# AlumniTimes

Celebrating alumni

Beginning a New Chapter

### **Alumni President letter:**

#### INSTALLING A NEW COLLEGE

president is a significant event for the entire institution. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in the college's history, and it is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous administration and to welcome the new president with enthusiasm. The alumni board was happy to play a role in the installation of Dr. Andreia Nebel this spring. We have great admiration for Dr. Nebel's work at our institution to this point and look forward to her fresh ideas, perspectives, and drive to advance the Clarkson mission.

As we know, the future of health care education is rapidly changing. The health care industry is constantly evolving, and new technologies and practices are emerging all the time. As a result, health care professionals need to be constantly learning and adapting to provide the best possible care for their patients.

Here are some of the key trends that I see are shaping the future of health care education:

#### The rise of technology:

From electronic health records to telemedicine, technology is making it easier for health care professionals to access and share information, and it is also providing new ways to diagnose and treat diseases. As a result, health care education programs are increasingly incorporating technology into their curriculum.

### The focus on interprofessional education:

In the past, health care professionals were trained in silos. However, the health care industry is moving towards a team-based approach to care. As a result, health care education programs are increasing their focus on interprofessional education, which teaches students from different health care disciplines how to work together effectively.

### The emphasis on lifelong learning:

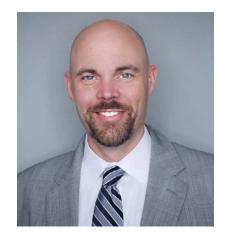
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#### The need for diversity:

The health care workforce needs to reflect the diversity of the population it serves. Health care education programs are working to increase diversity in their student body and faculty.

As the health care industry continues to evolve, health care education programs will need to adapt to prepare students for the challenges of the future. As alumni, we look to you to support the needs of this educational mission.

Please know that now is a great time to reconnect with the College, become active with your former classmates, engage with the alumni



association and help drive our current students' future in leading our industry. Your life and work experience help shape the future of health care education. Our alumni association can help you stay connected with your alma mater by providing you with news and updates about the school, as well as opportunities to attend events and reunions. Furthermore, we can help you network with other graduates who can provide you with career advice, job leads, and support. Becoming active allows you to give back to the school that helped you succeed. We are working hard to provide you with opportunities to volunteer, donate, and support scholarships—all for the betterment of the college and the health care industry.

Sincerely,

Bill Koile, MS, MBA

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#### **On the Cover** Dr. Andreia Nebel, President of Clarkson College, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on May 18, 2023.

# Alumni Bowling Tournament 2023





Alumni and friends gather for a night of bowling and competition.



#### JANUARY 28TH AT SCORZ SPORTS CENTER

#### 11 teams participated:

Holy Bowlogna The Super Bowlers The Bowl Movements Bowling with my Gnomies Travel Buddies Team 1 Living on a Spare The Britney Spares FireBalls Smooth Obturators Spare Change

#### Award winners:

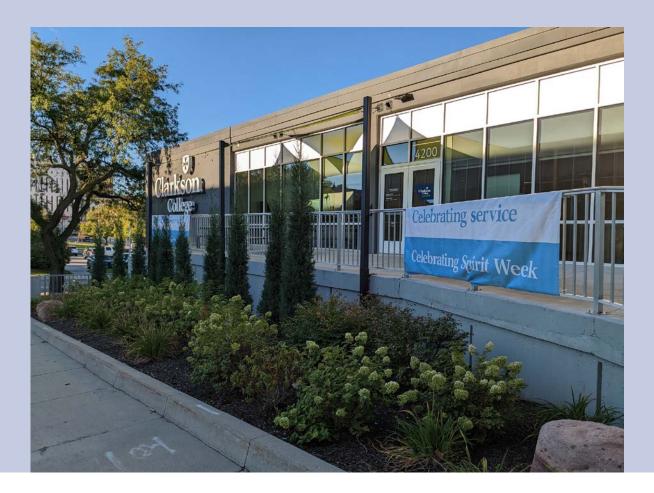
Top male bowler: Matt Anderson Top female bowler: Laura Tworek Best team name: Bowling with my Gnomies Best team costume: The Britney Spares

Highest team score:

Holy Bowlogna

Lowest team score:

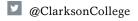
Travel Buddies



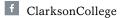
# Connect with Us

To make sure you stay informed, please visit **ClarksonCollege.edu/alumni/ alumni-contact-information** to update your contact information.

