

BELLIN COLLEGE  
*forward*

*A newsletter for alumni and friends of Bellin College – Spring/Summer 2023*



Expanding Opportunities  
and Possibilities  
*with a NEW secondary location!*

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# *A Message From the President*



Greetings from Bellin College!

I am honored to share our stories with you, and I am continually thankful for the Bellin College spirit in our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. The spring semester has completed, and we are moving into the summer of 2023! It truly has been a busy year for everyone at the college. This addition of the Forward contains valuable updates on the progress of our mission of educating healthcare professionals through innovation, leadership, and service that promotes lifelong learning and excellence.

Since our last edition, we graduated 142 students at spring commencement. I want to highlight that at our May commencement, we graduated the first class of Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates, this is the college's third terminal degree. The first class of radiation therapy graduates also joined us at the ceremony. It was truly an accomplishment for the college to see the successes of these programs.

This past fall we also expanded our First Year Experience initiative, Week of Welcome or WOW. This initiative helps acclimate incoming freshman students to Bellin College and their programs, while getting to know the faculty and their classmates. It was a huge success. In addition, we also celebrated SCRUB Day 2.0. This special event honored our students by signifying their right of passage to begin their clinical experiences by providing them their uniform or "scrubs".

To support our student scholarships, new programs and student amenities/facilities, the college is working toward a \$15 million campaign, Achieving New Heights in Health, Healing, and Education. We are in the silent phase of our initiative, but I can assure you that these targeted areas are extremely helpful to our students as they progress through their programs and become a part of the healthcare workforce. Coming off a pandemic that changed our world forever, students need support to achieve their educational dream of becoming a future healthcare professional. With the workforce shortage of healthcare professionals, the college is positioned to provide outstanding graduates to meet these needs. I know I can count on your support to help us reach our goal. Other fundraising events included the Bellin College Golf Classic and in September, we were the recipients of Bellin Health Foundation Black Tie, Blue Jean Extravaganza. These events have helped, but the college still needs your support. Thank you for always helping our students.

Take note of our student spotlight, Kennedy Getsfried, and alumni spotlight and faculty member, Meghan Liebszeit. This year's Bellin College Distinguished Alumni Award recipient is Jacklyn Holm, and in addition, our students, faculty, and staff contributed many accomplishments as well. We truly have outstanding students, faculty, and staff that have demonstrated exceptional achievements and we are very excited by the opportunities to promote Bellin College at the local, state, and national levels.

I encourage you to review this edition of the Bellin College Forward. I am proud of our progress and our accomplishments as we continue to live our mission, vision, and values in our daily work. Thank you for your continued support, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or comments you would like to share.

Appreciatively,

*Connie J. Boerst*

Connie J. Boerst, EdD, RN  
President/CEO  
Bellin College

# Alumni Spotlight







## Dr. Meghan Liebzeit

*Bellin College alumna and  
Assistant Professor of  
Nursing at Bellin College*

**M**eghan Liebzeit, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Bellin College, has been selected for the 2022-2023 Jonas Scholars Program through the National League for Nursing (NLN).

The competitive scholarly research grants program addresses the NLN goal, Advancement of the Science of Nursing Education: Promote evidence-based nursing education and the scholarship of teaching. The program takes a maximum of six doctoral students each year—but selected only four students for 2022-2023. Jonas Scholars receive financial support and mentoring, leading to completion of their dissertation research that will contribute to the development of nursing education.

Meghan is a two-time Bellin College alumna. She graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and again in 2010 with an MSN in Nursing Education. Meghan has recently completed her PhD at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, while also teaching at Bellin College.

“My research focused on the pre-briefing that we use in the simulation clinical, exploring the educational components and theoretical influences it has throughout the simulation experience, by investigating students’ experiences when using it,” said Meghan.

At Bellin College, Meghan teaches Advanced Concepts in the traditional program, Adult Health III, Critical Care and the Specialty Nursing Simulation Clinical in the 15 Month program, and Advanced Health Assessment Methods in the Nurse Educator master’s program. In the past she has also taught Nutrition for Nursing, Pathophysiology, Pediatrics, and multiple clinical classes.

*Congratulations Meghan!*

# Advancement Update

## *Bellin College Advancement welcomes new director*



My name is Emily Banta-Kuether, I am the new Director of Advancement for Bellin College. I came to Bellin College from the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center as their Senior Manager of Development and prior to that was on the development team for Catalpa Health. I am truly passionate about the healthcare industry and working alongside a team and donors who are driven by the work and the mission of the organization.

