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Leader Transitions

Carolinas College Welcomes New Provost

CHARLOTTE, NC —Carolinas College Welcomes Dr. Bequette to Provost Position

In early 2015 Carolinas College announced the selection of Dr. Lori Bequette as its new provost.

Dr. Bequette joined the college in 2006, bringing with her three degrees in psychology from West Virginia University, including the terminal PhD. She'd also completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at University of Texas Health Science Center.

Through her years at WVU she had various roles including research assistant, webmaster, advising assistant, and department assistant for two departments. Since

joining CCHS nine years ago she's received successive promotions and served in numerous roles including faculty member, institutional research coordinator, director of general education and learning resources, and – most recently – Dean of Assessment and General Studies. Lori has chaired committees, shepherded the process of earning SACS approval for online programs, championed online learning, and served as a role model in moving her classes to 100% online delivery. She also refined the college's institutional effectiveness (IE) process and integrated a common core of competencies through our general studies department.



Dr. Bequette

Dean of Graduate Program Retires After 53 Years Saint Francis School of Nursing

PEORIA, IL—Dr. Jan Boundy, Dean of the Graduate Program, is retiring after 53 years at Saint Francis School of Nursing and then College of Nursing. She was instrumental in the development and

growth of the BSN program in 1985 followed by the MSN program in 2001 and the DNP program in 2009. Her wisdom and dedication to students and excellence in nursing education will be missed.

The College has hired Dr. Kimberly Mitchell as its next Dean of the Graduate Program. Dr. Boundy was a 1961 graduate of Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing.

Academic Program News

RN-BSN Program at Bellin College

GREEN BAY, WI — Bellin College is pleased to announce the Higher Learning Commission approval of an innovative RN-BSN program that will begin with the Fall 2015 semester. This program has been designed collaboratively with Bellin Health System in Green Bay, WI and is currently designed for their registered nurse employees who need to complete the BSN degree.

The nine required nursing courses will be offered in a hybrid format over 8-week terms, enabling a cohort of students to complete the program in two academic years. This project-based curriculum will engage students with Health System colleagues to complete designated projects that will further the population-based goals of the Health System. Courses such as Quality

and Safety in Health Care, Research for Evidence-Based Practice, and Care Management for Populations will ensure a strong theory base for professional practice at the baccalaureate level. The program may be offered more widely once the educational needs of Bellin Health System have been addressed.

Carolinas College's Radiation Therapy Graduate is Tops in the Nation



Carolinas Radiation Therapy Program Director Lee Braswell with Jillian May

CHARLOTTE, NC — Across the US in 2014, 883 radiation therapy students graduated from 92 accredited programs and sat for the certification exam. Jillian May, a Carolinas College of Health Sciences (CCHS) alumna, achieved the top score in the nation!

All graduates in the CCHS class passed the exam on the first try for the fourth consecutive year, and as a whole, the class scored in the top 8% of the nation. Jillian's scoring at the 100% percentile among all testers in the US is a testament to her intelli-

gence, to the college's strong program, and to the phenomenal clinical experiences CCHS students benefit from at Levine Cancer Institute.

Jillian had also been the winner of the Spirit of Excellence award at her August graduation, recognizing both academic and clinical excellence. She is working in her field now, at the Medical University of South Carolina.

St. John's College of Nursing Receives Award

SPRINGFIELD, IL—St. John's College of Nursing received the 2015 Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for its work in inter-professional education. This award acknowledges the college for their achievements in proactive educational models and innovations and for their forward approach and extension past

traditional educational models in the small school category.

“Nursing is constantly changing and at St. John's College of Nursing we believe in giving our student the tools necessary to meet these changes,” said Brenda Jeffers, PhD, RN, Chancellor and Professor at St. John's College of Nursing. “Our educational programs change to meet the new demands

with a focus on student success. Only one national award is given each year. It's quite an honor for our faculty and college to be recognized by AACN”.

