

Helen Weber
Professorship

Helen Weber's rich legacy continues through the establishment of the Helen Weber Distinguished Professor of Nursing Education Award. Barbara Sitrner, PhD, RN, is a national expert in simulation education and was named the first distinguished professor. She conducted a research study of rural nurses who provide obstetrical care. In Dr. Sitrner's study, nurses cared for an obstetric "patient" who was admitted with hypertension, then experienced a difficult delivery and developed postpartum hemorrhage. "When this happens, you must work very quickly," Dr. Sitrner says. "Simulations allow nurses to practice complex decision making and hands-on skills needed in emergency situations. Nurses can then bring these skills to 'real life' clinical situations to provide the highest quality care for patients and their families. That's the beauty of simulation."



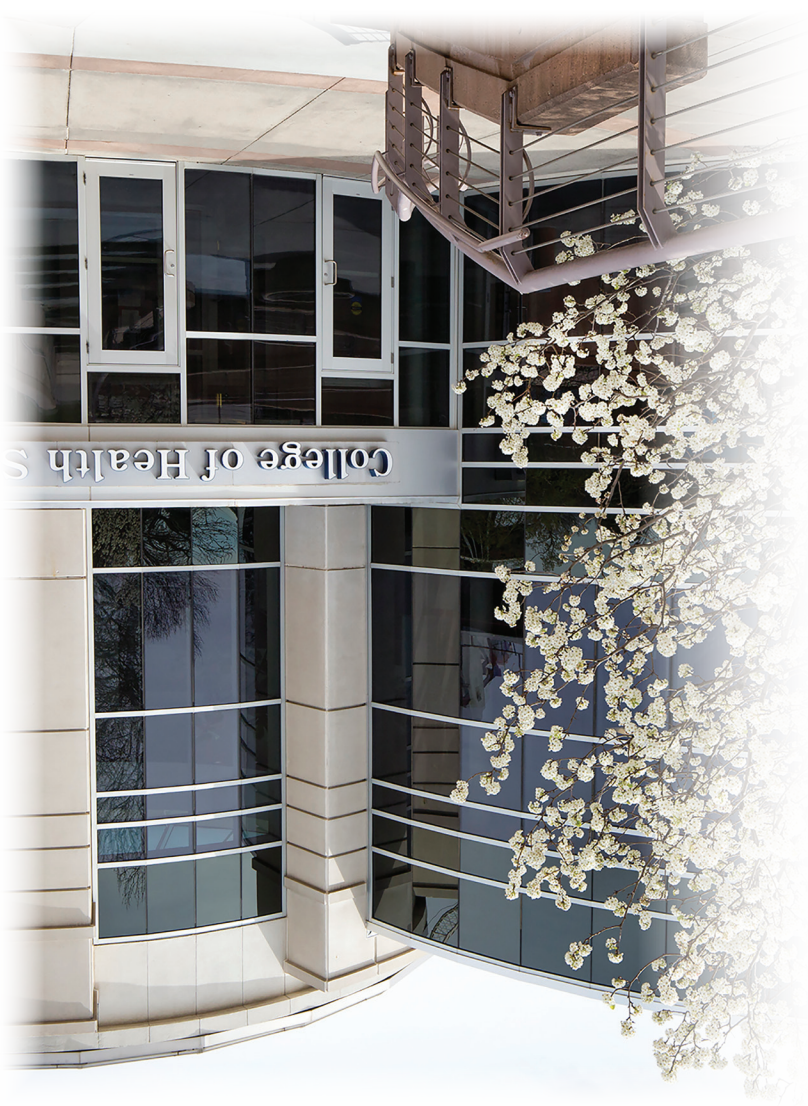
Barbara Sitrner, PhD, RN



Left to right: Jan Tubbs, Melinda Bentjen, Michelle Johnson, Lesa Hoppe, Robin Kappler and Nikki Eisenmann

Faculty Awards

- Jan Tubbs received the Bryan Health DAISY Award.
- Melinda Bentjen and Lesa Hoppe were named "40 under 40" outstanding leaders.
- Michelle Johnson received the College's President's Award for outstanding service to the college and students.
- Robin Kappler received the Bryan Caring Kind Award and was nominated for the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award.
- Nikki Eisenmann was named a 2016 Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar.



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One of the BEST

Sonography was named one of the Top 15 Best Schools in the country by College Choice. Bryan's quality made the difference for one incoming student, Larry Garcia and his family. "After researching and contacting many great sonography schools this past year, there was only one that stood out the most. Bryan College of Health Sciences was top rated all around. Top rated enough for my family to relocate to Lincoln and be part of a wonderful and meaningful experience."



