

Preparing Future Healthcare Leaders

Bellin College and Medical College Of Wisconsin - Green Bay collaborate to train nursing, medical imaging and medical students together in the work environment to improve communication and problem solving skills.

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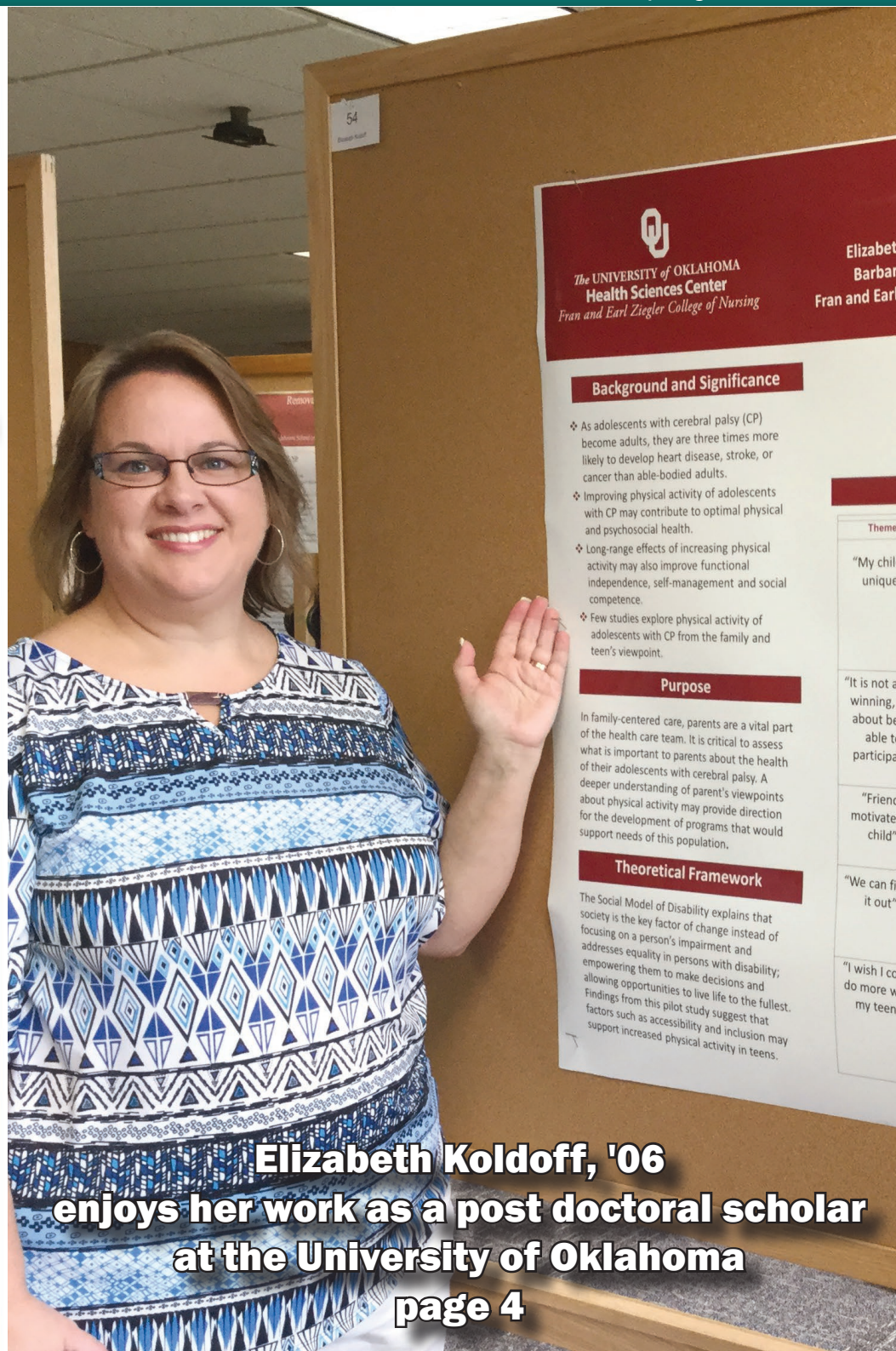
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Bellin College Alumni News is a great opportunity for the College and its alumni to spread the word about upcoming events, share stories and updates about life after the classroom, and raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship. Bellin College's rich history 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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Correction from Fall/Winter 2015 Edition:

The *Class of 1958 Alumni Visit* article stated Maria was the only one in her class that did not sneak out for a night on the town. It was a significant number of the class, but it was not the entire and only class enrolled at the time. If the number involved had been expelled, it would not have been cost effective to keep the school open for the small remaining number of students.

