINCINNATI, OH—The Ohio capital budget is generally enacted every two years to fund construction and maintenance needs of state government, schools and higher education, with priority given to improvements that boost job creation and economic growth. Mercy College has two state supported capital projects. Both projects are part of the College's ongoing major gifts campaign. Mer-

cy College received \$500,000 from the State of Ohio Capital budget with the support of the University of Toledo to complete a \$2.9 million Toledo Campus Science Laboratory expansion and renovation. The first three of five science laboratories were open for fall 2014 when the students returned to campus. Construction on the two additional labs is expected to be completed by January 1,

2015. The new labs will provide Mercy College's growing student population access to learning resources that will greatly enrich their educational experience.

Mercy College also received \$250,000 for renovations to the Youngstown Campus with the collaboration of Eastern Gateway Community College. The renovation adds over 3,200 sq. and includes a

student lounge, a 60 seat classroom, testing rooms and additional office space. Improvements to existing space include the following renovations: creation of a 20 seat computer classroom with a ten-seat, open computer lab, and an 18 seat classroom. The Youngstown project, now finished, was also supported by an additional \$250,000 grant from the Mercy Health Foundation.

# Philanthropy

## *Resurrection University Receives Major Donations*

CHICAGO, IL—I am thrilled to announce the receipt of a \$25,000 gift from The Fogelson Foundation.

Molly Heilmann, a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board, has been keen to support ResU. Last year her family

foundation supported the College of Nursing's Dean's Fund.

This year's gift allows us to build our SimView(tm) Control Room. The new system will allow us to record simulation activities using video cameras and microphones that capture the students "in action" as they

perform patient assessment and intervention skills. This then allows our faculty to replay simulation videos as they debrief with the students to reinforce their learning.

The Foglia Family Foundation recently donated \$75,000 for the purchase of a

new SimMan 3G for our Simulation Learning Center. This new high fidelity manikin sweats and his pupils dilate.

# Philanthropy

## *Bellin College*

GREENBAY, WI—

### **04/01/14 - Bellin College Program Receives Large Donation from Toshiba America**

Mark Bake, Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences Program Director at Bellin College, secured a donation from Toshiba America Medical System of a CT simulator valued at over \$200,000. The machine was installed by professionals from NXC Imaging in early

April and was put to use in the classroom shortly after.

"This machine will give students an opportunity to learn how to use equipment that they will one day be working with in their professions," noted Mark. "Adding it into our curriculum will give our students a competitive advantage over other radiologic sciences programs across the country. Donations such as these allow for students to grad-

uate from our radiologic sciences program with a wide knowledge base in multiple specialties within imaging."

### **07/18/14 - Bellin College Classroom Named in Honor of 1962 Alumnus**

On Friday, July 18, 2014, a room dedication ceremony was held in honor of Eugenie (Hruza) Erdman, a 1962 graduate of Bellin College. Eugenie passed away in August of 2008,

and is survived by her husband James, two daughters, Cynthia and Cheryl, their spouses, and grandchildren. James, his daughters, and other family members and friends joined in the celebration on Friday afternoon at the dedication.

## *Bryan College of Health Sciences*

Helen Weber, a 1939 graduate from the Bryan College of Health Sciences, has endowed a chair in nursing education.

# Mélange

## *Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science Admits its First Honors Program Students*



CINCINNATI, OH - The first five students to take advantage of GSC's Honors Program began classes this fall.

Each incoming Honors student is required to have a

3.2+ GPA. Incoming high school students also must have a composite score of ACT 25+ or SAT 1150. Honors admission awardees are immediately granted enrollment to the

Nursing clinical level in their first semester. Each Fall 2014 Honors Program student received a one-time \$5,000 scholarship.

## *Resurrection University*

CHICAGO, IL—Resurrection University

- ALS Ice Bucket Challenge: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxG43ClzvMs>
- U.S. Senator Richard Durbin visited Resurrection University. After a year of collaborating with his staff, I was so pleased to have the Senator visit us, observe students in the simulation center and tour campus.

