26 years
of changing lives through compassion, commitment and service
As we continue to expand our programs in health sciences, we did a thorough review of our Mission, Vision, and Values to align with our initiatives. Our updated statements are reflective of our program growth, inclusivity, and our emphasis on leadership. This process included input from all college employees and the Board of Trustees. In May 2021, the Board of Trustees approved these new statements.

Mission
Bellin College is dedicated to educating healthcare professionals through innovation, leadership, and service that promotes lifelong learning and excellence.

Vision
Bellin College will be the leader in health science higher education.

Values
Excellence – being the best
Integrity – honest and ethical behavior
Community – collaboration and inclusion
Caring – empowering relationships based on empathy and respect

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Bellin College,

It is hard to believe it is fall and we are nearing the winter months. Time has gone by so quickly this semester. Although we are still addressing the needs brought on by the pandemic, I am pleased to share that Bellin College is doing exceptional. Our classes, labs, and clinical experiences are in full session, face to face, and students are progressing towards their chosen degree. We were able to hold our golf outing in June and it was wonderful to be able to see our donors supporting the amazing work we do at Bellin College.

This fall we welcomed 233 new students at the graduate and undergraduate level. We hosted our very first Week of Welcome (WOW) for our new undergraduate students, kicking off the academic year. The week consisted of on-campus activities, diversity, equity, and inclusion knowledge, and community service. They were held after classes for students to engage with each other and become more familiar with campus. In this edition of the Bellin College Forward you’ll get to chance to learn about one of our new students, Julie Michiels. Julie is a returning adult student after having a 25-year career in business administration. She has always had a passion for nursing and now has the chance to achieve that goal.

On October 15, 2021, we graduated 22 students from our accelerated undergraduate nursing program. This is an amazing time for these graduates to secure employment, and I am excited to see where their futures in healthcare take them. These students worked incredibly hard to complete their rigorous program while navigating the challenges of the pandemic. It was a great afternoon celebrating everything they have accomplished.

This past summer, we honored and congratulated Ben Englebert, BSN Class of 1997, as the Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Ben has had an outstanding nursing career, which you can read more about on pages 6-7. We are excited to welcome Ben back to Bellin College in November as our Lab Skills Coordinator, where he will be working in our Health Sciences Resource Center assisting students with their nursing skills and helping during simulations. Ben has been a part of Bellin Health for 26 years and we are excited to have him join the college staff. Although the Homecoming event was postponed due to COVID-19, we plan to celebrate in April 2022 and honor Ben in person.

We gave a bittersweet farewell this past October, as Patrick Boex, our Building and Grounds Technician retired after 40 years with the health system. Patrick had been with the college since 2009 and played an essential role in making sure our college looked professional and presentable. I want to wish Patrick all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life - retirement.

As the college continues to grow and expand in academics, we are now providing offerings from the certificate to doctoral level. We have 16 program options which will help meet the needs of healthcare professionals of the future, as our mission states. Our growth is reflective of the continuous work with our clinical agencies to determine the right mix of programs to assure our community and beyond receives the care they need. We want to continue to be a leader in healthcare education now and in the years to come. At Bellin College, we are proud of our programs and graduates and the impact we have on the future of healthcare. Consider giving to support the work that we continue to do so well.

I cannot say enough how proud I am of the college, our students, our employees, and their accomplishments, which you can read more about on pages 14-15. Bellin College has been around for 112 years, and I am confident we will be around for many more years to come. I want to wish you a joyous holiday season! Enjoy reading this edition of the Bellin College Forward and thank you for your continued support of Bellin College!

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

We plan to continue growing and providing educational opportunities to the healthcare field.
Former Executive Administrative Assistant, Julie Michiels, has spent 25 years in the corporate world. However, this fall, she decided to step away from her successful business career and pursue her passion for nursing as a returning adult student at Bellin College.

“I was never truly passionate about business, but passionate about helping people,” she said. “I didn’t know if I would feel confident enough to pursue nursing, but given Bellin College’s reputation and graduation success rate, I felt reassured this was something I could do.”

Julie went back to school several times but found it challenging trying to obtain a degree while supporting a family. “I had a newborn son while trying to achieve my bachelor’s degree in business, and now I take it as a sign that it wasn’t meant for me,” she said.

It wasn’t until she began volunteering with MyTEAM TRIUMPH, an opportunity that was made possible through her previous employer, Schreiber foods, that made her rethink her business career path and consider switching to a role where she could offer support and care for others.

“I realized the work I was doing in my business role didn’t align with my passions, but when I volunteered in support of differently abled individuals, or when something is centered around health and wellness, that lights me up,” she says. “Caring for others has always been important to me, especially with the passing of both my parents, which also ignited my confidence. I think I needed to go through those difficult life transitions to find what was truly meant for me.”

Julie completed Bellin College’s Nursing Assistant program in August 2021 and now works part-time at Aurora hospital in the intensive care unit while pursuing her nursing degree.

