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Allen College Receives Continuing Accreditation of Master’s Program

Allen College underwent a comprehensive evaluation of its master’s degree nursing program February 8-10 by a team from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. As a result of that evaluation, the Board of Commissioners of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission has awarded Allen College’s Master of Science in Nursing Program continuing accreditation for eight years. The continuing accreditation is a demonstration that Allen College meets the high standards of NLNAC.
Molly Quinn, the new Allen College recruiter, believes she is the right woman for the job. As an outgoing and approachable person, she instinctively makes prospective students feel right at home.

Molly came to Allen College with an extracurricular background in admissions. After earning her B.A. in English from the University of Northern Iowa, Molly was employed at three separate colleges. This experience aids her capacity in handling recruitment of new students at Allen College. And upon her return to the Cedar Valley, Molly decided to pursue her master’s degree in higher education in student services. Since she was hired in March, Molly has made several goals for her position.

Minnesota and Wisconsin. Another new event will be an alumni cruise to the Caribbean. In total, there will be several alumni receptions in different areas of the state as well as

**NEW FACULTY**

Rhonda Que

Hired as an assistant professor in the BSN program, Rhonda is a 1996 graduate from the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing diploma program and 2000 graduate of the Allen College Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing program. She is in the University of Phoenix M.S.N. program. She has 7 1/2 years of experience at Allen Hospital in the ICU. Rhonda is married and has a 2 1/2-year-old daughter.

Doreen Minga

Hired as an assistant professor in the B.S.N. program, Doreen obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids and is continued on page 8

**ALUMNI:**

Avis (Bachman) Johnson    June 5, 1955    Class of 1955
Patricia “Pat” Ann Boeck    June 25, 2005    Class of 1969
Former Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Faculty

Sarah (Szrbousek) Miller    July 7, 2005, MSN    Class of 2005
LaVonne Kueker    August 2005    Class of 1962

**STUDENT:**

Amanda Jo Schott    March 6, 2005    BSN Student

**Allen Institutional Scholarship Assistance for 2005-2006**

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations that offered scholarship assistance to students during the 2005-2006 academic year.

Robert Bailey, M.D. and Robert Morrow, M.D. Scholarship
Carol D. Hadland Scholarship
Lora Meeder
Jim & Shirley Harvey Scholarship
Melinda Olson
Erik F. Reynolds Scholarship
Dennis Baier
 VIRGINIA TERRI TURNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Scholarship Banquet**

Seven new scholarships were established for the 2005-2006 academic year and more than $91,500 was awarded in scholarships.
A 33-year nursing veteran and active member of the Cedar Valley community was inducted into the Allen College Alumni Hall of Fame during the 2005 Alumni Banquet in April.

Robinson Inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

Patty Biersner knocked on doors this weekend telling seniors about a plan that could save their lives.

Biersner said. “It’s nice to know, when you walk into a home, what is going on.”

“Even fully aware patients have trouble thinking in emergency situations, Biersner said. People forget sometimes the medicines they take or where to find pill bottles.”

“Nurse pictured with the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Congratulations to December 2005 B.S.N. Graduates

The following students are back to complete B.S.N. requirements in December 2005

Dr. Jane Hasek wearing the Allen College medallion and husband Dr. Wayne Hasek with the mace.

Nurse Bringing File of Life to Grundy County

The file of life is a two-sided card people fill out with medical information including whether they have living wills and what medicines they take. The file sits in a magnetic pocket that people place on their refrigerator.

“I am an emergency room doctor and when a nurse sees a file, I know they did something for that individual,” Biersner said. “Biersner makes about 125 calls a year the majority of whom are diabetic. If the crew walked into a home where a person was unresponsive, the File of Life would immediately tell them whether the person was diabetic. If not, they could move on to see if the patient suffers from heart problems. Biersner said.”

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The nurse file of life not only contains medical information about the patient, but also contains a list of their medications, allergies, blood type, and other important information that can be life-saving in an emergency.

The File of Life is a personal file that contains important medical information, which is especially useful in emergency situations. It is a way for family and friends to keep track of their medical history and medications. This information can be critical in an emergency, as medical professionals may not have access to the patient’s medical records. By having a File of Life, patients can ensure that their medical information is readily available to those who need it most.

In conclusion, the File of Life is a valuable tool for individuals to keep their medical information organized and easily accessible in case of an emergency. It is a simple yet effective way to ensure that medical professionals have the necessary information to provide the best possible care.

Allen College Student Wins Miss Iowa Crown

Tiane Meester won the title of Miss Iowa 2005 at the National American Miss pageant on July 4 at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines.

“I want to give something to a nursing student because when I was working in the University of Northern Iowa, Kari would have been unable to go to school. Kari is the perfect candidate for my scholarship,” Biersner said.

“Kari, who has worked at Allen more than five years, started a $500 scholarship in memory of three family members who have been serving Allen students over the years. Biersner hopes the scholarship will open doors to other things.”

Allen Associate Rewarded by Launching Scholarship

“Giving is part of the circle of life,” said Karl Schwickrath, team leader in the purchasing department at Allen Hospital. “Allen associates know the importance of giving and how it comes back to us in helping provide the care Allen Hospital gives me a great place to work, and this is how I can give something back to the University.”

