Allen College conferred the degree Doctor of Humane Letters on W. Louis Beecher at the May 8 commencement ceremony. The Board of Trustees conferred this degree in recognition of Beecher’s distinguished career as an attorney; for his leadership in the business community; for his many contributions to civic and nonprofit organizations in the Cedar Valley and the state of Iowa; for his wise advice to leaders of Allen College during its early history; and for his support of philanthropy.

Beecher, who has been a practicing attorney for 62 years, was born Sept. 17, 1921, in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. He was raised on a 720-acre farm in Howard County, Iowa, and graduated from high school in Elma, Iowa. He initially enrolled at Loras College at age 16 in 1938 and earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa in 1942. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps in May 1942. He served as a pilot in the Troop Carrier Command, serving in Africa, Egypt, Iran, India, Burma, China, Manchuria and French Indochina (now North Vietnam). He remained in the U. S. Air Corps Reserve until 1958 with the rank of captain. Following his military service, he earned a law degree with distinction in from the University of Iowa in 1947. He has practiced law continuously in Waterloo since June of 1947, and is a partner in the firm of Beecher, Field, Walker, Morris, Hoffman & Johnson PC. He served eight years as assistant city attorney. He and his late wife, Gertrude, are the parents of five children and seven grandchildren.

Among his many honors and recognitions are:
- Waterloo Distinguished Service Award 1964
- Cedar Valley Business Hall of Fame 1995
- Katroki Volunteer Service Award 1996
- Lifetime member of the Iowa Private College Foundation Board of Trustees 1997
- Black Hawk County Bar Association Outstanding Community Service Award 2003

Attorney W. Louis Beecher receives a honorary degree from Dr. Jane Hasek and Allen College Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham

The College hosted a celebration luncheon for Beecher and his guests on May 8 in the student center.

Louis Beecher was honored for his wise advice to leaders of Allen College during its early history and for his support of philanthropy.

Allen College Receives More than $1 Million in Grants

Through the hard work of Allen grant writer Cathy Simmons, faculty and administration, Allen College has received several grants totaling more than $1 million. The grants will be used to provide scholarships, enhance distance education and improve Allen’s free clinic.

The most significant of the grants, a three-year, $871,170 Advanced Education Nursing Program grant, is the largest federal grant ever awarded to Allen College. It is from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and will help meet a critical need for advanced practice nurses in Iowa.

The grant will be used to develop online courses for the acute care (AC) and adult psychiatric/mental health (APMH) nurse practitioner tracks of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. The College’s AC nurse practitioner program, started in 2008, is the only one in Iowa. The APCM nurse practitioner program, one of only two in Iowa, started last fall.

The grant will support an Allen College project called Iowa’s Nurse Practitioner Education – Responding to Shortages through Outreach to Nurses (IN-PERSON).

The primary purpose of the IN-PERSON project is to increase the number of AC and APCM advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs). IN-PERSON proposes to enhance Allen College’s MSN program offerings through the use of distance learning.

“This is a very significant grant for Allen College,” said Allen College Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham. “The IN-PERSON project will eliminate time and distance barriers and enable nurses residing throughout rural Iowa to access and complete educational programs, resulting in greater numbers of critically needed practitioners in mental health and acute care.”

The $871,170 federal grant represents 78 percent of the projected $1,114,694 budget for the project. The remaining $243,524 will be financed through non-federal sources.

IN-PERSON program directors are Dr. Susan Dawson, professor of nursing and vice chancellor of academic affairs, and Dr. Nancy Kramer, professor and dean of Allen College’s School of Nursing.

Allen has also received several smaller awards, including three federal grants, two grants to support its free clinic and a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Allen College is on the move. These accomplishments serve to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a unique asset in the Cedar Valley:

• In the area of academic affairs, two new baccalaureate-level programs in health sciences—medical laboratory science and nuclear medicine technology—enrolled students for the first time this fall.

• The diagnostic medical sonography program will enroll its first students in fall 2010.

• A new adult/gerontological nursing nurse practitioner track of the MSN program also admitted students for the first time in fall 2009.

• The Iowa Board of Nursing has granted interim approval of our proposed Doctor of Nursing Practice program, which we plan to launch in fall 2011, pending final approvals.

• Our fall 2009 enrollment in nursing and health sciences courses set an all-time record.

• In response to this growth, we have engaged an architectural firm to design a new academic building for the campus and are actively raising funds for this project.

