

Faculty Achievements

Four nursing faculty received their education doctorate degrees, one nurse anesthesia faculty member received his doctorate of nurse anesthesia practice degree and two sonography faculty received their master of education in curriculum and instruction degree.

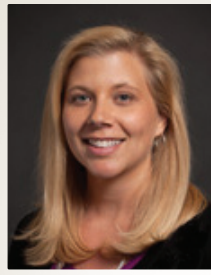
Julie Skrabal, EdD, RN advanced to associate professor and Cindy Blake, MEd, RDMS, RVT advanced to assistant professor in the 2017-2018 academic year.



Left to right:
Cindy Blake, Dr. Sue Pilker,
Stacey Shutts, Dr. Julie Skrabal,
Dr. Sherry Koenigsmann and
Dr. Ashley Kennedy

Not pictured:
Dr. Matt Tritt DNAP, CRNA

Faculty Awards



Amy Knobbe, PhD



Theresa Delahoyde,
EdD, RN



Cindy Blake,
MEd, RDMS, RVT

Each year the college awards the Outstanding Faculty Award to recognize faculty and staff who have contributed to excellence in teaching and learning. The Outstanding Faculty Award recipient was Dr. Amy Knobbe, faculty member in the biomedical sciences program.

Dr. Theresa Delahoyde received the Nursing Excellence Award from Sigma Theta Tau – Nu Rho Chapter. The nursing excellence award recipient has evidence of leadership, awards or recognition by other groups, participates in committees, demonstrates creativity in providing leadership, advanced knowledge through research, publications, presentations or workshops, and promotes professional development of other nurses.

This year's recipient of the Educational Technology Award was Cindy Blake, faculty member in the sonography program. Cindy is being recognized for her contributions, excellence and innovation by integrating current technology into instruction and course design.

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Dear Friends of Bryan:

We are pleased to share with you this issue of *Healing Heroes*. These stories highlight our continued successes and accomplishments, and we look forward to sharing more good news in the New Year.

Together. We Change Lives.

Enjoy,

Rich Lloyd
Rich Lloyd, President
Bryan College of Health Sciences

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Student Organization Gives Back

Action for Students donated \$1,000 towards their endowed scholarship. Interest from this endowed scholarship is awarded to one Bryan student each year. Action for Students is a student organization that promotes social and community service. Members actively participate in community outreach programs throughout the year to enhance their life both personally and professionally.



Action for Students along with faculty advisors and DeEtta Mayrose, Bryan Foundation.

First DNAP Graduates

In May of 2017, the first class of nurse anesthesia graduates received their doctor of nurse anesthesia practice (DNAP) degree. They boasted a 94 percent first time pass rate on the advanced practice licensing examination.



Doctor of nurse anesthesia practice graduates.

Partnering Together

In order to fulfill the need of bachelor of science (BSN) degrees in the community, Bryan College of Health Sciences and Great Plains Health in North Platte are partnering to increase access to the BSN program in western Nebraska. This fully accredited RN to BSN program allows current RNs to complete their BSN while working full time in just a year and a half. The program began with 10 students, and has now added five additional seats that are available to RNs outside of Great Plains Health. The hybrid format allows Bryan College of Health Sciences faculty to travel to North Platte to deliver face-to-face classroom time, while the rest of the course work is completed online. We are excited about this opportunity to broaden educational opportunities in rural Nebraska.



Great Plains Health staff with RN to BSN students.

Smid Family Ties to Bryan Run Deep



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Left to right: Alyssa, Kate and Monica

Kate Smid's nursing career has spanned nearly three decades. As nurse manager of labor and delivery at Bryan, she loves the variety of her job and the opportunity to live out her dream. "Growing up, I knew I wanted to be a nurse," she explains. "When it came time to select a program, I felt Bryan could offer a better experience with its small class sizes and extensive clinical approach."

Kate graduated from Bryan School of Nursing in 1986, and she didn't have to go far to find an excellent starting point for her career. "Right after graduation, I was fortunate to get a part-time nursing position at Bryan," she says. "I was excited to work in the organization where I received my education." Kate's role at Bryan quickly blossomed into a full-time nursing position in labor and delivery. Over the years, she's taken on more responsibility, often at the urging of her peers – moving from bedside nurse to charge nurse, then assistant nurse manager to manager.

Kate has never been far from the students – interacting with them through clinicals and student shadowing experiences on the labor and delivery department. She's also passed down her love of nursing to two of her

three daughters, Monica and Alyssa. "They grew up in a household where we talked regularly about the work I do," says Kate. "It's fun to watch them develop their own career in nursing."

When exploring colleges, Monica and Alyssa naturally considered Bryan College of Health Sciences because their mother had graduated from there. But there were additional reasons as well. "I chose to go to Bryan for nursing school because they had more clinical hours than the rest of the nursing schools in Lincoln and surrounding areas," says Alyssa. "Another benefit was that you have many opportunities to try out your skills on different nursing units. When it comes time to graduate and apply for a job, you can have an idea of where you want to work."

Both Monica and Alyssa also work at Bryan Health. Monica is currently pursuing her nursing degree and Alyssa has worked at Bryan for nine years on the mother/baby unit. "I've loved every minute of working at Bryan," says Alyssa. "Every shift is a new experience." When asked about her decision to study at Bryan College of Health Sciences, Monica says the choice was clear. "I grew up surrounded by Bryan graduates who have been successful in their nursing careers," she says. "My whole life has been influenced by Bryan and I can't imagine starting my future anywhere else."

While Kate points out that the affinity for Bryan wasn't intentionally a family affair, it just ended up that way. "Bryan Health is a great organization," she explains. "They always make sure you have the education, tools and skills needed to serve patients and the community."

NFLP Grant Awarded

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) grant awarded to Bryan College of Health Sciences will enable the college to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty in the region and the country.

The \$211,468 grant, issued by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), allows for up to 85 percent of tuition, fees and reasonable costs to be cancelled upon the completion of a MSN – educator track or education doctorate degree, and four years of teaching in a faculty related role at an accredited institution of nursing.

Dr. Marcia Kube, dean of graduate nursing programs, shares just how impactful this grant is to the state and beyond. "We are thrilled to receive the NFLP. This grant has potential to be a life-changing opportunity for nurses who wish to pursue a career in nursing education. It also has life-changing potential for patients. The increased supply of nurse educators this funding creates allows schools of nursing to produce future patient care nurses in the face of a critical nursing shortage."



Dr. Marcia Kube with Bryan students.

100%

Employment rate for cardiac and vascular sonography dual major graduates.

100%

Biomedical sciences graduates accepted into physician assistant and PhD graduate programs.

100%

Employment rate for healthcare studies graduates.