Join Clarkson College Alumni Facebook Page and Clarkson College LinkedIn Page to stay connected with your classmates.



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## New Jersey Student Earns Bachelor's Degree in PTA to Stand Out in the Field



MERIBETH BROOKMAN of New Jersey completed her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) degree in December 2022. Brookman entered the program to advance her practice and leadership within the physical therapy field.

Brookman currently practices in Piscataway, N.J. and was able to continue her work as a PTA while completing the online program option through the College. Her education began with a degree in Exercise Science, after which she returned to school to earn an Associate's degree in PTA.

"Once I finished school, I was overwhelmed by the exciting start to my new career, but I felt like something was missing," she says. "I felt as though I still had so much left to learn to provide the best care for my patients. So, before I even held my official license in my hand, I had already applied and been accepted

"Once I finished school, I was overwhelmed by the exciting start to my new career, but I felt like something was missing" to Clarkson College to begin to close those residual knowledge disparities."

As one of the few institutions in the nation to offer a Bachelor's degree option, Clarkson College can offer professionals like Brookman the opportunity to close the education gap between PTs and PTAs. "People have a preconceived idea when they hear the word 'assistant' and often assume I am just another aide," says Brookman. "Pursuing a degree at Clarkson College was an opportunity to set myself apart from the rest, and hopefully earn the respect we deserve in this profession."

Through the program option, Brookman completed theory coursework online and came to campus three times to complete hands-on training and skills checks. According to her, the knowledge she gained from faculty with experience in the field was invaluable. "The teachers make it a point to get to know you and try their best to help you succeed," she says. "It fosters a team environment and helps students to come along side and push each other to be their very best." Now just a few days away from graduating, Brookman knows that adding the BSPTA credentials behind her name will set her apart from others in the field. "I tell every young student and new PTA that I encounter to start pursuing this Bachelor's degree goal, because it will only make you a better clinician."

Learn more about the Bachelor's degree in PTA option at clarksoncollege.edu/physicaltherapist-assistant.



#### IPE Course for External Constituents

As a member of the Clarkson College Alumni Board of Directors and also a faculty member of the Doctor of Education (EdD) in Healthcare Education and Leadership program, I would like to share information about the following wonderful opportunities here at Clarkson College:

### IPE Course for External Constituents

Our Interprofessional Education (IPE) team offers continuing education credits (CEUs) through our external IPE course. We offer up to 9.0 contact hours, 9.0 continuing education hours, and 10 continuing education hours for a Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant home study course. The self-guided, online IPE course can be completed at one's own pace throughout the course of the calendar year, and the course modules are designed to provide excellent instruction of the pillars of IPE (Values/ Ethics for Interprofessional Practice, Roles/Responsibilities, Interprofessional Communication, and Teams/ Teamwork).

> For more information, please reach out to Sally Stimson, MSN, RN, CPN, CHSE, at **ipeservice@ clarksoncollege.edu.**

Jenette L. Smith, Ed.D., DipACLM, M.S., Clarkson College Alumni Board of Directors. Instructor, Doctor of Education (EdD) in Healthcare Education and Leadership

# Welcome DR. ANDREIA NEBEL





#### DR. ANDREIA NEBEL,

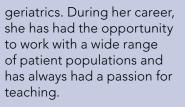
Ed.D., PT, DPT, FNAP, joined the Clarkson College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program in 2003. In 2015, she was appointed Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). In this role she supported academic programming, accreditation,

the center for teaching excellence, community advancement, institutional research, academic and clinical compliance, administrative support services, academic travel abroad, interprofessional education, and college finances. She is currently also an associate professor in the PTA program and Doctor of Education (EdD) in Healthcare Education and Leadership, and served from 2007-2015, as the director of the PTA program, at Clarkson College. Her teaching assignments have recently included: Professional Issues, Advanced Procedures in Physical Therapy, Advanced Multiple System Interventions and Care Through the Lifespan, and a Doctoral Seminar course.

