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BSN Students attending the Breakfast Social

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Congratulations Class of 2016!

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A Message

From the Bellin College President

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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On Saturday, May 14, at the Byron L. Walter Theatre on the St. Norbert College campus, Bellin College

welcomed 91 of the newest graduates to the prestigious rank of Alumni. This spring, 68 earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, eight earned a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences degree, and 15 earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree. Congratulations to the Class of 2016 for all their hard work and dedication!

We held our 16th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 20 at Oneida Golf & Country Club. Proceeds from the 16th Annual Golf Classic will be used to support the purchase of a *SimMan Essential* adult patient simulator with an incorporated internal blood system. The manikin can bleed and simulate a trauma victim, injecting realism into teaching scenarios and enhance disaster preparedness training at Bellin College and within the community. The mobile *SimMan Essential* manikin will be used for on-campus and offsite scenarios, and will enhance the student learning experience and give them access to cutting-edge healthcare technology.

The months of June and July will include three summer camps for high school students interested in exploring a high-demand career in nursing or medical imaging. Each summer the college offers two summer nursing camps: one four-day overnight camp and one three-day commuter camp; and a one-day radiology camp. The camps are open to high school students entering their junior or senior year. The summer camps give students the opportunity to shadow, practice and visit departments in each respective field.

Lastly, Bellin College will be participating in Wisconsin's Private College Week, July 11-15, and will be hosting a week worth of events targeted to prospective students. You can find the event listings in this newsletter and on our website.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer, and thank you for your continued support. Your generosity is much appreciated. I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Connie J. Boerst

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

What's New at Bellin College?

New Program Offerings

Bellin College received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer Diagnostic Medical Sonography as a new bachelor's degree program to begin Fall 2016. The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (also known as an Ultrasound Technologist) is an essential, highly-skilled member of the healthcare team dedicated to preserving patients' health by helping to diagnose injury and disease, through the use of special imaging equipment.

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.

Adding sonography to the degree program offerings at Bellin College will help meet the demands for advanced education and improved patient outcomes in the surrounding areas. Bellin College also received approval from HLC to offer distance education courses for the RN to BSN program.



The Anatomage Table has arrived!

Proceeds from the 2015 Bellin College Golf Classic and a donation from the West Foundation allowed for the purchase of the new Anatomage Table. The 3D virtual anatomy table will be added to curriculum for our nursing and medical imaging students to begin Fall 2016 for anatomy and simulating procedures.



Meet our new manikin, "Mike"!

Mike's capabilities include: sweating; crying; frothing at the mouth; blinking eyes; pupil reaction; stiff neck; tense jaw; tongue swelling; heart; lung; pulse; and abdominal sounds; venous/arterial bleeding; fluid drip; and medication recognition with administration. He will primarily be in the ED/ICU/PEDS simulation lab.



Snapshots of Gratitude

Kristin Light
BSN, 15-Month Program
Class of May 2017



My husband, Bud, and I live in Stephenson, MI (30 miles north of Marinette) on a farm. I commute each day to school. Cheryl and John, a wonderful couple in Green Bay, have made a room available to me in the case of inclement weather, or if I just have a need to stay overnight. Cheryl is a Bellin Alumna, and that is why they thought they would extend an offer to help me with housing in Green Bay when it was needed. They have been a lifeline and an answer to prayer!

I chose to attend Bellin College, because it is the best nursing school in Northeast Wisconsin. The 15 Month Program gives me the opportunity to complete my BSN relatively quickly. The tour of the College impressed me the most, I saw first hand, the interactive approach to learning in the simulation labs. I knew that this hands-on approach would help me feel prepared to enter a career in nursing.

My decision to be a nurse came slowly and with a great deal of analysis. I knew I wanted to make a transition to the medical

field, but I was not sure where I would fit. I looked into physical therapy, physician assistant, and nursing. Ultimately nursing seemed like the best choice for me, because I already see myself as a life long learner. I love to teach and encourage others, and recognize that every person I meet has value. They are someone's son, daughter, mother, father, wife, husband, sister, brother, or grandparent. As such, they deserve the best care I can give.

