Letter from the Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends of Bethel College School of Nursing,

It is hard to believe that the fall semester is just around the corner! I have the first year as Dean of Nursing under my belt, and we are hoping for a smooth upcoming year. We have many exciting developments in the School of Nursing that we would like to share with you.

We are proud to announce that Darlene Geoghan completed her EdD and Becky Zellers finished her DNP this year. Congratulations to Drs. Geoghan and Zellers on their accomplishments! We added Dr. Sam Abraham to our faculty to help out with teaching mental health nursing. Tina Kendall became a full-time faculty member this year, although many of you know that she has been an integral part of our nursing program for many years. As you take a look to the left, you can see all of the Certified Nurse Educators (CNE) on our faculty. Congrats to all who have demonstrated expertise in this role! Kathy Hoffer retired at the end of this year, and Karen Schwartz officially retired, but is still helping us out until we find a new Graduate Program Director to replace her. In addition to the Graduate Program Director, we also have a full-time tenure track critical care position open. Please spread the word if you or someone else you know might be interested.

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We have our NLNAC (now known as the ACEN) accreditation visit in October for our ADN and MSN programs. Concerns that we need to address in a 2 year follow-up are the workloads of our nursing faculty and evidence of evaluation data from our alumni and their employers. You know those alumni/employer surveys that we have sent to you in the past? We were cited for having an insufficient number of completed surveys returned. So if you receive a survey as an employer or an alumnus, please complete and return these. It is imperative for our future accreditation and being able to continue to graduate high quality nurses!

We have a great sense of community within the School of Nursing, which is evident in our faculty, students and alumni. Students and graduates report that our caring faculty/staff and the Christian environment as two strengths that set us apart from other nursing programs. That truly is the Bethel difference, and it is a privilege to be a part of it. Soon, faculty and returning students will fill the halls of the School of Nursing again, and new students will begin their journey to become an RN. They will be excited yet fearful where this journey will lead them. Please pray for our students and faculty as the students follow the path the Lord has set before them. It is a long and challenging path, as we all know, but the rewards are bountiful!

My prayer is that nursing will always be more than just a job to you and may you continue to see it as a ministry that touches many lives. I will leave you with two of my favorites: ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ Matt. 25:40, and ‘Never believe a few caring people can’t change the world. For indeed, that’s all who ever has.” Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

Blessings to all of you,

Deb Gillum, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE
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Andrea Arias++
Maria Bangcong++
Erl Burket
Michelle Busse++
Breanna Champagne++
Katherine Davey
Chelsea Davidson
Courtney Davis
Ellen Deja
Kayla Dirst
Dominique Dvojacki

Kristen Eden
Kristin Forbes
Michelle Friesen
Shaina Gantz
Stephanie Glass
Kayla Grove++
Rodney Halberda
Laura Hickox++
Jennifer Jbouri++
Abigail Johnson*
Jewel Kitso++

### BSN-Completion Class of 2013

Sherry Albine
Gwendolyn Craven*
Susan Devereaux*
Jenny Greenlee*
Hannah Hatch++
Jean Morrison*

Amy Osborn
Neil Shorb*
Loreena Storer
Kellie Swartz*
Amanda Thomas*
Allison Trundle

Kallon White
Lindsey Barcley++
Sara Cuthbert*
Cheryle Davis*
Darlene Downs++

### ADN Class of 2013

Tonya Abshire
Amanda Austin
Amy Barhydt
Brooklyn Bradshaw
Tamia Bridgeman
Tracy Carlstrom
Stephanie Catalino
Brandie Clarke
Christopher Gildea
Erin Goddard*
Sarah Golden
Kelly Goodzey*
Kelly Hattery
Brianne Hershberger*

Melissa Hooley
Jennifer Horn
JoAnne Jester
Pauline Kaginbi
Amber Krause
Sara Kupke
Casey Kurydz
Delida Martin
Melinda Martz
Katy Mauro
Duncan Nganga
Lillian Nhenga
Amanda Nielsen
Kelli Reynolds

Carla Rhodes*
Christine Simpson
Michelle Suen*
Heather Thomas
Smita Timothy*
Natchie Williams
Ryan Yoder
Sherry Younger