Dr. Nebel grew up in Casper, Wyo. and in 1999 earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Development from Montana State University–Bozeman. In 2002, she earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Creighton University, and in 2020, she received her Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University. Her dissertation topic explored the role of political skill in decision-making for resource allocation in higher education, and she continues to pursue scholarly opportunities related to this work. Her clinical background includes pediatrics, outpatient orthopedics, industrial wellness, and







In 2010, Clarkson College awarded Dr. Nebel the Dr. Patricia Book Perry Faculty of the Year Award for her dedication to high standards of education at the College. In 2011, her alma mater, Creighton University, selected her for the Young Alumni Appreciation Award in recognition of her exceptional leadership and devoted service to the profession of physical therapy. She was the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association Achievement in Education Award recipient in 2012, and, in recognition of her dedication to health care-related community service activities, she received the Clarkson College Maltese Cross Award in 2014. In 2018, Dr. Nebel received the honor of a Distinguished Fellow in

Physical Therapy from the National Academies of Practice and in 2022 was selected into the Executive Leadership Academy class for the Council of Independent Colleges. Dr. Nebel is an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Education Section. Additionally, she has served as the Nebraska Student Special Interest Group faculty liaison for the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association (NPTA), a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) site reviewer and a PTA Board Exam Preparation course instructor for Therapy Ed. She is also an accreditation site reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. She is an active member with the Consortium



1. Dr. Nebel gives her Presidential address to the College during the Inauguration.

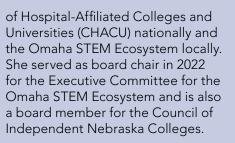
2. Dr. Nebel and the Board of Directors gather on the day of the Presidential Inauguration.

3. The Nebel family including (L-R) Mike (husband), Ryley (daughter) and Tye (son) watch as Dr. Nebel steps to the podium.









Dr. Nebel has completed dozens of invited presentations at a variety of locations and continues to be an active presenter. She was integral in completing an interprofessional collaboration project with Creighton University to create an interprofessional education course for all Clarkson College students, including required interprofessional experiences. Dr. Nebel also recently completed a four-year study with colleagues from Clarkson College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center working to answer the question: "Does a Combined



Student Physical Therapist (PT) and Student Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Lab Experience Impact Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Interprofessional Education and Team Training for Patient Safety?" She is continually involved with outreach programs to fight childhood obesity, improve the quality of life through exercise, balance assessment, and fall prevention with neurologically involved patients, and a variety of other community-based wellness and health interprofessional education programs. Combining her extensive experience and her heart for the institution, the College community is honored that Dr. Nebel has stepped into the role of College President.

1. College faculty and staff members gather for the inauguration, pose in celebration and support the new president and her vision.

2. Faculty and staff members including Ms. Mary Dishman, Dr. Layna Himmelburg, Ms. Jade Liles, Mr. Michael Ehrecke, and Ms. Margaret Lorimor gather before the processional.

3. College faculty, staff and student government president exits the ceremony.

4. Dr. Pack receiving a gift from employees—framed medal for his service to the College.

5. Dr. Pack on an ATA Trip with the group.



THE CLARKSON COLLEGE Community would like to thank Dr. Gary Pack, Interim President, for his unmatched service to the College from May 2021–May 2023. Dr. Pack joined the College with decades of experience in education and had recently completed an Interim President appointment at a health care college the year prior. During his time leading Clarkson College, his focus was to assist with securing new leadership and help guide the College during this transition. His accomplishments were plentiful including increasing student scholarships and funding for the second science lab capital project. Dr. Pack showed immediate commitment to the College and truly cared about the future success of students and employees. He successfully supported the College by improving Enrollment and Retention processes and resources, procured a new Student Information System (SIS), supported the preparation of the four-year Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assurance Review, ensured

a successful presidential search and selection for the College, and supported strategic growth through increasing College partnership outreach.