Upon graduating with my undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, I knew I wanted to do something that was bigger than myself, that would benefit the greater good of those around me. I had also had a true love for the healthcare industry and chose to further my education by obtaining a Master's in Healthcare Administration (MHA). This gave me the opportunity to further hone into where I wanted my career path to go.

I now live in Appleton with my husband, two children (Carter, three and Kennedy, one) and our two pups. We love to watch our children grow and experience the world through their eyes, with all it's magic.

Your generous support of Bellin College is making different in the lives of not only our students, but the community we live in. Your support makes it possible to expand programming to meet the needs of not only the healthcare facilities but also the students and continue providing them with the skills necessary for success post-graduation. Bellin College students are here to provide you and your loved ones the high-quality care we have all grown to know and respect.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to join this team and build upon all the work and impact. I look forward to the chance to connect with you as I grow in this role. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or to simply have a conversation at [emily.bantakuether@bellincollege.edu](mailto:emily.bantakuether@bellincollege.edu).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Banta-Kuether".

Director of Advancement  
Bellin College





# Achieving New Heights

IN HEALTH, HEALING & EDUCATION



## Capital campaign focuses on removing financial barriers for students and supporting new educational opportunities

Thanks to generous support like yours, Bellin College's Achieving New Heights Capital Campaign is continuing to make a difference in the lives of students as well as the healthcare received throughout our communities. Since 2020, the Achieving New Heights Capital Campaign has set out to raise \$15 million to support the College's growth. Funds raised through this campaign support the physical expansion of the college, as well as new programming and student support through scholarships.

This growth is vital to our communities; recent studies show that due to an aging population and healthcare workers leaving the workforce for various reasons, there will continue to be an increased demand for healthcare professionals.

Bellin College is responding to this demand by expanding program offerings and scholarship opportunities for students to reduce financial barriers and provide students with real-life simulations and state-of-the-art practice labs. Advancements in healthcare are ever evolving and Bellin College is meeting this need. Because of you and your generous contributions we are 2/3rd's of the way to our goal of \$15 million. Your investment into the Bellin College mission means emerging healthcare professionals will learn through innovation, leadership and service. We are so grateful for all you have invested, however we have not met the goal just yet. Please consider an additional gift toward the Achieving New Heights in Health, Healing and Education Capital Campaign for Bellin College.

# Why did I choose Bellin College?

## Kennedy Getsfried

*Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Student*

Initially, when I came to Bellin College, I chose to study radiologic sciences because I wanted to be a part of helping patients get back to full health. Medical imaging has a large role in helping providers get to the correct diagnosis for their patients. This is a huge part of a patient's healthcare experience and I enjoy being there to help them through that process. I graduated in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences, and in fall of that year I came back to Bellin College to earn a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy. I knew that down the road I wanted a career in radiation therapy, so when Bellin College officially announced the program, I was beyond excited. I have had multiple family members go through cancer and different types of treatments. Radiation therapy really stuck out to me because you get to know your patients, as well as build trust and connections with them throughout their treatment. I am in my third and final year of the radiation therapy program, which includes our 10-month internship. I can 100% say that I made the right decision—not only to go back to Bellin College for a second time, but to choose radiation therapy as my career path.



it makes it easier to learn and feel as though you are doing exactly what you will be doing in clinical and your future job. For X-ray we have two fully functioning x-rays room with ceiling mounted x-rays tubes; it was great being able to learn all of our positioning for clinical this way. Then for radiation therapy we have a large projection screen that we have software for to actually use a linear accelerator like we would see in clinic! It made going to clinical so much easier as we were more prepared for how to move the treatment machine. The technology we have has been a major advantage of attending Bellin College. I felt that my teachers prepared me very well to enter my 10-month internship in August 2022. Being in the clinic and actively working with patients every single day has been a huge step in getting me to my goal of being a radiation therapist!

### What are your career goals after graduating from Bellin College?

My future career goals include working in the radiation therapy field full time, where I am hoping I can do some X-ray work as well. In the next 15 years I would like to go back to school for my master's degree in Health Care Education or Management. I would love to teach and pass on the knowledge my instructors have shared with me to the next generation of radiologic technologists and radiation therapists!

### What initially brought you to Bellin College and what prompted you to return?

What initially brought me to Bellin College in 2016 was the small class sizes, small campus and teacher to student ratio. After my radiologic sciences degree, these same things attracted me back to the Bellin College along with all of the staff members, the atmosphere, and the opportunities that the college gave me. I keep in touch with all of my former and current teachers as I have gone through my radiation therapy program and plan to keep in touch after I graduate in May! It was so nice to grow so close to all the teachers and staff at the college, I have also built life-long friendships with classmates. Bellin College truly is one of a kind!