## Bellin College

GREENBAY, WI—

### **Bellin College is Preparing Students for Disaster Strikes**

On April 4, 2014, Bellin College arranged for its students to undergo a life-like disaster simulation in the laboratory space. The scenario of the simulation was individuals were working in the simulation space when the ceiling collapsed due to a fire in the room. The fire led to loss of power and lights in the area.

Students had to spring to action and enter the disaster area to locate patients, triage the patients and evacuate them to the skills lab areas. Students were charged with assessing the individuals and working as a team to order the best care possible.

Cheryl Rentmeester, a nurse practitioner and BC faculty member, acted as the physician in the area and students played roles of RNs, CNAs, radiographers, x-ray technicians and CT technicians. It was one of the first simulations hosted by BC that involved students in both the BSN and BSRS programs. The simulation included a total of 12 patients, 10 traditional senior BSN students, 12 traditional sophomore students, 7 sophomore radiology students, along with 3 Bellin Health ED nurses, an area paramedic and a number of BC faculty and staff assistants.

At the end of the scenario, once all patients had been treated, admitted or transferred, the group met as a whole to discuss the simulation and the care that was provided to each patient. Mark Bake, BSRS Program Director, had actual X-Rays and CT pictures

that could have potentially represented the injuries that were found so the group could discuss additional plans for patient treatment after admission.

"Feedback was very positive from all participants, and we will look to provide this type of situation again in the future to assist with development of inter-professional communication, teamwork, and collaboration between individuals," noted Karen Van Beek, Health Sciences Resource Center Coordinator. "Simulations like these assist with building knowledge, skills and abilities of all participants."

### **Summer Camps Allowed High School Students an Opportunity to Sample Healthcare Careers**

In June and July, Bellin College hosted three summer camps for high school students entering their junior or senior years who were interested in a career in nursing or radiologic sciences. There were two separate nursing camps and one radiologic sciences camp.

During both nursing camps, students had the opportunity to shadow nurses at local hospitals, visit a variety of clinical settings, experience and practice nursing skills on the Bellin College campus, along with tour an emergency room and the Eagle III emergency helicopter. While one camp was designed for commuters who live in the Green Bay Area, one was an overnight camp where participants had the opportunity to stay in the dorms on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's campus.

This was the first year BC hosted a radiologic sciences camp, and staff members found that this offering was very well-received and attended by students interested in the field. This camp was a one-day experience that allowed campers the chance to experience hands-on activities regarding basic radiology skills, learn and practice basic care-giving, visit a variety of radiology departments at Bellin Health, and discover many opportunities available within the field.

### **Golfer Bags Third Hole-in-One at Bellin College's 14th Annual Golf Classic**

Philip Danen of De Pere, Wisconsin got a hole-in-one on Monday, June 16, 2014 at the 14th Annual Bellin College Golf Classic, which was hosted at Oneida Golf and Country Club. It was the third time that Danen has gotten a hole-in-one in his lifetime, with his last one occurring about 20 years ago. As the ace-maker, Danen will receive roundtrip airfare for two to anywhere in the continental United States. Congrats Phil!

The 14th Annual Bellin College Golf Classic was sponsored by Pomp's Tire, Tom Konop and D.J. Long, Jr. Over \$54,000 was raised from the event. Proceeds from the golf outing will be used to enrich women's health education at BC by purchasing a piece of women's imaging equipment for the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences program.

### **Bellin College Students "Walk a Mile" in Someone Else's Shoes**

Bellin College nursing students took part in the Col-

lege's largest Poverty Simulation to date on May 1, 2014. Students from the Public/Community Health Clinical Practicum and Community and Public Health Clinical, as well as community clinical preceptors, participated in this role playing simulation. Faculty and community members also volunteered their time to help facilitate the event.

