

### Faculty Publications

Associate professor Dr. Amy Knobbe and Bryan College of Health Sciences alumna Brigette Corder had a paper published in the *Journal of Experimental Microbiology and Immunology JEMI+*.

Biomedical sciences professor Dr. Irakli Loladze was featured in *Politico*. His research focused on how plant nutrition is changing and how this could have an effect on our diets.

Dean of health professions Dr. Kay Crabtree had an article published in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.



Left to right: Amy Knobbe, PhD, Irakli Loladze, PhD and Kay Crabtree, PhD

### Nursing Faculty Awards

Assistant professor Ashley Kennedy was a recipient of the Nebraska Center for Nursing - Nurses Making a Difference Award. She was honored at the Nebraska Action Coalition Collaborative Leadership Conference on Friday, November 3.



Ashley Kennedy, EdD, RN



Left to right: Robin Gasseling, Kyle Steinhauser and Angela McCown, MSN, RN

Assistant professor Angela McCown was awarded the 2017 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award, along with students Kyle Steinhauser (BSN) and Robin Gasseling (RN-BSN) who were recognized as outstanding senior nursing students.

Associate professor Michelle Johnson was announced as the co-leader of the Nebraska Action Coalition (NAC). Michelle has been an active participant of the NAC since 2012 when she was awarded the Jonas Scholar Leader Award.



Theresa Delahoyde, EdD, RN, and Michelle Johnson, PhD, RN

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## Students Give Back

The biomedical sciences club hosted a professional clothing drive for the Southeast Community College Career Academy. The Career Academy provides professional clothing for students to wear for job interviews and other professional outings. "Having the opportunity to support these students was a wonderful and rewarding experience. I am proud to be part of an organization that gives back to our community." *Nicole Beckman, student*



Back row: Hannah Brown and Justin Gold  
Front row: Nicole Beckman, Madison Erickson and Sammy Barlow

## Careers Advance With MSN Degree

This past December, Bryan College of Health Sciences awarded 86 degrees, including 26 from the master of science in nursing educator and leadership programs. We are proud of everything these students have accomplished and look forward to what they will do in their future careers to advance the field of health sciences.



MSN graduates at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

"Completing the MSN program has helped me better understand the foundation of nursing as well as what kind of nurse I strive to be. I am now equipped with the knowledge on how to incorporate the latest standards into practice, as well as how to stay current on the latest clinical evidence." *Heidi Frazier, MSN graduate*

## Celebrating Diversity Week

The college celebrated Diversity Week with daily activities that included watching *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, learning about disparities in our community from Lori Seibel of the Community Health Endowment and practicing a civil discourse activity.

The week ended with a taste of culture where students, faculty and staff gathered to share foods familiar to their families and enjoyed music from a University of Nebraska-Lincoln choir. "This was a great opportunity to add another piece to the ever growing majestic diversity awareness puzzle. It has provided a fantastic opportunity for personal growth and maturation on diversity related issues."

*Lawrence Garcia, student*



## Biomedical Degree Jumpstarts Katelyn's Career



*Katelyn Espinoza*

Katelyn Espinoza first developed an interest in medicine while she was a student at Lincoln Southeast High School. "We were asked to do some career education, and I ended up shadowing a physician assistant (PA) in the emergency department at Bryan Health," says Katelyn. "I loved it. After that, I was hooked!"

Katelyn began looking at colleges for her undergraduate degree – one that had a strategic focus on science and health care. One day, a handful of Lincoln Southeast alumni visited Katelyn's high school to talk about their education and experience as nursing students at Bryan College of Health Sciences.

"I was intrigued," says Katelyn. "They also mentioned that Bryan was developing a new program for allied health professions, so I decided to learn more." Katelyn called to set up a tour. She met with the recruitment coordinator and talked with instructors and students to get a deeper understanding of how the program paired a science focus with health care application.

She was one of the first to enroll in Bryan's biomedical sciences program in the fall of 2013. Immediately, she saw the benefit of having a health care-focused undergraduate degree.

"I remember one of my professors talking about isotopes and different molecular applications," she says. "He then talked about how these scientific concepts were applied in a medical setting, such as MRIs, and PET scans, which really brought it full circle."

Katelyn was encouraged to gain experience in addition to her education. As a result, she worked in a variety of roles between the Bryan neuroscience department, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital and home health care.

One of the things Katelyn liked more than anything else was the size of her class. "Our class was less than 10 people," says Katelyn. "The professors know us by name. We also had the opportunity to dissect cadavers to learn human anatomy firsthand."

After graduating from Bryan College of Health Sciences, Katelyn began a PA program at Union College. "I felt prepared to jump right into the program thanks to my experience at Bryan."

Katelyn's Bryan College of Health Sciences classmates have pursued similar paths, from PA to medical school to research labs. Katelyn is interested in pursuing work in emergency medicine or surgery. "The PA profession is flexible in terms of specialty," she says. "Regardless of where I end up, I'm certain my experience at Bryan College of Health Sciences, along with my work and PA program experience will set me up for success in my health care career."

## Bryan Welcomes New Provost



*Kelsi Anderson, PhD*

It is such a privilege to be able to share a few words with you from my new chair in the provost's office. Helping students to be successful both inside and outside of the classroom is my passion, and I'm so thrilled that I get to help facilitate their success.

What is a provost anyway? The provost gets to take a big picture look at the workings of the college specifically focused on the areas of academics. I daily get to support the academic deans as they continue to push their programs toward success. I also get to dream up innovative ideas to support faculty in their daily work as instructors and scholars in their professions.

We have such a great team of faculty and staff here at Bryan College of Health Sciences that support student achievement every single day. We're going to continue to do great things as we strive to move the mission of the college forward. As we do so, we are continually grateful for your support!

## Alumna is Committed to Bryan



*Esther Fox*

Esther Fox, 1961 alumna of Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and former Bryan Health employee, recently set up an endowed scholarship to support a nursing student with financial need.

"I was fortunate to have financial assistance to pay for my nursing school tuition, and I wanted to help make it possible for a student with financial need to receive their education at Bryan College of Health Sciences. By setting up this scholarship I feel I am saying 'thank you' to Bryan. I treasured my time as a nursing student and am thankful for my rewarding and successful career at Bryan and other institutions."



Esther has been a longtime supporter of the college by volunteering her time. She served as a proctor for exams and private testing for students who needed alternate testing arrangements. Her commitment to student success is not only valuable to the students she supports, but also for these future alumni who see her role modeling the importance of giving back to the college.