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A Message from the Bellin College President



Connie J. (Bahr) Boerst '85

It has been a very busy and exciting winter for Bellin College. In November, the College had a visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and received full accreditation

to offer a new medical imaging bachelor degree program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BSDMS) to begin Fall 2016. The diagnostic medical sonographer is an essential, highly-skilled member of the healthcare team dedicated to preserving patients' health by helping to diagnose injury and disease. Bellin College also expanded its course offerings by increasing general education courses and adding distance education courses for the RN to BSN program. The College has also partnered with Bay Port High School in Suamico to offer a Nursing Assitant program for their high school students.

Bellin College and the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay hosted interprofessional education events for Bellin College students and MCW-Green Bay medical students. We hosted a series of four events over the course of the 2015-2016 academic year at the Bellin College Shopko Campus. These events were a collaborative initiative between Bellin College and Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay with the goal to provide the students with the education to better prepare them for the future of healthcare.

In February, the nursing and radiologic sciences students had the opportunity to participate in a disaster simulation. The simulation took place in the Health Sciences Resource Center in our lower level. The labs were transformed to create the environment of the aftermath of a fire in a hospital setting. Bellevue Fire & Rescue assisted us with the simulation. Students were depicted as real fire victims, using various debris and a smoke machine to make the situation realistic. Other students that played the part of healthcare professionals had to spring into action and enter the disaster area to locate, triage, and evacuate patients to safety and provide them with needed emergency care based on identified injuries.

The simulation provided students the opportunity to practice skills learned in the classroom and clinical setting.

In March, Bellin College hosted the first induction ceremony for the new Lambda Nu National Honor Society Wisconsin Omega Chapter for the radiologic and imaging sciences. Congratulations to our first student members!



Lambda Nu

Your Alumni Council has been working hard on coordinating some great events for all of you to reconnect with your fellow Bellin College alumni and to advance your experiences and professional goals. We hope you'll join us! See the back of this newsletter for upcoming events.

I hope you are looking forward to the upcoming summer season, and thank you again 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

Alumni Spotlight: Where are they now?

Elizabeth Koldoff, MS, RN BSN Class of 2006

**Women and Child Health Initiative
2014-2016 Predoctoral Scholar
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences
Earl and Fran Ziegler College of Nursing**



Elizabeth Koldoff '06 graduated from the fast-track BSN program at Bellin College. At the time it was the 21 month nursing program. Elizabeth recalls one of her favorite memories from nursing school being with her friend Nicole Brown Welter '06. "The day Nicole and I were in a supply closet busting a gut, because she cleaned her stethoscope with adhesive tape remover (very sticky and greasy) instead of an alcohol wipe. Our laughter throughout many circumstances helped us survive nursing school! I had to remove myself from class more than once due to something that struck us weird and I could not stop giggling."

She adds, "Nursing school was the hardest thing I have ever taken on in my life. But I LOVE all the opportunities it has given me to continue to learn and mentor others."

Since graduating from Bellin College, Elizabeth has accomplished a lot and continues to have great achievements and recognition.

In the summer of 2014, Elizabeth was the recipient of a \$100,000 predoctoral scholarships from the Women

and Child Health Initiative at the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing. It covers two years of PhD course work plus a stipend for living expenses.

Prior to beginning this step toward becoming a nurse scientist, Elizabeth enjoyed four years as a faculty member at Rose State College's nursing program. She resigned from that position to focus her attention full-time on doctoral course work. As part of the scholarship agreement, she will be returning to the classroom in the future to fulfill a two-year commitment to teach at a university nursing program in Oklahoma.

Elizabeth will be focusing her research on health promotion in vulnerable populations. She has a passion for working with children with developmental disabilities and their families. Elizabeth's experience with the Oklahoma Interdisciplinary Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment Disabilities (LEND) has helped her to focus on the needs of this population and the importance of including multiple disciplines, including the family, in her research. Elizabeth also had the privilege of presenting some of her preliminary work at conferences such as the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) and the Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA).

This spring Elizabeth also received an award for scientific achievement from the University of Oklahoma Graduate College. It provides funding for travel to a research conference in the upcoming academic year.

Elizabeth's long term career goals include to continue teaching at the University level, to build a program of community action research with adolescents who have cerebral palsy and their families, and to someday work in administration.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys Israeli Folk Dance and coordinates dance workshops a few times a year. She likes to listen to a lot of audio books while taking long walks in her beautiful neighborhood in Norman, Oklahoma.

