

Achievements and Awards



Ash Wimes, recruitment and diversity coordinator, was awarded the 2018 President's Award for his commitment to diversity, living out our college values and mission every day, and showing integrity in all he does. He also serves on several boards and committees in the Lincoln area sharing the college's good work.

Michelle Johnson, PhD, RN, was named the Helen Weber Endowed Professor at Bryan College of Health Sciences for academic years 2018-2021. She was chosen for her distinguished work in teaching and research in the field of nursing education. Dr. Johnson's research project will include intervention and education strategies to promote healthy lifestyles within refugee populations in Lincoln.

Barbara Sittner, PhD, RN, contributed expertise to Simulation Champions which was recognized as a 2017 Book of the Year by the American Journal of Nursing.

Stacey Shutts M.Ed., RCVT, and Julie Morbach MA, RDMS, presented at the International Foundation for Sonography Research & Education meeting in July in Virginia Beach, Va. Their presentation was titled E, M, P, U – What Would You Do?

Shannon Pecka, PhD, CRNA, won the 2018 Outstanding Faculty Award. Based on peer nomination, this award recognizes Dr. Pecka for fulfilling the college mission, teaching excellence and her contributions to the profession.

Kristy Plander, PhD, won the 2018 Educational Technology Award for her integration of current technology into course design and classroom instruction. Kristy's use of technology increases student commitment, depth of learning, collaboration skills and creativity.

Lesla Hoppe, PhD, MSN, RN, was selected for the Sigma Theta Tau Nu Rho Chapter research grant to complete her doctoral dissertation titled "Lived Experience of New Nurse Graduates in Critical Access Hospitals."



Left to right:
Dr. Michelle Johnson,
Dr. Shannon Pecka,
Dr. Lesla Hoppe,
Dr. Barbara Sittner,
Dr. Kristy Plander,
Julie Morbach and
Stacey Shutts

What an exciting year it has been at Bryan College of Health Sciences. Seeing a record number of students start their future has been a privilege. I want to thank you, our alumni and friends, for your support as the college continues to grow. I am proud of the quality and academic excellence we are fortunate to be a part of each and every day.

The college boasts a 99 percent NCLEX pass rate in the state, a top 15 sonography program, high board pass rates for nurse anesthesia and biomedical sciences students are entering competitive graduate schools at record levels.

We want to continue to partner with you to share in these successes and spread the good word.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for Bryan in your workplace or community, please contact me at stacy.dam@bryanhealthcollege.edu or 402-481-8698.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to bringing you more good news in 2019.

Sincerely,

Stacy Dam, *Dean of Enrollment Management*



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Internship Awarded to Healthcare Studies Student



Healthcare studies student **Kaylynn Lantis** is one of 16 students across the country chosen for the Prevention Internship Fellowship Program as part of the Partnerships for

Success grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration. The grant's main objective is to prevent underage drinking on American Indian reservations. Kaylynn was selected for her passion, career choice and interest in learning about Ho-Chunk culture on their native land.

"This experience has been one of the greatest in my life, and it has helped confirm my career path," she said. Kaylynn plans to work toward a master's degree in social work and become a mental health and substance abuse counselor.

Broadening Participation at Health Camps

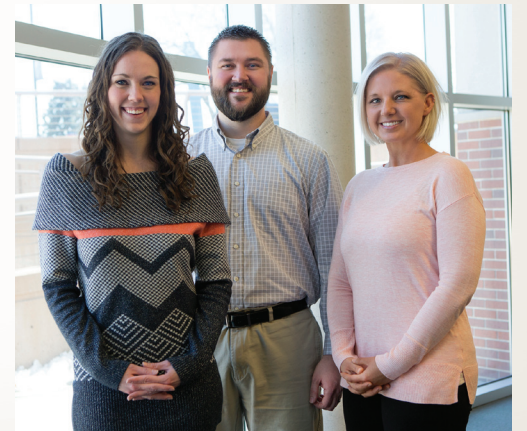
Last summer the college hosted more than 70 high school students at Health Career Camp, and for the first time, Biomedical Sciences Camp. These camps seek to broaden participation in health care and health-related fields by exposing high school students early to hands-on opportunities. Camp also provides an excellent way to learn more about all that Bryan College of Health Sciences has to offer and the importance of a high quality education. Camper **Colby Korbelik** shared, "Job shadowing was my favorite part of camp. It allowed me to see the different medical careers I am interested in pursuing." He also enjoyed the small community atmosphere at Bryan, and how welcoming and kind everyone was.

Registration for the 2019 Health Career Camp and Biomedical Sciences Camp opens Friday, March 1.



DNAP Students Represent Bryan

Heather Yancy, student nurse anesthetist, was on the winning team for the College Bowl held at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Annual Congress in Boston. Student registered nurse anesthetists **Brad Mack** and **Amanda Nelson** are speaking at the Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists fall conference along with faculty members **Holly Chandler, MS, CRNA** and **Matt Tritt, DNAP, CRNA**.



Left to right: Amanda Nelson, Brad Mack and Heather Yancy

Record Breaking Enrollment

Bryan College of Health Sciences had a record total enrollment of 716 students pursuing degrees in health related fields for the fall 2018 semester.

"Students and their families make an investment in Bryan College of Health Sciences because of our high board pass rates, acceptance to graduate schools and 100 percent employment after graduation," said Stacy Dam, dean of enrollment management. "We're able to help students secure their futures in very meaningful ways."

Those things were especially appealing to first-year nursing student Megan Grube.

"There were a few things that set Bryan apart for me," she says, "I came from a small school so the fact that Bryan has small class sizes and a great student to teacher ratio is awesome for me. The NCLEX passing rate shows how impressive the program is and how amazing the faculty is."

Over the past decade, enrollment has increased by over 30 percent; we achieved many milestones this year:

- Largest incoming first-year enrollment
- Largest biomedical sciences program enrollment



Megan Grube

- Largest education doctorate with emphasis in nursing education program enrollment
- Largest doctor of nurse anesthesia practice program enrollment

"Our record enrollment was a college-wide effort and is a testament to our commitment to clinical and academic excellence," Stacy says. "We have a team of dedicated faculty and staff who are focused on student support that leads to quality outcomes. We look forward to continuing to serve the Lincoln community and the state of Nebraska for years to come."

Megan is convinced she made the right decision for her nursing education.

"Before deciding to come to Bryan I had the opportunity to attend Discovery Day and Health Career Camp. Both of these events allowed me to meet the faculty and some students," Megan says. "Talking to them gave me a good sense of what my experience would be like if I were a student at the school. All of these things were important factors in knowing that Bryan was a perfect fit for me. I've met some amazing friends and teachers; without them I would not have been able to be successful in the classroom."

Bryan College of Health Sciences offers undergraduate programs in biomedical sciences, healthcare studies, health professions, nursing and sonography/ultrasound. The college also provides a master of science in nursing degree. Doctoral degrees are available in nurse anesthesia practice and nursing education. More than 6,000 students have graduated from Bryan College of Health Sciences and its predecessor institutions over the last century.

Thanks for the Support!

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



Janet Tubbs with Tabitha Wiese



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