Two weeks before I was to start at Bellin College, we found out the shoulder injury my husband sustained trying to get the roof on the barn before snow fell, would have to be surgically repaired. His surgery was scheduled the day before orientation. The surgery was longer and more extensive than expected, requiring a second nerve block and a longer recovery time. We returned home to Michigan late that night. I felt my place was with him, but the next morning he insisted that I attend orientation and start working toward my goal of becoming an RN.

I started at Bellin College with more of a bleak financial outlook than we had prepared for due to the costs associated with surgery, months of expected physical therapy, and having to hire temporary help at the farm. I honestly did not know how we could make ends meet. We did a lot of praying, hoping there would be an answer. I did my best to keep my head up, and continued to work hard to achieve my goal. *The Goetz Memorial Scholarship* has provided much needed peace and hope for our family. Without it, I would not have been able to finish my program at Bellin College.

Kristin Light

Congratulations to the Class of 2016

Bellin College held its annual spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Byron L. Walter Theatre on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI. Ninety-one Bellin College graduates received their degrees from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS) programs. Bellin College President and CEO, Dr. Connie Boerst, presided over the ceremony. The Commencement Address was given by Dr. Greg Maass, President and CEO, Brown County United Way.

Other speakers included: Amanda Novitski-Juedes, BSN; Lucy Stedl, BSRS; and Virginia Riggs, MSN. The alumni speaker was LaRae Bruno, BSN, graduate of Bellin School of Nursing's diploma program with the class of 1980.

Here are a few facts about the Class of 2016:

Undergraduate Class:

- Men: 7
- Women: 69
- Average age: 26
- Youngest: 21
- Oldest: 57
- Brown County resident: 43%
- Attended courses at UW-Green Bay: 41%
- Attended courses at St. Norbert College: 8%

Graduate Class:

- Spring 2016 has the second ever graduating class of MSN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students at 13 graduates
- Brown County resident: 61%
- BSN degree from Bellin College: 8
- Women: 100%

2016 Award Recipients:

Nishioka Family Faculty Award for Excellence

recognizes a faculty member for their outstanding service to the College through the generosity of Dr. Hiro Nishioka and his family. ***This year's recipient is Heidi Monroe, MSN.***

Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence is a tribute that recognizes one student from the graduating class who best exemplifies Bellin College's values of integrity, community, caring, and excellence. ***This year's recipient is Lucy Stedl, BSRS Class of 2016.***



STAT Program: Service Trips and Transformations



This past January, 10 students traveled to south Chicago on a service trip to the neighborhood called “Back of the Yards”. The area has this name because it is where the large stockyards used to be located in Chicago. Now it is an area of high poverty, crime, and unemployment. The objective was to “learn” the connection between these issues and peoples’ health.

"While some might suggest that our presence there would be seen as “gifts” to the community, what we learned is that to be engaged with a community, more importantly, we needed to be engaging ourselves. In order to build trust with those we were looking to connect with, we needed to literally pour our own energies into whatever needs were presented to us. While we knew our time with this neighborhood was limited, we needed to demonstrate that we were consistently willing and able to be flexible when differing opportunities and challenges arose," said Deb Lidbury, STAT Coordinator at Bellin College.

The students connected to programs in the neighborhood that serves Hispanic mothers and children who are homeless and need assistance acclimating to this area as new residents. While the students had the joy of preparing two meals for the group, they also sorted clothes and toys, and prepared breakfasts for their soup kitchen that is offered twice a week to the areas’ homeless adults. The students also had the opportunity to go to a unique church service where the mission is providing reconciliation among families affected by violence, including a focus on boys between the ages of 14-24 who return to the community after incarceration. The students shared a meal with the families after the service, and one of them showed the students their art area, showcasing powerful images of the lives and concerns of this group.