Dr. Pack will be remembered for his contributions to Clarkson College and for his participation with the Academic & Travel Abroad and Mission program, including trips to Spain and Portugal in 2022 and Germany and Switzerland in 2023. On May 16, 2023, the College community honored Dr. Pack with a Maltese Cross Medal of gratitude thanking him for his dedication and service to the students, faculty, staff, and the future of Clarkson College. Dr. Pack completed his appointment on May 31st and will be missed. His professional guidance will be appreciated for many years to come, and we are proud to have him forever connected to the Clarkson College community. He believed in us and our bright future as much as we do, and every day worked diligently to keep us working to move forward.



#### Radiography and Medical Imaging Program Launches New Certificate Options

The Clarkson College Radiography and Medical Imaging program recently launched four new certificate options for professionals in the medical imaging field. The 12-credit hour options can be completed 100% online in as few as two semesters.

#### Professionals can choose from four specialties.

- Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI): Allows for career advancement in the medical imaging profession through certificate in the MRI field.
- Certificate in Computed Tomography (CT): Prepare to work or complete an externship in the CT field.
- Certificate in Cardiac and Vascular Interventional: Provides foundational didactic knowledge of the advanced vascular and cardiac interventional radiography modalities.
- Certificate in Leadership in Medical Imaging: Prepare for leadership and supervisory roles in a variety of health care and medical imaging settings.

Following completion of the MRI, CT and cardiac and vascular interventional options, students will be equipped for the clinical components needed to fulfill the requirements of the American Registry of Registered Technologists (ARRT) post-primary certification. Above: Radiography students practicing radiographic procedures in the energized radiography lab at Clarkson College.

If you or if someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact the Enrollment office at **402-552-3100** or **admissions@ clarksoncollege.edu.** 

### **College and Partners Create Free Little Library**



Clarkson College is proud to give back to the children and families in the neighborhood with the installation of a Free Little Library located in the Clarkson Park at 42nd and Dodge Streets. The College worked with community partners including MCL Construction, RDG Planning and Design, and Renze to create and build a unique and sustainable Little Library to play a part in helping youth gain access to and own books at an early age. According to the National Commission on Reading in 1985, the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school. Clarkson College, along with its community partners, hopes this Little Library is the first of many so more children have the opportunity to begin their school year ready to learn.

"When we were deciding where we wanted to install our first Little Library, we instantly thought of the Clarkson Park. It bears the Clarkson name and is located across the street from the College, which makes it a perfect fit," shared Jina Paul, Vice President of Operations & Student Affairs at Clarkson College.

The installment includes a fourtiered box unit that house children's books for youth in the neighborhood to take home and enjoy. Clarkson College donates books by holding book drives and maintaining the unit to ensure it stays clean and safe. The installation also features a curved bench for children and family members to sit and read a book together. The College hopes the neighborhood enjoys not only the books, but also the addition of a beautiful Little Library to the Clarkson Park.

#### Little Library

Enjoy this Little Library as a place to explore, learn, escape and be inspired. Take a book home and invite your friends and neighbors to join you on the journey. Each time you pass by the Little Library, may it serve as a reminder to never stop learning, imagining, dreaming and reading.

This Little Library brought to you by these partners:

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#### FOUNDING PARTNERS











### Clarkson College Signs Partnerships to Help Meet Needs of the Health Care Workforce

Clarkson College is proud to be within a vast network of local organizations committed to serving the communities in which we live. As part of the strategic vision for the institution, Clarkson College is forging new relationships with community partners in the greater Omaha area while nurturing existing collaboration with founding partners. This innovative approach to cultivating educational opportunities and holistic wellbeing is reflected by designated themes for the partnerships, ensuring a sense of reciprocity is achieved that benefits the College and its partnership constituents.