### Do you feel that Bellin College has prepared you for your career path?

I feel as though Bellin College and my teachers have prepared me very well for my future in health care. The college offers so many different pieces of equipment and technology so

### Is there anything else you would like to share about your Bellin College experience?

I cannot say thank you enough to the radiologic sciences and radiation therapy teachers, as well as other Bellin College staff, for getting me to where I am today. Thank you to my parents for being there every step of the way and always pushing me to be the best that I can be! Huge thank you to Aurora Baycare Radiation Oncology, as well, for pushing me and preparing me for my future in radiation therapy. You have made my clinical experience amazing! Also, to my classmates, you have been there through it all and WE DID IT! I could not have done it without any of you, I am truly blessed to have you all in my life!



# BELLIN COLLEGE Distinguished Alumni

## AWARD

Each year, the Bellin College Alumni Association presents one accomplished alumnus with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes a graduate who has achieved outstanding accomplishments and who exemplifies the mission and values of Bellin College.

Congratulations Jackie Holm! Jackie received the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award for her achievements not only in her time with Bellin College but also in her nursing career.

Jackie received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bellin College in 2000. She started her nursing career at ThedaCare in Neenah as a Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Nurse and then as an inpatient nurse at Bellin Health. From there she moved to working as an operating room nurse for the Green Bay Surgical Center.

In 2017, Jackie came back to Bellin College for her master's in nursing education. During this time, she was a scheduler and a tutor for the college as well. Jackie eventually transitioned to a nursing instructor for the college.

"Bellin College not only prepared me for a career in nursing but provided me with tools needed to continue my nursing career." said Jackie, "Those who are looking at a similar career path that I have taken, would not be disappointed. I just wish that I would have done graduate school earlier in my career!"



*Congratulations Jackie!*



# First Year Experience

## *Sometimes, building a strong campus community requires that you get off campus*

Building a strong campus community is an important pillar of Bellin College. And that begins even before students begin their first day of classes. In August of 2022, Bellin College hosted its second annual Week of Welcome—one of the essential aspects of the First Year Experience, and this time with even more activities.

The first-year experience kicks off with SCRUB Day, a new addition to the program, where new incoming students have an initial orientation with the college, their professors and program directors, and they have an opportunity to meet some of their classmates. This is also a chance for students to receive their academic schedules.

After SCRUB Day, follows Week of Welcome, which received a complete revamp from the previous year. This time, Week of Welcome took place in August, the week before classes, at Camp Tekakwitha. At camp, the students got another chance to meet some of their mentors and professors and create a bond with their fellow classmates through a variety of activities. Benjamin Rieth, Director of Student Affairs and DEI, and Bridgett Lowery, Student Success Coordinator, wanted to create a sense of belonging for students so they feel a sense of acceptance, respect, inclusion and support during their time at Bellin College.



“I think that Week of Welcome did a very good job of helping me feel like belonged here, and I hadn’t even started going to school yet. I had formed a small group of friends and relationships before I even started going to class. It was really nice being able to meet that variety of people, especially ones who are outside of my program and cohort.” said Clara Mueller, a first-year nursing student.

To ensure that the ideas and relationships cultivated at camp are continued in the classroom, the class Student Success 100 is mandatory for all first-year students. This school year, the course was taught by both Benny and Bridgett.

“We decided to teach this class together because we felt the sense of community that was created at camp was something we didn’t want to disrupt or pull apart.” said Bridgett.

During class, students learn many academic skills, such as time management and self-motivation. They also are taught self-reflective skills such as having a growth mindset— where students believe that their abilities can be developed through







dedication, hard work and input from others. This year is also the first year that Bellin College added a sense of belonging into the curriculum. Students are required to complete three engagement activities, either social or academic, before the end of the semester.

This remodel of the First Year Experience has already proven to be exponentially effective at Bellin College.

“Three professors reached out within the first week and said there was a huge difference in their classroom.” said Bridgett, “they said it was the opposite of what they had seen in the past and had to quiet the students down!”

Outside of the classroom, students are utilizing the atrium space and the Student Success Center more than ever. There has also been an increase in extracurricular activity attendance and students joining on-campus organizations. There have even been students taking leadership roles and creating brand-new organizations!

Benny and Bridgett are already making plans for the next First Year Experience program, and they are excited to see how the

program benefits students in their academic journey. “FYE is imperative for our students. This is where they learn our core values and how they will live those values throughout their college career and beyond in their profession. All in all, they will develop positive relationships with their peers, faculty, and staff. Identify and use appropriate campus resources, enhance communication skills, and engage in opportunities that contribute to their learning within and beyond the classroom.” said Benny.