• Over the past year, we have received more federal and foundation grant funding than at any time in our history. These grants enrich our academic programs, provide scholarships and support our community service efforts.

• In recognition of the College’s increasing complexity, we have reorganized our two academic divisions into the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences.

• Dr. Nancy Kramer will serve as dean of the School of Nursing and Dr. Peggy Fortsch has been appointed dean of the School of Health Sciences.

• Dr. Susan Dawson, the college’s chief academic officer, will hold the title of vice-chancellor of academic affairs.

• Associate professor Jackie Meyer has been appointed interim assistant dean of graduate nursing education to lead the growth in the MSN program and the developing DNP program.

• Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez will assume the role of assistant dean of undergraduate nursing education.

In response to shortages of healthcare providers, Allen College continues to develop new programs and attract new students. To date, $3,153,313 has been raised toward Allen College’s $7.5 million portion of the $15 million Promises to Keep fundraising goal. The funds will help provide scholarship support, create new programs and build the campus’s third building.

In June, the College started moving forward on a new building using those funds. “Upon the recommendation of a 12-member Allen College architectural firm selection committee, the College’s Board of Trustees has selected Invision to serve as the architectural firm to design a new building for the campus,” said Chancellor Jerry Durham.

Allen representatives have been working with Invision architects to conduct a master site review and develop schematic designs and renderings.

Groundbreaking will depend on the success of the fundraising campaign. The new building will house classrooms, offices and a conference center.

NEW BUILDING ON ALLEN COLLEGE CAMPUS UPDATE

Dr. Robert Morrison
March 20, 2009
Scholarship Donor

Alyce M. Breese
March 28, 2009
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1948

Aaltje “Aly” Zehr
May 10, 2009
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1958

Voral Roberts
June 22, 2009
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1952

Dr. Rolf Kruse
June 30, 2009
Scholarship Donor

Jean Parker
June 30, 2009
Donor

Gertrude Lembke
August 12, 2009
Scholarship Donor

In Remembrance

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Chancellor’s Message

Allen College: On the Move

Over the past year, we have received more federal and foundation grant funding than at any time in our history.
HRSA has awarded Allen three grants totalling more than $116,900.

- The Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grant provides $30,752 for financial support to full- and part-time students enrolled in the College’s MSN program. Funds will help students defray the costs of tuition, books and fees.

- The Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant of $48,160 supports full- and part-time students enrolled in the nurse educator track of the MSN program who plan to teach full-time at a school of nursing following their graduation.

- The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students grant provides $38,007 to support full-time, low-income students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in health profession and nursing programs.

The Guernsey Charitable Foundation has awarded Allen College a $10,000 grant to purchase medical supplies and provide for other operating expenses critical to the care of patients at the Allen Community Engagement-Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP). The clinic also received a $6,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa to assist in the purchase of critical equipment for the clinic.

A $50,000 grant has been awarded to Allen through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s New Careers in Nursing program. This program seeks to increase the number of diverse students enrolled in accelerated nursing programs. Funds will be used to provide five $10,000 scholarships for students entering the accelerated option of the BSN program in May 2010. The grant application effort was spearheaded by AHS grant writer Cathy Simmons with input from a number of Allen College faculty and administrators. The project director is Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez, professor and assistant dean of undergraduate nursing education.

Mark Baldwin, CEO of Iowa Laser Technology, has served on the Allen College Board of Trustees since 1999. He has donated years of his time to helping Allen College and recently gave a generous gift to the new Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) program.

Baldwin got involved with the Allen College Board of Trustees as a committee assignment for the Allen Health Systems board. “It is an assignment I have truly enjoyed,” he said. He served as treasurer from 1999 until 2001, when he became chair of the board.

As chair, Baldwin presides over meetings and oversees strategic decisions made by the board. “My major responsibility is to ensure that we stay focused strategically and not get involved in micro-managing the affairs of the college,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin’s involvement with the College has helped him see the critical need for properly educated nurses, technicians and other healthcare workers. His gift to the new MLS program will help educate medical laboratory scientists to perform tests to diagnose, treat and prevent illnesses.

“My first wife, who died of cancer in 1990, was a medical technologist—the former name given to clinical lab technicians,” said Baldwin. “Her mother was also a med tech. As a result, I have seen first-hand the value of capable people in this field and the need for them in the hospital setting.”

Baldwin knows the value of qualified healthcare professionals and quality institutions to educate them. “I want to ensure there are enough healthcare workers for me in my later years,” he joked. “But I also want to help secure a continued quality of life here in Iowa and particularly, the Cedar Valley.”

