Allen College Celebrates its Silver Anniversary

Allen College celebrated its 25th anniversary as a degree-granting institution on November 6 in Winter Hall on the Allen College Campus. The evening included a social hour, dinner and music for distinguished guests as well as remarks from Founding Chancellor Dr. Jane Hasek and current Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham.

Allen College’s predecessor institution, the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, was established in 1925 and operated until the Depression. The School of Nursing reopened during World War II and operated continuously until Allen College was established as a degree-granting institution in 1989. In its early years, Allen College enrolled 176 students; offered one degree; employed 10 faculty, administrators and staff; and was located in Allen Hospital. Today, the College offers an associate degree, three bachelor’s degrees with multiple tracks, two master’s degrees with multiple tracks, and two doctoral degrees. The College now occupies its own campus with three academic buildings and student housing and employs 71 faculty, administrators, and staff. In spring 2014, Allen College enrolled 621 students.
In Remembrance

Leilani Anderson
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1966
April 13, 2014

Erin Leigh Pendergast
Allen College Class of 2006
April 14, 2014

Delah Friedel
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1960
May 9, 2014

Marjorie Cochran
Scholarship Donor
June 19, 2014

Barbara Larsen
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1972
July 8, 2014

Lisa Korb
Allen College Class of 2009
August 10, 2014

Cynthia Marsh
Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1979
September 20, 2014

In Memoriam—Mavis TeSlaa, MSN, Assistant Professor Emerita

Allen College faculty, staff and students mourn the loss of our esteemed faculty member and friend, Mavis TeSlaa, who passed away November 14, 2014 in Waverly.

Mavis received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa in 1979, her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Arizona in 1994, and obtained her certificate as a rehabilitation registered nurse in 1991 and also was a certified nurse educator. After working many years as a nurse clinician in Iowa and Arizona, Mavis joined the faculty at Allen College in 2000 as Assistant Professor and taught numerous classes in the BSN program. She was a member of Pi Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing; American Nurses Association; Association of Rehabilitation Nurses; and Gerontological Nurse Education Consortium. She was a previous board member of the Visiting Nurses Association and the Jesse Cosby Center in Waterloo.

Mavis was the recipient of the Nursing Graduate College Stipend Award in Tucson, AZ; the Faculty Scholarly Award and the Faculty Recognition Award at Allen College; and was listed among the 2012 100 Great Iowa Nurses. She was also awarded emeritus faculty status upon retirement from Allen College in 2014 after 14 years of service.

A scholarship has been established to honor Mavis. Contributions should be sent to the Allen Foundation, 1825 Logan Ave., Waterloo, IA 50703. Donations can also be accepted online at www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/foundation.

Message from the Chancellor

Is an Allen College Degree Worth It?

With student debt in the U.S. now topping $1 trillion, students and parents are increasingly asking if their investment in higher education is worth the cost. It is a legitimate question to ask at a time when many college graduates struggle to find work or are underemployed. In fact, according to a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 46% of recent college graduates are now working in jobs that don’t require college degrees. In 2013, 69% of graduating seniors at public and private nonprofit colleges had student loans and owed an average of $28,400 in federal and private loans combined, up two percent compared to their peers in 2012. Graduates from Iowa universities in 2013 had an average debt of $29,370, ranking Iowa 9th compared to other states.

So what is the return on investment for a four-year college degree? A flurry of recent studies demonstrate that despite the escalating cost of college, a four-year degree, and to a greater extent, a graduate or professional degree, are well worth the investment. Consider the following:

- Lifetime earnings of a person with a college degree are much higher than those of a person with only a high school diploma by an average of $1 million or more.
- In 2013 Americans with four-year college degrees earned on average 98% more per hour than people without college degrees—up from 89% five years earlier, 85% a decade earlier and 64% in the early 1980s.
- A recent New York Federal Reserve Bank report said that between 1970 and 2013, those with a four-year bachelor’s degree earned an average of about $64,500 per year, while those with a two-year associate’s degree earned about $50,000 per year and those with only a high school diploma earned $41,000 per year.

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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux – Voiture Locale 82

This very long, lofty-sounding French name actually represents an organization with humble roots. Also known as the Forty & Eight, it is an independent honor organization of male and female U.S. veterans who join by invitation only. The Black Hawk County chapter — Voiture Locale 82 — dates back to 1920.

“The Forty & Eight was an honor society of the American Legion that started right after World War I,” says Waterloo member Randy Herod. “In 1960, they split into two separate organizations.”

The numbers in the name come from World War I, when Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a “40/8.” The numbers represented the capacity of the boxcars — either 40 men or eight horses.

The Black Hawk County Forty & Eight chapter 82 has been sponsoring a scholarship at Allen College for more than 20 years. Nursing education has been one of the international organization’s primary charities since its inception.

“We raise money for grants for nurses’ training, and that’s an international program that all the chapters participate in,” Herod says. “It’s in appreciation of the nurses’ work in World War I and then in the years after.”

With a declining membership of approximately 40 active members, Herod says it’s been getting harder to raise funds for the $500 scholarship the group provides each year, but they make doing so a priority.

“There were over 2,000 members of the Forty & Eight in the state of Iowa 20 years ago, and today there are under 600,” Herod says. “Vets are getting older, with less income, and are dying off. Younger people don’t join as readily as they used to.”

In addition to raising money for nursing education, the Forty & Eight is committed to patriotic outreach. Members present programs in elementary schools, where they explain what a veteran is and teach children the correct way to fold the American flag.

One of Voiture Locale 82’s most legendary members is Junior Grimm, Herod says. At the beginning of World War II, Grimm was the telegram delivery boy with the dubious honor of delivering the Sullivan family the message that they’d lost all five sons.

Herod says that Voiture Locale 82 hopes to one day double its annual donation to Allen College’s scholarship fund.

“Allen College is doing a really good thing,” he says. “Nursing makes a really nice career for young people. And the demand for more nurses is going to grow in the coming years. Healthcare is changing, and nurses are going to be part of that future in a big way.”

Message from the Chancellor (continued)

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that the unemployment rate is far lower among college graduates than among job-seekers with only high school diplomas.
- Recent studies show that those with more education are likely to live longer, experience better health outcomes, and practice healthy behaviors.
- Other studies indicate that college graduates are more connected to their communities, with higher weekly church attendance and an increased likelihood of civic engagement.