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*Clara Mueller, first-year nursing student*



# The Best Things in Life Are Found On the Other Side of Fear

*Erin Carter MSN Class of 2020*

## *A leap of faith provides Bellin College alumna with an experience of a lifetime*

In May 2020, Erin Carter MSN, gave her commencement address to a field of parked cars. Following graduation, Erin's journey led her to a rural community off the coast of Alaska, a town called Kodiak.

Erin completed the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, AK in July 2022. This yearlong fellowship only chooses one NP and one physician per year and they are responsible for several clinical rotations, including NICU, ICU, general medical, pain and neurology and hospice medicine.

"I poured my heart into my application and interviews and was thrilled to have been accepted as the 2021-2022 fellow. I wanted to apply because it seemed like the most supported way to gain experience and confidence in a specialty as an NP...I can't imagine starting in palliative medicine in any other way!" said Erin.

During her fellowship, the opportunity arose for Erin to take her talents to Kodiak, Alaska. Kodiak is an island community with limited resources compared to other cities close by, and they were looking to expand their palliative care options for the island. Erin is now the sole palliative medicine provider in Kodiak.





“My role is getting to know patients with serious illness and outlining whether they are accepting of traveling to Anchorage for life-prolonging interventions, especially since it could mean they don’t return to Kodiak for end of life.” Said Erin. “I manage patient’s symptoms to limit trips to the ER and limit transfers to Anchorage. I see patients in their homes, in my office, via telehealth and in the hospital. I coordinate with patient’s PCPs and other members of the care team to ensure the patient’s goals are well understood. It’s a beautiful, rewarding, difficult job.”

Erin’s time at Bellin College played a key role in preparing her for her fellowship and career endeavors. As a fellow, you move through several rotations to gain beneficial experience. As well as meeting a whole new set of providers and staff.

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*“It’s vital that you learn how put your best foot forward and honor the opportunity you’ve been given” said Erin. “As well as learning how to care for yourself through the process, to be resilient when it would be easier to quit. Any Bellin student will understand what I mean!”*

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Erin lives full time in Kodiak with her husband and daughter and is loving every minute of it.! She highly recommends pursuing a fellowship or just taking a leap of faith.

“The best things in life are found on the other side of fear.” says Erin “It’s okay if you don’t find the perfect fit right away... Mine was a not a path of instant gratification, but if I hadn’t applied for the fellowship and stuck with it, I wouldn’t be living this dream. Have patience and trust your gut!”





# Michael Van Asten Campus





# Expanding Opportunities and Possibilities

Since its start in 1909, Bellin College of Green Bay, Wisconsin has become a leader in healthcare education. Beginning as a nursing college, Bellin College has steadily grown its program offerings to include a wide range of healthcare focused programs. This growth, along with the rising healthcare workforce needs, motivated Bellin College to expand not only its program offerings, but its physical location as well.

As of August 2022, Bellin College opened a new campus location on 2620 Development Drive in Green Bay, off Highway 172, named the Michael Van Asten Campus. This new location now houses Bellin College's sonography program, graduate nursing program, the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and brand-new science labs. This fall, the first semester started at this campus and the new Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program debut.

The first semester was a success, largely due to the resources the new location provided the program. The campus grants ample space for many student learning opportunities such as physical therapy skills labs, movement labs, and multiple classrooms installed with technology needed to aid student learning. Students of the DPT program will gain clinical experience within the first month of starting the program with the potential for more advanced leadership roles within the profession upon graduation.

"Each week the students participate in integrated clinical education experience (ICE) and are put in either an outpatient or health/wellness physical therapy setting. ICE gives them a chance to develop their skills and communication skills in an authentic clinical environment." Said Jon Weiss, Assistant Program Director of the DPT program.

The sonography program found a new home at the Michael Van Asten Campus. Sonography at Bellin College has seen an increase in enrollment and outgrew its original space at the Resch Campus. With the new location, the sonography program was able to upgrade its ultrasound lab from a 4-bed lab to a 10-bed lab. This upgrade allows more students to work at once with a longer scan time for everyone. The lab also allows for portable ultrasound units, sonography machines, high-fidelity simulators (one echo and one ob/gyn), an ABI machine, EKG machine, and new Canon I series machines.

"It's great to have a new space where we have enough room to spread out and enough machines to allow students to practice." Said Dr. Amanda Hogan, Director of Imaging and Surgical Sciences, "It's been so fun seeing everyone in lab more and the look on prospective students' faces when they see how blessed we are!"

Along with the expansion of programs, the Michael Van Asten Campus has become the home to brand-new science labs, specifically for anatomy and chemistry labs. The addition of the labs has been instrumental in continuing the hands-on learning that is important to the structure of Bellin College's curriculum.