Ortho Nebraska

Founding partners include Nebraska Medicine, with which Clarkson College has been its long-standing hospital-affiliated college; OrthoNebraska; Bellevue Medical Center; and Community Hospital-Fairfax in Missouri. As a Clarkson Regional Health Services (CRHS) affiliate, Think Whole Person Healthcare was added as a founding partner this past fall. The Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska has multiple ties to the College and recently became an official community partner in early 2023, extending the legacy of Bishop Robert H. Clarkson and

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

















"Clarkson College is excited to partner with Community Leaders to help fulfill a workforce need through a collaborative effort to better serve the community." his wife Meliora as the founders of the first nursing program in the state of Nebraska that would become Clarkson College. Employees of these organizations, Episcopal Church members, their spouses, and dependents up to 23 years of age receive 35 percent tuition savings while enrolled in academic programs at Clarkson College.

Community themes are in place to align in areas of significance as well as with the Clarkson College organizational Mission and Values.

#### Community Partnership Themes

- > Rehabilitation
- > Geriatrics
- Technology
- Spiritual
- > Research Hospital
- > Public School System
- > Pediatrics
- > Charitable
- Legacy
- Government (Federal & State)
- Community (Health & Wellness)
- Financial

DR. ANDREIA NEBEL

#### $\mathbf{C}_{ullet} \mid$ campus news



Included within the Community Partnerships are Brown's Medical Imaging in the Technology theme, Vetter Senior Living for the Geriatrics theme, Boys Town in the Research Hospital theme, and Children's Hospital and Medical Center fulfills the Pediatrics theme. In addition, Makovicka Physical Therapy recently entered an agreement for the Rehabilitation theme, Mutual of Omaha in the Financial and Insurance theme, Omaha Public Schools for the Public School System theme, and First National Bank of Omaha (FNBO) for the Legacy theme. The relationship with FNBO honors the legacy of the Clarkson family thanking the Lauritzens of whom Bishop and Meliora Clarkson are ancestors and continue to support Clarkson College.

All community partner employees, their spouses, and dependents up to 23 years of age receive 30 percent tuition savings. As individuals and families make decisions regarding higher education and career advancement, the community partnership benefit to employees and their families offer an unmatched opportunity of tuition savings and gives greater access to high-quality health care education at Clarkson College.

A few more community partnerships are already in motion, and the College looks forward to sharing these ongoing developments. Leaders at every level of the organization have contributed to connecting the Mission, Vision, and Values of the College to the multifaceted needs and dynamic opportunities of our current cultural moment. Anchored by a storied history of unyielding commitment to Caring and Excellence, Clarkson College and its partners welcome a future where health, healing, and happiness are enjoyed by all.

If you have family members following your footsteps into health care, consider employment at one of our partnerships and community leaders to encourage growth among our community.

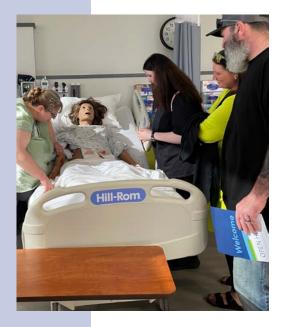


## Do You Know Someone Considering A Health Care Career But Are Unsure Which Field To Pursue?

Start with a Degree in General Studies

Clarkson College has launched an Associate of Science in General Studies degree for students interested in gaining foundational knowledge in health care before committing to a designated career path. In addition to general education and core classes, students choose elective courses from a variety of health science disciplines to match their interests and professional goals.

Jeri List, Associate Professor and Director of General Education at Clarkson College, said the new degree program comes in response to the number of students eager to set their health care education in motion without feeling overwhelmed by declaring a specific focus. "Students passionate about helping others and interested in health care will create a path for their future and find success with this program," she said.





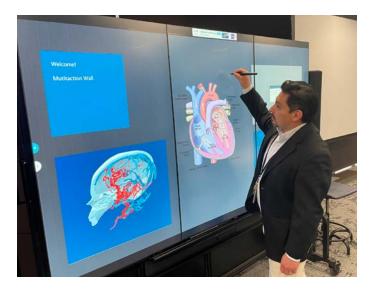
### Community Welcomed at Open House

**TO BOOST ENROLLMENT EFFORTS,** Clarkson College hosted an open house the evening of Tuesday, April 4. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase all Clarkson College has to offer aspiring health care professionals. The community was given the chance to see exciting classroom technology, take tours of campus renovation projects, and visit with staff, faculty and students. Friends, family and professional contacts attended.