In 2013-14, almost all Allen College students received one or more forms of financial aid. Our bachelor’s degree graduates incurred, on average, a debt of $31,133. While this debt is not insignificant, almost all of our graduates are employed in health care within six months of graduation and/or are enrolled in a graduate program. Over the next several decades, the need for healthcare workers, including nurses, is predicted to increase significantly as the population ages and more Americans obtain health insurance. Most experts have concluded that among four-year college graduates who took out loans, the average debt is a tiny fraction of the economic benefits of college. So yes, over a lifetime, a degree from Allen College is well worth the effort, the sacrifices, and the cost.
Allen College Recognizes Scholarship Recipients and Donors

Donors and organizations that established scholarships/awards for Allen College students through Allen Foundation were recognized at receptions in September and October. Allen College awarded almost $230,000 in donor scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year. In addition, Allen College also awarded more than $222,000 in institutional scholarships and awards. The following scholarships/awards were recognized at the receptions.

Allen College Chancellor’s Awards

Katie Milligan
Nicole Poirier
Lucas Baxter
Jennifer Boeckenstedt
Kelly Boettcher
Shana Boji
Carlie Crooks
Jessica Detrick
Stacey Fishcels
Samantha Grant
Carly Hoffman
Joseph Horrigan
Aryn Isenhower
Mackenzie Moore
Katie Morrison
Alixandra Paulus
Rose Szczurek

Allen College Chancellor’s Scholarship

Megan Adam
John Bach
Alexandra Bachmann
Stephanie Barker
Kaitlyn Bartel
Lauren Becker
Abby Beenblossom
Lisa Berns
Jenna Blazek
Courtnee Bleile
Anna Boelman
Kelly Boettcher
Shana Boji
Bailey Bone
Samantha Brant
Jessica Brehm
Katie Broshuis
Kristen Brown
Laura Bruni
Meghan Cain
Linane Cannella
Gina Cetta
Heidi Christopher
Brandi Clark
Jenny Condon
Rebecca Connolly
Carlie Crooks
Stacia Danielson

Almost $452,000 awarded in scholarships and awards

Daniell Darbyshire
Carly Decker
Nicole Delagardelle
Nicole Dennler
Heather Dommer
Megan Donohue
Alexandria Doyle
Jenni Dunlin
Derek Dzaboff
Angela Ellerbroek
Terri Elliott
Katelyn Elsbernd
Haley Engelbarts
Julia Epple
Emily Fineran
Kiley Finke
Kevin Folkerts
Montica Foxen
JaLeen Freiberg
Anna Frost
Alicia Gage
Hannah Gienau
Laura Goodman
Kelsie Graham
Samantha Grant
Kristen Grapp
Morgan Gritzner
Rhiann Gromewold
Rachel Haas
Traci Hagen
Bethany Hall
Ally Hamerlinck
Heidi Harms
Heidi Harms
Allison Hanson
Shelby Heetland
Brittni Hefel
Holly Heims
Paige Hektoen
Naida Helgeland
Caityn Heuton
Lindsey Hildebrand
Valerie Hillen
Emilee Hillyer
Paige Hock
Leah Hoefler
Carly Hoffman
Sara Hoins
Kristy Holland
Jeanette Hoover
Casey Huber
Brittany Hurley
Rebecca Jensen
Tyler Jensen
Natasha Johal
Brenanne Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Anne Jones
Jennifer Jones
Melissa Jones
Shanelle Kahrs
Kathryn Kelchen
Kelsey Kerkove
Kylee King
Cortney Klein
Megan Kluesner
Brittany Knecht
Jennie Knudson
Amber Koehler
Melissa Koepping
Heather Kohlmeyer
Carly Krambeir
Samantha Lawson
Anh Le
Katherine Lehman
Benjamin Libby
Caroline Liebe
Sophie Lilja
Shannon Lindley
Alyssa Luckeroth
Brianna Matthias
Katie Maybanks
Macy McCallum
Alexandra McDowell
Kathryn McElroy
Alexzandra Mehmen
Lauren Metcalf
Kelsey Miller
Michelle Miller
Katie Milligan
Bobbi Moeller
Emily Montgomery
Rebecca Moothart
Agness Mpundo
Kimberly Neuhaus
Faith Nolte
Nickayla Nosek
Ashley Olson
Rachel Osweiler
Barbara Pappas
Alixandrea Paulus
Daniel Penn
Emily Perreault
Cassandra Petersburg
Kami Pinillo
Jenna Pisarik
Kimberly Porterfield
Rachel Powers
Kayla Promes
Clariessa Pudenz
Sarah Ransom
Brianna Ratashak
Elizabeth Reedy
Tina Reid
Hailey Reimer
Gina Rekers
Leighna Reuter
Alexis Richter
Ellen Rodriguez
Roxanne Rodriguez de Galvez
Meredith Roethler
Robert Rogers
Sarah Rohde
Carly Roskop
Alyssa Sager
Kelley Sahr
Samantha Salow
Jordyn Schaper
Abbie Scharas
Alexander Schmitt
Jessica Schwickerath
Scott Sesterhenn
Danielle Shepard
Jennifer Simpson
Lovejyot Singh
Emily Smith
Jude Smith
Kelly Smith
Sherica Smith
Kristin Sperflage
Elvis Starlone
Abby Staudt
Allison Stone
Mandi Stone
Lynsey Sunstrom
Gina Svare
Rose Szczurek
Yvonne Tangang
Bailey Textor
Jessica Thomas
Allen College Scholarship Recipients and Donors Recognized (continued)

Neelam Thomas
Sarah Thomas
Elizabeth Tjarks
MacKenzie Todd
Nguvan Toryem Stivers
Tom Veiseth
Krista Vlazny
Lori Vlazny
Clair Wadding
Madison Wagaman
Sarah Wainwright
Kendra Walker
Jenna Weidman
Rachel Weigel
Michelle Welch
Cathleen Widen
Allyssa Willenbring
Kayla Wilson
Courtney Wirtz
Kadie Woltemath
Laura Wozniak
Renee Wright
Bibi Yasin
Madison Zahn

Allen Alumni Association Scholarship
Ben Lovell
Mackenzie Moore
Laurie Northland
Peace Toryem Stivers
Angela Williams-Gustafson
Randy Young

