Change is Coming: Alumni Publications Receive Revamp

New changes for the Alumni publications have been made. This is the first quarterly newsletter that you will receive as part of these changes.

Previously, the intent was to publish two newsletters and two Traditions of Caring magazines each year. Due to the cost of the Traditions of Caring magazine and the time it takes to publish it, a decision was made to no longer publish the magazine.

This newsletter will continue to be the Alumni Association’s communication vehicle. It will be formatted a bit differently and will be published four times a year instead of just twice. Publications will be January/February, April/May, July/August and October/November. Class notes will be featured twice a year in the January/February and July/August editions. Membership renewal will be provided in the April/May edition with a reminder in the July/August issue.

It is hoped that this change will meet the continued request of alumni for increased communication while containing the cost of publication and ensuring timeliness of alumni-related news.

We Need You: Help Preserve Clarkson College Memorabilia

The College has given the Alumni Association an apartment in the dorm for work and storage space. Currently, all of the memorabilia is stored in the main College storage space, and there is minimal organization to all the documents, pictures, etc. that are of historical importance to the College. Two work days have been established to try to begin organizing and better preserve these treasures. Alumni are invited to come to the College August 10 and 11 to assist in identifying pictures, organizing boxes and helping to put these items in a better format for preservation. Work time for these days will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served to all those participating. If you can come and assist, please RSVP to Rita VanFleet at vanfletrita@clarksoncollege.edu.
president's corner:
Your membership matters

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer. The Alumni Association has been busy this summer. Over the past year, the Alumni Association has worked diligently to keep you informed and involved. We publish a quarterly newsletter, organize engaging programs and special events that bring alumni together, and promote the strong traditions of Clarkson College. Wherever you are, the Association is here for you. Give us a call; we would love to hear from you.

The membership drive started this May. Please remember to fill out the membership form and the short survey on the back. Joining the Alumni Association provides opportunities to mix, mingle and network with old friends and new acquaintances. The social aspect of membership can be very rewarding. Your membership matters. Membership dues are vital to fund Association programs, activities, communications and various academic support initiatives such as the Association’s support fund for campus organizations/programs and scholarships.

By doing your part as a passionate alumni member, you will help to ensure that Clarkson College continues to be strong for generations to come.

Until we talk again,

Trish Weber
Alumni Association President

Alumni Game Night

The first game night for alumni was Tuesday, June 2. Bunco and Apples to Apples were the games chosen by the group to play. Good conversation and many laughs were shared by those attending. Even the Bunco ghost enjoyed the event! All agreed that it was a fun evening and requested that it be repeated in the fall.

Save the date and join us for the second alumni game night on October 13. We will be gathering at 7 p.m. (location to be determined at a later date). An assortment of games and light refreshments will be available. If you have a favorite game please let us know. RSVP to vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu.

Want to attend more alumni activities?

Turn to page 9 in this issue for a list of activities planned for Clarkson College alumni this fall or visit the alumni page at www.clarksoncollege.edu.
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Key in keeping our graduates connected and provides a great means of networking.

Carla Dirkshneider, M.S., RHIA

Treasurer

Carla graduated with her Master of Science in Health Care Business Leadership in 2007 from Clarkson College. She is the current Director of Health Care Business programs at Clarkson College.

Prior to her position as director, she was a full-time faculty member in the Health Information Management program. She has been at the College for approximately five years. Before coming to the College, she was a coding specialist for The Nebraska Medical Center.

JoAnn Acierno, M.S.N., R.N.

Director

JoAnn graduated from the Health Care Business Management program at Clarkson College in 2008. Jena is currently teaching pharmacology and pathophysiology in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Clarkson College for the last seven years. She has worked for over 25 years in the perioperative arena as staff nurse and nurse manager. She earned her Masters at Clarkson College in 2007 with an emphasis in nursing education.