During the annual Spirit Week celebration, an Open House will be held Tuesday, September 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Special events will highlight the 135th anniversary of Clarkson College.

More details are forthcoming and will be posted to the College's social media platforms. Multiple opportunities for alumni involvement will be made available. Campus visits (virtual and in-person) are always encouraged and can be scheduled at your convenience.

Contact Ale Denton, Alumni & Advancement Coordinator, at dentonale@clarksoncollege.edu for more information. More details will be forthcoming and will be posted to the Clarkson College social media platforms.







#### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Science Lab

On April 17th, an event was held to reveal the new science lab. The \$1.7 million project was funded by Clarkson Regional Health Services (CRHS) and provides students and faculty with a state-of-the-art facility for courses integral to preparing the best in health care. Dr. James Canedy, CRHS Chair and Clarkson College Board of Directors member, had the honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the lab.

Students began learning in the new space during the summer session. Contact Ms. Jeri List, Director of General Education, or any other science faculty member for more information on and/or to schedule a tour of the lab.

### College Launches Doctoral Track in Interprofessional Leadership

#### JUST IN TIME FOR THE 10-YEAR

anniversaries of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Healthcare Education & Leadership and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, Clarkson College is excited to announce the launch of a new doctoral track—the Ed.D. in Interprofessional Leadership. This multidisciplinary option enhances the skill set of current and aspiring leaders in a variety of sectoors, including but not limited to health care, higher education, business, non-profit, and community organization.

Coursework primarily focuses on boundaryspanning leadership to mend or prevent organizational divide and, instead, foster new ways of thinking, working, and collaborating. Crossfunctional alliances and strategies, and leading through change and disruption, are other key pillars of the curriculum.



Dr. Regina Toman, Director



### Ed.D. Track (continued)

"Offering the Ed.D. in Interprofessional Education meets the demand for a relevant doctoral program with a broader scope beyond health care education," said Dr. Regina Toman, Director of the Clarkson College Healtcare and Education Leadership program. "Interprofessional leadership is becoming increasingly imperative as our world becomes more complex and interconnected," she said.

The Ed.D. in Interprofessional Leadership aligns with the Clarkson College Interprofessional Education (IPE) initiatives built upon national standards and core competencies of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC). The 52-credit hour program is fully online with dissertation work embedded in the curriculum. Courses are offered in 7.5, 12, and 15-week sessions to support flexible and consistent student progression. In addition to coursework, students are required to pass a comprehensive exam, conduct an applied research study of their choice, and write and defend a dissertation.

Dr. Toman spoke on behalf of the Clarkson College faculty and staff who are eager to welcome their first group of students to the Ed.D. in Interprofressional Leadership program in fall 2023. "We are thrilled to offer this new doctoral program and look forward to helping students prepare to be the best leaders!"

For more information about the new Ed.D. program, visit clarksoncollege.edu/educationleadership/degree-options







### Clarkson College Named One of Best in the State

INTELLIGENT.COM, a trusted resource for program rankings and higher education planning, has included Clarkson College on its list of the Best Online Colleges in Nebraska in 2023 as well as its list of the Best Colleges in Nebraska in 2023. The research identifies top schools in the state based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and the online coursework delivery format.

Clarkson College was awarded Best Healthcare Institution on the final list of top colleges in the state. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each institution on a scale from 0 to 100 across six categories. The scoring system compares each school according to tuition costs, admission, retention and graduation rates, faculty, and reputation, as well as the student resources provided for online students.

Studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, with graduates earning 84% more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. The percentage difference in earnings continues to grow with higher learning degrees such as master's, doctoral or professional degrees, with the unemployment rate decreasing to as much as 1.6% for those with a doctorate.

