

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.

Alumni Council Members

Steven Bomkamp '13
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Amber Young-Brice '06 & '10
Donna (Hendershot) Zelazoski '69

Get to know a Council Member

Amber Young-Brice
Class of 2006 & 2010

Hello, my name is Amber Young-Brice and I have been on the alumni council for a few years. I enjoy having a connection to Bellin since I completed my BSN and MSN at Bellin College. Many of the faculty have known me my entire adult life and I owe much of who I am as a nurse faculty member to them. Ever since I started my nursing career, I knew I wanted to teach and that is where I find myself currently.

I am an instructor at Marquette University where I am the Course Coordinator for the sophomore level Foundations of Nursing Practice I and II courses. I lecture, teach the lab sections, and coordinate the clinical rotation the students complete spring semester. Besides being busy with my courses, I am a member of the Undergraduate Program Curriculum committee, Course Coordinators group, and also a member of the Contemplative Pedagogies group on campus. Due to my passion in



teaching, I mentor new faculty inside and outside of the College of Nursing.

Not only am I busy with teaching and service, I am also working on my PhD dissertation. The purpose of my study is to explore the role of mindfulness and mindlessness within the context of ethnic minority undergraduate students' struggles and success while attending a nursing program. My lofty goal is to graduate in December 2015.

Were you involved in a student organization when you attended Bellin College? If so, consider joining the Alumni Council. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 3. Join us!

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A Message from the Bellin College President



Dr. Connie J. (Bahr) Boerst '85

As time passes by quickly, this fall we will recognize the Class of 1965 & 2005. We tend to measure the time between our visits in

different ways. In the early years of our lives, we finished our educations, defined our careers, and formed our families. Some of us moved from our hometown to different parts of the country or world. In the middle years, many interests tend to stay the same—jobs, kids, family. Later in life grandchildren, retirement plans and questions like, “What ever happened to...” tend to dominate conversation.

Bellin College looked very different to the Class of 1965 & 2005. We had a different name and location, but Bellin College has always been dedicated to making a difference in the life of a student. A life of a student evolves over time. As you experienced in your own college years, you gain knowledge in learning from your mistakes and compassion and empathy from each patient who crosses your path. Now as an Alumni, you have the greatest gift of all—to impart your wisdom to future nurses and radiologic science students.

We would love to have you join us on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens for Alumni Homecoming. You will see faces you have not seen in years, and marvel at how you all have changed. You will catch up on fascinating stories, and tell some about yourself. We encourage you to come, but if you are unable, please send us a picture from your time at Bellin College or a story of your college days to share with your classmates.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Alumni Homecoming. Wear something comfortable so you can relax, table-hop, and enjoy the night. Remember, Bellin College is with you on each step of your journey.

Sincerely,

Connie J. Boerst

Dr. Connie J. Boerst, EdD, RN
President/CEO



Alumni Homecoming 2014

Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominate Today!

The award will recognize a graduate who has achieved outstanding accomplishments and who exemplifies the mission and values of Bellin College. Nominees must have graduated from the Bellin College BSN, BSRS, MSN or Nursing diploma programs and will be considered based on their professional accomplishments, community service, contributions to the nursing or radiologic sciences profession, and how they exemplify the mission and values of Bellin College.

To nominate a Bellin College alumnus, please complete the Bellin College Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form found on our website and mail or email it to:

Bellin College Alumni Relations

3201 Eaton Road

Green Bay, WI 54311

alumni@bellincollege.edu

Nominations will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2015.

Student - Alumni Scholarship

Your gift helps Bellin students succeed

In 2003, Amanda received her B.S. in Biology from UW-Green Bay. For nine years, she worked full time as an educator and trainer in the laboratory at the Appleton Medical Center. She and her husband worked, raised their son and lived a normal life. Amanda interacted with nurses on a daily basis, admiring their compassion and skill.

On November 27, 2009, her life changed. Amanda's husband, 30 at the time, unexpectedly passed away due to undetected heart disease. The day of his death was a whirlwind of emotions, but she clearly remembers one moment. She received the tragic news from a team of doctors and nurses who approached her in such a caring, respectful and compassionate way that she became compelled to change the course of her life. That day she decided she would become a nurse.

The Alumni Association supports students like Amanda every year with your generous donations through student scholarships. The Homecoming and Senior Breakfast events proceeds provide students with the resources they need to become successful healthcare professionals. If you would like to donate, please call 920-433-6655.