An active community volunteer, Baldwin also serves on the boards of several other organizations, including Allen Health System, Iowa Health System, Wartburg College and various private corporations. He has donated time and money to these organizations, as well as his alma mater, the U.S. Air Force Academy.

As an Allen College volunteer and donor, Baldwin is making a difference in the lives of many. “As I learn more about Allen College,” Baldwin said, “I realize that educating our future healthcare workers is a vital element of our community’s well-being and certainly the well-being of Allen Health System.”
Allen College Scholarships

Thank you to the individuals and organizations that established scholarships for Allen College students through the Allen Foundation. More than $170,000 was awarded in Allen College institutional scholarship assistance for 2009-2010, up from more than $164,000 during the 2008-2009 academic year. The following awards have been made for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Allen Memorial Hospital
Auxiliary Scholarship
Nikki Boelkes
Samantha Boos
Kimberly Cafaro
Chelsey Courtnage
Whitney Engstler
Matthew Faust
Evgeniya Freiberg
Ann Green
Michael Jarnagan
Kimberly Kooser
Holly McClintock
Amy Monat
Leah Schmitz
Jessica VanDonselaar
Jill Vonderhaar

Allen Alumni
Association Scholarship
Nikki Boelkes
Kristin Carlson
Jennifer Castle
Shelley Cullinan
Lindsay Doeden
Kathi Eggleston
Whitney Engstler
Nicole Glawe
Brooke Guthart
Holly Hartman
Carolyn Johnson
Felicia Klendworth
Natalie Lensing
Hillary Mumma
Nahannah Nielsen
Sadie Oultman
Robin Pont
Leah Rinnan
Ashley Trumm
Heather White

Allen College
Chancellor's Award
Brittney Anderson
Maria Bruner
Renee Ermeier
Alissa Llewellyn
Jennifer Lohse
Marva McCarville
Leah Oppermann
Kayla O'Shea
Katie O’Shea
Katie Ruth
Katie Sacquinte
Mattea Scharf
Joselin Sterk
Katie Thompson
Hilary VanSoelen
Brandi Zenner

Robert Bailey, MD, and
Robert Morrison, MD, Scholarship
Shelley Cullinan
Keith M. & Dorothea W. Baskins Scholarship
Sarah Bischoff
Kelsie Kunkle

Community Foundation -
Keith M. & Dorothea W. Baskins Scholarship
Ariel Alstott
Cathryn Schrubbe Bliss
Memorial Scholarship
Kaitie Hopkins
Patricia Boeck
Memorial Scholarship
Hailey Tix

Cynthia Bohn
Memorial Scholarship
Sarah Wistrick
Donna Buhr
Memorial Scholarship
Jody Sathre
Erma Burk
Memorial Scholarship
Lindsey Vinson
Kent & Carol Charley Scholarship
Amber Lange

Community Foundation –
Community Foundation

Opportunity Scholarship
Fund
April Jacobsen
Adele Whitnenack
Davis Scholarship
Karla Theilen
Marion & Gertrude Davis
Memorial Scholarship
Tamara Harland
The Decker
Family Scholarship
Joselin Sterk

Community Foundation –
Enderlein Family

Scholarship
Natalie Lensing
Durham-Feltmeyer
Family Scholarship
Sarah Spitz
Ida and Laura Fleming Scholarship
Ariel Alstott
Robin Chisholm
*Community Foundation –
Fleming Sisters Scholarship
Brenna Johnson
Shirley Fredrickson
Memorial Scholarship
Michael Jarnagan
Barbara Fulcher
Memorial Scholarship
Emily Morris
Les Guild
Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Patrilla
Carol D. Hadlund
Scholarship
Lindsey Vinson
Lindsey Vinson

Maxine and Robert
Morrison, MD, Scholarship
Bekki Staack
Gladys Neubauer
Trust Scholarship
Patricia Taylor
Lindsay Shepard
Leah Oppermann
Shaniqua Robinson
Joan Nohre Scholarship
Sarah Wistrick
*OB/Peds Scholarship
Diana Larson
Kayla Anderson
E. James O'Conner
Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Oltman
Olesen Family Scholarship
Kristi Tobin
Ostrander
Memorial Scholarship
Holly Hartman
E. Anthony Otoades, MD,
PhD, Scholarship
Brooke Guthart
Debra Peyton
Memorial Scholarship
Heather White