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*"Bellin College's mission is to educate healthcare professionals for the future. Our expansion is intended to provide exceptional learning experiences and programs to help provided leaders for your future healthcare needs."*  
- Dr. Connie Boerst, President/CEO, Bellin College

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# INCLUSION

*On* PURPOSE



Creating a campus where all



**A** strong sense of belonging is an important aspect of any college campus, and Bellin College is no different! In recent years, Bellin College has focused on strengthening Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) through a variety of campus activities, two being the celebrations of Indigenous and Black History months.

The month of November was dedicated to Indigenous History Month. During this month, Benjamin Rieth, Director of Students Affairs and DEI, organized an Indigenous Food Day and a Tea Workshop with the help of his family members, who all belong to the Menominee Tribe.

On Indigenous Food Day, Benny and the Wychesit family prepared traditional Menominee dishes such as Frybread, Indian Tacos, a Wild Rice and Venison dish, and a Wild Rice and Berries dessert. They also printed the recipes to give out to students, faculty and staff. In addition, Bonnie McKiernan led an Indigenous medicine workshop that taught attendees how to create their own winter cold and flu tea made with mullein, bergamot, and peppermint—all native to the Menominee forest.

“Food is such a medicine in our culture,” said Benny, “and I think being able to share food with other people shares who we are as individuals.”

Bellin College also celebrated Black History Month, starting with a “Soul Food Dinner”. This is an annual celebration featuring music, southern style cuisine, and keynote speaker

Dominique M. Carter, Ph.D., St. Norbert College’s 2018 Young Alumni Award recipient.

Student Affairs then hosted a movie night, showing *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and a Black History Month Panel. The panel was an online event that reached over 300 people. The panel discussed intersectionality, historic Black figures, and what everyone can do to celebrate Black History Month.

In addition to these monthly celebrations, Student Affairs held celebrations for other meaningful events such as Day of the Dead, Ash Wednesday, and Holi with activities for the students and educational materials to teach the history and meaning behind them.

Bellin College and Student Affairs continues to plan activities to celebrate all cultures in our community throughout the year to put into action our values of excellence, integrity, community and caring and foster an inclusive college environment for all of our students.

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*“We have a land acknowledgement here at Bellin, and it’s just words until you put it into action. I believe that it’s important that students have multicultural competency in order to move forward in their lives and be better healthcare providers.”*  
– Benjamin Rieth, Director of Students Affairs and DEI

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**can feel accepted and valued**



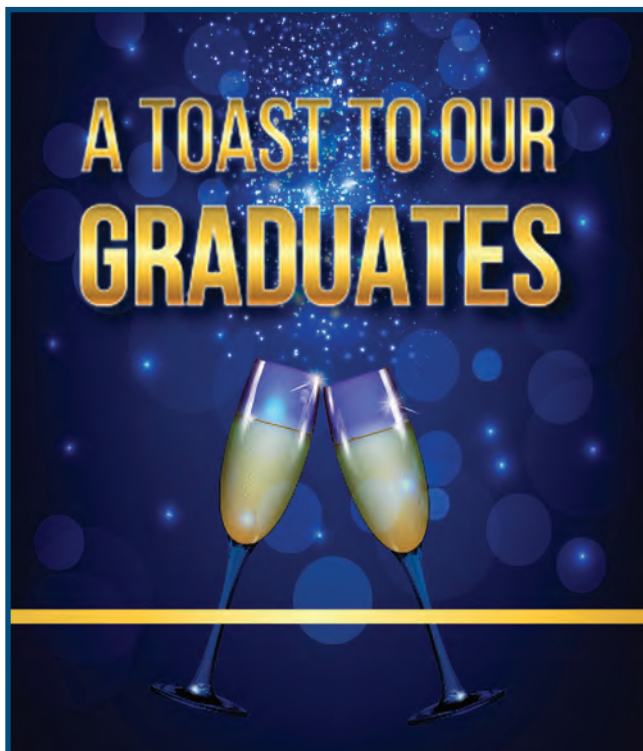
# SCRUB DAY | 2.0

*Excitement builds as students prepare for the clinical phase of their programs*

On Wednesday, April 19, freshman students participated in the inaugural Scrub Day 2.0 event. It's an event that recognizes the next step in their educational journey, clinicals. Our undergraduate students who will be entering into the clinical setting in the fall received their scrubs and a Bellin College medallion to keep the college values with them as they begin their patient care.

