

The Bellin College Alumni News is a great opportunity for the College and its alumni to spread the word about upcoming events, share stories and updates about life after the classroom, and raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship. Bellin College's rich history is a testament to the achievements of our students and successes of our alumni. Through this newsletter we hope to bring the College's past and present together.

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Lori Fayas chosen for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient was awarded to a very deserving individual, Lori Fayas, at Bellin College's Alumni Homecoming on September 10, 2015. Lori graduated from Bellin College's diploma program in 1983, creating a legacy in the field of nursing.

Lori accomplished so much throughout her career as a registered nurse. Her motivation was to always pave the way for excellence by helping others.

In 1986, Lori accepted a role at Bellin Health in the critical care unit. She worked in various capacities throughout her career, including staff nurse in the ICU, team facilitator in the pediatric ICU, educator in the ER, a short period as Valve Coordinator for the TAVR



*Lori with husband Steve Fayas
(photo courtesy of Facebook)*

program, and lastly staff nurse in the GI lab.

Her longest role was as a flight nurse for the EAGLE III program, serving 17 years in a role she loved. Lori held certification as an ER nurse and as a flight RN (CEN and CFRN). She was also a BLS, ACLS and PALS instructor.

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Were you involved in a student organization when you attended Bellin College? If so, consider joining the Alumni Council. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Join us!

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A Message from the Bellin College President



Connie J. (Bahr) Boerst '85

This past spring we had the honor of welcoming 89 of the newest Bellin College Alumni. The Class of 2015 was celebrated at the Byron Walter Theater on the St. Norbert College campus on

May 16. Of the 89 graduates, 64 earned their BSN, 11 earned their BSRS, and 14 earned their MSN degree. We also hosted the October commencement here at Bellin College on October 16 for 32 new nurses that earned their BSN degree through our 15-month program.

Many exciting things have been happening at Bellin College. The new simulation space in the Health Sciences Resource Center has been completed and we are excited to have been using the space as a regular component of our curriculum this past semester. If you have not already toured the new space, be sure to contact us for a private tour. The Medical College of Wisconsin, (MCW-Green Bay) began their classes this past semester and started interfacing with our students from participating in interprofessional education events. What a great way to improve healthcare outcomes and to see the different professions interfacing with each other.

The Bellin College Golf Classic was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Oneida Golf and Country Club and marked our 15th annual event. We had a very successful event again this year. The proceeds exceeded \$60,000 and we were able to purchase a 3D virtual anatomy table for our students.

Over the summer, Bellin College welcomed the first cohort for the new junior transfer option, which allows transfer students to complete the BSN degree in two years with the required general education credits completed prior to entry. In addition, Bellin College started a RN to BSN pilot program for 20 Bellin Health System employees that began this fall semester.

I hope you were able to join us for the annual Alumni Homecoming that was held at the Green Bay Botanical Garden on September 30. It was a successful event with a great turnout. This year we honored the Class of 1965 and the Class of 2005. Lori Fayas was the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award. Lori recently passed away on November 18th. We were grateful she was able to receive the award prior to her passing. Lori strengthened the profession of nursing by always championing her fellow teammates through her optimism and kindness. Lori's capacity to care for her patients, her family and her friends knew no bounds. Her memory and service, to the profession of nursing will always be remembered.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and thank you for your continued support of our programs and our students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Connie J. Boerst

Connie J. Boerst, EdD, RN
President/CEO



Classes Reunited at Alumni Homecoming

Graduates from 1943 to 2013 gathered to celebrate, reminisce and reconnect

Bellin College held its annual Alumni Homecoming on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. The event included a special recognition of the Class of 1965 and the Class of 2005, who were celebrating their 50 and 10 year reunion anniversaries respectively.

Bellin College's broad base of alumni were represented at the event, with individuals ranging from the Class of 1943 to 2015. More than 120 alumni and guests attended Alumni Homecoming and more than \$2,600 was raised from the event to go towards the Bellin College Alumni Scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The event honored Distinguished Alumni Award winner Lori Fayas and entertainment was provided by Peggy Eserkahn, using educational improvisation. The audience was able to participate and the room was roaring with laughter. Alumni and guests had the opportunity to take home a memento from a photo booth that returned for a second year, a number of giveaways, and received a gracious thank you from Kayla Vandermuse, a student in the nursing program who received scholarship assistance from the 2015-2016 Bellin College Alumni Scholarship.

Look to the spring newsletter for save-the-date details on the date and time for the 2016 Bellin College Alumni Homecoming!



Class of 1983



Class of 1970



Class of 1960



Class of 2005

Distinguished Alumni Award

Lori Fayas chosen for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award

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Lori Fayas with last year's recipient, Peggy Gauthier

Lori was the recipient of the Robert and Carol Bush Excellence in Nursing award and won numerous Values in Practice awards at Bellin Health.

