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Our Mission:

Bellin College is dedicated to preparing healthcare professionals by providing an intellectually stimulating environment focused on leadership, community service, and lifelong learning that promotes excellence in healthcare practice and the advancement of the profession.

Our Values:

Excellence - being the best.

Community - partnership and shared participation.

Caring - empowering relationships based on empathy and respect.

Integrity - honest and ethical behavior.

Our Vision:

Bellin College will be the best health science college in the state of Wisconsin.

Our Purposes:

- To provide excellent educational programs which are responsive to the community.
- To create an intellectually stimulating environment for students, faculty and staff.
- To contribute to the community's well-being through faculty, staff and student services.
- To stimulate a climate of quality improvement.

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A Message

From the Bellin College President



As we begin a new school year, there are exciting things happening at Bellin College. The new simulation space in the

Health Sciences Resource Center is complete and we are excited to begin using the space as a regular component of the curriculum. The College hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on June 25 to unveil the new simulation labs. If you were unable to join us, or have not already toured the new space, be sure to contact us for a private tour.

Classes are under way for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay (MCW-Green Bay). MCW-Green Bay students will be interfacing with Bellin College students, focusing on interprofessional education. This is a great way to improve healthcare outcomes.

The Bellin College Golf Classic was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Oneida Golf and Country Club and marked the 15th annual event. We had a very successful event, raising over \$60,000 for a 3D virtual anatomy table for our students.

Bellin College welcomed the first cohort for the new junior transfer

option this summer, which allows transfer students to complete the BSN degree in only two years with the required general education credits completed prior to entry. The Board of Trustees also approved to move forward with a Sonography Program and will continue efforts to grow and expand the allied health sciences offerings at Bellin College.

We look forward to another Scholarship Salute on September 30. One hundred ninety-three students will be receiving scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year thanks to your generosity. Bellin College will also be celebrating Philanthropy Day with activities throughout the week of November 9-15. The College was able to raise \$22,000 from the campaign last year. Please consider making another gift to support the future healthcare workers of tomorrow.

I hope you like the new format of the Bellin Forward newsletter and are enjoying the stories we share in each issue which would not be possible without your support. Your generosity is much appreciated. I wish you all a fantastic fall season!

Sincerely,

Connie J. Boerst

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

Bellin College completes expansion project

Bellin College added to its existing simulation lab and added new simulation areas including a 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 Radiologic Sciences 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.

As part of the expansion project, MCW-Green Bay joined Bellin College's campus. MCW-Green Bay has four exam rooms, conference room, monitoring room, procedure room, and two faculty offices. MCW-Green Bay utilizes standardized patients to learn assessments skills and physical assessment skills. Their standardized patients

will have space specific 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 health care professions and to communicate one's roles 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.



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Snapshots of Gratitude

Keisha Vickman **Junior, BSN** **Class of May 2017**

Hi, my name is Keisha Vickman. I am a Junior Nursing student at Bellin College. I am so proud and honored to be a student at Bellin College. As a Junior, I have been able to experience so many unique areas of healthcare and test my own skills, I know I made the right choice in attending Bellin College. Many people say they have always wanted to become a nurse. For me, I had no interest in the nursing field until my life changed course and my eyes opened up to a whole new world. Nursing is my passion and will become my lifelong career. My parents have continued to be supportive in my decision to become a nurse and I always put my all into this career path. They tell me all the time that they could not see me in another career, my heart is truly in what I do and learn every day.

My excitement in healthcare comes from the patients I interact with on a daily basis during my clinicals. This past year my clinical site was located on Bellin's 8th floor ortho. I was so prepared. My studies and preparation up to this point gave me the basic skill set to best care for my patients...or so I thought. When I reached the first day of Clinical I was taken back by the amount of thought that goes into giving a patient something as simple as a cup of water. I had so much to learn and was ready for the challenge.

I took the time to understand each of my patients needs, applying what I learned in the classroom and working alongside amazing nurses and professional staff. Many of my friends who are nursing students at other schools are nervous about entering their first clinical. Even though my friends and I are the same age and grade level, because of the education I am receiving at Bellin College I have a

full year of clinical experience more than most of my friends attending other four year colleges.

I am also very excited for you to have an opportunity to view the Health Sciences Resource Center in the Lower Level. I have had the opportunity to work in the space the past few weeks preparing the rooms and learning the ins and outs of how we can best utilize this space to improve the experience of patient care. Many students are excited for the additional lab and simulation space, but I am very eager to work along side medical students and work towards the best care for the patient as a team.

Interprofessional education is something Bellin College is very passionate about as an institution. As a nursing student I have the privilege of working along side my fellow classmates within the Radiology Department in simulations and analyze how to have the best possible outcome for the patient. Now with the Medical College of Wisconsin partnership, it will be even more realistic to practice side by side with medical students to achieve the best care the right way, while still learning.