Amanda pictured at Bellin College

Ask an Alumni

Name: Katie Cholka

Graduating Class: BSRS 2013

Favorite Restaurant: Titledown Brewing Company

Favorite Movie: Footloose - The classic one (with Kevin Bacon)

I am employed at Bellin Hospital as a Computed Tomography/Radiologic Technician. I work three 12 hour night shifts caring for inpatients and ER patients.

What I enjoy most about my profession is being able to provide quality patient care to a variety of patients ranging from pediatric to geriatric. I also enjoy covering multiple modalities because it keeps my job interesting and allows me to learn new skills!

My hobbies include running half marathons

(hopefully a full marathon soon), reading, and traveling.

In five years, I hope to be CT certified and maybe learning a new modality such as mammography.

When I look back at the time I spent at Bellin College, the relationships I built with my classmates and professors stand out the most to me. The support and encouragement was endless! It was also a pretty great feeling passing my first and last competency.

As a Bellin College Alumni the best advice I can give current or prospective students is to make the most of your clinical time at each facility and learn/take tips from all of the technicians you work with. There are many ways of getting the same result and you can learn something different from each individual.

Life After The Classroom

Class of 2008:

Dorothea Budek, BSN class of 2008

This past December, Dorothea graduated from Concordia University of Wisconsin with her MSN degree and three weeks later passed the AANP Family Nurse Practitioner board exam.

Class of 2011:

Jennifer Gartzke, BSN class of 2011

Jennifer graduated with her MSN in Nursing Education in May 2014. Currently, she is working full time as a nursing instructor at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton and continues to work stand by as an RN at Theda Clark's neuro unit. She is engaged and getting married this June in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Class of 2012:

Kirk Johnson, BSN class of 2012

Kirk recently started a new job at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Class of 2014:

Taylor Tatar, BSN class of 2014

Taylor recently graduated from the 15 Month BSN program in October and is employed at Bellin Hospital on the surgical unit.

Sara Berken, BSN class of 2014

Sara, also a recent graduate from the 15 Month BSN program in October, is employed at Bellin Hospital on the medical unit.

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

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

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or call (920) 433-6655

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Conference

Students learn about quality improvement in healthcare

Imagine a place where healthcare students, residents, and teachers who are passionate about improving care came together in the year's most powerful and energizing event. That place is the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) National Forum on Quality Improvement in Healthcare, which took place December 7-10, 2014, in Orlando, Florida. The National Forum brought nearly 6,000 healthcare professionals from around the world to participate in a broad array of learning sessions and networking events.

This is the most powerful event of the year for healthcare students, residents, faculty, and deans who are passionate about improving care. Each year, the IHI Open School designs unique and specific programming for its members and Bellin College was part of the action.

Bellin College students attended the conference along with President/CEO, Dr. Connie Boerst. Students were able to immerse themselves in relevant healthcare topics centered on the patient experience, as well as driving change while delivering high value care.



Amanda, Courtney, and Abi pictured with Dr. Boerst at IHI Conference

Medical College of Wisconsin at Bellin College Update

Build-Out Continues in Lower Level

Bellin College will be completing a build-out in 8,500 square feet of currently unfinished space in the labs in the lower level. Construction began during the holiday break and most of the noisy work was completed prior to the return of students in January. There will be some disruption to the simulation lab during the construction phase. The goal is to have the space completed by May 2015. Bellin College is adding on a labor/delivery birthing suite for Noelle and baby Hal, an Intensive Care Unit, Pediatrics Unit, and Emergency Department. The Medical College of Wisconsin will have four exam rooms, a debriefing room, procedure room, and a faculty office. The Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay will start classes on July 1, 2015. We are excited about

our new partnership with a new medical college in Green Bay. In addition, Edgewood College will be using space during the evening hours for a Marriage and Family Therapy Master's degree program beginning in July 2015. There are a lot of exciting things happening at Bellin College!



Alumni Spotlight

The Story of Ruth (Lefevre) Church, Class of 1933

(Reproduction of article in Fall 2011 Newsletter)

When Ruth Church was asked what year she retired from her nursing career, her answer was, "You never retire from being a nurse". Ruth recently passed away at the age of 102 and Bellin College was fortunate to interview her for the 2011 Fall Newsletter. She was extremely proud to be a 1933 graduate of the then Bellin Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses, now known as Bellin College. Ruth was the longest living graduate of Bellin College on record. Below is an excerpt of the original article from 2011. Ruth will be missed by her family, friends and Bellin Family.