“I have a passion for critical care, but I want to keep my options open and see where this road takes me,” she said. “I’m excited to learn and grow as an individual through my education.”

Now over a month into her BSN program, Julie is learning how to successfully navigate through her more challenging courses and is excited for what’s to come.

“I’ve learned it’s very important to have open lines of communication with my professors, and to lean on my classmates,” she said. “Even though I feel I can relate more to individuals my age, I’m still learning and gaining so much from my younger peers.”

“I want inspire someone else who is afraid to take that leap of faith—I can see it’s also inspiring my son, who is 14 now, to feel differently. Maybe he won’t end up going to school for what he was originally thinking,” she said. “I hope by sharing my story, this helps give people who feel stuck an extra little push.”

Bellin College hosted its first Week of Welcome (WOW) event for first-year students to kick off the 2021 academic year. This event gave students the opportunity to become more familiar with the college, meet their mentors, and get the chance to get to know their fellow classmates through hands-on events.

“An event like Week of Welcome is important, because studies have shown it’s effective for student retention,” Benny Rieth, Assistant Director of Campus Life, Diversity and Belonging said.

“This is an opportunity for our students to create long-lasting friendships, have fun and socialize, and show them who we are as an institution.”
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BEN ENGLEBERT
Bellin College 2021
Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

As a 1997 graduate of Bellin College, Ben Englebert took his nursing education and passion for life-long learning to Bellin Hospital, where he has worked the past 26 years. “Ben is an exemplary healthcare professional on the front lines caring for the sickest and most difficult patients. He continually strives to be the best nurse, caregiver, and leader. He is a fantastic representative of the nursing profession,” Bonnie Luebke, coworker says.

After dislocating his hip and needing multiple surgeries as a kid, Ben was inspired to go into the nursing profession because of how kind and helpful his nursing staff was during his healing process. He chose Bellin College for his nursing education, because he knew the small class settings would allow him to learn and grow with his peers. He was also appreciative of the trust and encouragement he experienced with the instructors.

Ben originally started his nursing career at Bellin Hospital as a nursing assistant and then as a student nurse tech while attending Bellin College. After graduation, Ben moved full time as an RN at Bellin Hospital. He eventually transitioned to the intensive care unit, where he became one of the first rapid response team members at Bellin Hospital in the early 2000s, helping to establish and implement the protocols and procedures throughout the hospital.

His experience, education, and willingness to jump in wherever needed helped him excel in a leadership position as a nursing supervisor, and most recently, his role as a SWAT nurse.

“As a SWAT nurse, it is not uncommon in one 12-hour shift to see Ben assisting in the Emergency Department or ICU, starting IVs and blood draws, calling in surgery crews, or even helping stabilize a patient on the medical floor who is having trouble breathing,” Bonnie Luebke said. “Ben continually pushes to make sure patients are getting the most appropriate care.”

In his spare time, Ben enjoys giving back by volunteering with nursing students. In the past he has assisted with disaster simulations at Bellin College and works with newer nurses to assess patients and answer any questions they may have while on the floor. “I love being able to work with nursing students, to assist them with critical thinking and prioritization,” he said.

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Ben enjoying a Packers game with his son

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

With community being a core value at Bellin College, our students have many volunteer opportunities to give back throughout the Green Bay area and become familiar with all different types of individuals they may be working with in their professional careers.

Bellin College radiology students participating in the 6th annual Community Blanket Project for pediatric units

Nursing students volunteering at “Boo the Flu” Flu Clinic hosted at Bellin College

Nursing student assisting with vision clinics at a local elementary school

Get your t-shirt today at: www.bellincollege.edu/tshirt
Milestones in life are times for us to reflect on our past, our priorities, and our future. As we celebrate milestones, we may ask ourselves, What will my legacy be? or How do I want to be remembered? And some of us will take actions to ensure we are remembered as we want to be.

One of life’s milestones is reaching the time when we need to begin to draw down on our retirement plans. You may be thinking about this very thing as you approach age 70.5, the normal age for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA. Please be sure to check with your financial advisor as the age requirement is different in some situations. If you are required to take an RMD for 2022, your IRA custodian will send you an RMD notice by January 31, 2022. This notice will include your calculated RMD amount or an offer to calculate the amount upon your request.

As you contemplate your 2022 RMD plans, we ask that you consider making a gift Bellin College to provide much needed resources to our students who are facing unprecedented circumstances affecting their ability to complete their degree, another important milestone in life and one that will have a tremendous impact on their future.

There are many benefits to making a qualified charitable donation directly from your retirement funds as a Required Minimum Distribution. For example:

- Did you know that you can make tax-free gifts to Bellin College from your IRA if you are 70 ½ or older?
- Did you know that if you no longer itemize deductions you can still make a direct IRA rollover gift and avoid taxes on those funds – the equivalent of a charitable income tax deduction?