### U.S. News & World Report Ranks Clarkson College Online Graduate Nursing Program in Top 100



Program earns national recognition for the 12th year in a row

OMAHA, Neb.: U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Clarkson College in the top 100 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs in the nation. The award marks the 12th year in a row that the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program has earned the distinction and speaks to the institution's continued tradition of excellence.

"We are proud to once again earn this honor from U.S. News & World Report," says Dr. Layna Himmelberg, Director of Graduate Nursing. "Each year, we strive to build upon a program that brings in committed students to work with dedicated faculty who are enthusiastic about building a health care workforce that will provide the best, most compassionate care to communities."

The MSN program allows working nurses the opportunity to earn their degree online and choose from flexible part- and full-time options. This allows students the option to build a course schedule that meets the needs of their professional and personal lives. The flexibility, along with the caring and dedicated faculty, is one of the main reasons why alumni choose to come back to Clarkson College to earn their advanced degree.

Stacey Poldervaart, MSN, RN, graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2018 and her MSN in 2020. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Healthcare Education and Leadership with help from the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) that provides students enrolled in the EdD and MSN in Nursing Education options up to 85% loan forgiveness.

#### "We are proud to once again earn this honor from U.S. News & World Report."

DR. LAYNA HIMMELBERG DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE NURSING



"Making the decision to return to school after almost 10 years, and over the age of 45, was not easy," she says. "The time and financial commitment to further my education and career goals were things to consider as I have a family to care for as well. The NFLP offered through Clarkson College made this decision a bit easier. Being able to continue my education to reach my goals, knowing the financial burden of higher education would be lessened, motivated me to work harder and dream bigger."

Along with Nursing Education, the Graduate Nursing program offers specialties in Nursing Healthcare Administration, Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Students can also enroll in post-MSN certificate options.

The ranking by U.S. News & World Report is driven by data collection through statistical questionnaires sent to institutions offering online master's degree programs. Programs must be accredited by either the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and offer all required non-clinical coursework through internet-based distance education courses. The rankings recognize the best online graduate nursing programs based on five factors: engagement (30 percent), faculty credentials and training (20 percent), expert opinion (20 percent), services and technology (20 percent), and student excellence (10 percent).

#### Learn more at ClarksonCollege. edu/Nursing.









#### BSN Option Ranked #1 in Omaha

RegisteredNursing.org recently ranked the Clarkson College Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) option as the third-best program in the state of Nebraska. It was also rated the highest BSN option in Omaha.

According to the rankings, "Clarkson College in Omaha is home to an exceptional BSN program for aspiring RNs. With class sizes kept to a minimum and the guidance of experienced instructors, students are given a solid foundation for nursing excellence. Hands-on experience via the oncampus skills lab and simulation lab, as well as area medical facilities, begin in the first year of the program."

Registered Nursing ranks programs by utilizing data from multiple sources including the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education. Individual programs are awarded points based on certain factors including whether or not the institution is accredited and if they offer online education options. The methodology also considers acceptance rate, graduation rate, diversity of options and other factors.

### Fall 2022 Graduates

#### **Certificate in Computed Tomography** Baylie Jean Shearer

Certificate in Medical 3D

#### Certificate in Medical 31 Printing Specialist

Becky Ann Dickinson Bronwyn Gerritsen-Largen Angela Havranek Lily Frances Korytowski  $\Sigma \lambda$ Katherine Marie Schneider  $\lambda$ April P. Stimis Hannah Marie Whiting

Certificate in Medical Imaging Informatics Katherine Marie Schneider λ Kelsey Waggoner

#### Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Alexis Rae Anderson Angela Elizabeth Doyen Jake Joseph Hoover Mark McGloin Abby Rebecca Olberding Σ Becky Lee Reardon Mariah Marie Schroeder Brennen Hunter Smith Raef Steffen Rachel Teten Σ Jessica Vierke Christina Visitacion

#### Bachelor of Science in Community Health Cathy K. Lowrey Susan S. Riggs Σ

#### Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Business Megan Dougherty Natalie Stuto

#### Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

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#### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