La Societe des 40
Hommes et 8 Chevaux –
Voiture Locale 631 – Bremer/Butler
County Scholarship
Shaunda Teisinger
Oscar Lanig, MD, Scholarship
Kyle Morris
Jane Lawson Scholarship
Samantha Stanford
Ashley Trumm
Virginia Hemmiges
McBride Scholarship
Stephanie Siemonsma
*Mended Hearts
Scholarship
Keely Stacey
William & Dorothy
Merrill Scholarship
Lindsey Vinson
Maxine and Robert
Morrison, MD, Scholarship
Shirley Fredrickson
Memorial Scholarship
Emily Morris
Les Guild
Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Patrilla
Carol D. Hadlund
Scholarship
Lindsey Vinson
Lindsey Vinson

Maxine and Robert
Morrison, MD, Scholarship
Bekki Staack
Gladys Neubauer
Trust Scholarship
Patricia Taylor
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Debra Peyton
Memorial Scholarship
Heather White
Assistant professor Ruselle DeBonis completed requirements for the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree in summer 2009. As part of the program, she started a clinic in Waterloo to give students hands-on experience and provide free healthcare to the uninsured.

DeBonis is the first Allen College faculty member to earn the DNP. She started working toward the degree in fall 2007 and was part of the inaugural DNP class at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She has been a nursing faculty member at Allen since 2006 and teaches in the MSN program. She is also a family nurse practitioner at John Deere Medical Group.

While most doctoral programs focus on research, the DNP focuses on practice. “As members of the Allen College faculty, we are encouraged to pursue doctorates,” DeBonis said. “I chose the DNP because I wanted to stay in practice and continue interacting with patients.”

Students in DNP programs learn to implement evidence-based processes and best practices to effect organizational change. Instead of dissertations, students are required to develop and implement a project to encourage organizational change.

For her project, DeBonis proposed and implemented the Allen Community Engagement-Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP) clinic. “The Salvation Army gave us space for a clinic where students can do hands-on learning in a slower-paced environment,” DeBonis said. “Most clinics work much too fast for students to keep up, let alone learn.”

At the clinic, students do free head-to-toe assessments of patients, most of whom are uninsured. They also provide free cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. “We focus on preventative care and education,” DeBonis said. “All too often, uninsured people only seek care when they have symptoms, but diseases such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure don’t have obvious symptoms.”

While the clinic’s main purpose is preventative care, the health assessments sometimes lead to the discovery of an ailment. DeBonis said, “If we discover something we can’t take care of, we refer patients to providers and specialists in the area.”

DeBonis began the ACE-SAP clinic to address both the needs of students and of the community. “The clinic is really a win-win,” she said. It also teaches students the importance of community engagement and has increased their interest in volunteering, DeBonis said.

The clinic is open one to two days a week, and most students working at it are in DeBonis’ Advanced Health Assessment class. Students working at the clinic are registered nurses studying to become nurse practitioners.

Since the clinic started, more than $37,000 worth of care has been provided. According to DeBonis, the clinic is growing and has expanded to include students outside her Advanced Health Assessment class and will soon address chronic care of conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

The ACE-SAP clinic started as a project for her doctorate, but DeBonis developed it into a teaching tool that provides service to the community. “I enjoy teaching and I enjoy nursing,” DeBonis said. “The clinic combines those two loves into one great project.”
Faculty/Staff Recognitions

FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION BANQUET

Allen College faculty and staff were recognized for their 2008 accomplishments at a banquet on March 26, 2009, at Allen College. The engraved ice-block awards were given by members of the Allen College Scholarship, Awards and Research Committee after each person met established criteria for the 2008 year. The honorees included the following Allen College faculty and staff:

**Dr. DeAnn Ambroson**, professor, School of Nursing

**Brenda Barnes**, assistant professor and director of the MLS program, Health Sciences Division

**Peg Brodie**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Lisa Brodersen**, professor, School of Nursing

**Peg Broadie**, associate professor, School of Health Sciences Division

**Dr. Nancy Kramer**, dean and professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Jerry Durham**, chancellor and professor, School of Nursing

**JoEllen Kubik**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Joanna Ramsden-Meier**, Director of Student Services

**Sarah Steel**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**JoEllen Kubik**, associate professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Susan Dawson**, professor, School of Nursing

**JoEllen Kubik**, associate professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Jerry Durham**, chancellor and professor, School of Nursing