Kari is very involved in the community. She has worked for several years at the University of Northern Iowa, where she taught courses in accounting and has worked for Allen Hospital ever since.

“When you put yourself through college, you truly value your education,” Biersner said. “This is a way for today’s Allen students can give back.”

Kari said Allen treated her employees very well and that giving to Allen College Foundation is rewarding. She looks forward to attending a future awards banquet and meeting the student who receives her scholarship.

For details on establishing a scholarship, call Matt Rolinger of Allen Foundation at (319) 274-6712.
Carve Your Name in Granite

Endowment funds are like blocks of granite—they last and last. One way you can extend your influence at Allen College is by carving your name in an endowment fund. Generations from now, the leadership and staff at Allen College and the students they serve will benefit from your foresight and generosity. They will see your name on your endowment fund and know that you once walked this earth and cared enough to support the ongoing mission of the college. There are three easy ways to establish an endowment fund with Allen College.

Endowments can be established during your life. You can use cash, securities or real estate—almost anything of value. By establishing an endowment during your life, friends and loved ones can tangibly express their thoughtfulness during bereavement. Many people would rather give to something permanent that represents your ongoing influence rather than sending something like flowers that don’t last. Endowments can be established through your will. You can name Allen College in your will to receive a certain percentage of your estate, which will be used to fund your endowment. And finally, many people create endowments while living and add to it at their death through their will. They establish an endowment now so they can watch it grow, and they enjoy seeing their fund benefit others. They may add to it periodically and encourage family members and friends to get involved in lieu of gifts for birthdays or anniversaries. Then, through their wills, they make provisions for a final and often larger contribution.

Carving your name in granite at Allen College may be one of the most important things you do for yourself, your family and for future students of Allen College. For more information, call Matt Rolinger, Director of Development for Allen Foundation, at (319) 274-6712 or (800) 728-2273.

Housing Still in Need of Your Help

Allen College offers spacious, affordable and convenient on-campus student housing to its students. Student housing was offered initially in the fall of 2004 with one suite available for occupancy. Suite two became available in the spring of 2005 and suites three and four will be completely renovated and available for the fall of 2005. (The four suites house up to 24 students. Each suite has three bedrooms that accommodate up to six students.) Also included in each suite are a furnished living area with sofa, lamp table, chairs, cable TV, kitchen with refrigerator/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, dining island, stove and dining area with table and chairs. There is a large bathroom with a walk-in shower and whirlpool tub; there is also an additional half bath. Each suite has a utility room with a washer and dryer and each suite is equipped with an alarm system. The four suites have direct access to the social center, which is equipped with study areas, a furnished living room and a computer with Internet access. The student housing is available for a very affordable price, and all utilities are included.

College to Record Fourth Consecutive Year of Record Enrollment

A record 400 students are enrolled for the upcoming fall semester, a 10 percent increase from last year. The largest enrollment increases are in the college’s undergraduate programs. “Word of mouth about our accelerated B.S.N. program as well as a change in curriculum that is friendlier for transfer students has contributed to our growth,” said Joanna Ramsden-Meier, Allen College enrollment manager. “The quality and flexibility of those programs are especially attractive to transfer and career change students.” Ramsden-Meier noted the college has attracted 13 more out-of-state students to its classrooms this fall. Out-of-state enrollment had tapered off during the last couple years.

She says the recent addition of affordable, suite-style, on-campus housing may be a factor. The fully-furnished suites include dishwashers and free laundry facilities. “Housing right on campus attracts students from farther distances,” Ramsden-Meier said. “If they can live on campus they are often more comfortable about being a long way from home.”

Dr. Jerry Durham, the new Allen College chancellor, is looking forward to meeting returning students and welcoming new students to campus this fall. “Allen College is known for bringing quality students to its classrooms this fall. Out-of-state enrollment had tapered off during the last couple years.

“Allen College is known for bringing quality students to its classroom and preparing them to excel,” Dr. Durham said. “I’m excited to build on that tradition as we work to make a great education system even better. I want our students to be more prepared than ever for their healthcare careers.”

Housing Update

Allen College housing gives students a place to feel at home on campus and it increases the intimate campus atmosphere. Since the spring of 2005, Allen College has increased this fund by $2,375. Please help fund this experience for students by making a contribution and enabling Allen College to reach its goal.

$150,000 goal
$ 92,375 raised
$ 57,625 needed

2006 Calendar of Events

January 9 Spring Semester Begins
March 13-17 Spring Break
April 29 Alumni Banquet
May 5 Baccalaureate, Nursing and Radiography Honors and Awards Ceremonies
May 6 Commencement

Information sessions for prospective students are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m.

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

Transcript fees:
Immediate Service - $8.00
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Please include the year you graduated, your name at graduation, the address where the transcript should be mailed and the transcript fee, payable to Allen College.

For a copy of the transcript request form, please visit our Web site at AllenCollege.edu. Use the page search menu to find the form. Direct any questions to enrollment management by calling (319) 274-2000 or by e-mailing allencolladmissions@lhs.org.

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