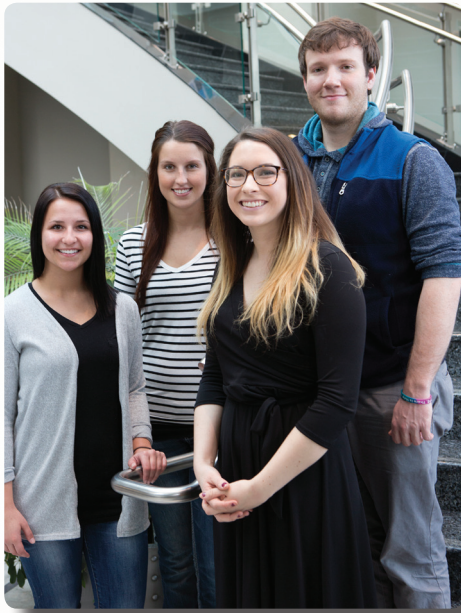
Go Blue Healers!



Larry Garcia and his family

Blue Healers Honored

These outstanding students received the Blue Healer Award. They were nominated and recognized by faculty and peers for living out the core values of Bryan College of Health Sciences.



Left to right: Megan Gealy (Nursing), Brittany Siepelmeier (Nursing), Miranda Haun (Nursing) and Nick Schuller (Biomedical Sciences)

Leading the Way

Bryan College of Health Sciences began their Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree program in 2012.



This past December, Bryan celebrated its first two biomedical science graduates. Katelyn (Mathewson) Espinoza and Tatyana Mikhaylenko. Katelyn will continue her education in a physician assistant graduate program and Tatyana was hired as a manager at Biotest.

Lacie: Living Life to the Fullest



Lacie Ferguson, RN

Lacie Ferguson has a life motto, "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about, so be kind, always." And she is on a mission to help others fighting their battles and to spread kindness and positivity.

A native of Hastings, Lacie was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis (UC) when she was in middle school. UC is an inflammatory bowel disease that causes long-lasting inflammation and ulcers in the digestive tract. It is a chronic illness with no known cure.

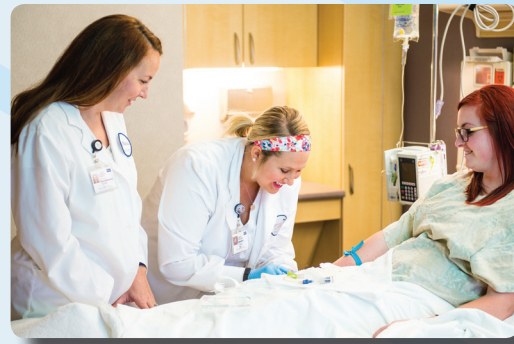
During her freshman year at a local college, she was very sick and her nurses were checking on her continuously. That's when she made it her goal to help others the way those nurses were helping her – on the frontline, every day, showing they cared and helping her fight her battle.

One Wednesday night, she saw a Facebook ad for Bryan College of Health Sciences nursing program. She clicked on the link, applied immediately and never looked back.

Learning about what Bryan had to offer, there were several things that were instantaneously appealing to Lacie. She read about Bryan's

1,200-plus clinical hours that would give her great firsthand experience; that nursing students are exposed to all fields within the profession; the 1:6 clinical teacher-to-student ratio; the exclusive 60 students per class; and student involvement and professional development.

Lacie had several conversations with the college leading up to her enrollment. "Because the instructors were medical professionals, they truly understood. Everyone went in with our eyes wide open and Bryan helped set me up for success. That's a special quality of Bryan I hadn't found anywhere else. It was absolutely the right call."



That spring semester, she made her way to Lincoln. Because of her determination to keep going with her schooling and the care and attention given by her instructors, she was able to stay on track for graduation. In December 2016, she did just that, and with honors.

"Now as a nurse, I can easily understand and remember what it is like to be on the receiving end of truly life-changing, excellent care. Bryan College of Health Sciences has prepared me to fulfill my life-long dream of helping others."

Thanks for the Support!

Scholarship support for students continues to grow at Bryan. Our students and donors are given the opportunity to meet at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. Giving the gift of an education enables students to achieve their dreams. Thanks to all our generous donors!



Chelsea Flaska with Ellen Weissinger, PhD



Helen Hanneman with Kyle Steinhauser & Deb Border



Hermine Leffler with Kristi Shoemaker



Wade Stange with Jamin McQuillan



Stacey Dillman and Shirley Wohlfarth

20-25

Average Class Size

100%

NCLEX First-Time Pass Rate
for December Grads

700

Students