Lori was an active member of her church and also completed multiple mission trips around the globe.

Lori's medical mission trips allowed her to serve countless people where she found great pride and formed many friendships.

Due to a diagnosis of cancer, Lori passed away on November 18, 2015. Lori fully exemplified the College's mission and values of excellence, community, caring and integrity. The Alumni Council was grateful Lori was able to receive the award and attend the Alumni Homecoming event with her family.



*Lori with kids during one of her mission trips
(photo courtesy of Facebook)*

**To nominate a Bellin College Alumnus for
2016, please visit:
www.bellincollege.edu/alumni-news.php
The nomination form will be available in
early 2016.**

Congratulations October Graduates

Bellin College held its annual Fall commencement ceremony on Friday, October 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Resch Atrium at Bellin College. Thirty-two Bellin College graduates received their degrees from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 15-month program. Bellin College President/CEO, Dr. Connie Boerst, presided over the ceremony. The Commencement Address was given by Bellin Psychiatric Center, Inc. President, Sharla Baenen, MSN, RN. The graduating class speaker was Jordan Anderson, BSN and the alumni speaker was Alumni Council Chair, Steve Bomkamp, BSN.



Class of 1958 Alumni Visit

Over the summer, two alumni from the Class of 1958 reunited and came to the new (to them) Bellin College Campus for a visit. Maria Mitchell, now residing in Virginia and Joy Freeman, now residing in California got together to reminisce and share memories with the College.

Maria and Joy attended Bellin College from 1954-1958. They were the first class back after the school was closed temporarily and re-opened. The program was very strict back then. Maria mentioned they needed to stand up in class when a teacher entered the room. The students were required to press their uniforms and wear the grey overcoat in the winter. When riding the "Blue Goose" bus they were instructed to not sit down as it would ruin the pressing of their crisp uniforms.

They were the first class to live in Charlotte Fowler Hall and commented that the dorms were being constructed as they were living in them. When they first moved in, the building was worked on from top to bottom. All the residents had to move up to the top floor and down the floors as the contractors finished each floor.

A memory Maria and Joy will never forget involved breaking the rules! When they were going through the program, their class snuck out to go out on the town. Maria did not go along, but she let them all back in after curfew while their housemother was sleeping. The next day each girl was called out of class and questioned. The Dean at the time was going to expel each student, but couldn't because he would lose an entire class by doing so, not to mention this was the class that was admitted after the College re-opened. To this day Joy and Maria never understood how they all got caught!

After they graduated from the program, Maria and Joy worked at Bellin Hospital. Maria went on to join the military for a period of time.



Maria and Joy with Development & Alumni Coordinator, Jessica Hopp

Maria spent her entire career in the military and continued advancing her nursing education to become a maternity professor in the military.

Today, Maria and Joy are enjoying retired life in Virginia and California respectively. The College was excited that they stopped in to visit and for sharing their story.

If you have any stories or memories you would like to share and have featured in the Alumni Newsletter, please contact Jessica Hopp at 920-433-6655 or email alumni@bellincollege.edu.

UW-Colleges and Bellin College signed a partnership agreement to assist healthcare students

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, faculty, staff, students and administrators gathered at the Aylward Gallery at the University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley to watch the University of Wisconsin Colleges and Bellin College sign a partnership agreement that helps students transfer credits from the two-year institutions and earn a bachelor's degree from Bellin College. This agreement is the first of its kind between the 13 UW-Colleges and Bellin College.

“This new partnership outlines a focused pathway for students to complete the education needed to begin a successful career in healthcare,” said UW-Fox Valley

Campus Dean Dr. Martin Rudd. “It is one more way we are able to offer quality, flexible education options that allow students to complete their desired degrees on schedule and at a low cost.” The partnership provides UW-Colleges transfer students that complete credits or a degree at one of the University of Wisconsin Colleges with the ability to transfer to Bellin College and earn a bachelor's degree in nursing or radiologic sciences.

Bellin College is pleased to have found an excellent partner to aid in offering a bright future for aspiring healthcare professionals. This is an opportunity for Bellin College and the University of Wisconsin Colleges to work collaboratively; the UW-College System will set the foundation of education and Bellin College will ensure a baccalaureate degree in two years.



Dr. Connie Boerst and UW Colleges Chancellor, Dr. Cathy Sandeen shaking hands



Signing of the documents



UW Fox Valley Campus Dean, Dr. Martin Rudd

Health Sciences Resource Center Expansion

Bellin College added new simulation areas in the lower level with a state-of-the-art Birthing Suite that will serve as a permanent home to two of the College's high-fidelity simulators, Noelle and Baby Hal; Emergency Room/Intensive Care/Pediatric Suite, Surgery Suite and mammography lab. Bellin College also obtained new equipment for the Radiologic Sciences program including a C-arm, MRI simulator, surgery table, mammography unit, and two manikins made specifically for radiology education (Damaged Debbie and Wounded Willy) to use in the simulation labs.