Jena graduated from the Health Care Business Management program at Clarkson College in 2008. Jena is currently working in the Center for Teaching Excellence at Clarkson College as a Project Manager. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the 2009-10 Alumni Board.

Ann Hagenau, M.S., RT (R) (M)

Director

Ann is currently an instructor in the RT/MI program at Clarkson College. She has worked as an adjunct faculty member since 1997, transitioning into a full-time instructor in 2003. She received her Associates degree in Radiologic Technology in 1995, her Bachelors degree in Medical Imaging in 1995 and her Masters degree in Health Services Management in 1997.

She has served on the alumni board of directors for the last two years and looks forward to serving as a director for the upcoming year.

Kassie graduated with her Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and BSN from College of Saint Mary and her Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Clarkson College. Kassie has been a nurse for 10 years. She worked at The Nebraska Medical Center on the renal/transplant unit prior to coming to Clarkson College to teach. She is currently teaching basic skills and fast track students.

Pam currently works as an instructor at Clarkson College in the undergraduate nursing program. She started teaching at the College three years ago as an affiliate faculty member and then took a full-time position at the College. She teaches in all levels of medical surgical clinical areas, as well as health assessment and basic nursing skills.

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Alumni Association of Clarkson College Membership Form

Please accept this invitation to join the Alumni Association of Clarkson College. Your participation in helping meet the purpose of the organization “to be the link between the College, the Alumni and the greater community by acting as an ambassador, image builder and advocate” is welcomed.

Alumni Association dues are $25 per year. The membership is June 1 through May 31. Dues should be received no later than August 31. You will receive the Alumni Times quarterly, invitations to alumni events and periodic special mailings. Anyone graduating 50 or more years ago receives a free membership and is included in the “Nifty Fifty” category. If you graduated 50 years ago or more, please return this form marked “Nifty Fifty.”

About You

Your name:
Maiden name:
Spouse’s name:
Address:

City: State/Province: Zip: Country:
Home phone: Cell phone:
Work phone: Home e-mail:
Current employer: Business address:

City: State/Province: Zip: Country:
Current position/title: 

Class of: Nifty Fifty: Yes No Degree(s) earned: 

I prefer to be contacted via: 

[ ] Home mailing address [ ] Home e-mail address

Additional Information

I would like to invest in the future of Clarkson College by:

[ ] Being a guest lecturer.
[ ] Spending time assisting with alumni activities, student mentoring or tutoring.
[ ] Supporting endowed scholarships in support of student attendance at Clarkson College.

I would like to receive more information about:

[ ] Tax-deductable gifts

Membership Information and Dues

Alumni Association dues are $25 per year. Make checks payable to “Alumni Association of Clarkson College.”

Membership dues (membership year: June 1 – May 31): $25

Contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund: $

In Memory of (name): $25

In Honor of (name): $

Total amount enclosed: $
Alumni Association of Clarkson College Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below. Your input is greatly valued and assists the Alumni Association in providing programs and activities for alumni members, meeting regulatory requirements for the College and updating alumni information.

Alumni Events

Please rank the following topics in order of interest to you:

_ CEU offerings_
- Preferred day of the week for event (circle all that apply):
  - Monday
  - Tuesday
  - Wednesday
  - Thursday
  - Friday
  - Saturday
- Event topic(s) of interest to you:

_ Social events_
- Preferred time of year (circle all that apply):
  - Spring
  - Summer
  - Fall
- Preferred day of the week for event (circle all that apply):
  - Monday
  - Tuesday
  - Wednesday
  - Thursday
  - Friday
  - Saturday
- Event topic(s) of interest to you:

_ Community involvement activities (such as:)_
- Increased communication (such as:)
- Reinstitution of Alumni Day
- Member benefits (such as:)
- Other — Please specify:

Post-Graduation Information

Define any further education you have achieved by marking the boxes below. Please indicate whether this achievement was achieved at Clarkson College or another facility:

- Bachelor’s degree:  
- At Clarkson College  
- At another facility
- Master’s degree:  
- At Clarkson College  
- At another facility
- Ph.D.
- Specialty certification

Please list the types of jobs you have held since graduation:

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Academic Travel Abroad is a program offered by Clarkson College. Upcoming trips include Italy in December 2009 and Switzerland/France in May 2010. Alumni input for the May 2011 Academic Travel Abroad trip would be valued. Please rank your top three choices for travel from the list below (even if you do not plan on attending the trip).

