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Nightingale News

The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences Newsletter

Congratulations to the Class of 2023

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Cover Story

The 2023 Commencement Ceremony celebrated 270 graduates across nursing, health care administration, general studies, and medical assisting degree programs. Family and friends looked on as students relished the moment.

Congratulations to our graduates and new alumni!

A Message

From the Desk of the President

Dear Alumni, Donors and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I provide an update on the progress and innovation happening at The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. As you know, our commitment to providing exceptional education and preparing students to be part of a future ready workforce has always been at the forefront of our mission.

In recent years, we have continued to explore and push the boundaries of innovation to strive for excellence in all that we do. Our faculty and staff have been hard at work aligning our curriculum with current industry trends and technologies to ensure our graduates are fully equipped to succeed. On April 29, we completed another successful academic year with the graduation of 270 nursing, health science, and associate of science students all of whom are ready to join their chosen healthcare profession.

One area we continue to make significant strides is in the development and integration of online coursework and simulations. The technological advancements allow our students to participate in hands learning with a more comprehensive educational experience. And as you can expect, we will continue to focus our efforts on learning experiences and collaboration within the healthcare industry as we look ahead to the future of healthcare. It is essential that our graduates are prepared to work alongside professionals in their field to provide the best care possible to their patients.

As a result of our commitment to excellence and innovation, our college has continued to attract top talent from the region. The caliber of our faculty and students is a testament to the impact of a comprehensive education in nursing and health sciences.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our alumni, donors, and friends. Your generosity has allowed us to invest in our students and the needed resources to ensure we are always future ready.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited to continue to build on our successes and explore the boundaries of innovation to provide excellence in healthcare education. Thank you for your continued support!

Yours in Education,
Dr. Gail Kist-Kline
President

TCCNHS MISSION: The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, guided by its core values and enriched by a foundation in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, prepares individuals both for delivery of healthcare that promotes the well-being of a dynamic society and for life-long learning.

2023-24 Will Bring Exciting Changes

New Nursing Curriculum

The College has been hard at work this past year preparing significant changes for the future. The Nursing Department is putting the final changes to the new BSN curriculum that will roll out this upcoming fall. The current curriculum has been in place since the inception of the BSN program in 2016 and has served hundreds of nursing students over the last seven years.

Connie McFadden-Chase ('94), Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, stated, "the revised BSN curriculum is a positive shift that provides an opportunity to incorporate the new American Association Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials and align coursework, clinical, and assessments to the competencies required of today's nurse. Gail Burns, Associate Professor of Nursing and significant contributor to the team tasked with updating the curriculum, noted that the new curriculum "will promote greater success on both NCLEX-RN and transition to practice."

Several highlights of the changes include:

- stand-alone clinical courses that focus on clinical judgment in the practice.
- intentional inclusion of personal wellbeing and resilience; and
- specialty nursing courses.

"So many aspects of Christ's BSN program prepared me for my career. Specifically, one part of the program that made the biggest difference for me was the professors and clinical leads. All the professors did an amazing job creating a safe learning environment, where I could ask plenty of questions and be molded into the nurse I am today."

- Joshua Cobb Class of 2023

Josh began his RN career this June in the Medical ICU at The Christ Hospital.

New Strategic Plan

Another significant change that will be implemented this year is the roll out of a new strategic plan. The current plan, ending this summer, focused on fostering adaptability in students, developing leaders, aligning coursework to student's passion and purpose, and enhancing both scholarly and financial development of the College. The new plan, currently being drafted, will be presented to the Board of Directors in July with a final plan to approved in October and implemented in January 2024.

Several significant initiatives are under consideration, including adding a graduate degree in nursing, refreshing skills and simulation areas, how the College may adapt virtual reality to enhance student learning, and expanding partnerships with secondary schools to ease transition into college. Stay tuned for the final strategic plan and ways that you can support this vital ongoing work.

New Website

Lastly, the College is anticipating the rollout of a brand-new website later this fall. The current site was launched in 2020 and has served the College well over the last three years. The new site gives the College the opportunity to refresh our digital "front door" for prospective students and their families. Improvements in the search function and navigation will make information easier to find for our current students and constituents. We look forward to how this website enhances our connection to the community.

"The clinical experience I received on various units throughout the program gave me exposure to many nursing specialties. I also had the opportunity to work closely with my preceptor and his patients during role transition which really helped prepare me for the job."

- Kristina Holloway Class of 2023

Kristina will begin the Critical Care Nurse Residency Program in August.

A Message

Jay VanWinkle

As the new Advancement Officer my job is twofold, to raise funds for Student Scholarships and to oversee Alumni Relations.

Our initial focus will be alumni engagement. You will be seeing our Nightingale News published 3 times a year, and an Annual Report July 2024. Also, you will want to save the date for the Alumni Reunion on Friday, November 3rd.

We have some exciting projects that you will be able to support. We will be rolling out new programming to provide opportunities to participate and give back. The newsletter and the website will introduce fresh new ways for each of you to participate. Look for new events and activities to reconnect with fellow alumni and to support our current students.

To those of you who are already providing financial support to the College I say thank you! We could have not provided the scholarships over the years without you who have given. To those of you who have not yet financially supported the College, you will have new options for giving.

Just as many of you received scholarships during your student years, there will be many opportunities to give back for what others have done for you and pay it forward.

Generosity comes in many forms, and it's often the best way for you to support important causes that matter the most in your life. When you give to The Christ College, you're making a difference in the lives of others.

Your support of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences will ensure that students continue to receive an exceptional education grounded in rich tradition but also responsive to the changing needs in a dynamic healthcare environment.

Now is the time to get involved. Keep us informed and let us know if you would rather have the newsletter delivered by email.

Feel free to reach out, you can email me at jay.vanwinkle@TheChristCollege.edu or by phone at 513-585-2192

Across the country we are facing a nursing shortage. Now is the time that we need your financial support!

Donate online at www.TheChristCollege.edu/give or use the giving envelope attached.

Jay
Jay Van Winkle, Advancement Officer.

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Tributes and Memorials

Thelma M. Lindner (Gajus), class of 1945, passed away May 12, 2023, at the age of 99. Much of her nursing career was spent as a public health nurse in the Cincinnati area (Lockland). After nursing, Thelma continued her love and dedication for helping people and serving others via numerous volunteer activities within retirement centers and other service organizations.

As evidenced by the "PROUD GRADUATE" message found as a barely-still-legible portion of one of her two engraved bricks located in the College's memory walk, Thelma was a proud and active graduate of the College, including service as a 1945 class agent and as a committee member for The Elizabeth Dumm Memorial Scholarship.

Even well into retirement, Thelma was always a proud nurse ready to pass along a teaching moment when needed. Like during times when she was hospitalized and would correct a hospital nurse's errant greeting of "I understand that you used to be a nurse" with a polite, yet determined "No, I AM a nurse."

Deceased:

Martha D. Bartholomew, 92
Charlotte Battistone Class of '48

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