MCW-Green Bay, who joined Bellin College's campus in June 2015, has four exam rooms, conference room, monitoring room, procedure room, and two faculty offices. MCW-Green Bay utilizes standardized patients to learn assessment skills. Their standardized patients will have a specific space for them to utilize between exams and practice sessions.

The expansion will allow for Bellin College to host simulation and interprofessional educational learning opportunities for students and medical professionals. The Faculty and students will work to create case studies and simulated learning experiences with medical students, nursing students, and radiologic sciences students. The goals are simple; to respect the unique cultures, values, roles and responsibilities and expertise of other healthcare professions and to communicate one's role to other professionals. Using unique and complementary abilities, all members of the team will optimize patient care.

The expansion will benefit students by providing enhanced interprofessional training and clinical simulation experiences. This will allow Bellin College the opportunity to be versatile and continue to provide advanced training for our future healthcare providers in the Northeast Wisconsin area and beyond.



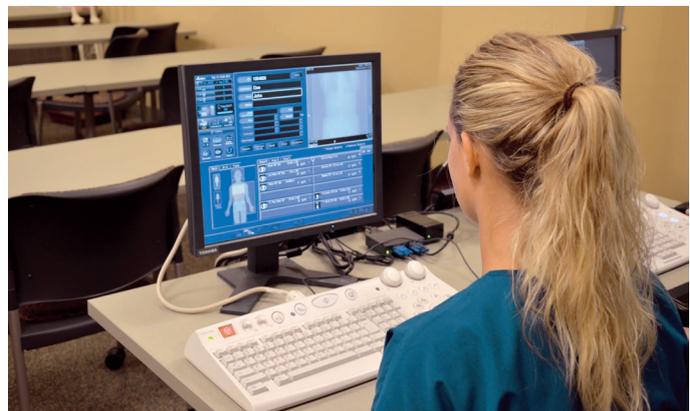
Surgery Suite



Birthing Suite



Simulation Lab



Classroom with MRI Simulator

Student Perspective: Radiology Camp by Lucy Stedl, BSRS

Eleven high school students participated in radiology day camp this past July. The day started at Bellin College where the students got a tour of the campus, and Mark Bake, the program director, talked a little bit about the field of radiology. Five current radiology students that volunteered their time to be at the camp, told the campers about themselves, why they went into the profession, and gave them time to ask any questions they had.

Afterwards, the campers were split into groups and worked on stations in the Health Sciences Resource Center simulation labs downstairs. The first station took place in the x-ray lab where the campers were able to move the tube around and make various exposures including some on Julius, a manikin who has all the same bones as a human does. They also took an x-ray with items that would be in a patient's pocket such as keys, earrings, chap stick, and a necklace to see how it would show up on an image. At this station they also went to the new surgery suite where they were able to see how a surgery is set up with the use of x-ray on a manikin who had a bullet in his chest.

The next station taught the campers how important it is to protect themselves and the patient by wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Here they learned how to properly put on gloves, a gown, and a mask. At the third station the campers learned how to start IVs. They were able to practice on the fake arms in the lab area that were filled with a red dye to simulate blood. The final station took place in the

simulation room with the manikins who are able to talk and have vitals. This room was set up as a trauma situation where the patient had been in a motorcycle accident. The campers listened to the patient's lung sounds, put them in a C-collar, hooked the patient up to oxygen and evaluated where the pain was coming from. The campers were able to use the portable x-ray machine and took images of the patient's neck, arm, and ankle. At this station the students had to use their critical thinking in order to get the images that were needed.

When the campers finished rotating stations at the College, they headed over to Bellin Hospital and had pizza for dinner. After dinner, the campers were split into two groups and spent some time with a radiologic technologist in the specialty areas of radiology including MRI, CT, and mammogram. They were also able to experience digital technology of the x-ray equipment at the hospital.

This camp was a really great experience for high school students to get a taste of what it is like to be a radiologic technologist. It is a great opportunity for them to see if radiology or even the healthcare field in general is the right fit for them. They received a well-rounded experience from this camp that will prepare them for whatever path they choose after high school.

See the rest of Lucy's blog post on our website and find out why she chose the radiology profession: <http://www.bellincollege.edu/blog/radiology/>



Student ambassadors volunteering at Radiology Camp (Janelle, Lucy, Keisha)



High school students learning x-ray imaging at Radiology Camp

Class of 1959 – Nancy Nagel passed on June 6, 2015. Nancy was a graduate of Bellin College, Class of 1959. She loved being a nurse and enjoyed working in that capacity for over 40 years. She was a woman of strong Christian faith as evidenced by the seven mission trips she took with Volunteers in Mission, including Kenya, Dominica, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Chile, Montserrat, and Belize.