**Maria Farmer**, associate professor, School of Nursing

**Anna Weepie**, assistant professor and director of NMT program, School of Health Sciences

**Barb Seible**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Jared Seiliger**, assistant professor and director of NMT program, School of Health Sciences

**Darlene Shipp**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Mavis Telslau**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Lindsay Vogel**, assistant professor, School of Nursing

**Katthie Walters**, financial aid coordinator

**Anna Weepie**, associate professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez**, professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Ruth Yan**, librarian and international student advisor

**Dr. Diane Young**, professor, School of Nursing

Allen College Nurse Receives Great Nurses Recognition

**Barb Seible**, assistant professor, was named to the list of 2009 100 Great Iowa Nurses. Seible was among those recognized at a special celebration in Des Moines on May 3, 2009.

The annual celebration recognizes “outstanding nurses whose courage, competence and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others.”

Seible’s education includes a diploma in nursing from Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and BSN and MSN degrees from the University of Dubuque. She is also certified by the Association of Operating Room Nurses (CNOR).

Seible joined Allen Hospital in 1970 and has been a member of the Allen College community since 1996. She has taught a variety of courses for Allen College and currently leads the College’s RN to BSN track. Seible’s selection for this honor brings to seven the number of Allen College faculty members who have been selected to be among the 100 Great Nurses of Iowa. The other honorees include Jane Hasek, Nancy Kramer, Darlene Shipp, Mary Brown, Diane Young and Adisa Kudumovic.

Allen College Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

**Evalene Martin**, DMS program director and instructor — Evalene joined the Allen College faculty in June as director of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program (DMS) program. She was previously the program director at the Michigan School of Cardiovascular Sonography in Gaylord, Mich., and holds a bachelor’s degree from Wartburg College in Waverly. She has a multidisciplinary background as an educator, radiographer and diagnostic and cardiovascular sonographer. She graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Radiologic Technology in Des Moines and is RDMS and RDCCS registered. An avid antique and doll collector, Evalene is preparing the DMS program to admit its first students in 2010.

**Sarah Steele**, assistant professor — The busy mother of four children under age 10, Sarah is training for the Park-to-Park half marathon this fall. Most recently employed as an Allen College adjunct instructor, she will be employed part-time at the College this fall, teaching adult medical-surgical and nursing skills classes. She brings six years experience in nursing and informatics analysis at Covenant Medical Center. In addition to managing the needs of their active family, Sarah and her husband, Andy, are strong supporters of the Cubs and loyal Hawkeye football fans!

**Teresa Isaacson**, instructor — An Allen College MSN graduate student, Teresa has nine years of hands-on nursing and educational experience. She joins the College as a part-time instructor this fall. Isaacson was most recently an adjunct clinical instructor, teaching obstetrical and pediatric nursing for both Hawkeye Community College and Northeast Iowa Community College. Since 1999, she worked as an RN in both childbirth/nursery and pediatrics at Covenant Medical Center. Teresa also has six years experience as an educator in Lamaze and childbirth. From 2006 to 2007, she held the staff development coordinator position at Allen Hospital.

**Suzanne Bellinger**, instructor — Suzanne joined the Allen College faculty this fall to teach “The Care of the Child-bearing Family” while working half-time as a lead RN at Covenant Medical Center. She was previously an adjunct instructor in clinical OB nursing and expects to receive her MSN from Allen College in December. Bellinger, her husband, Warren, and their three children are all avid baseball players and fans. They live on an acreage near Denver, where Warren collects antique tractors and steam engines. Occasionally, she enjoys driving one of their treasures — a 22 HP steam engine built in the early 1900s.
Allen College to Implement Service Honors Program

Allen College has always provided students with a high-quality education and the skills to become professionals. Now, the Service Honors Program is enhancing that education and giving students hands-on experience with organizations in the community.

In fall 2009, five students will be the first to take part in the College’s new Service Honors Program. Students in the program will learn the basics of service learning, partner with an organization and carry out a service project from beginning to end.

The Honors Program consists of three one-credit-hour classes taken in the third, fourth and fifth semesters of study. In the first semester, students are exposed to service learning and select an organization partner. During the second semester, students work with their partner organization to develop a project proposal. In the third semester, students implement and evaluate their project.

“The program is open to pre-licensure undergraduate nursing students who are in the upper division curriculum and interested in providing service to the community,” said Anna Weepie, associate professor.