The Poverty Simulation took place in the Bellin College Atrium, where the space had been set up to simulate a neighborhood and a small town complete with a school, pharmacy and jail. Each student was assigned a character including name, age and background. After reviewing their new role, students were to follow any instructions they were given and act accordingly. For example, a student might be assigned as John Doe, age 45 who is a single father, works two jobs, and needs to provide for three children. That student would then act as John Doe would act - go to work, find child care, pay bills, go grocery shopping, and so on, all on a very limited income.

The objectives of the simulation were to develop awareness about available resources to persons living within the culture of poverty, identify attitudes and beliefs, formulate a weekly plan that would successfully allow a family to maintain shelter, food, employment, health and education, examine how decisions made challenge personal values, and develop an awareness of obstacles encountered by individuals living within the culture of poverty.



# Mélangé

## *Aultman College Pilot Project with Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) Leads to an International Impact on Healthcare in Honduras*

CANTON, OH—This is the first of a series of articles that will present Aultman College's Honduran connection.

Kathy Tschiegg, an Aultman alumnus began her nursing career at Aultman Hospital as an ICU /ER nurse. During her nursing journey she spent time in the Peace Corp at the Hospital de Occidente de Santa Rosa de Copan. This experience ignited a passion for the health care needs of the people of Honduras. She began an organization called CAMO from her home in Orrville in 1992; the organization was incorporated in 1993. Kathy works with the Honduras Ministry of Health to improve the quality of medical care and thus the quality of life for the people of Honduras. This work is truly an example of faith in action.

“CAMO doesn't take a triage or one-time visit approach. Instead, it seeks to build a network of long-term, multi-disciplinary public health care providers who offer continuing care to needy families. Key to its success is a unique counterpart system between visiting doctors and nurses and local medical professionals. CAMO has a permanent presence in Central America with a distribution center operated by its sister organization, Fundación CAMO, in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. Each year, Fundación CAMO distributes more than \$2 million in donated supplies, professional services and financial contributions

through its 16 programs and community development” (retrieved from <http://www.camo.org/who-we-are> )

Kathy was the keynote speaker at the May 2012 Aultman College graduation ceremony. Afterwards, President Crowl and Kathy discussed the idea of having the college participate in the humanitarian efforts in Honduras. It was through this exchange of ideas that spurred this pilot project.

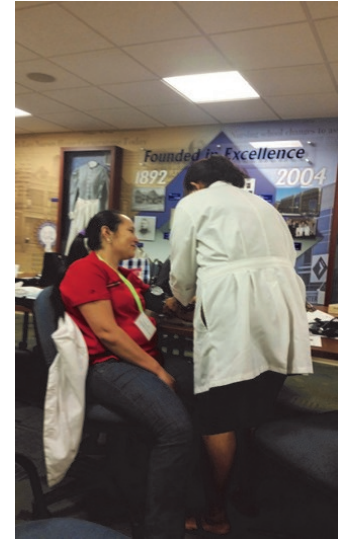
The Honduras Ministry of Health has partnered with CAMO in the creation of a Medical Continuation Education Department; the overriding goal is to spread standardized hospital education across the country. The pilot program is beginning at Hospital Regional de Occidente de Santa Rosa de Capon. Aultman College participated in phase one of the pilot program. Initial Aultman planning began in the fall of 2012. In the summer of 2014, Dianne Gibbs and Elise Mollohan traveled to Honduras to conduct an environmental scan and build relationships with the nurses who would be traveling to America. Surprisingly, their first meal was at Applebee's. The next leg of the journey was a two hour truck ride from San Pedro to Santa Rosa. Several days were spent touring the hospital and comparing the healthcare delivery systems of the two countries. For example, imagine this, the hospital actually has one patient who was dropped off by family and has been

there for 5 years!

Information obtained from the visit was utilized to develop a framework for an international multidisciplinary workshop. In July, four Honduran nurses and one public health physician participated in the *Intensive Nursing Leadership Workshop: Orientation and Policy Development*, which lasted four weeks. The goal of this workshop was to provide them with a foundation upon which to build a policy manual and implement an educational program for staff development.