Seventeen students graduated in the Accelerated Cohort Graduation, December 2014

Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

St. John's College Receives 2014 Mission Integration Award

SPRINGFIELD, IL—St. John's College received the Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) 2014 Mission Integration Award; Best of Class Golden Tau Award. HSHS sponsors 14 hospitals in 13 communities across Illinois and Wisconsin and an integrated physician network. SJC was selected from all affiliates to receive this award, based on our 2014 Mission Integration Report score.

"This award recognizes our mission integration efforts throughout the system and in the community," said Brenda Jeffers, PhD, RN, Chancellor of SJC.

"Examples include the student mission outreach experiences and our community involvement in activities supporting our values, and the Franciscan Inspired Leadership Program for HSHS leaders and the Faith Community Nursing program. Congratulations to every member of the college and for their commitment to support and integrate the mission of our Hospital Sisters in our day to day work and practice."

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.



Allen College Named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction

WATERLOO, IA—For a fourth time in five years, Allen College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.

According to information provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service, "The President's Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition an institution of higher education can receive for its community service work. CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve."

"We are honored to have the community service that our students, faculty and staff provide to the Greater Cedar Valley be recognized on the President's Honor Roll," said Allen College chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham. "Service is a core part of our mission. We want our students to lead lives of service not only while they are at Allen College but also after they complete their education and move to other communities. We consider service to others as going hand-in hand with being a member of a democratic society in which people work together to solve problems in their communities."

Allen College was named to the 2014 honor roll with distinction based on the service hours and activities performed during the 2013-2014 academic school

year. During that academic year, 493 of the 580 enrolled students were engaged in community service activities for a total of 7442 hours. Allen College submitted three community service-learning projects for award consideration. They included the Allen College Engagement-Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP) free clinic, the Reading Buddies Program with Highland and Walter Cunningham elementary schools, and teaching Junior Achievement curriculum at George Washington Carver Academy and many of the Waterloo elementary schools.

Allen College has previously established 27 community partners that are the focus of service-learning and service projects developed by Allen College students.

Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

Bellin College Adjunct Faculty Member Featured on C-SPAN

GREENBAY, WI—Dr. Derek Jeffreys, an adjunct faculty member of Bellin College, was featured on C-SPAN's Cities Tour show this past weekend. In his segment, his work with the prison system was featured. Dr. Jeffrey's has taught Introduction to Medical Ethics at Bellin College since fall 2010 and he taught the first

ever general education course at Bellin College. The segment is available online at <http://www.c-span.org/video/?321819-1/book-discussion-spirituality-dark-places>.

Bellin College Faculty Member to Sit on National Panel

GREENBAY, WI—Dr. Kimberly Udalis will be a panelist for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Kimberly Udalis, PhD, MSN program director and associate professor of nursing, has been chosen to be part of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing DNP Task Force. The goal of this task force is to clarify the purpose of the DNP product

and various requirements of the DNP program. More information about this panel can be found on the Web <https://www.aacn.nche.edu/about-aacn/committees-task-force/dnp-task-force>.

President of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Receives Award

PEORIA, IL – Dr. Patti Stockert, President of the College of Nursing, received the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Nurs-

ing. Dr. Stockert was honored in October 2014 by the School of Nursing during Homecoming activities. Dr. Stockert was a 1976 graduate of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing.

Allen College Faculty Recognitions

WATERLOO, IA—Dr. Andrea Addington, professor, was selected for the MEDICC-APHA (Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba – American Public Health Association) educational exchange, “Health and Health Equity in Cuba” that is scheduled for April 19-26, 2015.

Dr. Lisa Brodersen, professor, was appointed to the Higher Learning Commission peer Review Corp.

Kay Froehner, associate professor, was named to the 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2015. The award recognizes nurses who have made meaningful contributions to their patients, colleagues, and the nursing profession.

Dr. Nancy Kramer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, received notification that her presentation, “Infusing Quality Matters Standards as a Quality Initiative Project,” was selected to be presented at the Higher Learning Commission 2015 Annual Conference in March.