Other opportunities the students helped out with included helping at food pantries and distribution sites, and riding in the "Bread Truck" in the evenings. This experience was particularly meaningful to the students; they served sandwiches and hot chocolate, and distributed hats, scarves, mittens and toys at six different sites where the homeless congregate. Anthony, the driver, is from the neighborhood and has been doing this for the past seven years. He shared many hours with the students, teaching them not only about his neighborhood, but sharing the stories of the strengths of this community, as well as the challenges that the media often focuses on. Another very special person was Molly, the nurse who coordinates their free clinic. She expressed it best when she said, “The term community cannot be overused, only over-looked. We must strive to be so engaged in our own 'hoods' that there are no strangers, that not only are we co-existing, we are in fact intertwined in the lives of those sharing our physical space, because to God, we are also sharing their heart space, their mind space, their place of service to the world.”



About STAT:

The Service Trips and Transformations program (STAT) is an alternative break service program that gives students the opportunity to engage in off-campus experiences serving in communities working with vulnerable people as a way to become active citizens involved in their own communities now, and in their future as professional leaders.

**Action Through Service – Personal Growth –
Life Changing Experiences**

Friends of Haiti

Approximately one year ago, Dr. Jack Hale approached Bellin College about a partnership with the service group, *Friends of Haiti*. In October 2015, Assistant Professor Kathie DeMuth and Dr. Stephanie Stewart traveled to Haiti to explore the potential for students to participate in the medical mission trip. In December 2015, Kathie and Stephanie presented a proposal to the *Friends of Haiti* Board. The Board unanimously approved the proposal. The College is excited to offer students the opportunity to provide care and service to the underserved population in Haiti.

Two groups of Traditional Juniors had the opportunity to travel to Haiti for a community clinical this past April, led by Assistant Professor Kathie DeMuth. The first group of four went to Thomazeau, a city in the valley. The second group of four went to the mountains of Noyau. About 80% of Haiti's population lives in poverty, 50% of children do not attend school, and the average life expectancy is 63 years. Haitians residing in the mountain areas are mainly farmers. The Haitian government does not account for roughly 3million people who live in the mountains, which means they do not receive government support services. With little support and access to transportation, many Haitians living in the mountain areas rely on the Friends of Haiti group for medical services each spring and fall.

The medical mission trips take place every March, April and October. Bellin College will be offering the medical mission trips to Haiti twice per year. *Friends of Haiti* also sends a surgical mission trip every April and May that Bellin College may potentially send students to. Currently, the spring mission trip is being offered to traditional BSN students and the fall mission trip is being offered to the May 15-Month BSN graduates. BSRS and FNP students are also given the opportunity to travel with *Friends of Haiti* for the medical mission trips.

The outcomes the College hopes students to achieve vary based on the program of study. For example, BSN students who complete the mission trip receive clinical credit for their community/public health clinical course. BSRS students may use this experience for diversity credit. FNP students who are interested in going may also be able to get practicum credit for thier experience. The hope is all students will gain a better understanding of poverty, medically underserved populations and a greater understanding of the role they play in global healthcare.



About Friends of Haiti:

Friends of Haiti is a non-profit organization serving the people of Haiti. By providing medical, dental, development, and educational services via teams of volunteer professionals, they seek to improve the lives of those living in impoverished areas of this beautiful country.

Clinical Partner Perspective

Bellin College has over 85 clinical partners in Northeast Wisconsin to provide our students with hands-on experience in a variety of healthcare specialties—ensuring that graduates will have the skills needed to be confident and successful in their careers.



Melissa Minerath, NP-C/APNP

Ministry Door County Medical Center Perspective:

Melissa Minerath, NP-C/APNP works in Family Practice at Ministry Door County Medical Center as a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and has had the opportunity to precept a Bellin College Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) student, Elyse Engebose. Melissa said Elyse came in ready to learn, was well-prepared, and knowledgeable.