- Costa Rica
- England/Scotland
- Germany
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Spain
- Switzerland/France

If an Alumni Directory were to be published, would you be interested in purchasing one?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, maybe
- No

Do you use the College-offered Web Mail for Alumni?

- Yes
- No

If no, would you be interested in using it?

- Yes
- No

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Thank you for participating in our survey! Your input is greatly appreciated.

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CEU Event Scheduled for this Fall

Three Clarkson College alumni will be the featured speakers at the fall educational event “Innovative Roles in Health Care.”

Cyndi McCullough, R.N., M.S.N., will explore the health care provider’s role in designing and enhancing the environment to provide health care services. Matt Pospisil, B.S., M.S., will describe the role of Six Sigma in improving health care quality. The third speaker (to be determined) will compare health care environments meeting the need of their diverse constituents.

The educational event will be held September 18 from 8 a.m. until noon. CEUs will be provided. This offering will be available at no charge for alumni who have paid current dues. $15 for non-dues paying alumni and $40 for guests. To register for this event, see page 15 of this issue.

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Above: The 2009 Omicron Epsilon Inductees

Omicron Epsilon Induction

By Judy Dunn, Director of Professional Development

On Saturday, April 18, the Clarkson College chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing was pleased to induct 42 students into the honor society. President Sue Michalski presided over the ceremony, emphasizing that membership is a privilege extended only to those with high academic standards, integrity and leadership capabilities.

Students are required to meet a minimum grade point average, be within a specific top percentile of their graduating class and be approved by the College nursing faculty. Inductees were challenged to grow through the many opportunities that STTI provides and to strive to maintain the high ideals of the honor society.

Past President and current Vice President of Omicron member and Clarkson College alumnae Doris Gwendolyn Edland was honored with the Humanitarian Award for her dedicated care and service to hundreds of individuals in impoverished nations. Edland has given extensively of her time, money and generous heart to minister to the health and healing of individuals around the globe.

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Academic Travel Abroad

Would you like to enjoy springtime in Paris with your favorite traveling companion next May? If so, the Clarkson College Academic Travel Abroad (ATA) has the trip for you. A tour of France and Switzerland from May 2-13 includes a walking tour of a medieval town, a Swiss cheese factory, Hôtel-Dieu, United Nations Headquarters, the International Red Cross/ Red Crescent in Geneva, a wine-tasting dinner, a Paris hotel visit, a Notre Dame tour and dinner on the Eiffel Tower. The trip, which costs $3,189, concludes with two free days in Paris to plan your own adventures.

For more information, contact Pat Brennan at 402.552.6125 or e-mail brennan@clarksoncollege.edu or contact Marilyn Rosmann at 402.552.6124 or e-mail rosmannd@clarksoncollege.edu. The last few ATA trips filled up in just two months, so if you have a real interest in this adventure, contact one of us soon.
Alumni Class Notes

Class notes will be published in the January/February and July/August editions of the Alumni Times newsletter. We are always happy to hear from alumni and want to share the information with others. If you have a story or information that you would like to share in this section, please let us know. Information can pertain to achievements, awards, marriages, births, deaths, travel and other significant news.

When sending information, please include maiden name, if applicable, and year(s) of graduation and program. E-mail your information to vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu, call 402.552.3516 or write to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42nd Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

1960s

Linda Negley Taylor (’64)
I have been with this hospital-affiliated home care company (Oxford Health Care) for 25 years! WOW! I am the Director of Quality Management, primarily working with accreditation surveys, legal issues and corporate compliance. Have loved my job but this is the last year — time to slow down after 45 years in a nursing career. Clarkson was a wonderful place to start my career. Thanks.