Allen College Winter/Hall Class of 1959 Scholarship
Jennifer Simpson

Allen College Winter/Hall Class of 1962 Scholarship
Daniel Penn

Allen College Winter/Hall Class of 1968 Scholarship
Clarissa Pudenz

Allen College Winter/Hall Class of 1996 Scholarship
Katherine Lehman

Allen College Afghan Sch
Elizabeth Tjarks

Allen Class of 1957 Sch
Laura Goodman

Allen Lab Endowed Sch
Joseph Horrigan

Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1950 Nursing Sch
Kristin Sperfslage

Helen & Richard Anderson Endowed Sch
Rebecca Freese

Betty J. Atkins Memorial Scholarship
Kara Stahlhut & Bibi Yasin

BSN Program Scholarship
Keeley Orvis & Jessica Schmitz

Robert Bailey, M.D. and Robert Morrison, M.D. Sch
Holly Heims

Keith M. & Dorothea W. Baskins Scholarship
Katelyn Adams & Kaitlyn Bartel

Florence T. Bauer Memorial Scholarship
Rebecca Freese

Cathryn Schrubbe Bliss Memorial Scholarship
Amber Koehler

Patricia Boeck Memorial Sch
Melissa Jones

Cynthia Bohm Memorial Sch
Anna Frost

Agnes Essman Brody Memorial Scholarship
Melanie Nielsen

Dona Buhr Memorial Sch
Hannah Gienau

Erma Burk Memorial Sch
Carly Krambeer

Kent & Carol Charley Sch
Natasha Johal

Marjorie K. Cochran Sch
Jennie Haden

James D. Collins, M.D. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Trang Dang

Colwell Family Scholarship
Jennifer Walker

Community Foundation - Keith M. & Dorothea W. Baskins Scholarship
Anna Boelman

Community Foundation – Community Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Fund
Scott Sesterhenn

Community Foundation - Enderlein Family Scholarship
Rebecca Freese

Community Foundation - Fleming Sisters Scholarship
Halie Ruff

Community Foundation - Ralph L. Hadlund, MD Sch
Brittany Redmond

Community Foundation- Waterloo Rotary Youth Activity/ Fred Adams Endowment Scholarship Fund
Amra Sehic

Adele Whitenack Davis Sch
Timothy McCreary

Frederick “Bud” Dell Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Stephanie Barker

**Fairley Scholarship
Tom Veiseth

Durham-Feltmeyer Family Sch
Krista Vlazny

Rose Earnest Scholarship
Bailey Teator

Winona Fehl Memorial Sch
Kayla Winders

Ida and Laura Fleming Sch
Casey Huber
Nguyan Tomyem Stivers

Barbara Fulcher Memorial Sch
Brittany Redmond

Carol D. Hadlund Scholarship
Kimberly Porterfield

Mary Hahn Rix Nursing Sch
Alicia Gage

Jim & Shirley Harvey Sch
Katie Milligan

Jane E. Hasek Endowed Sch
Michaela Titus

Philip R. Hastings, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Renee Wright

JoAn Headington Endowed Sch
Heidi Harms

Health, Helping & Healing Scholarship (given by Marietta & Wayne Sargeant)
Courtney Wirtz

Pastor Jon & Heidi Hennings Nursing & Ministry Scholarship
Sam Lehmann

**Patricia Hennings Sch
Kadie Woltemath
Allen College Scholarship Recipients and Donors Recognized (continued)

Frances Anne Hummel Memorial Scholarship
Ally Hamerlinck

Dr. James Jeffries & Roseann Jeffries Memorial Endowed Sch
Sam Lehmann

Dr. Raja & Susan Junaid Endowed Nursing Sch
Kendra Walker

Bill and Jane Kerbey Sch
Ebonee Walker

Linda Klinger Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Roxanne Rodriguez de Galvez

Marcie Knudson Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Porterfield

Dr. Rolf F. Kruse Endowed Scholarship
Nguyen Tormey Silvers

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux -- Voiture Locale 82 -- Black Hawk County Sch
Anna Frost

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux -- Voiture Locale 631 -- Bremer/Butler County Scholarship
Timothy McCready

Oscar Lanich, M.D., Sch
Brandi Clark

Quinter D. Lichty Endowed Scholarship
Kami Pirillo

Wayne Lichty Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Ashley Ramker

Virginia Henniges McBride Scholarship
Desiree Steeger

Helen & Joseph Melichar Scholarship
Emilee Hillyer

Mended Hearts Sch
Bailey Bone

Minone Messersmith Sturdevant Memorial Sch
Ashley Ramker

Maxine and Robert Morrison, M.D. Sch
Nealam Thomas

Nauss Nursing Endowed Scholarship
Renee Wright

Nauss Nursing Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Maria Rosenaau Nauss
Rachel Haas

Marlys Nelson Nursing Scholarship
Melissa Koepping

Gladys Neubauer Trust Scholarship
Ashley McCullough, Angela Nelson, Kayla Winda & Brite Woodruff

Joan Nohre Scholarship
Nguyen Tormey Silvers

Leana B. Nyland Memorial Endowed Sch
Tom Veiseth

OB/Peds Scholarship
Jenna Pisarik & Bailey Textor

E. James O'Connor Memorial Scholarship
Jenni Dulin

Olesen Family Sch
Amber Koehler

Ostrander Memorial Sch
Bibi Yasin

Linda C. Parrott Endowed Scholarship
Emilee Hillyer

Debra Peyton Memorial Scholarship
Kristen Brown

Vernon H. Plager, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Amra Sehic

Joan Poe Memorial Sch
Kami Pirillo

Larry and Virginia Pugh Scholarship for Leadership
Ally Kwikkel

**Andrew & Marlys Puhl Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Moore

Community Foundation-Leo C. Puhl & Arlene J. Reed Puhl Nursing Scholarship
Alicia Gage