Students had the pleasure of hearing from Bellin College President, Dr. Connie Boerst; Dean of Students & Allied Health Sciences, Dr. Mark Bake; Dr. Mary Rolloff, Dean of Nursing, and Laura Jansen, the Nursing Education Professional Development Specialist for Aurora BayCare Medical Center, and a Bellin College alum.

*We are excited for what the future holds for these students!*



## **Bellin College celebrated the many achievements of the May 2023 graduating class during the bi-annual Toast to the Graduates event!**

The event took place at the Green Bay Distillery and featured food, drinks, a photobooth, a graduation cap decorating station and a toast provided by Dean of Students and Allied Health Sciences, Mark Bake.

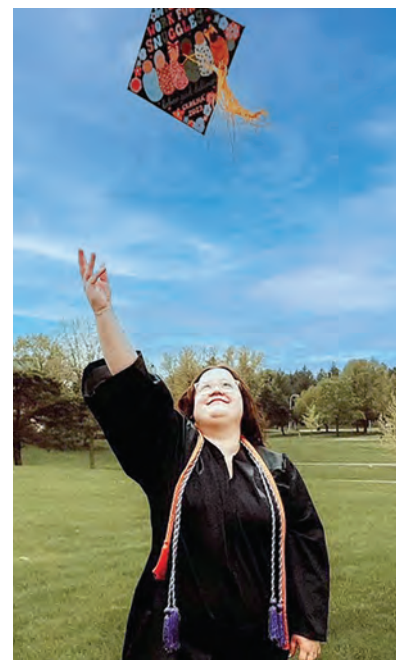
*Our graduates have achieved something great and we can't wait to see how they make their mark on the world!*



# Congratulations to the Class of May 2023!

Bellin College Commencement was held on May 13, 2023 at The Weidner in Green Bay. The graduating class consisted of 142 students from the following programs: undergraduate nursing, diagnostic medical sonography, radiologic sciences and radiation therapy, as well as, graduate nursing and physical therapy.

*A special congratulations to the Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs—both celebrated their first graduating classes!*



2023 Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence recipient Jenna Kaland, sonography student



Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Inaugural Class of May 2023



Class of May 2023



Doctor of Nursing Practice Inaugural Class of May 2023



# Our Mission Continues On

## Medical mission trip to Guatemala returns after two-year COVID-19 Hiatus

Bellin College students had the opportunity to return to the Isabel region of Guatemala for a medical mission trip with Mission El Faro. The team was eager to return after missing two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This January, 22 volunteers including students from nursing, graduate nursing, and sonography, along with faculty members, and local area providers departed for Guatemala. The team traveled to 6 different villages over the course of the trip and set up mobile health clinics, serving a total of 478 of all age ranges. The clinics provided health screenings, physical

exams, vitamins, medications, water filters to purify river water, environmental-friendly stoves to clear smoke from their homes, and many other everyday items. Of those villages, Laguna Santa Isabel and La Graciosa had not previously been served before.

In addition to setting up clinics, the team spent a day at the Eliza Martinez Children's Hospital to review and practice CPR skills and provide a learning session for a topic of the hospital's choice. They also visited the Hogar La Asuncion Orphanage to visit with the children as well as provide school supplies, shoes, and backpacks.





“I love seeing how the students are impacted personally by our trip.” said Dr. Lynn Murphy, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and lead faculty member of the trip. “Our team members often feel that we have received more through our experiences than we could have ever given. These skills and knowledge are transferable to patients right here in Wisconsin or wherever students choose to work in the future!”

Bellin College will start prepping for next year’s Guatemala trip, taking place January 3 – 14, 2024, with a cultural preparation class in May and a Guatemala preparation unit later in the year. These classes are designed to increase students’ knowledge of the Guatemalan culture and the health needs found in the communities.





# NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS\* \* Information as of April 1, 2023

## NEW HIRES

<b>Jennifer Clayton</b>	Bursar
<b>Jessie Haynes</b>	Assistant Professor
<b>Dr. Janelle Schaal</b>	Assistant Professor
<b>Jessica O'Brien</b>	Instructional Design Specialist
<b>Lawrence Potter</b>	Campus Safety and Security Coordinator
<b>Amanda Daniels</b>	College Assessment Program (CAP) Director
<b>Robert Wiegert</b>	Security Guard
<b>Tina Wiegert</b>	Security Guard
<b>Richard Allcox</b>	Security Guard
<b>Mark Keller</b>	Security Guard
<b>Katherine Taft</b>	Administrative Assistant of Admissions
<b>Kaylee Theel</b>	Marketing & Communications Coordinator
<b>Christopher Raymaker</b>	Security Guard
<b>Dr. Timothy Yahr</b>	Professor
<b>Jennifer Ronsman</b>	Health Sciences Resource Center Skills Coordinator
<b>Dr. JJ Ferguson</b>	Assistant Professor
<b>Emily Banta-Kuether</b>	Director of Advancement
<b>Casey Deuster</b>	Administrative Assistant of Advancement & Alumni Relations