Ruth (LeFevre) Church 1912-2014

It sometimes takes a life changing event or a tragedy to lead a person down an unexpected career path, and it was no different for Ruth. Doctors and hospitals were hard to get to in those days and most medical emergencies were handled with home remedies. One of Ruth's sisters had a bout with appendicitis and needed emergency medical attention. Ruth clearly remembers the cold winter day that her sister was taken from their country home by a horse drawn sled to travel to the hospital in Green Bay. Unfortunately, her sister did not survive the ordeal. A few years later,

Ruth also had a problem with her appendix and had it successfully removed and from that day forward, Ruth made the decision to try to help people by being trained as a nurse.

Growing up on a small farm in Oconto County, Wisconsin left a family with little wiggle room for extra cash. Money was an issue, like it was for most people during the depression, but with the help and support from her mother, Ruth managed to save enough for her training. Armed with the two hundred dollar tuition fee and the thirty dollars needed for books, she was on her way to pursue a nursing degree.

Good health and physical fitness was a priority for people entering the Bellin training program. Some facts taken directly from the 1931-1933 Bellin School hand book specified that all nursing applicants were required to obtain a written statement from a physician and a dentist testifying to their good health. Any and all health related issues must have been addressed before admittance (i.e. Diseased tonsils were to be removed before entering training- It was very important that the throat be in healthy condition). A physical examination was also given immediately after entrance to make sure all the health requirements were met. Ruth was one step ahead of other students who were trying to satisfy the physical health requirements. Because she had just gone through her appendectomy she had been checked over by the doctor and was given a clean bill of health.



Ruth at her 98th Birthday

Alumni Spotlight



The Bellin Program was much smaller in those days so people got to know one another pretty well. During her time at the school, Ruth stayed in the Annex, which was similar to a dormitory and she became very close with the other six classmates she roomed with. They lived, learned and worked together, helping each other through the training program. Ruth's training took longer than some of the other students due to circumstances out of her control.

Back in those days a cold or a cough were treated with something Ruth called "Delixer Turbin Hybred with Codeine" and all of the students received a heavy dose of this to keep them healthy but Ruth experienced a bad side effect from this treatment and she temporarily lost all of her fingernails. Because of this, she could not scrub-up to perform many of her required duties so she was excused for six months to recuperate. At this same time, one of her classmates was suspended for the same six month period for prescribing the wrong medication to a patient so Ruth didn't have to spend the time alone.

Ruth not only became close with her classmates but also developed a special bond with one particular member of the faculty who was also the superintendent of Bellin Memorial Hospital named Alida M. Jacobson, or "Jakey" as she was affectionately called by the students. Alida was a mentor and a role model for Ruth. One summer break, she took Ruth

and another classmate to the University of Minnesota to complete a teaching course. "Without Jakey's help and willingness" said Ruth, "I wouldn't have had the opportunity to teach."

Ruth said, "Jakey had personality and was so nice to the students." Due to the twelve hour days of training and the lack of excess spending money, Ruth didn't have much opportunity for doing fun things, other than playing cards or her favorite game of scrabble, so she vividly remembers the time Jakey took her to the World's Fair in Chicago during the great depression. Ruth said, "It was an amazing experience." She will always remember the impression Alida (Jakey) left on her and the other students.

After passing the Boards and earning her white nurses cap Ruth moved to Iron River Michigan to teach. She bought a house and settled in while her husband was serving during World War II. She thought she was going to stay a while but when she found out that Bellin Hospital was short of nurses, she rented her house out in Iron River and went back to Green Bay to help out.

Thank you to Ruth's family for allowing Bellin College the opportunity to celebrate her life and commitment to the lifelong profession of nursing.

Career Services

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.

Student & Faculty Announcements

Bellin College student elected as WSNA executive vice president

Wisconsin Student Nurses' Association (WSNA) elects Cassandra, BSN student at Bellin College as the 2015 Executive Vice President. WSNA functions to encourage participation in community affairs, have an influence on standards in nursing education, and influence healthcare and nursing education in practice through legislative activities. The chapter at Bellin College focuses on community involvement and professional development. WSNA also encourages collaborative relationships with Wisconsin Nurses' Association (WNA), Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN), in addition to other nursing and related health organizations.

In the role, Cassandra will plan WSNA's annual convention as well as promote WSNA's mission to student nurses throughout Wisconsin. The annual WSNA Convention offers nursing students with multiple workshops and speakers on ways to improve leadership, develop professionally, as well as opportunities to meet with individuals from graduate nursing programs and potential employers.



Cassandra pictured at Bellin College

"I feel honored and excited at this opportunity to grow as a leader as well as share my ideas with the new board of WSNA. As next year's president of Bellin Student Nurses' Association (BSNA), I feel this will also help our chapter's presence in our community, as well as our state (and ultimately national) involvement in such organizations," said Cassandra. "This will be an excellent opportunity for perspective nursing students to see what can be offered to them at Bellin College." Congratulations Cassandra!