Tim & Renee Rasmussen Family Scholarship
Carly Decker & Aixandrea Paulus

F. Harold Reuling, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Valerie Hileman

Donald F. Reynolds Memorial Scholarship
Sam Lehmann

**Milt & Joanie Roth Endowed Scholarship
Clarissa Pudenz

Sage Family Scholarship
Katherine Lehman

Patricia A. Sapp Memorial Scholarship
Renee Wright

Rosinda Waschkat Schweer Memorial Scholarship
Macy McCallum

Debra Kerns Seegers Memorial Scholarship
Macy McCallum

David Seible Memorial Sch
Kristen Brown

Vivian Shane Scholarship
Naida Helgeland

Bob Sieglaft Scholarship
Kelly Boettcher

Sigma Theta Tau International Pi Kappa Chapter 392 Sch
Amber Koehler

Andrew Smith, MD Sch
Gina Cetta

Ron & Betty Steege Endowed Sch
Holly Heims

Shirley Strouse Memorial Sch
Angela Ellerbroek

Heinz S. Jacobi Surgical Nursing Scholarship
Emily Smith

Alberta Thomas Memorial Sch
Brittany Redmond

E&M Thoms Scholarship
Roxanne Rodriguez de Galvez

Lynn Thornberry Memorial Sch
Anne Jones

Virginia Turner Memorial Sch
Catherine Boesen & Daniel Penn

Rose Unger Memorial Sch
Natasha Johal

Mary Eileen Voss Nursing Sch
Leighna Reuter

Zora R. Walters Endowed Sch
Mandi Stone

Charles A. Waterbury, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Sara Hoins

Lyle & Elsie Watters Endowed Scholarship
Brandi Clark

Thomas H. Williams Scholarship
Lovejyot Singh

Lewis L. Zager, M.D., Memorial Scholarship
Derek Dzaboff

**1st Time Awards in 2014-2015

The following scholarships were the result of grants received by Allen College.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing Scholarship
Jada Chambers, Lucas Hanson, Patrick Higgins, Keegan Overbay & Michael Steckel

The following scholarships were established in 2014 and will be awarded once they have matured.

Rolinger Family Endowed Sch
Dale and Katherine Stupp Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Allen College welcomes new faculty and staff

Dana Clasen, assistant professor, has been a part of Allen since she graduated from the College in 1995. She worked at Allen Hospital on the surgical unit for approximately two years before transferring to the PACU, where she has worked for the last 18 years and continues to work PRN. During the last academic year, she taught at Hawkeye Community College. Dana is excited to be back at Allen full-time and looks forward to becoming more involved as she settles in. She has enjoyed meeting new people and reconnecting with people from the past. Thank you for the warm welcome!

Tonya Enright, director of the dental hygiene program and assistant professor, worked at Hawkeye Community College as the administrative chair of dental hygiene and dental assisting prior to coming to Allen College. Tonya looks forward to networking with new colleagues in health education at Allen College. She is also thrilled to be designing the first Bachelor of Health Science in Dental Hygiene online degree-completion program at the college and in the state.

Lisa Fickenscher, recruiter, worked in the retirement industry managing and setting up 401k accounts for different companies prior to joining the Allen College team. As a recruiter, Lisa is enjoying visiting various locations and speaking with prospective students.

Dr. Cindy Hahn, director of the master of science in occupational therapy program and associate professor, has previous experience as an occupational therapy professor at A. T. Still University in Mesa, AZ and the University of Illinois in Chicago. She was also a program director for an advanced master’s program and for several occupational therapy assistant programs over the years. At Allen College Dr. Hahn is enjoying the collegial environment of being at a small college and is excited about the opportunity to develop a new master’s program that supports the needs of the surrounding communities.

Allison Jensen, student life/alumni affairs coordinator, graduated from Central College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology. While at Central she worked in the alumni and development office for three years. Upon graduation she worked at the Waverly Health Center in the business office. Allison enjoys the sense of community at Allen College, which is so apparent and so special. She looks forward to promoting Allen and continuing to work with excellent people and resources to make every year successful.

Margo Kreger, academic fieldwork coordinator for the occupational therapy program and assistant professor, was the program director for the occupational therapy assistant program at Hawkeye Community College for three years and prior to that position was the director of rehab for Manor Care for five years, where she continues to work PRN. Margo has also worked for a number of different therapy companies providing occupational therapy services. She has been an occupational therapist for 20 years. Margo is looking forward to the opportunity to instructing graduate students and the opportunities to explore increasing knowledge of occupational therapy in community-based services and pairing with community organizations to increase occupational therapy presence in non-traditional settings.

Alison McFadden, assistant professor, is also a nurse practitioner with UnityPoint at Home - Hospice and Palliative Care. Prior to that she worked as a nurse practitioner at the Allen Pain Clinic and as an RN in ICU at UnityPoint Health - St Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Allison is looking forward to getting to know students, learning what drives them to pursue higher education and to see how nursing molds their diverse professional goals and aspirations.

Ashley Ollendieck, instructor and clinical coordinator, worked at Covenant in labor and delivery the past two and a half years and taught clinicals as an adjunct instructor for Allen College since January 2014. Ashley is looking forward to learning a new role as clinical coordinator and being a clinical instructor in a variety of clinical settings (fundamentals, aging adult, community, and OB).

Emily Schuldt, instructor, worked as an RN in the ICU at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital prior to working at Allen College. She has also been an adjunct instructor at Allen College since January of 2013. Emily is looking forward to the opportunity to learn and develop her skills as a nursing instructor. She loves the personal feel of Allen College and the wonderful faculty and staff that work here. There is nothing but great opportunity!

Gina Tenge, instructor, worked at Covenant Medical Center as a staff nurse and shift leader since January 2006. In August 2011 she became an adjunct instructor at Allen College, Gina believes strongly in the quality of Allen College’s academic program as she chose Allen for both her undergraduate and graduate education. Gina looks forward to building long-lasting relationships with students as they start their journeys at Allen College. She is also looking forward to forming relationships with faculty as she branches outside her comfort zone of mental health nursing.
Faculty/Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Brenda Barnes, director of the medical laboratory science and EdD health professions education programs and associate professor, contributed two chapters to the newly published textbook, *Clinical Laboratory Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine: Principles and Practices*. This textbook provides readers with the didactic foundation, background, and tools to successfully function in a typical transfusion medicine laboratory.

Dr. Lisa Brodersen, professor, successfully completed a formal external review for Quality Matters certification for her NU:596 Seminar I course.

Mary Brown, associate professor and Dr. Denise Pralle, associate professor, presented a poster called ‘On the Outlook for the Underserved’ at the Association of Community Health Educators in San Antonio.

