Record Enrollment at Allen College

Allen College has enrolled a record-setting 426 students for the fall semester, a 9% increase from last fall’s enrollment of 404. The largest enrollment increases are in the College’s Master of Science in Nursing program, where 61 students have enrolled, which is an increase from 31 last fall. Allen College also offers an associate degree in radiography and a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Allen College enrollment figures 2001 - 2006:
- 2006 - 426
- 2005 - 404
- 2004 - 364
- 2003 - 306
- 2002 - 283
- 2001 - 263

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You can help

You can help shape the future of Allen College and Allen Hospital by donating to Allen College. Your generous donations will help finance special projects to enhance the quality of our education and the realm of our services. Contact Allen College or the Allen Foundation to find out how you can make a difference.

Transcripts

All transcript requests may be submitted in writing and mailed to:

Allen College
Attn: Transcripts
1825 Logan Ave.
Waterloo, IA 50703

Transcript fees:
- Immediate Service - $8.00
- 48-Hour Business Service - $6.00
- Faxing Service - $13.00
- Student Copy - $6.00

You might say Jon Hennings was born to be a healer. Between work as an emergency medical technician and a minister, Jon discovered nursing. "I was working as an EMT in Parkersburg, and while I was taking classes I was encouraged to check out medicine," explains Jon. "I never really thought that nursing was going to be something that I was interested in, but I just fell in love with it. That’s how I started the program."

Nursing doesn’t surprise Scott. "It’s a pretty damn good job, but nursing isn’t just about the money. I think men are realizing there is more to life than earning a paycheck. I think they are starting to see it’s better to live your life reaching out to other rather than just helping yourself.”
In addition to receiving a full education from Allen College, Paula Schmitz-Geise has spent more than 18 years working for Allen Hospital. Paula began in the diploma program at Allen and received her RN. She continued her education at the University of Iowa but chose to transfer to Allen due to its convenient location and accessible clinical and class schedules. Paula received her RN in 1987, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2000 and her Master of Science in Nursing in 2005. She credits the educators at Allen College for their great educational experience. “Allen faculty want students to succeed so they help you any way they can,” says Paula. “They encourage you to push yourself to reach your full potential.”

Allen College’s diverse class schedules and varied course offerings allow students to take classes when it’s convenient for them. Allen also accepts credit from other facilities, which allowed Paula to transfer to Allen. Paula spent five years on the surgical floor at Allen College and Allen Hospital.

Phyllis McClanathan January 11, 2006, Class of 1974

Maria Nauss February 24, 2006, Class of 1958

Emmabelle Dieckman April 14, 2006, Class of 1931

Donna Salmons Brody April 20, 2006, Class of 1955

Violet Koch Sutter April 28, 2006, Class of 1945

Donna (Schumacher) Buhr August 10, 2006, Class of 1957

Marlys Jean Bloom August 12, 2006, Class of 1948

In Remembrance

The Jane Hasel Scholarship was established in 2005 to honor the founding chancellor of Allen College. It provides full tuition for an outstanding senior student and reminds all Allen College students of the difference one person can make.

We are proud to introduce Cara Anderson (right) as the first Jane Hasel scholar. Your gifts helped make this endowed scholarship possible. Thank you.

There are many opportunities to make a difference for Allen College. If you would like to know more, please call us at (319) 231-3960.

Dr. Jerry Durham
Chancellor

Alumna’s Future Bright

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Paula Schmitz-Geise Director of Cardiac Services

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Faculty Honors/Awards

DeAnn Ambroson, PhD, RN, LMSW, COI
Promoted to Professor in the Nursing Division, Fall 2006.

Peggy Fortsch, MAE, MA, RN
Received Graduate College Scholarship from the University of Northern Iowa.

Kay Froehner, MAE, MSN, RN
Awarded the Faculty Recognition Award for the 2006 Allen College BSN Graduates.