Marcia Fitzgerald Weeks (’65)
I retired in March 2009, and my husband and I are traveling in our RV full-time. Our mailing address will be 3700 S. Westport Ave., 3581, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. E-mail address is jimandlynnea@gmail.com. Would love to stop by and see classmates in our travels!

1970s

Julie Mayberry Hines (’77)
Working in the emergency room for past 19 years after 13 years working in small rural hospital. Have achieved Paramedic Specialist certification, CEN and SANE. I have three kids. My oldest two sons are in the army and have been deployed several times together to Iraq and Afghanistan. My daughter is a cosmetologist and is in school to become a massage therapist.

Lucinda “Cindy” Stearns Butler (’78 & ’84)
Billings, Montana. Married to Steven Butler, M.D. Parents of blended family with seven children. Currently is President of Rimrocks Opera Company and past community member of the Billings Gazette Editorial Board.

1980s

Janet Bogess Eckermann (’83)
I graduated while Dr. Perry was acting Director (What a wonderful woman she truly was!). After graduation, I had two wonderful children, both of whom are grown. I’ve served in the OR, PACU, ICU and currently teach within an LPN program in Tampa. I enjoy teaching and found that the role models I had at Clarkson played a primary role in my decision to give back the excellence in education that I received. I have had many opportunities over the years, to reflect on how fortunate I was to have obtained such quality in education. Quality that I strive to give back to my own students! Thank you for offering the cookbook. It’s really a wonderful idea! I hope to enjoy many of the recipes.

1990s

Melanie Raikes Smith (’94)
I work in a small ICTU, nights, weekends. My oldest daughter graduated from high school this May. I have two other daughters, ages 10 and 6. This summer will be the 15 year anniversary of my trip to England as a member of the first overseas study group.

Martha J. Morgan Sanders, PhD, MSN, RN (’95)
Dear Clarkson Alumni: Today I continue as a dissertation advisor for Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, an online doctoral program. It is very exciting and stimulating to guide doctoral students through the research process. This is my “jammies” job.

As of last August, I became the President of the Kansas Nurses Foundation, a non-profit to accept donations and award scholarships and grant research funds to Kansas nurses. This has been quite an undertaking as we lost the Executive Director shortly after becoming President.

I continue on the Editorial Board for The Kansas Nurse. I was the Chair of the Editorial Board the past two years, but requested release from the Chair position when I became President of the Kansas Nurses Foundation. The beginning of April 2008, a close friend and I opened a main street business in Pratt, KS. We call it Paradise/Tone Zone as it is a novelty store with toning tables. The toning tables help tone a person’s body and can be passive or active exercises.

Giving back to the community is one of my goals. Therefore, I am on the County Planning Board and City/County Joint Subdivision Planning Board. It has been a real learning experience.

My spare time is filled with sewing and quilting projects, visiting my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are so precious when they are young, great granddaughter is two and great grandson is 18 months.

I thought life would be less busy with retirement, but it is quite the opposite. Enjoy life, I am.

Nicole Hardin (’95 & ’97)
Successfully completed her certification exam and is now a Certified Imaging Informatics Professional (CIIP). She also sits on the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM) Educational Advisory Board. She has recently accepted the position of Director of Radiology at Children’s Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

Darleen Bartz (’97)
Nurse Practitioner Program. Completed her Doctorate in Philosophy in Nursing Research and Education from the University of North Dakota in May 2006. She is currently the Chief of the Health Resources Section, North Dakota Department of Health and teaches in the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at University of North Dakota, College of Nursing. Her Family Nurse Practitioner Education through Clarkson College has opened many doors, such as serving as a medical missionary to Guatemala. This summer, she plans to return for her third medical mission trip and will be accompanied by some of her children. The picture below was taken in Guatemala during her first mission trip the summer of 2006.