Dr. Jackie Meyer, professor and assistant dean of the graduate program, was selected as a reviewer for the Advancing the Science of Nursing Award (Nursing Education Section) for the Midwest Nursing Research Society in December 2014.

St. John's College

SPRINGFIELD, IL—St. John's College welcomes the following to our faculty: Mary Baker, MSN, RN; Tonicia Boston MSN, RN; Meagan Kliffmiller MSN, RN; Marilyn Robins, DNPc, RN; and Malissa Talbert, MSN, RN, CMSRN.

Faculty member, Gloria Brummer DNP, RN, CNE received her Doctor of Nursing Practice in May 2014 from Rush University, Chicago.

Faculty member, Angela Bentley MS, RN, was named as a 2014 Nurse Educator Fellow by the Illinois Board of Higher Education

Awards & Recognitions—Alumni

Peggy Gauthier Chosen as Recipient of the Bellin College Distinguished Alumni Award

GREENBAY, WI—Margaret "Peggy" Gauthier was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award at Bellin College's Alumni Homecoming on Sept. 11, 2014. Peggy is the team leader at the Bellin Health Center for Digestive Health, and she graduated from Bellin College's diploma program in 1970. Peggy went on to obtain her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from UWGB and her Master of Science in health administration from Silver Lake College.

Peggy has been instrumental in promoting safe, effective professional development of nurses and associates in gastroenterology at local, state, national and

world levels during her 40 plus year career. She served as the president of the National Society of Gastroenterology from 2010-2011, and still remains very involved today. She was also a member of Bellin College's Alumni Council group during the 1970s and 1980s, where she served on many committees and held the offices of secretary and president during separate years. Peggy reached the highest level attainable in her profession and has traveled world-wide, always promoting professional leadership and development in the fields of healthcare.

The Alumni Council is thrilled to present the first ever Distinguished Alumni

Award to Peggy Gauthier on behalf of the entire college and its body of alumni. Peggy fully exemplifies the College's mission and values of excellence, community, caring and integrity. The Council believes that Peggy's community service and professional accomplishments within the field of nursing are remarkable, and believe that she will continue to leave a lasting legacy in the Green Bay community and beyond.

Awards & Recognitions—Students

Bellin College Student Elected as Executive VP to the WSNA

GREENBAY, WI—Bellin College student, Cassandra Goldschmidt, has been elected Executive Vice President of the Wisconsin Student Nursing Association. At the college level, this group helps members with professional development, com-

munity involvement and participates in nurses' week. Delegate numbers to the association are assigned based on the number of active members in each group, sending two Bellin College students as delegates to the state council meeting. Cassan-

dra will help give Bellin College a voice while planning the theme, key note speaker and breakout sessions for the next convention.

Facilities



Inaugural Stamford Radiography Class—the Class of 2016

BRIDGEPORT, CT — St. Vincent's College held an Opening Day Celebration and Blessing at its newest location in Stamford on Tuesday, January 20. This site allows the College to expand its Radiography Program, which includes both theory and clinical experiences.

The College's new educational site is located at 1351 Washington Boulevard and includes 2,400 square feet of classroom, a radiographic lab, office, and student facilities.

The program's clinical experiences will take place at Stamford Hospital and at select urgent care, Stamford Health System outpatient facilities and physician

St. Vincent's College Opens New Stamford Site Offering Fairfield County's Only Radiography Program

practices in the surrounding area.

Martha K. Shouldis, Ed.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Vincent's College, welcomed the inaugural class at the Stamford site with great enthusiasm. "This is an exciting time for St. Vincent's College and for you, our very first class of students at the Stamford site."

This expansion allows St. Vincent's to play a vital role in meeting the need within Connecticut for associate degree radiographers, which is the minimum requirement for certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and Connecticut licensure. St. Vincent's College is the only College in southern Fairfield County offering an associate degree program for radiography. The College also offers a bachelor degree completion program in Radiologic Sciences that leads to licensure in a number of advanced imaging specialties. Both programs are also convenient to students living in Westchester County.

