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College of Nursing & Health Sciences

A Message from the President

Happy Summer!

The spring and summer have been a busy time! We have new cohorts with our different programs that started in June. These include students with previous degrees who are in an advanced track to become a BSN graduate. In addition, we have students beginning their journey to obtain their Master of Science in Nursing degree and RN-BSN classes are in session. The Radiology program transitioned from a hospital-based certificate program to a Bachelor of Science program, and it now has a waiting list! It has been an extremely popular degree through the transition. As we diversify our degrees, we have a full staff all summer including many faculty who are working on projects and other initiatives.

We have hosted Explore Nursing and Health Science camps which have also been full. There has been a constant flow of prospective visitors from cities as far away as Las Vegas.

Nursing graduates from the December 2021 cohort can boast of a 100% NCLEX pass rate. Our May graduates are doing very well with several who have not yet scheduled their testing date. We have students who are motivated, intelligent, and compassionate leading the way to our future. Sixty percent of our nursing graduates have remained in the area this year.

It is a new era in education. As alumni, we appreciate the positive voice you are in your communities. Our first year and sophomore nursing numbers are starting to rebound; but of course, nurses are direly needed. We certainly have room for additional students, and you are the best recruiters! When we survey students, they overwhelmingly say they chose Blessing-Rieman through word of mouth. We continue to have generous financial aid packages enabling students to graduate with minimum debt.

Please become an involved alum, I encourage you to visit the college, volunteer for committees, share ideas with us to strengthen our educational and cultural activities, and most importantly continue to mentor our graduates and current students by serving as role models and advisors.

It continues to be crucial to keep students as the center of our caring model as they are seeing healthcare from a completely different lens than past graduates. As a result, they need continual support and encouragement. Thank you for your contributions to the College!

Please contact me at bbeshears@brcn.edu with any questions.

Warmly,

Brenda

Brenda K. Beshears, PhD, RN
President/CEO
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences





BLESSING NURSES'

Alumni Association

A letter from the Blessing Nurses' Alumni Association President

Dear Alumni,

I hope this finds you enjoying sunshine and warm summer temperatures. Activity at BRCN has slowed somewhat, however, there are several students, faculty, and staff around campus. I want to extend a huge thank you to those that attended the Alumni Banquet on April 23rd. We had over 100 alumni and guests attend the banquet at Tony's Too in Quincy, Illinois. Congratulations to the honored classes of 1972 and 2022. It was exciting to have our BNAA Nurse of the Year, Sandra Loewenstein, join us by phone to accept her award.

Our next alumni meeting will be held in person at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences, 3609 N. Marx Drive, Quincy, Illinois on Wednesday, September 14th at 4:30 p.m. In addition to the meeting, there will be a pizza party and a chance for alumni to interact with BRCN students. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if possible.

Thank you all again for your support of the BNAA and the profession of nursing. We sincerely appreciate all of you and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Have a safe and blessed summer,

Joan Ruhs, MSN, RN CCRN-K

BNAA President

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History of BNAA

The Blessing Nurses' Alumni Association was established in 1900. It was formed to help graduates in need, to uphold a code of ethics, to promote the high standards of nursing, and to encourage fellowship among the members. The Blessing Hospital Alumni Association joined the National Association of Graduate Nurses, which became the American Nurses Association. A register of graduates was kept in the hospital office for private duty purposes. The 1909 Annual Report began listing the graduates and the position they held. Several were employed at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home, Woodland Home, and the Visiting Nurse Association. (*Nursing in Quincy 1894-1994, A Historical Perspective*, by Arlis Dittmer, M.A., M.A.L.S.)



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Blessing Nurses' Alumni Association c/o Karen Peter
3609 N. Marx Drive, Quincy, IL 62305



May 2022 Commencement Ceremony

On Friday, May 13th at 2 pm at The Crossing Church, Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences celebrated its May commencement ceremony. The ceremony featured Senator Jil Tracy as the commencement speaker. There were 5 Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology, 32 Bachelor of Science in Nursing joint degree program, 8 Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2 Advanced Transfer Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 5 RN-BSN, and 1 Master of Science in Nursing graduates.