2000s

Carrie C. Hedin (’05)
I have been working at The Nebraska Medical Center on 5 North, now referred to as The Solid Organ Transplant Unit. I decreased my hours in July 2008 from full-time to part-time so that I may spend more time with my family, but remain active within my unit. I obtained my CCRN in December 2008. I am a member of our UBC, ITNS, and I am helping plan the Transplant Reunion that will take place July 25-26, 2009. I live in Bellevue with my husband and four children Trent, Lauren, Andrew and Addison. Life is great! I love my job, and in this unstable economy, I am so blessed to have all that I have. I have met so many individuals (co-workers, patients and their families) that have helped me grow as a nurse. I look forward to the future and all that it will bring.

In Memorium

Class of ’38
Ruth Eleanor Gibson Parnell died on January 22, 1998.

Class of ’42
Helen Beggerly died on July 1, 2007.

Save the Date

Alumni Board meetings
(Open to any paid member, 4–6 p.m. at the College).
July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26 and November 23.

Monday, August 10 & Tuesday, August 11
Help to preserve Clarkson College history from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Identify pictures, organize boxes and help preserve Alumni memorabilia. For more information, see page 1 or e-mail vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu.

Thursday, Sept. 17 – Alumni Brunch at 10 a.m., Convocation at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18 – CEU offering from 8 a.m. until noon. Pizza lunch at noon followed by general Alumni meeting at 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18 – Fremont dinner train and murder mystery at 7 p.m.

For more information about September’s scheduled alumni events, see page 15.

Tuesday, October 13 – Alumni game night at 7 p.m. Location to be announced at a later date.
Saving the Whales: Baja “Camp” Offers Close-Up Views

By Lucinda Stearns Butler, Class of ‘79 and ’84

Editor’s note: This article was submitted by alumnae Lucinda Stearns Butler, class of ’79 and ’84. If you have an article or story idea for the Alumni Times, submit them to Rita Van Fleet at vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu.

Remember the mantra “save the whales”? Today, “save the whale nurseries” seems more appropriate.

For eons, California gray whales have used four large lagoons on the western coast of Mexico’s Baja Peninsula for mating and giving birth. Starting in January, gray whales arrive, having migrated more than 6,000 miles from the Bering Sea. Pregnant females seek sanctuary in Laguna Ojo de Liebre (Scammon’s Lagoon), St. Ignacio, Soledad and Magdalena bays.

My family’s destination, Kuyima whale camp (www.kuyima.com) in San Ignacio Lagoon, has primitively equipped huts and campsites at the water’s edge. Kuyima defines eco-tourism. Electricity comes from wind generation and hot water from solar heaters. Composting and recycling are not choices but necessities.

The camp is staffed by local Mexican workers. Boats, or pangas, are manned by knowledgeable naturalist and guide. The guides are off-season fishermen armed with intimate knowledge of the whales and lagoon. This provides ideal encounters with some of nature’s largest and most beautiful creatures.

The boat operators observe strict guidelines in designated viewing areas. Once a whale surfaces nearby, the motors are placed in neutral. Our boat, with children on board, seemed to attract more attention. The mother whales lifted the calves on their backs through the water allowing us to touch, rub, hug and kiss their babies. The mothers, usually under the boat, floated upward bringing the calves toward our outstretched hands.

Perhaps if I was a poet, I could describe the feelings that overcame us while embracing some of nature’s largest and most beautiful creatures. Removing my sunglasses allowed me to literally look into the eyes of the whales. In a way, they reminded me of a group of wet Labrador retriever puppies. They wanted to be petted, held and stroked, all with their mother’s careful supervision.