Dr. Ruselle DeBonis, associate professor, was selected to participate in the 2014-15 Iowa Campus Compact Engaged Scholar Faculty Fellows Program. Dr. DeBonis also received the 2014 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) State Award for Excellence.

Dina Dowden, administrative assistant to academic affairs, graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Hawkeye Community College in May.

Dr. Jerry Durham, chancellor, was named the Waterloo Kiwanis Club’s “Kiwanian of the Year.” In receiving the award, Chancellor Durham was cited for his leadership in planning the 2014 Thunder in the Valley Airshow. Chancellor Durham received the same award in 2009.

Tracy Elliott, assistant professor, co-authored a book, *Tilotti’s Healing Adventure*, (2014) that is published by Friesen Press. The book is an imaginative story that provides the reader with the many feelings and side effects associated with a diagnosis of cancer. The book is intended to be used with children undergoing cancer treatment.

Tonya Enright, director of the dental hygiene program and assistant professor, was nominated by the Iowa Dental Board to be an examiner for the national dental hygiene clinical examinations. She will begin examinations on weekends in 2015 for dental hygiene programs that are within the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) region.

Dr. Peggy Fortsch, dean for the School of Health Sciences and professor, chaired a site visit team to review a Tennessee radiography program for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

Dr. Cindy Hahn, director of the Occupational Therapy Program and associate professor, was appointed as the Mental Health Liaison to the Iowa State Occupational Therapy Association. Dr. Hahn was appointed to the City of Waterloo ADA Compliance Commission.

Denise Hanson, director of business and administrative services, completed the Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Northern Iowa.

Teresa Isaacson, associate professor, completed a post masters certificate as a family nurse practitioner from Allen College in May and is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).


Margo Kreger, academic fieldwork coordinator for the occupational therapy program and assistant professor, serves on the task group for The Commission on Education of The American Occupational Therapy Association. The task group is focusing on further development of the Blueprint for future occupational therapy education.

Dr. Nancy Kramer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, participated in an Expert Panel Accreditation dinner presentation during the ‘Nuts & Bolts For Nursing Educators’ conference in Minneapolis in July. Dr. Kramer continues to serve on the Iowa Board of Nursing representing baccalaureate and higher education. She also participated as a site reviewer on a Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit to a college in Wisconsin and as a site reviewer for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) to a college in California.

Doreen Mingo, assistant professor, was named to 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2014. She was recognized at a special celebration in Des Moines in May. The annual celebration recognizes outstanding nurses whose courage, competence and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others.

Dr. Denise Pralle, associate professor, presented five breakout sessions on ‘Healthy Relationships’ at the Young Women on the Move conference in Cedar Falls.

Jared Seliger, associate professor, earned the status of PhD Candidate at Iowa State University in the School of Education.

Dr. Anna Weepie, assistant dean for the undergraduate nursing program and professor, wrote and revised test bank questions for Nies and McEwen, *Community/Public Health Nursing*, 6th edition.

Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez, dean for the School of Nursing and professor, was selected for the role of National League for Nursing ambassador.
Allen College Students Participate in Mission Trips

Allen College Nurse Practitioner Students Serve in Haiti

On November 3, seven Allen College nurse practitioner students, three community nurses, and Allen College faculty member Dr. Ruselle DeBonis went to a remote village in the central plateau of Haiti for a week-long medical mission. During their stay in Haiti the group completed 301 health assessments on children participating in local feeding programs and applied tooth varnish to 200 children. During two and a half days of clinic time students saw 264 patients, made 44 referrals and scheduled 51 follow-up visits. Medications for the clinic were purchased with funds that were raised by students and the College.

The mission took place at United Christians International (UCI) University where Dr. DeBonis taught a health assessment class to approximately 50 pre-med students. Other highlights included a visit with a former witch doctor, a serenade by a 30-piece men’s choir from the local church, and a meeting with Dr. Guy Theodore who was the American College of Surgeon’s inaugural recipient of the Surgeon Humanitarian Award.

UCI plans to start a health clinic on campus to provide experience for its medical students while serving the community. Until then, Allen College and UnityPoint Health will be sending teams to the area every three months. A team of providers and nurses is already preparing to return in February. This team, which includes a nurse midwife, will focus on maternal child health but will also provide follow-up to patients with chronic conditions like hypertension. Allen College is proud of the work done by this first team of students who have addressed a critical need in Haiti.

Service Learning Among Vulnerable Populations: Denver, Colorado

A group of 12 energetic students and two equally energetic nursing professors, Kay Froehner and Jacki Jaspers, departed on May 11 for the “mile-high city” of Denver. The nursing students were enrolled in a three-credit nursing course, Service Learning Among Vulnerable Populations, focusing on urban poverty and homelessness.

The trip was rich with experiences related to the homeless population. They spent a very insightful day with the Denver Urban Mission, a non-profit organization that works with Denver’s homeless community. Activities included a homeless simulation, a walking tour of the “five points area” where the majority of the homeless population resides in Denver, and a tour of a free medical clinic that serves this population. The simulation taught students and faculty the importance of treating the homeless with dignity and respect and provided insight into the human side of homelessness. Students also had the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal for over 400 homeless people with the Denver Rescue Mission which offers food, shelter, and a very structured life skills program to help homeless men and women get off the streets and back into the workforce. Students and professors alike were humbled and amazed by the resilience and fortitude of the staff of the Rescue Mission and those they served.

Students were also exposed to health-related issues facing Denver’s underserved residents. Activities included a tour of the Denver Health Medical Facility which primarily serves the indigent population, a discussion with a Health Care Navigator and a panel of nurse practitioners about practice issues and career opportunities. Due to Colorado’s legalization of medical marijuana, faculty wanted to expose students to the social, economic, political and health issues related to the use of medical marijuana. Speakers representing SMART Colorado and the Marijuana Business Association educated the group about issues related to the legalization of medical marijuana. Students toured a medical marijuana clinic and spoke with a health practitioner to gain a greater understanding of the prescriptive protocol. During their visit, the Allen College group had some time to experience Denver and the Colorado Rockies, including the splendor of Estes Park and the excitement of Coors Stadium. The faculty summarized the trip by commenting, “Our experience in Denver and our time spent at Wartburg West was educational and valuable, encouraging our future nursing professionals to gain new perspectives on the diverse world which they will care for in the future.”
Allen College Students Participate on Mission Trips (continued)

Allen College Students Provide Care in Dominican Republic

In May, eight Allen College students, accompanied by faculty members Dr. Denise Pralle and Gale Carlson, traveled to the Dominican Republic to provide care at the Guanin Center in rural La Piedra. (The Dominican Republic in the West Indies occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with Haiti, and has a population of almost nine million citizens.) The students were enrolled in a three credit senior-level course Service Learning Among Vulnerable Populations. According to Dr. Pralle, “It was humbling to experience the kindness and generosity of the people who lived there.”