Do you or a fellow alum want to be featured? Email alumni@bellincollege.edu or call 920-433-6655.

New Degree Program: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

New Sonography Program to begin Fall 2016 at Bellin College



Bellin College is excited to announce a new degree program offering. The College received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer Diagnostic Medical Sonography to begin Fall 2016 as a new bachelor degree program. The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer is an essential, highly-skilled member of the healthcare team dedicated to preserving patients' health by helping to diagnose injury and disease.

The new sonography program will provide excellent opportunities, resources, and state of the art facilities to enhance students' academic and clinical experience. With small class sizes, students will gain clinical, academic, and laboratory training. Students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in three years. Upon successful completion, graduates will be eligible to take the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) certification examinations in obstetrics and gynecology, abdomen, vascular, and sonography principles and instrumentation.

"Hospital demand and insurance reimbursement is beginning to require that sonographers be registered in vascular, obstetrics and gynecology, and abdomen if they perform any of these exams. For this reason, Bellin College has designed a unique program that offers students the ability to learn all these specialties while obtaining their bachelor's degree. Classes are offered in ergonomics and safety to minimize the risk of injuries at work and in leadership for Bellin College students to become leaders in the field. Adding sonography to the degree program offerings at Bellin College will help meet the demands for healthcare in the surrounding areas," said Amanda Hogan, BS, RDMS, RVT, RT(R), Sonography Program Director at Bellin College.

Bellin College also received approval from HLC to offer distance education courses for their RN to BSN program online.

Applications are now being accepted for the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. For more information contact our Admissions Office at admissions@bellincollege.edu or (920) 433-6650.



Interprofessional Education Events

Bellin College and Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay hosted a series of four IPE events during the 2015-2016 academic year

The IPE events involved a subset of Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN), Bachelor's of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS), and Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) students along with Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay medical students. The events were held at Bellin College's Campus.

The first two events focused on team building and communications methods with a series of ice breaker activities and case studies. The last two events were held in the newly expanded Health Sciences Resource Center simulation labs in the lower level of the College. The labs simulated real-life hospital settings and experiences.



These events were a collaborative initiative between Bellin College and Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay with the goal to provide the students with the education to better prepare them for the future of healthcare. The healthcare system needs improvements; improvements not only in patient outcomes, but how practicing professionals work with patients and each other. Most errors made in the healthcare system are failures of the system, and rarely fall on just one person. Interprofessional education prepares students to better understand the value of teamwork and collegiality between professionals. Nurses, nurse practitioners, radiologic technologists and physicians have been historically educated separately from each other and do not fully learn and understand the education and roles of each other.

Since the College now encompasses programs involving students being prepared to serve and contribute as integral members of healthcare teams, it finds itself in an ideal position to promote interprofessional collaboration. Students from the BSN, BSRS, and MSN programs were pivotal participants. The College's partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin allowed for involvement with their Green Bay medical students.

Nursing as a Second Career

Kathy Reinke BSN Class of 2016 15-Month Nursing Program



As a student in her late 50s and retired from her first career, Kathy Reinke is not your traditional nursing student.

When Kathy and her late husband, Mark first got married, they always talked about retiring one day to travel together to do medical mission trips. When he passed away from pancreatic cancer more than two years ago, Kathy decided to live their dream and returned to school at Bellin College to obtain her nursing degree.

Kathy's first career was in the healthcare business sector. She worked for Abbott Laboratories for 30 years. She had many roles at the company, and was able to travel throughout the world. In her last position as Director of Business Development, she managed Abbott Molecular's outside development partnerships.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Marketing from the University of Minnesota in Moorehead. While in college the first time, she also worked as a Emergency Medical Tech at FM Ambulance where she first met her husband in

pilot and they reconnected 7 years later and married. He later went on to become a Physician. After he finished Medical School and his residency in Chicago, they moved to the Green Bay area. Mark joined NEW ENT as a partner and specialized in ear, nose and throat surgery. He also served as the Medical Staff President for Bellin Health. They have five children, four girls ages 17, 19, 22, and 24; and one boy who is 14 years old.

After Mark passed away, Kathy decided it was time to retire and pursue her dream of becoming a nurse so she could carry out their mission of helping others. When speaking of her husband, Kathy commented on his wise, dry sense of humor. She loved how he was a strong Christian, a proud father and loving husband, and how they lived life to the fullest.

When deciding where to attend nursing school, Kathy said, "Bellin College seemed like the natural choice, and it has exceeded my expectations. It all started when I attended an information session with two of my daughters who were potentially interested in nursing and I ended up being a student myself. I liked the 15-month option and that it is a BSN degree."