Surprisingly, the bays are clear of predators such as orcas and sharks. Why the predators are not present remains a mystery. Locals postulated that the male whales arrive first, scouting and sweeping the area free of predators. Scientific research has shown that the higher salinity in the shallow lagoons may be the determining factor. Whatever the reason, California gray whales find these waters safe for their young.

Whether or not the waters remain pristine is dependent on human development in the area. These crucial habitats face continual assault by industrial corporations, commercial marina and hotel development. Kuyima Field Biologists express grave concern about commercial or industrial development in the area. The International Community Foundation (www.icfdn.org) is working with Kuyima to help preserve the region.

New Mission and Values for the College

The Clarkson College Board of Directors approved the new Mission and Values on March 16.

The Mission and Values of Clarkson College focus on the importance of student learning. They guide the College in a quest to ensure students’ success in completing their health care programs in Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Medical Imaging, Health Care Business and Professional Development.

Mission
Preparing students to professionally provide high quality, ethical and compassionate health care services.

Values
Learning The lifelong process of education through both structured and unstructured experiences.
Caring An empowering relationship through an attitude of empathy, compassion and respect for those with whom we interact and serve.
Commitment Dedication to the shared mission of Clarkson College.
Integrity Adherence to moral and ethical standards in personal, professional and organizational actions.
Excellence A level of performance in which all individuals strive for extraordinary quality.

Alumni Cookbooks Available

The Clarkson College Community Nursing students are delivering free in-home care and education across the lifespan. If you live within 20 miles of the Metro Omaha region, let us take care of you or a loved one.

Examples of student nursing services include:
- Blood Pressure Screening
- In home health assessment and screening
- Personalized health education
- Parenting techniques
- Assistance finding community resources
- Nutritional assessment and recommendations
- Medication education.

Student nursing visits would occur on Thursdays beginning September 3 and continue through December 3. Each visit would last approximately one hour.

The nursing students are under the supervision of Kim Baltimore, MSN, RN. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more, contact Kim by August 1.

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office: 402.552.3091 | cell: 402.415.1469
The Alumni Association hosted a CEU event on April 18, “Issues in Women’s Health: An Update for Health Care Providers.” Speakers were Rev. Thomas Backer, ACPE Supervisor, APC Board Certified Chaplain who discussed the role of pastoral care within the health care team; Dr. Cheryl Williams, M.D., Assistant Professor, UNMC Dept. of Radiology and Lead Interpreting Physician, Mammography who discussed breast imaging updates; Gina Lypaczewski, R.N., CPN, MScA who discussed strategies to prevent or improve osteoporosis; and Carla Dirkschneider, M.S., RHIA, Clarkson College Health Care Information Program Director and Instructor, who discussed essentials of documentation in today’s health care environment. Forty-four attendees were present for the Saturday morning offering. All four sessions were extremely informative and interesting. Evaluations of the event were very positive.

This event was held as a response to the membership survey from 2008. The 2009 survey is in progress and currently shows CEU events as the top request again this year. The next CEU event will be September 18. See page 7 for details.
**September Alumni Association Membership Events**

The Alumni Association of Clarkson College cordially invites you to attend the following events this fall:

**Faculty Member Honored by Nebraska Nurses Association**

Marsha Cravens, M.S.N., R.N., was recently honored at a breakfast hosted by the Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA). Cravens was the Clarkson College 2009 NNA Positive Image of Nursing Award winner. She is an assistant professor in the baccalaureate nursing program and teaches first and fourth year BSN students and second year practical nursing students.

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**Clarkson College to Introduce PTA Transfer Program for Fall Semester**

Clarkson College will offer a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Transfer program option in the fall of 2009.

The four semester program is tailored to meet the needs of students seeking to continue their education, change their career path or individuals looking for a second career. This accelerated program allows these students to enroll in more PTA classes per semester.

“We continue to see a Midwest and nationwide trend of increased need for all health care professionals, especially in rural areas,” said Andreia Nebel, PTA Director.