To gain admission to the program, students must apply during their second semester while enrolled in AC: 315 Learning and Serving. The program is competitive; only 20 percent of each cohort of students will be admitted. Selection is based on an essay, grade point average, and possibly an interview/oral presentation.

The Honors Program mission statement reads: “The Honors Program is committed to nurturing and strengthening student engagement and leadership through service-learning experiences.”

“The Honors Program will be a great addition to the undergraduate nursing curriculum at Allen College,” Weepie said. “It will allow nursing students to become engaged in the community while meeting real community needs.”
Allen College has added the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program to its School of Health Sciences. The program will provide students the education they need to become highly sought-after diagnostic medical sonographers.

The five-semester DMS program is set to begin in fall 2010, and Allen College is currently taking applications for enrollment in the program. DMS students can earn either the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree or the DMS certificate. According to Dr. Peggy Fortsch, dean of Allen College’s School of Health Sciences, the program was added because there are only two accredited DMS programs in the state.

Sonographic technology is expected to evolve rapidly and to create many new procedures. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, DMS employment opportunities are favorable because of rapidly evolving sonographic technology, new equipment and the development of new procedures. After graduating from Allen College’s DMS program, students have a multitude of options. “Graduates can work in clinics, hospitals, private practices, sales, education, administration and more,” said Fortsch. “They can also go back to school to earn higher degrees or acquire more specialties.”

About Kelsie:
Kelsie has always had the passion to help those less fortunate than her. This past summer she went on a two-week mission trip to Mozambique, Africa to do just that. While in Africa, Kelsie got to meet Mazanga, the six-year-old African girl she and her husband sponsor. “This was a surreal experience,” said Kelsie. “Not only did she become ‘real’ to us, but also she now knows that people all the way across the world are supporting and praying for her.”

After graduation, Kelsie would like to work in either the surgical field or as an acute care nurse. She hopes to utilize her skills to bring healthcare to underprivileged areas.

About Kevin:
Since graduating from Iowa State University with his bachelor’s degree, Kevin has worked at several organizations including Warren Transport and the diagnostic lab at Iowa State’s Veterinary College.

After working in the diagnostic lab, Kevin fell in love with lab work and decided to enroll in the Medical Lab Science (MLS) program at Allen College. “When I found out that Allen College was offering an MLS program,” he said, “I jumped at the chance to change my career.” Kevin will be a member of the first MLS cohort and will graduate in 2010. His immediate goal after graduation is to work in a hospital as a medical lab scientist, but eventually he may seek a director position or even teach.

Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honor Society Now at Allen College
Allen College is establishing a chapter of the Lambda Nu national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences. Lambda Nu is a national society with headquarters at Arkansas State University. The honorary society has 103 chapters in 39 states, including two chapters in Iowa—Allen College and St. Luke’s College in Sioux City.

Allen College will be home to the Iowa Gamma Chapter. Students must meet certain academic criteria and be nominated to be in this society. The 2009-2010 school year will be the inaugural year for this program at Allen College and will be open to students in the radiography and nuclear medicine technology programs. The diagnostic medical sonography students will also be eligible once that program begins in fall 2010. National scholarships will be available for members of this society. Jared Seliger will serve as the faculty mentor for this organization.
Graduation Recap

Spring Commencement Ceremony

Allen College’s 2009 spring commencement ceremony was held on Friday, May 8, at 3 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. The College awarded the associate of science in radiography (ASR) degree to 12 students; the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree to 44 students (including 8 RN to BSN students); and the master of science in nursing (MSN) degree to 18 students. Two of the MSN graduates, Elizabeth Ash and Tara McEnany, were the first graduates from the new Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) track.

The Reverend Dr. Mary Robinson of Waterloo served as commencement speaker. The College awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to W. Louis Beecher (see page 1). Beecher was “hooded” by chancellor emerita Dr. Jane Hasek. The Allen Chorus, established this year, sang three songs as a part of the commencement ceremonies. Baccalaureate services were held at the College Friday morning.

Congratulations to the following spring graduates!

2009 Graduates’ Awards & Honors

The following graduates were recognized for their awards and honors during spring and summer graduation activities.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Each year Presidential Awards are given for excellence in academics to students in the Associate of Science in Radiography and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs who are graduating with the highest cumulative grade points. The 2008 recipients were:

Associate of Science in Radiography program, Lindsey Clewell
Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, Lindy Tommasin and Kathi Eggleston

JANE E. HASEK EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

The nursing faculty of Allen College select the graduate who best incorporate the values and beliefs of the mission and philosophy of Allen College in his/her professional and personal life. This award was named in recognition of the first Chancellor of Allen College, Dr. Jane Hasek, for her visionary leadership in the establishment of the College. The 2008 recipients of the Jane E. Hasek, Excellence in Nursing Award were Seth Schulz and Kathi Eggleston.