<b>Jackie Miles</b>	Security Guard
<b>Michael Phillips</b>	HSRC Technology Coordinator
<b>Sarah Woolsey</b>	Campus Life Coordinator
<b>Jenifer Delebreau</b>	Administrative Assistant of Academic Support
<b>Sarah Caelwaerts</b>	Instructor
<b>Michele Vanderheyden</b>	Human Resources Coordinator

## PROMOTIONS:

<b>Dr. Casey Rentmeester</b>	Director of General Education and Academic Success
<b>Dr. Amanda Hogan</b>	Director of Imaging and Surgical Sciences
<b>Dr. Eric Chaconas</b>	Director/Chair of Physical Therapy
<b>Christina Smith</b>	BSRS Program Director/Assistant Professor
<b>Chad Dall</b>	Director of Outreach and Engagement
<b>Collin Kempfert</b>	Assistant Director of Admissions

## RETIREMENTS:

<b>Jody Wilmet</b>	Project Coordinator/Adjunct Faculty
<b>Mary Jo Moore</b>	Bursar

# STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS\*

- **Kembra Browne and Gaby Doell** won third place for their Video Exhibit: The Mammographic Experience at the Wisconsin Association of Educators in Radiologic Technologists (WAERT).
- **Jolene Schulz**, DNP student, collaborated with Dr. Casey Rentmeester for an article that evolved from a class assignment. The article, "Responding to Unexpected Urine Drug Test Results; A Phenomenological Approach", was published in the latest edition of The Journal of Applied Hermeneutics. Jolene is also a faculty member in the nursing programs.
- **Aurora Delebreau**, BSN class of May 2022, received the 2022 Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence.
- **Jenna Kaland**, BSDMS class of May 2023, received the 2023 Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence.
- **Two FNP students had posters accepted for presentation at the WNA APRN Pharmacology & Clinical Update conference:**
  - **Hope Rella** – Gut Health and its Role in Depression. Advisor Dr. S. Stewart.
  - **Jordan Saari** – Childhood Obesity Screening Guidelines and Interventions: The Impact of the Family Nurse Practitioner. Advisor Dr. Lynn Murphy.
- **Four FNP students presented posters at the Kappa-Pi-at-Large spring meeting:**
  - **Josh Schnepf** – The Efficacy of Telemonitoring Services in Individuals with Heart failure: An Integrative Review of Literature. Advisor Dr. J. Schaal.
  - **Kaisa Jacobsen** - In Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria, Does Puberty Suppression Therapy with Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Agonists Influence Rate of Suicidality? Advisor Dr. C. Boerst.
  - **Madelyn Boney** – The Effects of Metformin versus Weight Reduction on Fertility in Women with PCOS. Advisor Dr. J. Schaal.
  - **Kenzie Schmidt** – Supplementation of Probiotics for Alleviation of Stress: An Integrated Review of Literature. Advisor Dr. A. Parmentier.
- **Two students are presenting a virtual poster at the WLN spring meeting:**
  - **Molly Piumbroeck** – The Effect of Aerobic Exercise on Depression: An Integrative Review of Literature. Advisor Dr. A. Parmentier.
  - **Hope Rella** – Gut Health and its Role in Depression. Advisor Dr. S. Stewart.
- **Dr. Mark Milligan** – OMPT Fellowship graduate was awarded the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy's 2022 Innovation Award for his innovative work on telehealth within physical therapy.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Lane and Dr. Dan Maddox** – OMPT Fellowship graduates who were awarded the Rose Excellence Award by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy in February 2023.
- **Dr. Joe Kucksdorf** – OMPT Fellowship and DPT faculty member was the recipient of the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce Future 15 Young Professional of the Year Award in March 2023.
- DPT students **Tori Colassaco, Abby Barley, Jake Voss, and Erin Dietz** – presented a workshop on sleep and the impact on learning and healthy living to Bellin College faculty and students in March 2023.
- **Emily Zieger**, SPT, was recently elected as Vice Chair, and Alex Ziepkke, SPT, was recently elected as Community Outreach Director of the APTA-Wisconsin Student SIG Board.



# FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS\*

\*Information as of April 1, 2023

## SONOGRAPHY

- **Stacey May** went to Tanzania for ultrasound related work.
- **Dr. Amanda Hogan's** article, Pain Levels and Injuries by Sonographic Specialty: A Research Study, which was published in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JDMS), was selected as the Second-Place recipient of the 2022 Kenneth R. Gottesfeld Award. This award acknowledges the publishing of outstanding research or review articles in the JDMS.