Cindy Jenness, MSN, MAE, RN
Promoted to Associate Professor in the Nursing Division, Fall 2006.

Nancy Kramer, EdD, CPNP-ARNP
Professor and Chair of the Nursing Division; Nancy was honored as one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2006 on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at the Olmsted Center on the Drake campus in Des Moines.

Debra Peyton, MSN, RN
Assistant Professor in the Nursing Division; Deb Peyton was accepted into the UNI EdD program and began during the summer of 2006.

Kendra Williams-Perez, EdD, MSN, RN
Promoted to Professor in the Nursing Division, Fall 2006.

Announcing Dr. Dawson

Dr. Susan Dawson has joined Allen College as Dean of Academic Affairs. She previously chaired the nursing division at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois. Dr. Dawson holds a Doctorate of Education in Adult Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Nursing from Southern Illinois University. She is a certified clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing.

“Dr. Dawson brings outstanding credentials and a wealth of experience to this position,” says Dr. Jerry Durham, Allen College Chancellor. “Her qualifications as a seasoned teacher and administrator in nursing education and her involvement in community organizations are an excellent fit for Allen College.”

Chancellor’s Message

Allen College has much to celebrate. The College awarded 93 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and five Master of Science in Radiography degrees for an Allen College record of 110 graduates. Our enrollments continue to grow. As of September 15, the College had enrolled 1464 students, surpassing last fall’s record of 1404 students. The MSN program has experienced a growth of 97% for an all-time high of 61 students. Allen College has increased its support for its nurses who enroll in our RNBSN and RN/MSN programs, accounting for an increasing number of Allen nurses wanting to advance their education at Allen College.

Allen College is very pleased to welcome Susan Dawson, EdD, APRN, BC, as Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Dawson joins Allen College from McKendree College in downstate Illinois, where she served as chair of the nursing division. In addition to her background as a nurse educator, Dr. Dawson, who earned her doctorate in adult education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, is certified as a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric-mental health nursing. Dr. Dawson brings wealth of experience, energetic leadership and innovative ideas that will propel the College forward in the academic affairs arena.

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About Allen College

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Allen College has a variety of programs for those interested in pursuing degrees in nursing. The College offers the Associate of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. The College also offers a Radiography program, which has experienced a growth of 97% for an all-time high of 61 students. Allen College has increased its support for its nurses who enroll in our RNBSN and RN/MSN programs, accounting for an increasing number of Allen nurses wanting to advance their education at Allen College.

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**Graduation Recap**

Allen College commencement ceremonies on May 6, 2006, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls showcased the next generation of nurses and radiographers. The College awarded 93 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and five Master of Science in Nursing degrees. Twelve members of the class of 2006 named Associate of Science in Radiography degrees for an Allen College record of 110 graduates.

The commencement speaker was Angela Barrett MacRie, Distinguished Professor of Nursing and University Dean Emerita of the Indiana University School of Nursing. During her tenure as Dean, she served as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/Nursing within Clarian Health Partners, the largest hospital network in Indiana and the third largest in the United States. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National League for Nursing and chairs the board’s Committee on Quality and Patient Care.

The following graduates were recognized at the Awards & Honors Ceremony on May 6, 2006.

**NURSING**

Presidential Award

This award was established by Doctors Mark Louviere, John Mgurz and Matthew Smith as a way of giving something back to the educational function of Allen Hospital. This award is given annually to two graduating seniors in the undergraduate nursing program who have the two highest grade point averages of their class.

Recipients: Abby Eisch and Dana Weidking

Jane E. Hasek EdD, RN Excellence in Nursing Award

Selected as a graduate from the BSN program who exemplifies characteristics of an outstanding student. This award recognizes students who have displayed outstanding service or contributions to Allen College.

Recipients: Allison Delagardelle and Lisa Franzen

Obstetrics/Pediatrics Award

Obstetrics and Pediatrics are an integral part of Family Practice. Doctors John Mgurz, Mark Louviere and Matthew Smith would like to honor a graduating student who has shown clinical excellence in these areas.