The students and faculty also had the opportunity to see an urban hospital in Santo Domingo, assist in providing care to patients being seen in a rural clinic in El Mamon, and then assist in the set-up and care during three clinics in La Piedra—infants and children up to two years, pregnant moms, and child/adult clinic. The faculty and students stayed at the remote and primitive rural center for four days, giving the Allen College caregivers a new perspective on how much they take for granted in the U.S.

In expressing her pride in the students, Dr. Pralle said “Although admittedly shocked during our initial trip to the Guanin Center, they acclimated quickly and were so caring and culturally sensitive to the people there. Overall, we learned about the beauty and the poverty of the country and we could have not asked for a better educational trip.” Professors Pralle and Carlson said that they hope to repeat the trip next year.

Honors Project:

Service Honors Class Coordinates Costume 5K

The Allen College Service Honors class held a Fun Fall 5K on October 30. The race involved wearing Halloween costumes and proceeds from the Fun Fall 5K went entirely to House of Hope in Waterloo.

House of Hope is an organization that provides assistance to homeless women and their children, helping them regain their independence and learning skills needed to be successful in the community.

Forty-two people participated in the event, and the group received many generous donations from individuals and local businesses in the community. Over $1,000 was donated to House of Hope. The organizers thank all of the participants and generous donors!
Service Projects:

Allen Nursing Students Participate in Waterloo STEM Event

Twelve members of the Allen College Student Nurses Association (ASNA) participated in the 2014 Cedar Valley STEM Festival on November 13 at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo. ASNA participated in the STEM festival last year and was asked to participate again this year. Allen College Associate Professor of Nursing Gale Carlson worked with the students who volunteered at the event. According to Carlson, the students’ main contribution was talking with the youngsters about nursing and demonstrating such procedures as taking a blood pressure, listening to the heart (with a stethoscope), dressing a wound (on a mannequin), using a doppler, and donning surgical bonnets, gloves, and booties.

This year’s event saw the addition of Cedar Falls schools. Last year’s event turned out 2,500 parents and students, making it the largest STEM event in northeast Iowa. Up to 3,500 participants were expected for this year’s event. More than 80 activities and organizations were at this hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics mega-fair created especially for preschool through sixth-grade students and their families.

According to the event planners, the goals of the STEM Festival are to increase preschool through elementary-age students’ interests in STEM and to promote awareness and understanding of the importance of STEM-related educational and career opportunities. While nursing is not always considered a STEM field, according to Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham, because of the many courses in human biology, nutrition sciences, human anatomy and physiology, chemistry, and microbiology, nursing and other healthcare fields truly do fall under the STEM category. He noted that some states and universities do list nursing as a STEM field of study.

Allen Nursing Students Participate in American Heart Association Event

On November 7 second semester Allen College undergraduate nursing students enrolled in Fundamentals of Clinical Nursing participated in the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women. The students’ participation in the event was in conjunction with the service learning component of the course.

Allen Nursing Students and Faculty Serve at Mission of Mercy Clinic

Several graduate and RN to BSN nursing students from Allen College served Iowans at the 7th Annual Iowa Mission of Mercy clinic at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center on September 26 and 27. The clinic was open to all those who cannot afford dental care. Services such as dental cleaning, dental fillings, root canals, and dental surgery were performed with the help of dentists, dental students, hygienists, dental hygiene students, and many others who volunteered their time to serve at the clinic. Over 1,100 patients were anticipated to have been served over the two-day event.

Those serving at the clinic included Allen College graduate students Lisa Goodfellow-Mertens, Meghan Cain and Anne Jones; RN-BSN students Angie Ames, Kim Porterfield, Marcia Corson, Nicole Wilken, and Valerie Hileman; and Allen College faculty Tonya Enright and Dr. Denise Pralle.
Summer Nurse Camp a Success

Allen College hosted its third Summer Nurse Camp for high school students during June and July. Of the 40 students who were accepted for the six-week nursing career awareness experience, 39 completed the program. According to the camp’s director, Assistant Professor Doreen Mingo, 18% of the students were male and most of the participants represented ethnic minority communities. The Summer Nurse Camp provided instruction in math and science, among a range of other activities that included study skills, library research, field trips to various healthcare settings, and meetings with guest speakers who represented a range of nursing careers. Students were also provided information about how to apply to and pay for their college education.

In writing about the experience, one student said, “Nurse camp didn’t just teach me about nursing but also taught me about real life and how decisions I make now can affect me in the future. I think I got better at studying and understanding science and now I want other students to have this wonderful experience.” Another said, “It is a wonderful opportunity/experience for everyone who is considering the health field. You learn an immense amount of information vital for your education in nursing. It is a fun and enjoyable six week program and it is a great experience that needs to continue to be funded.” Another quipped, “Summer nurse camp is a great opportunity for students. There is so much a person can learn. In each class there are things that can help a student later in life. I learned something new every day. I am glad I got the chance to be in it.”

According to Allen College Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham, the Summer Nurse Camp will be offered again in 2015, supported by a $49,511 grant from the Telligen Community Initiative. The Allen College Summer Nurse Camp project was one of only 24 grants across Iowa and Illinois selected for funding by Telligen Community Initiative, a non-profit foundation that seeks to improve the health of Iowans, Illinoisans, and their communities. Through its most recent grant cycle, TCI received more than 230 grant requests from various organizations seeking support for health-focused community projects. Referring to the grant, Chancellor Durham stated, “The faculty, staff and students of Allen College are excited to be recognized and supported by the Telligen Community Initiative to continue our initiative to embrace diversity and to help young people of our community to explore the many career opportunities in the field of nursing. This support will enable Allen College to expand our efforts to introduce young Cedar Valley residents to the pathways they can take to achieve an education and career in healthcare that is both personally and professionally rewarding.”

