



Bellin College

Commencement

October 16, 2020

Commencement Program

Bellin College
3201 Eaton Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

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Presiding	Dr. Connie J. Boerst President/CEO, Bellin College
Tribute to the Graduates	Christine Woleske President/CEO, Bellin Health System
	Mike Van Asten Board of Trustees
Leona Waraksa Memorial Commencement Address	Dr. Mary Rolloff Dean of Nursing, Bellin College
Graduating Class Speaker	Crystal Bauer
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Connie J. Boerst
Announcement of Candidates.....	Matt Rentmeester Vice President of Strategic Engagement & Public Relations, Bellin College
Presentation of Pins	Dr. Mary Rolloff
Alumni Association Welcome	Chad Dall Alumni Council Chairperson, Class of 2002
Closing Remarks	Dr. Connie J. Boerst

October 2020 Class Motto:

“Nothing can stop us now ... not even COVID-19.”

— Anonymous

Bellin College Candidates for Graduation

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Shannon Marie Allen**	Green Bay, WI	Breeana Lee Kittredge	Lena, WI
Alexandria Marie Battaglia	Cary, IL	Jordan David Kribbs*	San Diego, CA
Crystal Lea Bauer**	Ellsworth, WI	Jacob McChesney*	Kimberly, WI
Toni Marie Champion	Green Bay, WI	McKenna Danielle Meza*	Waupaca, WI
Daniel Joseph Flood*	Mt. Vernon, IL	Yasmine Plascencia**	Green Bay, WI
Andrew J. Frank***	Eau Claire, WI	Rachel Elisabeth Riesterer**	Germantown, WI
Emily Elizabeth Gibson*	Magnolia, TX	Rachel Catherine Rosencrans**	Pewaukee, WI
Andrea Jean Heiting	Greenville, WI	Sara Marie Stiller**	Milwaukee, WI
Adam Michael Hoppe	San Diego, CA	Jill Christine Uebele***	Green Bay, WI
Lauren Elizabeth Hoyer***	Appleton, WI	Joe M. Van Grinsven	Little Chute, WI
Erik Alexander Jedele**	Onalaska, WI	Natalie Jean West	Appleton, WI
Kayla Elizabeth Johnson***	Waupaca, WI	Kendra Lynn Wolgram**	Wausau, WI
Jennifer Michelle Johnson***	Green Bay, WI	Sophia Louise Wood**	Green Bay, WI
Samantha A. Kane**	Shawano, WI		

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude

Academic Regalia

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated in the 12th century and was primarily worn for warmth. The gown's material and shape of the hood represented the economic, social and academic status of the wearer.

The bachelor's gown has pointed long sleeves. The master's gown has an oblong, open sleeve that drapes freely to the wrist and extends back, in the classic crescent shape. The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves and are generally velvet and black.

The hoods differ for each degree. It's a tradition that the bachelor's gown has no hood. The master's gown has a three and one-half foot hood. The hoods are lined with the official colors of the college conferring the degree and the field of study, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. The doctoral hood follows the same pattern but are four feet long.

Purple and white cords indicate members into Kappa Pi Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International. This international honor society of nursing is dedicated to leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. Maroon and forest green cords indicate members into the Wisconsin Omega Chapter of Lambda Nu, a national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences. Lambda Nu is dedicated to fostering academic scholarship at the highest academic levels, promoting research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, and recognizing exemplary scholarship. The apricot cord, worn by some of the bachelor's degree candidates, identifies those students who have been awarded commencement honors for high academic achievement. Flag pins indicate students who have traveled abroad as part of a travel course.

All degree candidates wear a black mortarboard cap. The bachelor's degree candidates wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their cap. After the President confers their degrees, the graduates move the tassels to the other side.

Today's Bachelor of Science graduates will receive a Bellin College pin. For nursing graduates, the tradition originated in the 1860s at the Nightingale School of Nursing in London. After being awarded The Red Cross of St. George for her selfless service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale extended this honor to her most outstanding graduate nurses by presenting each of them with a medal for excellence.

For our radiologic sciences graduates, the tradition of receiving a pin began with the first class of graduates in 1959. This class graduated from what was known as the School of Radiologic Technology of Bellin Health. Dr. Edelblute, the School's founder and medical director, wanted to honor the graduates with a long-term, daily reminder of their accomplishments, as each one went on to serve patients and physicians.

Our diagnostic medical sonography students continue this tradition as our first group crossed the stage in May 2019 and carry with them our mission, vision and values.