In her role at Ministry, Melissa sees all ages, from newborns to geriatrics, and everything in between. Her patient care includes: women's health and pediatrics, preventative medicine, health maintenance, acute care, and employee health.

Melissa added, "On a daily basis, I was continually impressed with Elyse. She came well-prepared, ready to learn, and was enthusiastic about her day in clinic. She had an excellent knowledge base, and was skilled at determining not only which tests or treatments were necessary for the patient, but more importantly, she understood 'the why' of these interventions, and was able to plan a step further if need be. For instance, if this test comes back positive vs. negative, this would be our additional intervention. This is a rare skill to see in a student. She continued to expand upon her learning experience here and grew in her diagnostic skills and knowledge base."

The thing Melissa enjoys most about precepting nursing students is watching them learn and grow in their confidence, developing sound clinical skill and help patients be well. Students' passion in the field is evident.

"My clinical at Ministry Door County Medical Center was fantastic. My experiences at Ministry were extremely valuable in helping prepare me for independent practice.

-Elyse Engebose, Bellin College MSN-FNP Student

Ministry Door County Medical Center is a hospital and clinic-based health care provider that has been operating in the Door County area since 1943. Ministry Door County Medical Center currently has a 25 licensed bed hospital and clinic in Sturgeon Bay, including Urgent Care and ER.

Student & Faculty Accomplishments

Student Accomplishments:

Cassandra Goldschmidt, BSN Class of 2016 received the Chapter Leader award at the state Wisconsin Student Nurses Association Convention. The award recognizes the most accomplished chapter leader from the student organizations around the state.

Courtney Harvey, BSN 15-month student started the Bellin College Love Your Melon Campus Crew at Bellin College this past spring semester.

Amanda Novitski-Juedes, BSN Class of 2016 student coordinated a Mom & Baby Drive for BSNA to help a 17-year old refugee from Honduras who became pregnant as a result of rape during her journey to the United States. Amanda became aware of the situation while in a Public Health clinical and wanted to help.



Faculty Accomplishments:

Kathie DeMuth is coordinating trips to Haiti through a partnership with Friends of Haiti for students to do mission work that meets the course requirements for their community clinical. This is the first Bellin College sponsored travel experience course.



Deb Lidbury is the faculty coordinator for the STAT program – taking students to provide community service in some of the poorest and most impoverished areas. Deb was also recently elected President of the Kappa Pi Chapter at Large of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Lori Kulju, Julie Lamal, and Mary Rolloff received IRB approval to conduct a research study through Bellin Health assessing the confidence and characteristics of practicing nurses related to evidence-based practice and professionalism.

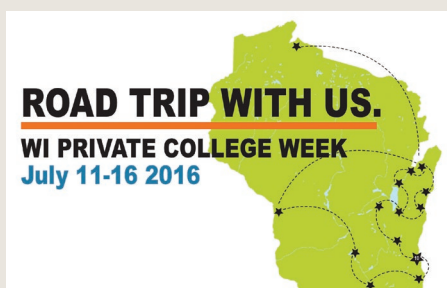
Upcoming Events

Radiology Reunion & Reception Focus Group

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
4 p.m.
Bellin College

Alumni Homecoming

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



Private College Week *(to register, go to www.bellincollege.edu)*

Monday, July 11, 2016

3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Take Your Nursing Degree to the Next Level

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Information Session & FREE lunch

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Open House for NEW Sonography Program

Thursday, July 14, 2016

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Information Session & Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 15, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

All About That Transfer!

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 more than \$1.7 million in gifts.

The Following Legacy Society members identified Bellin College in their planned giving:

Dr. Thomas & Louvain* Beno
Dr. Penelope Peacock Croghan
Dr. Vera Dauffenbach &
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Donna Zelazoski '69

*Deceased

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.

What is Planned Giving?

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.***

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