Adjunct faculty member earns Ph.D.



Cheryl with her kids on the day she defended

Adjunct faculty member, Cheryl A. Passel RN, Ph.D., AHN-BC successfully defended her dissertation: "Service-Learning's Impact on the Development of Undergraduate Nursing Students' Soft Skills" on March 9. She used a mixed-method methodology involving nursing students that were enrolled in a maternal health nursing class with a service-learning component. "I wanted to determine if service-learning, as a teaching strategy, enhanced soft nursing skills; particularly, self-awareness and empathy." Cheryl will be graduating on May 16, 2015 from Marian University with her Ph.D.! Congratulations Cheryl!

Class of 1933 – Ruth (Lefevre) Church - Ruth passed on December 26, 2014 surrounded by her friends and family at the age of 102. Ruth was a graduate of Bellin College, class of 1933. Ruth was the longest living alumni of the institution. She loved being a nurse and enjoyed her time at Bellin College with fondness.

Class of 1969 – Donna (Martzke) Arthur - Donna passed on November 10, 2014. Donna attended Shawano High School and graduated in 1969. Following high school she obtained her LPN from Bellin College and practiced nursing as a career her entire life. In February of 1972, she married Charles Arthur in Shawano. She is survived by her husband, two children, and her pride and joy—her many grandchildren.

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

- Helen Keller

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?

It's never too late or too early to create an estate plan.

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Planned giving consists of designating a gift during your lifetime or at passing that is part of your overall estate plan. A planned gift gives you the opportunity to make a lasting contribution in the lives of others. Examples of planned gifts include bequests, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, memorials, property and endowments.

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

You're Invited!

Please join us for two upcoming alumni events!

Breakfast Social in honor of the Class of 2015

Friday, May 15, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.

Bemis Dining Room • St. Norbert College Campus

Hosted by the Bellin College Alumni Council

This event is a great opportunity for alumni and students to network and create lasting memories. Please join us for breakfast for \$15.00. This is a free event for the graduates, therefore, we ask you to consider sponsoring a student breakfast for an additional \$15.00. All proceeds go toward the Bellin College Alumni Scholarship.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 4, 2015 to:

jessica.hopp@bellincollege.edu or call (920) 433-6655

Alumni Homecoming

Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening full of refreshments, appetizers, giveaways, a presentation, and most importantly reconnecting with former classmates and friends! The cost to attend the event is \$25.00 per person. All the proceeds go toward the Bellin College Alumni Scholarship.

*This year we will be celebrating the 50th class reunion for the Class of 1965
and the 10th class reunion for the Class of 2005!*

More information to come. Please call (920) 433-6655 with questions or to RSVP.



Oneida Golf & Country Club Monday, June 15, 2015

Sponsored by:

**Bellin Foundation
and Pomp's Tire**

Bellin College

Proceeds to benefit the purchase of a virtual anatomy table
Contact Matt Rentmeester at (920) 433-6657 for more info!

Alumni Scholarship



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 2014-2015 academic year, the Alumni Scholarship awarded \$8,732 to five deserving students.

*Donate to the
Alumni Scholarship
and show off your*

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SPIRIT!

A Gift for your Gift! Please put a check mark next to the amount you would like to donate to the Alumni Scholarship. In return for your donation you will receive a gift based on your donation amount. Please mark the style, size, and color (if applicable) of the

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!

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	Bellin College Alumni Keychain
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Bellin College Calendar of Events

15th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, June 15, 2015
Golf Team Registration at 10:30 a.m.
Dinner & Auctions at 5:30 p.m.
Oncida Golf & Country Club
Thursday, September 10, 2015
at 5:00 p.m.
Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Alumni Homecoming

August 8, 9, 15 & 16, 2015. Only \$35 per person. To order tickets: [login to sixflags.com/greatamerica](http://login.to.sixflags.com/greatamerica)
enter promo code **BELLINALUMNI**

Bullfrogs - Bellin College Day

May 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pre-Game Picnic. Game starts at 6:35 p.m. \$15/ticket. Contact the Alumni Department to order your tickets.

Alumni Days at Six Flags!

We need **YOUR** assistance gathering memories, photos and contacting your classmates. Contact the Alumni department at (920) -433-6655 or alumni@bellincollege.edu

Are you a "Champion" for your class?

Class of 1965 and 2005 Alumni, we would like your help to rally your classmates to attend Alumni Homecoming.