As part of the College's commitment to encourage lifelong learning and professional development, the program at the Stamford site will provide the same seamless transition from the associate degree in radiography to the Bachelor of Science in radiologic sciences.

"In partial fulfillment of our mission as a Catholic health care focused college, St. Vincent's College is committed to meeting the need for Radiographers in Fairfield and New Haven Counties," explained Martin Sbriglio, RN, NHA, CEO of Ryders Health Management and St. Vincent's College Board Chairman. "We are pleased to partner with Stamford Hospital to ensure that this need is met in this heavily populated region of the state. St. Vincent's College is thrilled to be at the forefront of preparing the next generation of radiographers."

Philanthropy

Students Taught the Value of Philanthropy at Bellin College

GREENBAY, WI—*BC celebrates National Philanthropy Day with a full week of events*

Bellin College students and employees commemorated generosity and good will in honor of National Philanthropy Day during a week long celebration from November 10-17.

Bellin College celebrated National Philanthropy Day by having awareness activities throughout its campus for stu-

dents and employees. National Philanthropy Day has been celebrated nation-wide since 1986, but this is the first year Bellin College embraced the opportunity to promote awareness of those who contribute their time, talent or treasure to its deserving students. Each Bellin student has a story of triumph, success or heartbreak — but they also each have a passion to make a difference in the lives of others. Without the support and generosity of community

members and friends, they would not be able to pursue their dreams and pay it forward to those in need. The college hopes this celebration will increase awareness of the importance of philanthropic gifts to its students each year.

Philanthropy

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Receives Planned Gift

PEORIA, IL — The Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing is pleased to acknowledge it has received a planned gift made by Ada Oetgen, RN of Peoria, an alumnus and former faculty member, who died in February at the age of 89. The \$1.5 million gift will be used to establish the endowed Ada Oetgen Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used for

student scholarships. Miss Oetgen was a 1945 graduate of Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing, as it was known then. She earned a Bachelor of Science from Bradley University in 1952 and a Master of Arts in Nursing in 1959 from the University of Chicago.

Miss Oetgen joined the School of Nursing faculty, teaching anatomy and physiolo-

gy, microbiology and trends and issues. As the school transitioned to the College of Nursing in the 1980s, Miss Oetgen was an integral part of the planning and transition. For the College, she taught pathophysiology along with trends and issues. She retired from the College of Nursing in 1994.

St. John's College

SPRINGFIELD, IL — SJC students recognized as a top 5 fundraising team at the Dance Dash 5K, proceeds were donated to Children's Miracle Network. September 2014.

SJC students participated in the first annual FAREwell to Food Allergies 5K. The event raised awareness for food allergies.

SJC students held a "Germs are Creepy" supply drive for a local school. Cleaning supplies were collected and tak-

en to the school to help stop the spread of germs this flu season. October 2014. Radiothon for Cares for Kids- SJC students answered phones for a local radio fundraiser. Proceeds benefited to St. John's Children's Hospital, November 2014.

SJC students volunteered at Hospital Sisters Health System's Mission Outreach, a medical surplus recovery organization, November 2014.

Quilt donation to St. John's Chil-

dren's Hospital- Senior students made and delivered over 20 fleece quilts as part of Project Linus, December 2014.

Cold Weather Clothes Drive- Junior students organized a clothing drive to donate clothes to a neighborhood ministry, January 2015.

Fight for Air Climb- Students raised money and participated in this 30-story stair climb in support of the The American Lung Association, February 2015.