Allen College Prepares to Launch OT Program

Allen College is on track to launch its new Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (OT) program in August 2015. Current plans are for the College to admit 14 students in its first class. The program, which will require approximately 27 months of full-time study, will need to receive “Candidacy Status” from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) before students may be admitted. The program’s director, Dr. Cindy Hahn, and the program’s academic fieldwork coordinator, Margo Kreger, are currently working on completing documents to submit for the next step in January.

According to the College’s Office of Student Services, many students have inquired about the program. Students planning to seek admission will need to hold a bachelor’s degree, complete specific course pre-requisites, and complete two occupational therapy shadowing experiences. Candidates may also interview with faculty to help in selection of the final cohort.

Currently Iowa has only one other occupational therapy program located at St. Ambrose University. Drake University has recently announced its intent to develop an OT program. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of occupational therapists is projected to grow 29 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Graduates Pass Certification Exam

Allen College Associate Professor Jared Seliger, who serves as director of the College’s Nuclear Medicine Technology (NMT) program, announced that all of the 2014 NMT graduates have passed the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board examination on their first attempt. Allen College’s NMT program graduated its first cohort of students in 2010 and those graduates, and all subsequent graduates of the program, have passed this examination on their first attempt.

The Allen College nuclear medicine technology program is a 12-month, 38-semester hour program admitting students who have completed all general education coursework prior to admission. Students in the program combine face-to-face coursework with clinical study at one or more of the program’s seven clinical sites in Waterloo, Dubuque, Des Moines, and Cedar Rapids. Upon completion of the NMT coursework, students receive either a certificate or Bachelor of Health Sciences degree and are eligible for certification as a nuclear medicine technologist. The Allen College Nuclear Medicine Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT).

DNP Program Hosts Site Visit for the Iowa Board of Nursing

On November 6 the Iowa Board of Nursing conducted a site visit at Allen College to review the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The visitors did not identify any recommendations for the program and their report will be reviewed during the March 2015 Iowa Board of Nursing meeting. All of Allen College’s other nursing programs are approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing.
Undergraduate Public Health Program Begins

The Bachelor of Health Sciences degree with a major in Public Health (BHS-PH) Program started in the fall of 2014.

In addition to the full-time and part-time public health program, a plan was developed for including a minor in Population Health in the existing nursing curriculum. This will give students an opportunity to learn about population health and better prepare them in coming years where there will be more focus on population health than on the individual health. In addition, students will be better prepared if they decide to continue their education in public health or community health nursing.

A certificate program in public health was approved for individuals who are already working in the field of public health but have no formal training. This program will be open to anyone who has an undergraduate degree and/or is working in a related health care field. The students will have an option of completing this 12 credit-hours program in two years.

DNP Student Recognized

DNP student, Jennifer Condon, was selected for a podium presentation of her project, Screening for Lung Cancer: The New Standard for Preventive Care, at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners National Conference that will be held June 9-14, 2015. It is anticipated that there will be over 5,000 national and international participants attending this conference.

ASR Students Enter Scientific Poster Presentation

The 23rd Annual Student Educator Seminar was held in Iowa City April 9-11. The Allen College Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR) Level 2 students prepared and entered their scientific posters into competition with other student posters from Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota.

Congratulations to Allen College students, Amy Reuter and Courtney Anderson received first place for their poster “Melting Melo” (melorheostosis).

Strategic Planning

The current Allen College strategic plan expires in 2014. Therefore, the Allen College Board of Trustees initiated a strategic planning process with a Board retreat in November 2013. Faculty and staff attended a retreat in May at which time they reviewed the current plan and worked on revising a plan for the next five years. Their input was gathered and returned to them in August at which time faculty and staff gathered again in a strategic planning session with the objective to derive six goals for the College in the next five years.

The culmination of input from the Board of Trustees and from faculty and staff resulted in a strategic plan for 2015-19. The Allen College Board of Trustees approved the new plan at their November meeting.

Our Vision

Allen College will be
- known for quality graduates and exceptional education experiences;
- built on a model of collaborative partnerships; and
- a highly accessible enterprise providing both on-campus and virtual education.

Our Mission

Allen College is committed to preparing exceptional healthcare professionals through educational programs of excellence; to developing and sustaining a diverse community of learners, faculty, and staff; and to promoting community service, scholarship, and lifelong learning.

Our Goals

Allen College is committed to
1. preparing outstanding healthcare practitioners who are committed to lifelong learning;
2. developing and implementing accessible academic programs of excellence that are responsive to the workforce needs of Iowa and the nation;
3. recruiting and retaining highly qualified and engaged students, faculty, and staff who represent diverse populations and who embrace diversity, cultural and global awareness, and the inclusion of all its members;
4. promoting a commitment by all members of the Allen College community to lives of service; and
5. adopting management practices that demonstrate outstanding stewardship of all resources to our constituents.
**Graduation Ceremonies**

**Spring Commencement Ceremony**

Allen College’s spring commencement was held on May 9 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Allen College conferred 142 degrees, including 17 Associate of Science in Radiography degrees, 8 Bachelor of Health Sciences degrees, 68 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, and 49 Master of Science in Nursing degrees.

The commencement speaker was **Acacia Bamberg Salatti**, acting director of the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Salatti came to her current position from the office of Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn, where she was Lead Staffer for the House Democratic Faith Working Group. She also handled Congressman Clyburn’s education and agriculture portfolio. Ms. Salatti holds a Master’s degree in Divinity and a certificate in Black Church Studies from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is also a former Adjunct Professor of Religion at Columbia College (SC), her alma mater.

**Summer Commencement Ceremony**

Allen College awarded 78 degrees at its commencement ceremony on August 15 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The college conferred 12 Bachelor of Health Sciences degrees, 56 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, eight Master of Science in Nursing degrees, and two Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

The speaker for Allen College’s summer commencement was Bishop Dr. Steve Ullestad. Pastor Steven Ullestad has served as Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod since 1992. Bishop Ullestad is the chair of the Allen College Board of Trustees.