Thank you so much for allowing me to share my story. I would not be where I am without with support of the staff and faculty at Bellin College.



Keisha Vickman, BSN Class of 2017

New Equipment - 3D Anatomy Table

The application for the Anatomage (3D virtual anatomy) Table is endless. From students learning anatomy to physicians needing to plan or simulate a procedure, the table has many features that make it innovative and attractive to both education and healthcare. It can be used in lectures, procedural training, or community events. The Anatomage table is also portable, easily transferred when needed. For example, if there is a community event at a UW-College or YMCA, the Anatomage Table is a portable, highly visible and technology friendly piece of interactive equipment utilized to engage all ages to become more familiar with physiology.

Most recently Bellin College secured a partnership with both the Oconto and Howard-Suamico School Districts to offer college level courses taught in the high school by Bellin College faculty. Bellin College staff and faculty see this as a popular option for many students engaging with the health sciences as a profession at an earlier age.

The Bellin College campus continues to incorporate state-of-the-art technology and provides a modest, attractive and effective environment for lifelong learning. With the anticipated growth in students and program offering allows Bellin College to continue its tradition of excellence in educating in Northeast Wisconsin. With community support and the high placement rate of our graduates, the second century looks bright for Bellin College.

Proceeds from the 2015 Golf Classic and a donation from West Foundation allowed for the purchase of the Anatomage Table.



Accomplishments

New Roles

Bellin College has made changes to the structure of the College to better meet the needs of the students.

Dr. Stephanie Stewart

Dean of Nursing, including traditional BSN, 15-month program, RN to BSN and MSN programs

Mark Bake

Dean of Allied Health Sciences, including general education courses, BSRS Program Director, Sonography and High School Partnerships.

Dr. Vera Dauffenbach

RN to BSN Coordinator

Adjunct Faculty member **Nathan Wallenfang, BSN, RN** received Nightingale Award from UW Oshkosh College of Nursing and the College of Nursing Board of Visitors.

Dr. Kim Udlis, MSN Program Director has been announced as a new Fellow for Leadership for Academic Nursing Program through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Udlis also published an article for the Journal of Professional Nursing in January 2015, entitled, "Perceptions of the Role of the Doctor of Nursing Practice-Prepared Nurse: Clarity of Confusion." The study was performed to explore nursing's understanding of the DNP graduate and what roles those graduates will fill. The DNP programs and graduates are increasing at a rapid pace and there had been much variability across programs. With this variety, role ambiguity and stress has become apparent. The study gained a sense of how nursing perceived the various roles DNP graduates assume in leadership, academic, and practice settings.

This is the 4th paper that she has either authored or co-authored exploring DNP issues. She is a firm believer in the value of the degree and committed to moving the evolution of this degree forward in a positive and productive matter.

What's New at Bellin College?

New Junior Transfer Option

This summer, Bellin College welcomed the first cohort of six students into the new Junior Transfer Option. The Junior Transfer Option for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is designed for students who have completed approximately 41-44 of the Bellin College required general education credits. All science courses must be completed successfully by the time of entry. Additional general education courses may be completed during program of study if needed. No prior degree is required for admission. Students admitted to the Junior Transfer Option complete two nursing courses online in the summer followed by nursing face-to-face and hybrid courses enabling the students to complete the BSN degree in two years.

Bellin College also offers a BSN and BSRS traditional and sophomore transfer options, and a 15-month BSN option.



Senior Cash Bash

The first day of fall semester that offered one lucky senior student a \$2,200 scholarship during a surprise event hosted by Bellin College staff. The funds were provided by Bellin College employees from a year-round "Jeans Day for a Cause" campaign in which employees donated \$5 the last Friday of the month to support the scholarship. The lucky winner was Katie Farrell (front row center). Other prizes were also drawn at the event. Staff also offered a Welcome Back Fiesta with a food truck from Maldonado's.

Interprofessional Educational Opportunities

IPE – Interprofessional Education: Dr. Stephanie Stewart, Dean of Nursing

During the fall semester, the College will begin a focus on IPE. What is IPE? IPE stands for Interprofessional Education. Bellin College knows the health care system needs improvements; improvements in not only patient outcomes, but how healthcare professionals work with patients and how they work with each other. Most errors that are made in the healthcare system are failures of the system, and rarely falls to just one person.

Interprofessional education prepares students to better understand the value of teamwork and collegiality between professionals. Nurses, nurse practitioners, radiology technicians and physicians historically have been educated separately from each other and do not fully learn or understand each other's education and responsibilities.

The goal of the IPE initiative is to provide students with this education and better prepare them for the future of health care. Since the College now encompasses programs involving students being prepared to serve and contribute as integral members of health care teams, it finds itself in an ideal position to promote interprofessionalism. Students from the BSN, BSRS, and MSN programs will be pivotal participants. The college's partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is also allowing for involvement with their medical students.