Allen College Receives Grant to Educate More Nursing Faculty

WATERLOO, IA—The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Allen College a \$79,991 Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) grant to alleviate the national shortage of nursing educators. The NFLP provides funding to

schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a NFLP loan fund. Participating schools of nursing make loans from the fund to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The grants will allow students who receive loans for master's or doctoral de-

gree programs to have up to 85 percent of the loan forgiven in exchange for service as full-time nursing faculty members at an accredited school of nursing. Students continue to receive funds for the duration of their degree program as long as they maintain good academic standing.

Allen College Receives Telligen Community Initiative Grant

WATERLOO, IA—Telligen Community Initiative (TCI) and Allen College celebrate a \$49,511 grant award to help fund the Allen College Nurse Camp. The project will bring 40 high school students from throughout Black Hawk County to the Allen College campus for six weeks in the summer of 2015. The students – primarily from economically disadvantaged backgrounds – will learn about nursing career options and educational requirements.

The project follows a rigorous schedule of math and science classes; reading, writing and study skill sessions; library research; guest speakers; job shadowing

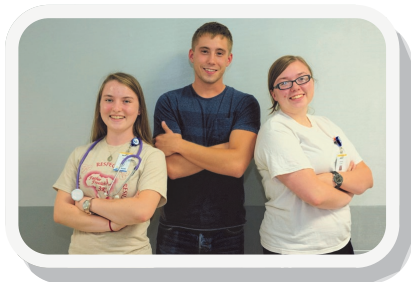
and facility tours; and student presentations. Students earn modest stipends and gain invaluable insights into the healthcare field from organizations throughout the Cedar Valley. Allen College Nurse Camp started in 2012 as part of a three-year grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. Since then, nearly 120 students have completed the program.

Dr. Jerry Durham, Allen College chancellor, stated, "The faculty, staff and students of Allen College are excited to be recognized and supported by the Telligen Community Initiative to continue our initiative to embrace diversity and to help young people of our community to explore

the many career opportunities in the field of nursing. This support will enable Allen College to expand our efforts to introduce young Cedar Valley residents to the pathways they can take to achieve an education and career in healthcare that is both personally and professionally rewarding."

The Allen College Nurse Camp project was one of only 24 grants across Iowa and Illinois selected for funding by Telligen Community Initiative, a non-profit foundation that seeks to improve the health of Iowans, Illinoisans, and their communities.

Bellin College Imaging Students Given a Competitive Advantage



GREENBAY, WI - *Toshiba America Medical Systems donates MRI simulator to Radiologic Sciences Program*

Instructors at Bellin College will soon be able to simulate any type of magnetic resonance imaging clinical scenario and work toward solutions with students in the safety of the classroom. Toshiba America Medical Systems donated a MRI simulator valued at approximately \$75,000 to the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences program at Bellin College to be used for educating future imaging professionals.

NXC Imaging, a company based out of Minneapolis, Minn., aided in securing this donation and will be a part of the installation process.

“The simulator is being shipped this week, and I anticipate it will be up and running in November,” noted Mark Bake, BSRS Program Director. The simulator will be utilized in the courses Principles of MRI and Ancillary Imaging and Cross Sectional Anatomy. It will also be used in inter-professional simulations with students and other healthcare professionals. Mark continued, “This is an amazing addition to our imaging program. It gives students an opportunity to continually develop their skills in a safe learning environment to better prepare them for their future. Equipment such as this allows instructors to simulate a number of clinical scenarios, which significantly enhances student learning.”

This is the second major contribution

Toshiba America Medical Systems has made to Bellin College during 2014. In the spring, the company donated a computed tomography simulator to Bellin College’s BSRS program valued at over \$200,000. The CT machine has been a part of the curriculum since April. Combined, the two pieces of equipment give students an opportunity to learn how to use the technology they will one day be using in the field. Mark Bake continued, “Donations such as these allow for students to graduate from our radiologic sciences program with a wide knowledge base in multiple specialties within imaging. These machines will give our students a competitive advantage over other radiologic sciences programs across the country.” Rather than having to undergo extensive training on the job after graduation, the simulation equipment being used as part of the curriculum at BC is preparing students to be workforce ready.