DR. JOHN F. MAUGHAN HONORARY AWARD

The Dr. John F. Maughan Honorary Award was established in 2000 by the Cedar Valley Medical

Association of Science in Radiography

Associate of Science in Radiography

Kassie Adams
Chad Bitterman
Stephanie Bornmann
Lindsey Clewell
Alyssa Hannasch
Jodi Houser
Lora Hunt
Rhiann Littlechild
Natalie Mangrich
Whitney Pagel
Megan Vaughan
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Denise Allen
Sarah Baade
Kassie Behnken
Kayla Borge-Kleiss
Jaci Borchers
Kayla Christensen
Kimberly Cunningham, RN
Jessica Da Cruz
Sarah Donley
Sara Dunning
Camille Elliott
Heather Flickinger
Sara Gandlach
Stephanie Hansen, RN
Sarah Hodgson
Sarah James
Emily Johnson
Heather Knapp
Sarah Kutz
Stephanie Low
Anthony Marquis, RN
Heather Mauer
Holly McClintock
Brittanie Miller
Ashleigh Newberry
Kimberly Prinsen, RN
Melissa Schleusner
Angela Schmitz, RN
Seth Schauf
Abbie Schwarck
Ann Schwartz
Katherine Slifer
Berkley Stoklard
Toni Sutton
Meagan Thompson
Lindy Tommasin
Abbie White, RN
Tessa Wickham
Andrea Willwerth
Julie Yount

Master of Science in Nursing

Connie Allen
Elizabeth Ash
Gale Carlson
Heather Cleveland
Holly Copeland
Kristin Davis
John Fox
Jana Hacker
Linda Hanson
Arnie Hass
Jennifer Loveless
Tara McEnany
Nancy McHone
Patricia O’Donnell
Abbie Schrader
Laia Shaffer
Syeda Thomas
Taham White

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2009 Graduates’ Awards & Honors

The following graduates were recognized for their awards and honors during spring and summer graduation activities.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Each year Presidential Awards are given for excellence in academics to students in the Associate of Science in Radiography and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs who are graduating with the highest cumulative grade points. The 2008 recipients were:

Associate of Science in Radiography program, Lindsey Clewell
Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, Lindy Tommasin and Kathi Eggleston

JANE E. HASEK EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

The nursing faculty of Allen College select the graduate who best incorporate the values and beliefs of the mission and philosophy of Allen College in his/her professional and personal life. This award was named in recognition of the first Chancellor of Allen College, Dr. Jane Hasek, for her visionary leadership in the establishment of the College. The 2008 recipients of the Jane E. Hasek, Excellence in Nursing Award were Seth Schulz and Kathi Eggleston.

DR. JOHN F. MAUGHAN HONORARY AWARD

The Dr. John F. Maughan Honorary Award was established in 2000 by the Cedar Valley Medical

Association of Science in Radiography

Associate of Science in Radiography

Kassie Adams
Chad Bitterman
Stephanie Bornmann
Lindsey Clewell
Alyssa Hannasch
Jodi Houser
Lora Hunt
Rhiann Littlechild
Natalie Mangrich
Whitney Pagel
Megan Vaughan
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Denise Allen
Sarah Baade
Kassie Behnken
Kayla Borge-Kleiss
Jaci Borchers
Kayla Christensen
Kimberly Cunningham, RN
Jessica Da Cruz
Sarah Donley
Sara Dunning
Camille Elliott
Heather Flickinger
Sara Gandlach
Stephanie Hansen, RN
Sarah Hodgson
Sarah James
Emily Johnson
Heather Knapp
Sarah Kutz
Stephanie Low
Anthony Marquis, RN
Heather Mauer
Holly McClintock
Brittanie Miller
Ashleigh Newberry
Kimberly Prinsen, RN
Melissa Schleusner
Angela Schmitz, RN
Seth Schauf
Abbie Schwarck
Ann Schwartz
Katherine Slifer
Berkley Stoklard
Toni Sutton
Meagan Thompson
Lindy Tommasin
Abbie White, RN
Tessa Wickham
Andrea Willwerth
Julie Yount

Master of Science in Nursing

Connie Allen
Elizabeth Ash
Gale Carlson
Heather Cleveland
Holly Copeland
Kristin Davis
John Fox
Jana Hacker
Linda Hanson
Arnie Hass
Jennifer Loveless
Tara McEnany
Nancy McHone
Patricia O’Donnell
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A NIGHT WITH FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
Hosted by the Alumni Association

Florence Nightingale, the acknowledged founder of modern nursing, appeared on the McBride auditorium stage of Allen College on her birthday, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, to share with celebrants details of her life and the many challenges she encountered during her 90 years of life.