Class of 1982 – Lori Fayas passed on November 18, 2015 after a battle with cancer. Lori was a graduate of Bellin College and a Bellin Hospital employee for 29 years. She also made various mission trips to Guatemala, Haiti, and Malawi from 2008-2015. Lori is survived by her mom, husband, children, grandchildren, two sisters and in-laws.

*"What we have once enjoyed
can never lose, all that we love
deeply becomes a part of us.
- Helen Keller*

As an Alumni of Bellin College, you have access to our services and resources. As a professional, you are constantly developing your skills. Below is a list of topics that Alumni often seek guidance on:

- Resume, cover letter and grad school essay development/reviews
- Job search process
- Graduate school application process
- Interview practice
- Networking strategies
- Career goal clarification
- External Postings - LinkedIn

Email alumni@bellincollege.edu for further information on this program offering.

The legacy you leave behind can be found in the lives you've touched...

What will your *Legacy* be?

Are you ready to plan for your future, but you're not sure where to start?

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What is Planned Giving?

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To create your own planned giving legacy, Bellin College recommends consulting your financial advisor.

Bellin College Legacy Society

The Bellin College Legacy Society is a group of individuals who have decided to remember us in their wills. This special group of people are essential to the advancement of the college and to ensuring that our students have the opportunities to receive a high-level education at an affordable rate.

***Have you remembered us in your will?
Please let us know.***

Would you like more information?

Please contact the Development and Public Relations Department at (920) 433-6654

The Global Community of Nurses - Kappa Pi Green Bay

Kappa Pi is the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Sigma Theta Tau is the only internationally recognized national honor society for professional nurses. Kappa Pi was established as a joint collaboration between Bellin College and UW-Green Bay. The mission of Sigma Theta Tau is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. As a local chapter, one of our strategic goals is to support this mission at the local level.

Throughout Northeastern Wisconsin, whether in a leadership/management role, educational setting, or in clinical practice, there are many great activities being done to enhance nursing education and learning, improve the quality and safety of patient care, and facilitate the growth of the professional practice of nursing. Active engagement and support of Kappa Pi at the local level is an optimal format to disseminate the research and change practices that nurses in our area are engaged in. Membership in a local professional organization also provides great networking opportunities and demonstrates the professional nurses' commitment to research and life-long learning.

Many nurses in our area are either not aware of Kappa Pi, or may have some misconceptions with regard to membership. Traditionally in the spring of each academic year senior students who meet the specific eligibility requirements are invited to join the organization. However, nursing professionals not previously inducted as a nursing student or not currently enrolled in a nursing program can join STTI as a Nurse Leader.

Nurse Leader Candidates must:

- Be legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country.
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field.
- Demonstrate achievement in nursing.
- Candidates will be asked to explain how they have met the Achievement in Nursing Categories.

When looking at the ANA Scope and Standards of Practice it is important to review standards 7-15 which relate to standards and expectations for professional performance. As members of the profession, in your role as a registered nurse, it is important to actively demonstrate the outlined professional performance expectations through leadership, collaboration, and active engagement in life-long learning.

As professional nurses in the community you are actively engaged in the provision of quality patient care and the ongoing pursuit of clinical excellence. If you are not a current member or if your membership is inactive, consider joining our chapter of Kappa Pi. It is a great service opportunity and also serves as a way to mentor and model professional practice behaviors for your peers who are currently in practice.

More information: <http://www.nursingsociety.org>

As a group of diverse professionals with commitments that at times may stretch our resources to the limit, it is important to remember the College's commitment to Kappa Pi Chapter-at-large, the only honor society for professional nurses that recognizes excellence in nursing practice.



Induction Ceremony at UWGB April 2015

Alumni Scholarship

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	15 oz. Stainless Steel Travel Coffee Mug <i>Color:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green
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item listed next to your gift amount. Each item will come with the Bellin College Alumni logo printed or embroidered on it. Thank you for your generous donation!



The Bellin College Alumni Scholarship originated from the Alumni Council as a way to alleviate the financial strain of earning a degree. The scholarship is awarded annually to nursing and radiologic science students as they pursue their career goals. The demand for skilled registered nurses and radiologic technologists has never been greater, nor has the cost of higher education. This is why your generous gift, no matter how big or small, makes a difference in the lives of our students. For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Alumni Scholarship awarded \$6,284 to five deserving students.



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Bellin College 2016 Calendar of Events

Professional Development
Bellin College
February 23, 2016

Senior Breakfast
May 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
St. Norbert College

Open House & Radiology Reunion
June 2016
Watch for Save the Date!

*Getting married?
New Job?
Going back to school?*

*We want to hear from you!
Send us your update!*

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