Week one was a review of the basic components of care. Participating faculty did not know what to expect of the nurses from this third world country or how to bridge the language barriers. These nursing leaders had a goal to develop orientation and continuing education programs for the healthcare providers in their hospital. Opinions regarding the nurses quickly changed after spending a short time with them watching them inquire about basic safety needs for patients and performing head to toe assessments on one another. They were very thorough and knowledgeable. They began to be seen as nursing pioneers much like Florence Nightingale.

These are brave and courageous women, willing to brave the harshest political environment imaginable, in order to elevate the standard of healthcare in their country.



They shared their concerns regarding the political environment and the impact of the drug cartels on their practice environment. They face the fear of “someone waiting outside” for them if they discipline a negligent caregiver. They discussed the prevalence of alcoholism and drugs within their community. At times it seemed the task before them was daunting and hopeless. Yet, not long ago on a Crimean battlefield another nurse faced seemingly hopeless challenges. She met them head on, braved those who would challenge her, overcame adversity and negativity and changed our world. Who is to say that these women will not do the same? They have accepted the challenge. They are world changers. Faculty walked away from week one admiring them immensely and so blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to meet them and share in their journey.

# Mélange

## *Aultman College*

### **CANTON, OH— Hundred for Homeless**

The BSN Completion students have committed to provide the basic necessity of a blanket to individuals who find themselves without a home. The project called "A Hundred for the Homeless" distributed handmade fleece blankets to two entities in Stark County, the YWCA of Canton that provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to women and children and the Refuge of Hope that provides emergency shelter to adult men. Twenty-six students and faculty members made one hundred two blankets.

Overall they logged one hundred sixty-five service learning hours.

### **Aultman College, Aultman Hospital and CAMO Collaborate on Educational Program for Honduran Nurses**

Four nurses from Honduras are spending a month in Canton, Ohio, receiving training that will help them put standard nursing care practices into

place. The effort is a joint venture among the nonprofit Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) organization, Aultman Hospital and Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Kathy Tschiegg, founder and executive director of CAMO, is a 1978 graduate of the Aultman Hospital School of Nursing. She has returned to her roots to enlist the help of her alma mater, now named Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences, to educate Honduran nurses and standardize their skills.

"A health care issue we face in Honduras is that there is no standard by which doctors and nurses are measured when they get out of school. There is inequality of skills upon graduation," Tschiegg said. "CAMO and Aultman are partnering on this educational program with the goal of bringing an improved standard of nursing care to Honduras."

With the support of the Honduran Ministry of Public Health, CAMO has announced

a four-phase project to develop, implement and sustain a nationwide nursing continuing education program. Aultman College is participating in the first phase of the project by hosting the four Honduran nurses for a month-long transcultural, multidisciplinary training course.

"During their time at Aultman College, the nurses are becoming immersed in learning updated nursing practices, teaching methodologies and adult learning theories as well as developing an orientation program for beginning practitioners in Honduras," said Sue Shepherd, dean of academic support for Aultman College. "We have coordinated tours and activities in areas of Aultman Hospital ranging from the emergency department to the birth center."

This is Aultman College's first cross-cultural project. A team of experienced faculty and staff has been assembled to create the teaching strategies needed to design, develop and implement this program. "We reached out to Aultman Health

Foundation team members who have traveled as CAMO volunteers to Honduras," Shepherd explained. "Their insight into the country's medical system helped Aultman College faculty members develop the curriculum for our Honduran guests."

The training focuses on needs identified in a survey of 200 Honduran health care providers at Hospital de Occidente in Santa Rosa de Copán. Survey results showed the health care providers sought training on everything from reading electrocardiograms (EKGs) to how to enhance care for patients with critical conditions.

"In addition to sharing our knowledge with the Honduran nurses, this experience will help Aultman College staff learn new ways to teach and learn," Shepherd said. "Although we don't speak the same language – we're communicating through the interpreter, Dr. Flores – we're creating lifelong friendships because we share a common bond of providing high-quality patient care."