Recipients: Brainless Geerts, Melanie Olson, Angela Pars and Jennifer Platje

**Radiography**

Presidential Award

This award is given annually to two graduating students in the undergraduate radiography program who have the two highest grade point averages of their class.

Recipients: Kelly Heins and Sonya Mullin

John F. Maughan Honorary Award

This award was established by the Cedar Valley Medical Specialists radiologists and is presented annually to a radiography graduate in honor of Dr. John F. Maughan. Dr. Maughan was Medical Advisor to the radiography program from 1984-1996, providing guidance and leadership.

Recipient: Ashley Heins

**Academic Honors**

Gold cords are presented to those graduating students who have achieved in the course of their studies at Allen College an overall grade point average of 4.0 or above. This achievement indicates both a superior level of ability and a high dedication to scholarship, and Allen College is proud to recognize these candidates.

**BSN**

Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or above)

Ashley Heins

Maria Cum Laude (GPA 3.7-3.89)

Elizabeth Albaugh, Krystin Anson, Jennifer Goodnow, Elysa Jones, Phoebe Michael, Crystal Schrader, Brooke Shephey, Beth Snook

Cum Laude (GPA 3.5-3.7)

Cassie Allen

Margaret Birakdy

Lindsey Buusn

Stephanie Carlson

Allisa Chane

Allison Delagardelle

Abby Eisch

Lisa Franzen

Elizabeth Fischman

Brainless Geerts

Jenna Goodnow

Jonathon Hennings

Amber Hillman

Julie Hiegl

Jill Kunz

**ASR**

Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or above)

Ashley Heins

Maria Cum Laude (GPA 3.7-3.89)

Jocelyn Thruston

Cum Laude (GPA 3.5-3.7)

Kyle Craig, Jessica Newdahl, Kelly Lichtenhagen, Sara Mundahl, Jessica Palmer

**Master of Science in Nursing**

ANP

Chris Allen

Margaret Birakdy

Lindsey Buusn

Stephanie Carlson

Allisa Chane

Lisa Franzen

Lindsey French

Julie Hiegl

Lacy Kolder

Brooklynn Madden

Jenna Majewski

Jennifer Platje

Gina Tang

**Scholarship Banquet**

The annual scholarship banquet was held September 26, 2006 at the Park Place Event Centre at Piac Centre on the Lake in Cedar Falls. Nine new scholarship establishments were for the 2006-2007 academic year and more than $109,000 was awarded in scholarships. Two new endowed scholarships were announced and will be awarded when their balances reach the specified corpus.

Dr. Jane Hasek, the founding chancellor of Allen College, was the 2006 inductee into the Allen Nurses Hall of Fame at the Allen Alumni Banquet. Hasek, who retired at the conclusion of the 2005-2006 academic year, has been an inspiration and role model to students and colleagues. She has served in numerous administrative roles, including the establishment of the College and its degree programs, her active involvement and prominent role in state and national nursing organizations, and her service to the community.

Hasek was awarded the Iowa Council on Nursing and Work Force Task Force, past president of the Iowa League for Nursing, the 1983 Iowa Nurses’ Association District 4 Nurse of the Year and the 1997 IONA Teresa Christy Award winner. In 2005, she was appointed by the governor of Iowa to non-profit gift to the Iowa State Board of Health. In 2006, she was appointed by the governor of Iowa to the Board. In 2007, she was appointed by the governor of Iowa to the Board.

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**U.S. Army Spirit of Nursing Award**

Selected for excellence in nursing demonstrated by community and professional involvement, leadership potential and academic achievements.

Recipient: Beth Snook

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**SERVICE**

Allen College Service Award

This award recognizes students who have displayed outstanding service or contributions to Allen College.