Marla Barber
Nicole Beguin
Ashley Crawford
Ellen Day*
Charity Dragoo

### MSN Class of 2013

Laurie Beck*
Jane Ewald*

Angela Gatto++
LeAnna LaLime++

### Notes

* GPA 3.5 or above  + Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society Inductee
School of Nursing Awards

Sally Torrence Award........................................Amy Wildman
Middleton Advanced Degree Award..................Adriana Pineda-Luna, Angie Shirk
Outstanding Student Awards.............................Anna Tinklenberg, BSN; Ellen Day, ADN
Inglett Award......................................................Michelle Suen, Anna Tinklenberg
Altruism Awards.................................................Tracy Carlstrom, Gwen Craven, Jennifer Jbouri, Miriam Mast, Angie Shirk, Kimberly Wasserman
Cushing Awards……………………………….Darcy Brenneman, Suzanne Caudill, Christine DeLand, Stanton Hinson, Valerie Kerns, Anna Klassen, McKenzie Mallo, Anne Pulling, Amy Wildman

BSN-Completion Program Changes!

We have a new BSN-C curriculum that we are excited to share with you! Beginning this fall, students will be able to choose to complete the program in a standard 20 month format or a fast-tracked 12 months. In order to graduate in 12 months, students need to be able to take two nursing courses each session.

Courses are 1 night a week and 7 weeks long. Many of the courses are hybrid, so you do not need to be on campus every week! We decreased the total number of hours required for the BSN-C degree from 126 to 124 hours.

By revising and fine tuning the previous curriculum, we were able to add 3 courses which will appeal to practicing nurses, whether they are new graduates or have years of experience. The new courses are Nursing Informatics, Nursing Ethics, and Global Health. We believe the curriculum provides nurses with the knowledge and skills they need to strengthen their practice while providing the foundation for professional advancement.

Please share the good news! If you or a friend are interested in learning more about the revised BSN Completion program, please contact Kathy Deak, Nurse Recruitment Coordinator, at 574-807-7570.

Kenyan Mission Trips

In May 2012, numerous nursing faculty were part of a team that went on a mission trip to Nakuru and Salgaa Kenya to provide healthcare to those in need and to explore the possibility of taking nursing students there in the future. The exploratory trip was successful, with the team conducting two medical camps, seeing hundreds of patients per day, and also having the opportunity to visit Tenwek Hospital. This May, JoLynn Reimer, April Hart and Teresa Jodway were able to take 8 nursing students with them to assist in the medical camps. Needless to say, being in Kenya and assisting with health and spiritual needs is a life changing experience! It is wonderful to see the Lord working through our faculty and students to touch the lives of Kenyans across the world. We are planning on making this a yearly mission trip. If we have space available, there is the possibility that some of our nursing alumni might be able to go. If you are interested, please let Deb Gillum know.

Look at Me Now!

We are highlighting some of our nursing graduates who work in a variety of settings or who have had unique experiences they would like to share with past or prospective nurses. If you would like to share your story on our webpage, let us know!
Nursing Education: What is Your Role?

Nursing schools across the nation are facing a looming faculty shortage. According to the American Association of the College of Nurses (AACN, 2012), nationally the average age of nursing faculty now surpasses 60 years of age. Schools of nursing turn away nearly 80,000 qualified applicants each year to baccalaureate and graduate programs due primarily to insufficient faculty and clinical placement sites. Nationally, more than 2/3 of nursing schools identified the nursing faculty shortage as one of the most critical issues facing nursing education.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM, 2010) recommends increasing the proportion of nurses with a BSN from 50% up to 80% by 2020. Many hospitals across the country, as well as northern Indiana, see this as a viable goal towards improving patient outcomes.

So what is your role? Should you go back to school to finish your BSN? Should you look towards the future and see the many opportunities available to help educate and guide future nurses? Only you know where the Lord is leading you. If you would like to discuss future career opportunities or how Bethel College School of Nursing can help you reach your goals, we would love to talk to you! Feel free to contact us at Nursing@BethelCollege.edu.

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Bethel College School of Nursing is your page for sharing news, keeping up with events and getting to know each other! Log-on and tell us what you are doing.

We periodically receive notifications about open positions in which the prospective employers would love to fill with a Bethel graduate. We will post these openings on our Facebook page, so make sure to ‘Like’ us if you haven’t done so already!