## RADIOLOGY

- Congratulations to **Christina Smith** and **Chad Dall** for a successful year with the annual Wisconsin Association of Educators in Radiologic Technologists (WAERT) symposium. Christina is currently serves as the treasurer and Chad serves as the secretary for WAERT.

## SURGICAL ASSISTING

- Diana Amundson received her certified surgical first assistant (CSFA) in April. Congratulations to Diana.

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

- Bellin College faculty **Dr. Lace Luedke** and **Dr. Mark Shepherd** recently presented at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. Dr. Luedke presented on "Female Pelvic Health in Sports through the Lifespan" and Dr. Shepherd had two presentations, "Person-Centered Care: A Comprehensive Assessment Approach for the Person in Pain" and "Attitudes and Beliefs about Sleep are Associated with Increased Pain Interference and Disordered Sleep."
- **Dr. JJ Ferguson** completed his Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy degree.

## NURSING

- **Ruth Rodda** received the 2022 Nishioka Family Faculty Award for Excellence.
- **Dr. Meghan Liebzeit** has been selected to participate in the NLN Jonas Scholars Program. The program includes comprehensive mentoring to advance research in nursing education. A maximum of 6 scholars are accepted each year, making this a highly competitive and esteemed honor. This year only four were accepted, and Meghan is one of the four for the upcoming cohort.
- **Dr. Meghan Liebzeit** and **Dr. Casey Rentmeester** presented "A Gadamerian Approach to Nursing: Merging Philosophy with Practice" at the 25th International Nursing Philosophy Conference.
- **Sue Poppele** completed a podium presentation on the use of video assessments for health assessment at the Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies.
- **Kathie DeMuth** and **Julie Lamal** presented a poster at the Wisconsin Council of Medical Education & Workforce (WCMEW) summit. The poster highlighted Urban Immersion within the diversity and inclusion focus of the summit.
- **Sherri Hanrahan** and **Sue Poppele** participated on a panel at the WCMEW summit. They focused on the externship program as an innovative way of educating nursing students for practice.
- **Dr. Meghan Liebzeit** and **Michelle Stringer** were part of a panel at the WCMEW summit. Meghan and Michelle shared our experience with the simulation course as an innovative method for expanding clinical sites.

- **Alicia Burgess** collaborated with two others to present on metabolic bone disease at the regional Orthopedic Nursing Association conference.
- **Sherri Hanrahan** and **Sue Poppele** presented a poster on the externship program as an innovative way of educating nursing students for practice at the Wisconsin League of Nursing state conference.
- **Dr. Heidi Monroe** published a review of upcoming changes to the NCLEX exam in the December issue of the WNA newsletter: The Wisconsin Nurse.
- **Dr. Meghan Liebzeit** successfully defended her dissertation and received her PhD from the University of Nevada Las Vegas.
- **Dr. Meghan Liebzeit** presented a poster at the Western Institute of Nursing (the western version of the Midwest Nursing Research Society).
- **Dr. Lynn Murphy** presented at the WNA APRN Pharmacology & Clinical Update conference. Her topic is "Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Through the Introduction of Protective and Compensatory Experience".
- **Dr. Lynn Murphy** presented at the Nicolet College Learning in Retirement center. Her presentation is "Serving the Underserved of Guatemala".

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Benjamin Rieth** presented at a national conference in April at Boston for Student Affairs. The title of his presentation was "Smile at the World and the World Smiles Back", it was about finding personal joy and working in teams. The conference was for the NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) annual conference.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

- **Bridgett Lowery**, Student Success Center Coordinator, was featured in Inside Higher Ed for her work in the Student Success Center in an article entitled "Bubbles, Fidget Toys and Coloring Have a Role in Student Success."
- **Dr. Casey Rentmeester**, Director of Academic Success and General Education, published chapters in the following six books: Eco-Anxiety and Planetary Hope, Punk Rock and Philosophy, Everyday Life in the Culture of Surveillance, Peace and Hope in Dark Times, Regimes of Capital in the Postdigital Age, and The Godfather and Philosophy.
- **Dr. Jessie Wirkus Haynes**, Assistant Professor of English, had the symposium she co-founded on the practice of community writing featured in the Community Learning Journal.



**Congratulations to**  
**Susan Poppele**,  
assistant professor of nursing,  
for receiving the  
**2023 Nishioka Family Faculty**  
**Award for Excellence.**

This award recognizes a faculty member's exceptional service at Bellin College through the generosity of Dr. Hiro Nishioka.





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