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### Spring 2023 Graduates

#### Certificate in Health Information Management Lori A. Swenson

#### Certificate in Medical 3D Printing Specialist

Christopher Wayne Allen Katherine N. Brunsting Stephanie Marie Drees Σ Annie Niewohner Kylie Nicole Schnell Erin Marie Wallace

#### Certificate in Medical Imaging Informatics

Brynnan D. Duba Kevin Austin Eaton Kacee Hansen Christine Stephanie Harris Christine Victoria Olvera Kristen Poniatowski Ashleigh Ralls

#### Associate of Science in Health Information Technology Allison N. MacIntosh

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Business Lori Davis Gabrielle Jo Larson Steven Murphy

#### Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

Tiffany Ann Baston Brynnan D. Duba Amber Gabbard Christine Victoria Olvera Leah Faye Roetman

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Jerry Allen Adrian Adriana Alvarado-Silva Σ

Katherine Marie Andrews Samantha Bak Lauren Benes Nya Christmas Bol $\Sigma$ Kylen Busch Amanda Marie Clites Regina Cook Bailey Hunter DiNucci  $\Sigma$ Natalie Rene Dunham Madeline Elder Haley Ferris  $\Sigma$ Cristina Yanel Franco Alexus Fraser Hannah Kaitlyn Gard Kathryn Marie Goetz Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez Jessica Dianne Hall  $\Sigma$ Haylie Ann Hansen Paris Lynn Harper Emily Hobza Emily Ann Jackson McKenzie Ann Jensen Shikyra Kriegel Matthew James Loberg Katelyn Martenson Bianca C. Mata Σ McKenzi Montes Shantol Passley Jayden Pixler Olivia Anne Renelt Marie Sue Stone  $\Sigma$ Tasha Swanson Hunter Ashley Taylor Shelby Tidemann LeeAnna Wall Ariana Wascher Karley Noelle Webster

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Alexia Faustina Sablan Ada Michael Eesley

#### Master of Science in Nursing

Sadie Sue Bauer Derek Ryan Brester

Allison Brinkman Nick Christensen Meghan Elizabeth Clemensen Family Nurse Practitioner  $\Sigma$ Floyd J. Colwell Kimberly Ann Compton Nursing Education  $\Sigma$ Carisa Marie Cox Jennifer Davis Katherine A. Fricke Christen Maria Goede Paulina Kristan Gossman  $\Sigma$ Anna Kathleen Hagenkord Haley Huls Kaytlin M. Johnson Laura Rochelle Jones Kelli Koovman Stacy Michelle Lister Jennifer Lundgren Asia M. McCoy Chelsea Meyer Emelia Nelson Jordan Reeves Kylie Rocca Megan C. Rumbaugh Healthcare Administration  $\Sigma$ Jessica Morgan Rupp Gerontology Acute Care  $\Sigma$ Megan Shadden  $\Sigma$ Bridgett Smith Kelly Stephens John Richard Tallerday Lindsay Marie Van Dyke Ashlea Wolf Neissa Yacoubou-Coulibaly

#### Post-Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration

Vanessa Lynne Meinberg

#### Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Bobbi Heffelfinger *Family* Wendi Kristi-Ann James Susan Mirembe Matovu Elizabeth Stock Misty Wahab

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jeffrey Downs Molly Greenwood Jesse Anne Hamilton Stacy Renee Militsakh Wendy Lee Smith

#### Join us for the 2023 Graduation Ceremony:

#### DATE:

Saturday, August 5 10 a.m.

#### LOCATION:

Baxter Arena, 2425 South 67th Street, Omaha

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Free parking is available in the lots surrounding Baxter Arena.

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Note: Names and honors designations are based upon current information at press time. We apologize for any errors.

# Correction Cheryl Walburn donated to the Clarkson College Choose to Give Campaign and was not included on the list in the last Alumni Times magazine. We apologize for this error. Class Notes Class of 1967 Mary R. Krecek (Smestad). Passed away January 20, 2023. Class of 2000 Jennifer Lee Etheredge (Wewel).

#### Class of 2020

Riley Scharper, MSN. Passed away January 13, 2023.

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