The program meets the growing need regionally and nationally for health care professionals. Physical Therapist Assistant careers ranked in the top 10 according to a report by Nebraska Economic Trends in January 2007.

“The idea for this new program originated from the growing needs of our students, community and the physical therapy profession. Annually, 25-30 percent of our new students come into our PTA program with a previous college degree, and 88-92 percent enter the current program having successfully completed at least some college credit,” said Nebel.

Anatomy and Physiology courses are required prerequisites to the program. Applicants must also have a minimum of 35 hours of college coursework or the equivalent of an Associate’s degree or higher.

“This option is preferred for those who may already have a degree and wish to start a second career,” said Nebel. “It is also for those from rural Midwest states who can come to campus for one year and complete their final clinical rotations in their hometown.”

The new program recently received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education. The traditional PTA program has been accredited since 1996. For more information contact Michelle Heilig at 402.552.6161 or visit www.clarksoncollege.edu.

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**Have you registered to become a member of the Alumni Association of Clarkson College this year?**

All new and renewal membership submissions, honorary alumni members and “Nifty Fifty” graduates will receive a complimentary Clarkson College 120 year anniversary DVD. This past year, the College celebrated 120 years of educating health care professionals. As part of the year-long celebration, a DVD was created to commemorate this milestone, and we would like to give you a copy to enjoy.

To become an Alumni Association member, turn to page 5 and fill out the membership form. The dues are $25 per year, and members receive the Alumni Times quarterly, invitations to alumni events and periodic special mailings.

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**Registration Information**

Please detach this section and return to Alumni Coordinator, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Make checks payable to “Alumni Association of Clarkson College.” Upon receipt of your reservation(s), further event details will be sent to you, including a map and parking locations for the events.

Name: ____________________________

Full address: ____________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________

Program(s) completed: ____________________________

Class of: ____________________________

Please accept my reservations for the following events this fall:

- [ ] Yes, I will attend the Alumni Reunion Brunch on September 17 at 10 a.m. as your guest.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the Clarkson College Convocation ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on September 17. 1 will need complimentary transportation to the Cathedral.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the CEU offering on September 18 at 8 a.m. This event is $15 for non-dues paying alumni and is free for those who have current dues paid.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the general alumni meeting on September 18 at 1 p.m.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the Fremont dinner train event on September 18 at 7 p.m. This event is $45 per person.
- [ ] I will be bringing guest(s) on the dinner train at $45 per guest.

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**E-mail address:** vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu or Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Make checks payable to “Alumni Association of Clarkson College.” Upon receipt of your reservation(s), further event details will be sent to you, including a map and parking locations for the events.

Name: ____________________________

Full address: ____________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________

Program(s) completed: ____________________________

Class of: ____________________________

Please accept my reservations for the following events this fall:

- [ ] Yes, I will attend the Alumni Reunion Brunch on September 17 at 10 a.m. as your guest.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the Clarkson College Convocation ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on September 17. 1 will need complimentary transportation to the Cathedral.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the CEU offering on September 18 at 8 a.m. This event is $15 for non-dues paying alumni and is free for those who have current dues paid.
- [ ] Yes, I will attend the general alumni meeting on September 18 at 1 p.m.
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**Alumni Day**

The fall Alumni Day is full of fun activities. Pick and choose which events you would like to participate (see Registration Information below):

- 8 a.m. CEU offering. $15 for non-dues paying alumni and free for those who have current dues paid.
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Annual Spring Garden Walk a Success

On May 15, faculty, students, staff and alumni gathered in the Clarkson Service League Memorial Garden on the College campus for a ceremony honoring those to whom bricks were dedicated this past year. The ceremony was followed by a reception in Howard Hall. Donations for the bricks are a way to pay tribute to family/friends/coworkers and assist in the provision of scholarships to Clarkson College students. If you are on campus, be sure to stop and take a few minutes to walk through the garden.

Interested in participating in other Clarkson College alumni events? Check out the Save the Date section on page 9 to find out more.