If you must take a Required Minimum Distribution this year, we hope you will consider making a gift to Bellin College. Your gift will ensure you create a legacy that includes charity and goodwill. To initiate a RMD charitable donation, the first step is to contact the institution handling your IRA. Your IRA custodian can ensure the full or partial RMD will be directly transferred to Bellin College to help continue our important work. Please note IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.

For more information on how to transfer the funds directly to Bellin College or to designate your gift to be used for a specific purpose, please contact Thomas Shefchik, at 920-433-6654 or Thomas.Shefchik@bellincollege.edu

If you’re not quite ready to draw from your retirement, but would still like to support Bellin College students, you can make a gift online at: https://www.bellincollege.edu/support/online-donations/

Sincerely,

Thomas Shefchik
Vice President of Advancement
Bellin College

For a better future
CONGRATULATIONS!
Bellin College Class of 2021
October 15, 2021

22 students from our 15-month BSN program graduated on October 15, 2021 at Celebration Church in Green Bay, WI.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FACULTY
Dr. Amanda Hogan, BSDMS Program Director/Assistant Professor published Pain Levels and Injuries by Sonographic Speciality: A Research Study. Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Jodi Young, DSC Faculty Member, received the Emerging Leader Award at the AAMOPT national conference this past October.

STUDENTS
Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society
Inductees
Sarah Louise Ault
Lindsay Nicole Berry
Maria Elisa Cripe
Marisna E. Desoutro-Esparza
Mason Theodore Dreger
Ariel Marie Galoff
Rebecca Lynn Grzenia
Mckennie Rae Hubbard
Kathleen Elizabeth Johnson
Kelsey Elizabeth Marion
Rachel Catherine McMorrow
Remy Frances Montgomery
Sarah Elizabeth Neumann
Olivia Johanna Scharf
Allison Marie Senzig
Kristen Erica Stuebner
Danielle Nicole Visser
Megan Sue Wech
Nicole D. Zunker

Zoe Chambray, BSN Class of 2023, was elected to serve as the Nominations Director for the 2021-2022 Wisconsin Student Nurses Association Board of Directors.

Christina Meyers and Matthew Vreao, DSC students, won first place for best research poster at the AAMOPT conference this past October. They were advised by faculty members Dan Rhon and Jodi Young.

Lambda Nu Medical Imaging Honor Society
Inductees
Kembra McKinley Browne
Rileigh E. Clark
Janelle Sue Enbique
Gabryelle Sage Kelles Doell
Sierra Lynn Haines
Abigail Hamilton
Xiana Marie Johnson
Jenna Kaland
Kayla S. Klemп
CaSandra Larson
Hope M. Miller
Chloe Pallex
Kimberly J. Perry
Courtney Mac Schnitz
Jayden I. Schreoder
Katelyn Ann Vosters

BSN students provided flu vaccines to BHS employees at 16 of the 19 clinics scheduled.
34 BSN students supervised by 13 faculty provided 277 hours of support to COVID-19 vaccination clinics in the area during spring 2021.

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS
Kevin Brekke – Information Technology Specialist
Chris Goral – Building and Grounds Technician
Debbie Hockers – Executive Assistant to the President and VP of Business & Finance (Promotion)
Collin Kempert – Admissions Counselor
Amanda McCallough – Assistant Director of Admissions and Outreach
Mary Reffers – Administrative Assistant - Academic Deans
Benny Rieth – Assistant Director of Campus Life, Diversity & Belonging (Promotion)

Blanche (Chilla) Dudak Graduation Photo, 1943
Kelsey Menon and family
Chandler Piper and Wedding Party
Timothy Moore and Life Link III Helicopter

CLASS NOTES
Chandler Piper – Class of 2018
We got married on June 26th, it rained the entire day! We then moved from Wisconsin to North Platte, Nebraska a few days later. My husband got a job as a conservation forester here and I am continuing my passion as a labor and delivery nurse at Great Plains Health.

Kelsey Menon – Class of 2013
Das and I moved from GA to TN and welcomed our third baby, Emma June, on 8/4/21. Aiden is 4.5 and Macie is 3.

Timothy Moore – Class of 2011
New job as a flight nurse at Life Link III

Blanche Dudak – Class of 1943
Blanche, our oldest living alumn, is celebrating her 100th birthday this year. Best wishes from Bellin College!

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT
PATRICK BOEX
Building and Grounds Technician, Pat Boex, retired this past October after 40 years with the Bellin Health system! Pat started as a groundskeeper at the hospital in 1981 and has been essential in keeping the college neat and professional since 2009. We wish him the best in retirement!

Dr. Lori Kelju, RN, PhD. Graduate Nursing Program Director/Associate Professor was selected to participate in the 2021 Clinical and Translational Research Summer Course offered by NIH. The application was competitive with only 12 participants from different disciplines and geographic locations.

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June 20, 2022
Oneida Golf & Country Club