**SPRING GRADUATES:**

**Associate of Science in Radiography**
- Courtney Anderson**
- Jennifer Appel**
- Kelsey Bader
- Danielle Bayer
- Chelsea Gilbert**
- Tosha Harrison
- Christyn Jeyes
- Abbie Junge
- Ailxandrea Paulus
- Rebecca Rinken
- Chelsey Swenson

**Bachelor of Health Sciences—Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
- Megan Brinks**
- Laura Deeds*
- Jamie Jay*
- Morgan Schmitt**
- Crystal Shower**
- Taylor Stodola**
- Jessica Thompson**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- Alexandra Abell
- Emily Albrecht
- Elizabeth Ackerson, RN#
- Amber Arthurs
- Michael Aten
- Jennifer Baeyle
- Tess Breitbach**
- Christine Buske*
- Rachel Clark, RN#
- Anthony Collins
- Alyssa Cordes
- Larissa Crain
- Alison Dugger
- Heather Eash
- Jennifer Eddy**
- Haley Ellis#
- Alix Ewalt
- Paige Evans, RN**
- Ashley Farley
- Kayla Francis
- Natalie Frieses#
- Mariah Fury
- Haleigh Gienau
- Nicole Green
- Nicole Henninger**
- Courtney Herrig
- Michelle Howersten**
- Sara Hummel
- Lauren Hutchins**
- Allison Jordan
- Brennan Ketelsen
- Melody King#
- Lacey Kising
- Julia Kost#
- Kelsey Kramer
- Amber Lidgett, RN#
- Emily Lytle#
- Cassie Maguire
- Tammii Matt, RN
- Megan Moeller#
- Jennifer Nagel, RN*
- Kylie O’Connor
- Courtney Olson
- Jordan Ottmann
- Megan Petermeier**
- Kelly Petrillo
- Amber Renaud
- Samantha Rieger
- Vicki Roe
- Brittnye Schilling
- Kelsey Schwab
- Jordan Shafer, RN
- Kasie Simpson
- Kayla Stanley
- Brittany Ubben#
- Amy Varzavand, RN**
- Hailey Waechter#
- Mallory Weidemann
- Ashley Welter
- Emily Wilder, RN

**Summer Graduates:**

**Bachelor of Health Sciences—Medical Laboratory Science**
- Courtney Adams#
- John Bach**
- James Barney#
- Amanda Wilt#

**Bachelor of Health Sciences—Nuclear Medicine Technology**
- Katie Hackman*
- Ashley Jungling**
- Lance Schreier**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- Alyssa Becker
- Jennifer Black, RN
- Kelly Blair
- Meghan Cain**
- Keri Cassaday
- Erin Finch**
- Jean Firman, RN*
- Kevin Folkerts
- Jennifer Garter#
- Jennifer Halverson, RN
- Laura Hempen
- Kristy Herbrandson#
- Kelly Hilsenbeck, RN**
- Casey Huber#
- Brittany Hurley
- Emily Jacobsen
- Kelsey Jensen, RN*
- Anne Jones
- Kathryn Kelchen*
- Sarah Krambeck, RN
- Lisa Mascarelo, RN**
- Kyle M-Caslin
- Erin Motz, RN**
- Rianne North, RN**
- Nickayla Nosek#
- Carrie Novak, RN*
- Thomas Panicucci**
- Karli Ramstad
- Christine Ray#
- Molly Real#
- Roxanne Rodriguez de Galvez
- Bobby Rogers
- Robin Seiser, RN**
- Jordyn Schaper#
- Alex Schmitt#
- Sarah Schoon**
- Mark Sinniah, RN*
- Emily Smith**
- Kelly Smith#
- Maria Spilde#
- Mari Springer
- Amy Strim, RN
- Kelsey Thomas, RN
- Laura Ubben, RN
- Shawna Van Meighem
- Nichole Vaske*
- Jenna Wehling**
- Alyssa Willenbring*

**Master of Science in Nursing**
- Brooke Lyons
- Lindsey Nelson
- Staci Olson

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**
- Valree Blewett-Dickson
- Posthumously

*Summa Cum Laude (3.9 GPA or above)
**Magna Cum Laude (3.71-3.89 GPA)
#Cum Laude (3.5-3.7 GPA)
2014 Spring & Summer Graduates’ Awards & Honors

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

Jane E. Hasek Excellence in Nursing Award
The nursing faculty of Allen College selects the graduate who best incorporates the values and beliefs of the mission and philosophy of Allen College in his/her professional and personal life. This award has been named in recognition of the first Chancellor of Allen College, Dr. Jane Hasek, for her visionary leadership in the establishment of the College. The recipients were Nicole Henninger and Alyssa Willenbring.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Trip to see Sister Act performance
Sunday, February 8, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center in Cedar Falls
Alumni will be treated to dinner following the performance. For ticket information contact Allison Jensen at 319.226.2016.

5th Annual Donate to Educate Fundraising Event
Thursday, February 26, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Winter Hall on the Allen College Campus
Guests will be treated to social hour, dinner, live entertainment, and silent auction with proceeds to benefit Allen College scholarships.

Have you taken the Class Gift challenge?
Thanks to gifts from the estates of Milton Hall and Thelma and Carlton Winter, contributions from Allen College class members from 1959 through the present will be matched dollar for dollar up to $5,000 per class. This will fully endow the scholarship at $10,000, and Allen College students will then be awarded a scholarship from these classes.

Find current class gift totals online at www.allencollege.edu. Click on “Alumni” and then “Class Donations.”

Congratulations to the following classes for reaching their $5,000 fundraising goal:

Class of 1962 & Class of 1968

Donations for your class gift may be sent to Allen Foundation, 1825 Logan Ave., Waterloo, IA 50703. The check may be made payable to Allen Foundation and reference the class gift and the year on your donation.

Allen College Service Award
Selection of the Allen College Service Award is made by the Allen College faculty. The Allen College faculty nominate a student who has provided outstanding service to the College and as an ambassador in the community, demonstrated a strong commitment to the core values espoused in the College philosophy. Recipients of the 2014 Allen College Service Awards were: Chelsea Gilbert from the Associate of Science in Radiography Program and Alison Dugger from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

2nd Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser
Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
South Dining Room of Allen Hospital

Watch your mail for information on these upcoming events.

Annual Alumni Reunion
April/May 2015
Allen College Alumni Social in Denver, Colorado
May 2015

More information to follow for these events.

Allen College Alumni Board

Craig Buskohl ’01
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