Recipients: Allison Delagardelle and Lisa Franzen

**Scholarships are Gifts That Keep Giving**

Have you ever considered investing in a scholarship? With the shortage of healthcare providers, it is important to assist those interested in pursuing a healthcare career with tuition assistance. You can take pride knowing that at least $6,655 on a scale of 100,000% placement, with a majority working in our 11-county rural and urban service area in Northeast Iowa.

This high-quality education comes at a high price. As the cost of college education continues to increase, the need for financial aid is decreasing, state and federal funds have declined, and most monies are loans instead of grants. Upon graduation, the average Allen College undergraduate student has indebtedness of approximately $20,000. An endowment of $10,000 funds a scholarship of $500 per year in tuition assistance. This endowment can be increased up to four years with annual gifts of $2,500. After the endowment is established, money can be added to your scholarship.

Allen College is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational institution of higher education established in Waterloo in 1899, to provide academic programs in nursing and allied health.

These programs are based upon a tremendous need in Northeast Iowa and the state as a whole.

Please consider a gift of a scholarship.

Your gift will keep on giving through the care these students give to others and to their communities.

For more information, please contact Matthew D. Rolinger, Director of Development, Allen Foundation, at (319) 274-6712.
2006-2007 Allen Institutional Scholarship Assistance

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Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1950 Nursing Scholarship
Rachel Larson

Betty J. Atkins Memorial Scholarship
Nicole Alexander
Amada Glasscock
Richard Joens
Sarah Johnson

**BSN Program Scholarship
Amada Glasscock
Melere Kruse

Robert Bailey, MD and Robert Morrison, MD Scholarship
Richard Platte

Keith M. & Dorothy W. Baskins Scholarship
Erin Davis
Susan McConnell

Community Foundation-Keith M. & Dorothy W. Baskins Scholarship
Brittney Bicket

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Richard Platte

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Tonya Wilder

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Allison Ringema

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April Hummel

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Lynn Thornberry Memorial Scholarship
Aaron McCoy

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Sara Peterson

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Christina Menster

Lewis L. Zager, MD Memorial Scholarship
Amy Hauser

Many Options for Allen Grad

Alumnae Craig Buskohl has spent several busy years working at Allen Health System. From education to administration, Craig has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of new imaging technology at Allen. Craig happened onto healthcare while taking classes at Hawkeye Community College. His sister, a CNA, was heading to an informational meeting to choose where to go to receive her BSN. Craig thought it sounded interesting and joined her. There, he heard about the radiography program at Allen College and found it to be everything he was looking for.

There were many different directions that I could go after graduation,” says Craig. “The radiography program combined high-tech equipment and hands-on patient care with many different modalities that were constantly evolving.”

After graduation from Allen College, Craig continued to work for Allen Hospital and has performed several different jobs there, changing almost yearly.

Prior to graduation, Craig began working at Allen in the file room as a student assistant. After graduation the following May, he began training as an MRI Technologist at Allen and the United Medical Park. Craig also enrolled in the Medical Imaging program at Clarkson College in Omaha, Nebraska, in fall 2001. In 2002, he began working for Alliance Imaging as a traveling tech on his days off and weekends.

The following year, Craig took his MRI board exams and became a registered MRI Technologist. In 2004, he had the opportunity to assist with purchasing decisions at the United Medical Park’s new 16-Slice CT and Open Bore MRI.

Craig became involved in the installation of the Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) at Allen Health System. For his part, he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was trained and returned to plan, install and train other techs about the PACS installed at both United Medical Park and Allen Health.

In June 2005, Craig became the CT and MRI Team Leader at Allen. In addition, he has been an adjunct instructor at Allen College for the past two years, teaching the CT and MRI portion of the Level 2 imaging class.

He became registered in Computer Tomography in fall 2005 and graduated from Clarkson College with a BS in Medical Imaging the following year.

Craig recently assumed the role of interim PACS Administrator upon the departure of the regular administrator.