It has been 36 years since Kathy was last in college, so she eased herself into it by taking her science prerequisite courses at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) before starting the 15-month program last year. Kathy's support system has helped her achieve her goal of becoming a nurse. The skills she has learned will help her to achieve her mission goals and with life in general, being able to care for her family and others. Being a non-traditional student, she has been able to share many real life experiences in classes to relate to the topic of study.

When Kathy graduates from the 15-month nursing program in May 2016, she would like to work at Bellin Hospital in Surgery while her kids are still in school. She plans to go to Haiti this fall with "Friends of Haiti" and to "City on the Hill" in Milwaukee for her first medical mission trips.

Career Fair

Career Fair 2016 was a success! Recruiters enjoyed meeting Bellin College students and were impressed by their professionalism, how well prepared they were, and the great questions they asked. Mayo Clinic's three recruiters were very impressed with the quality of the students and indicated there are several good candidates they would like to hire.



The goal for the students was to meet and connect with recruiters representing a variety of organizations and expand their job search network.



Pre-registration was a success with 79 students pre-registered for the event. Turnout was very good, at times, it was elbow-to-elbow! Total attendance was 76 (63 pre-registered, 3 walk-ins, 10 Sophomores who participated in the disaster simulation). Recruiters were very pleased with the attendance numbers and all were kept very busy from beginning to end of the event.

Nineteen recruiters representing thirteen employers were in attendance: Aurora BayCare Medical Center, BayCare Clinic, Bellin Health, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, Holy Family Memorial, HSHS (St. Vincent, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas, St. Clare), Innovative Services, Mayo Clinic, Ministry Health Care & Affinity Health System, Rennes, ThedaCare, Unity Hospice, and Woodside Senior Communities.



Six were first-time attendees: BayCare Clinic, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, Innovative Services, Mayo Clinic, ThedaCare, Woodside Senior Communities. All attendees are very interested in returning next year.

Students who pre-registered and attended the event were eligible to win a Fitbit Flex Wristband. Jennifer Dewane, BSN Traditional Junior, was the winner.

The tentative date for the 2017 Career Fair will be Monday, February 20, 2017.

Contact alumni@bellincollege.edu if you or your organization have interest in joining the career fair.

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Each year the Bellin College Alumni Association recognizes a graduate who has achieved outstanding accomplishments and who exemplifies the mission and values of Bellin College.

Nominees will 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. **2016 Nominations will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 2016.** All nominations will be reviewed and the award will be presented at the 2016 Alumni Homecoming.

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

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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.

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Bellin College Love Your Melon Campus Crew

Bellin College has officially established a Love Your Melon Campus Crew!

Love Your Melon is an apparel brand run by college students across the country on a mission to give a hat to every child battling cancer in America.

For every Love Your Melon product sold, 50% of net proceeds are donated to the Pinky Swear Foundation and CureSearch. The Pinky Swear Foundation provides immediate support to families that have children that are battling cancer, and funds donated to CureSearch go directly towards pediatric cancer research. The other 50% of the proceeds allow Love Your Melon to give hats to campus crews to donate directly to pediatric cancer patients and their families in area hospitals, clinics, camps, and homes. Every year there are 15,000 children in the country given new cancer diagnoses. Through funding from future product sales, Love Your Melon will continue to give hats to all of these kids in addition to the 45,000 it has already committed to.

As a Bellin College Campus Crew, we will be working hard at the College and within the local community to encourage others to purchase hats so the campus crew can give back to the kids in our back yard.

To purchase a hat, go to www.loveyourmelon.com and select **Bellin College Campus Crew** at the checkout! Every product sold = one credit. Every 50 credits is a new credit level that allows the Bellin College Campus Crew to gain promotional kits, hats to donate to kids, or superhero outfits that the crew can wear to the hospitals when they donate! By selecting Bellin College Campus Crew at the checkout, you are helping the Bellin College Campus Crew gain points/credits towards free hats for our crew to donate to kids with cancer locally. Be sure to create an account and update your email on the website to be informed of their next release dates to see more hats! Thank you so much for your support!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bellin College student Crew Captain, Courtney Harvey at courtney.harvey@bellincollege.edu.



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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

Senior Breakfast

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

Radiology Reunion & Reception

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Bellin College

16th Annual Bellin College Golf Classic

Monday, June 20, 2016
Registration: 10:30 a.m.
Tee Off: 11:30 a.m.

Don't Golf? Join us for dinner!

Dinner & Auctions: 5:30 p.m.
Oneida golf & Country Club

Alumni Homecoming

Thursday, September 8, 2016
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellin College