Since Miss Nightingale, who was born in 1820, died in 1910, her proxy for the evening was Dr. Marge Hegge, distinguished professor of nursing emerita at South Dakota State University. Dr. Hegge has visited Nightingale museums in Kaisersworth, Germany and St. Thomas Hospital in London. She has portrayed Florence Nightingale more than 50 times. Most recently, Dr. Hegge was the featured speaker and performer at the College of the Ozarks, which has implemented a Nightingale-based nursing program. Dr. Hegge has devoted much time studying the life and philosophy of Nightingale and has collected memorabilia on Nightingale’s life for two decades. She continues to be inspired by Florence Nightingale’s courage, passion and perseverance.

Prior to Dr. Hegge’s interpretation of Miss Nightingale’s life, Allen College and the Allen College Alumni Association hosted a dinner for 44 guests in the College’s McKinstry Student Center. The entire evening was the culmination of National Nurses Week, which is celebrated each year from May 6 (National Nurses Day) through May 12.
For many, nursing is a calling. But for others, it’s part of a bigger journey. After graduating from Allen Nursing School, Jocelyn (Sbiral) Andreassen went on to earn her law degree and hold several positions for the Iowa Supreme Court.

Andreassen graduated from Allen Nursing School in 1978 and began taking classes at the University of Northern Iowa. Eventually, she earned her bachelor’s degree in special studies for nurses with a minor in business. In 1994, she and her family moved to Ankeny so she could attend Drake University Law School, where she earned her law degree.

Currently, Andreassen works as a staff attorney for the Iowa Supreme Court. Prior to holding that position, she served as a law clerk for Iowa Supreme Court Justice Marsha Ternus.

While she has applied what she learned in nursing school to medical-related court cases, Andreassen has utilized her knowledge for much more. “The nursing education I received in school has assisted me in my overall analytical skills, which I have been able to utilize in all types of cases and issues,” Andreassen said.

Andreassen isn’t sure what inspired her go into law. “It may have been a mid-life crisis,” she said. In fact, it wasn’t until her second year of law school that she started to understand what practicing law meant.

She said, “I’m not sure I really knew what I was getting into.”

Just because she works in the field of law doesn’t mean Andreassen has lost her passion for nursing. “There are aspects of my nursing career that I miss, including contact with patients,” Andreassen said. “I have always kept my nursing license active, as nursing is a career that I never want to completely close the door on.”

Looking back on her time in nursing school, Andreassen remembers living in the campus dorms, which she said, “were a cross between a college dorm and a convent.” Dorm residents could only have male visitors on Sundays from 2-5 p.m., and only if they kept the doors open. Andreassen said, “If your door was closed, you could be sure you’d get a phone call reminding you of the rules.”

In her free time, Andreassen keeps busy by shopping estate and tag sales and spending time with her family. She said, “I like to find the unusual at a cheap price. … I have decorated my house in an usually cheap style.”

She lives with her husband, Rod, and their three children in their uniquely decorated house. Katie, their oldest child, followed in her mother’s footsteps and is currently an LPN in Ankeny. Their middle child, Matt, will be transferring to Simpson College this year. Their youngest, Jared, is currently in high school.

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Waterloo, IA 50703

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 4 & 5, 2009  Fall Phone-a-thon benefiting the Allen College Alumni Association, 6 - 9 p.m. End-of-year Annual Fund Campaign

December 18, 2009  Allen College Graduation Activities
Time TBD  Baccalaureate in McBride Auditorium on the Allen College Campus
Time TBD  Commencement at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls

April 23-24, 2010  Allen Alumni Weekend

May 7, 2010  Allen College Graduation Activities
Time TBD  Baccalaureate in McBride Auditorium on the Allen College Campus
Time TBD  Commencement at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls

May 8-16, 2010  Allen College and Allen College Alumni Association London Trip

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