The IPE activities in fall 2015 have been tied to specific BSN, BSRS, and MSN courses. These activities will be fun and engaging! Initially, a subset of students will be involved in activities in September and October.

Hands On Healthcare

Bellin College hosted an event on August 13, 2015 called "Hands On Healthcare." This event encouraged juniors and seniors in high school that are interested in Nursing, Radiologic Sciences, or those undecided between the two career paths. These students came from all over Wisconsin; some even brought a friend! This event offered one last opportunity before the school year began, for them to participate in lab activities geared towards nursing and radiology, plus receive a tour from a college that was on their prospective list.

Something that was extra special about this event was that not only were students invited to participate, but so were their parents. While their sons or daughters were in the newly updated simulation labs busy with hands-on activities, the parents participated in an information session given by the Admissions Department and Student Services staff. Direct questions about program options, financial aid, scholarship and billing procedures were answered. Parents were also given a tour of Bellin

College, while their children received a tour when lab activities were completed.

In the end, parents and students were brought back together for a pizza luncheon and a final Student Panel. Student Ambassadors from both programs and different academic stages were available to answer any student or parent question. This event was a smashing success clearly evident by student comments and parent evaluations. Bellin College looks forward to offering a similar event next year.



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Jason Mott, PhD, RN, CNE **Assistant Professor of Nursing**



Dr. Jason Mott has been a faculty member at Bellin College for six years. He has taught students in the 15-month program, the traditional program, the junior transfer option program, and the MSN program. Dr. Mott has experience teaching in the classroom, lab, and clinical settings.

Dr. Mott's favorite part about teaching is being able to interact with the students and see them grow. He constantly talks with students in the atrium, finding out how they are doing, see if they need any help, and just get to know them better. Dr. Mott says, "I feel that the students need to know that faculty actually are interested in them and the best way to do that is to make yourself visible and available to them."

Dr. Mott is an active faculty member

with student organizations. He is extremely involved in the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN), and founded the Bellin College chapter and the chapter won the newcomer award for 2014. In his role with the AAMN, He is able to help students develop their leadership skills and help progress in their careers as students and future nurses. He was also elected to the AAMN Board of Directors, where he serves as the education chair, responsible for planning and coordinating the national conference for the group.

Dr. Jason Mott's greatest academic achievement was obtaining his PhD in nursing education. Dr. Mott says, "It was a lot of work, but was well worth the time and energy that I invested into the program. It has taught me a lot about the best ways to teach." Teaching and obtaining his PhD has provided him with opportunities that he would have never dreamed of having. Dr. Mott has presented at conferences and meetings throughout the state as well as at the national level. He has also been given the chance to conduct research and publish those results.

Reaching out to high school students

Summer Camps

Each summer, Bellin College offers summer camps that are designed for high school students from all around the state of Wisconsin. The theme can be summed up as, “Opening Eyes Through Opening Doors.” Many healthcare organizations from around the Green Bay area join us by opening their doors to the campers, allowing them to see all the possibilities that a career in nursing or radiologic sciences has to offer.

Two nursing camps are available to high school students. The first one, offered each year in June, is a three day overnight camp that allows students to stay at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus. The UW-Green Bay campus opens their doors to allow campers an eye-opening experience into the life of a college student. The students spend three nights at UWGB throughout the camp visit: sleeping in the dorms, bonding through great conversation, enjoying meals and nightly activities. The second camp offered each year in July, is a three day commuter camp.

At both summer camps, the campers gain one-on-one clinical experience by shadowing healthcare professionals at Bellin, St. Vincent and St. Mary's Hospitals. Through the generosity of time and education at these facilities,

the students gain valuable knowledge and lasting memories. Additionally, the Eagle III County Rescue Team, The Cancer Team, AIDS Resource Center and the St. Vincent's SANE program open their doors to campers for insight into other specialty areas that nurses can choose when entering the healthcare field.

On the third day, the campers join students and staff on the Bellin College campus. The students practice hands-on skills in the simulation labs. The students rotate through various stations that included learning how to do IV starts, dressing changes, mobility practice, hand washing/personal protection equipment preparations, checking for vital signs and simulation manikin situations.

A radiology day camp is also offered each year in July. At radiology camp, high school students experience hands-on activities using basic radiology skills on the Bellin College campus, learn and practice basic care-giving skills, visit a variety of radiology departments at Bellin Health such as MRI, CT, and Mammography to discover the many opportunities available in the field of radiology.

Check out www.bellincollege.edu this spring for more information on the annual summer camps available.



Legacy Society Members

The Legacy Society of Bellin College, formed in 2001, provides donors the opportunity to remember the College in their estate planning. Sometimes making gifts to the College during one's lifetime is not possible, and a bequest is more feasible. An estate gift leaves a legacy to our students by supporting their education and making a career in nursing and radiologic sciences possible. We thank the many forward-thinking benefactors of the College whose legacies have already provided the College with \$1.7 million in gifts.

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