"The RN-BSN program was so convenient for a working RN and mom of two. Becky, the program director, literally took care of everything for me. She took the time to understand my educational goals and helped me achieve them in one year! Becky was always there to answer my questions. This program allowed me to work a full time RN position, part time school nurse position, be a wife and mom of two children, and still finish the program within a year. I am thankful for BRCN, the RN-BSN program, and especially Becky White!"

-Bridget O'Bryan '22



Alumni Spotlight

My name is Laura Leapley and I graduated with my Bachelors in Nursing in 2003 and my Masters in Nursing Administration in 2013. I currently work for Blessing Health System as a Nursing Experience and Retention Officer. I love having direct contact with all the staff and assisting in creating the best place for staff to practice. Blessing Health System is very special to me. I am so excited to be in my new role and watch us reach new heights within the Nursing Division. Over the 19 years I have been employed by Blessing, I have worked as a bedside nurse, Patient Care Supervisor, Nursing Director, and Clinical Faculty. Nursing was a way for me to serve my community in anyway I could. I look forward to pursuing my Doctorate in Nursing Practice in the near future.

My husband, Dennis and I have been married for seven years. My husband works for Denman Biomedical and loves his work. We have 9 grandchildren between us and we have a son, Zander, who is 5 years-old. Zander fits in the middle of all our grandchildren. I love seeing them all play together. We enjoy watching him grow up in a great community. We enjoy traveling and look forward to traveling in the future.

To me, BRCN is a special place. I have met so many amazing professors that have made an impression on me. Dr. Beshears was my sophomore theory instructor and I loved how she set high expectations for all of us. She was the chair of my thesis committee and I am honored to call her my mentor and friend. My first interaction with Dr. Karen Mayville was during my initial registration day at BRCN. As I was standing at the registration table, I noticed I didn't have a pen. As I was looking around for one, I leaned towards her, asked if she had a pen and she stated to me, "All good nurses have a pen." Let me tell you, I have NEVER started a shift without a pen in my pocket. She is such a special person and am very thankful for what she's taught me through the years. Dr. Deb Walton was my 402 instructor during my senior year of nursing school. Dr. Walton was so smart. I learned so much from her and was fortunate enough to do clinicals with her as well. I will never forget during my senior year, I was involved in a Code Blue in ICU. The patient was a 96-year-old man and I was TERRIFIED. Deb took my hand, pulled me into the room and made sure that Dr. Moulton, Laura Weigand and the ICU team all knew I was there to learn but needed some strength and

encouragement. I will never forget that experience for as long as I live. Linda Burke was an instructor that I absolutely loved!!! Her and I have had many conversations over the years and I truly value her as a professor and my friend. I know that I could keep going on and on, but BRCN is a very special place. Students are so very fortunate to have a school of its caliber available. I think I appreciate it more now than ever. Thank you BRCN for giving me the tools to make my career in nursing such a joy!!!



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Alumni News & Notes

Kathy Jochem, RN, '80, retired in March after 41 years of service at Blessing Health System.

Janice Nord, RN, '81, retired on April 20, 2022, after 26 years of service at Blessing Health System.

Tea Cameron, BSN, RN, '97, received the Laretta M. Eno Excellence in Professional Nursing award on May 4, 2022, as part of National Nurses Week.

Matt Hanlin, BSN, RN, '03, received the Who's Your Angel Award on March 23, 2022.

Judith Matthews, BSN, RN, '03 passed away on July 14, 2022

Katie Berhorst, BSN, RN, '07, received the Daisy Team award on May 4, 2022, as part of National Nurses Week.

Helen Zimmerman, BSN, RN, '08, retired on July 1st after 29 years of service at Blessing Health System.

Tamara Scott, BSN, RN, '10, received the Who's Your Angel Award on June 3, 2022.

Alicia Shaffer, MSN, RN, '11, accepted a position as Administrative Coordinator for Clinical Systems Integration in March of 2022 with Blessing Health System.

Laura Leapley, MSN, RN, '13, recently accepted a position of Nursing Experience and Retention Officer on March 28, 2022 with Blessing Health System.

Holly VanderBol, MSN, RN, '15, completed training in Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) through Blessing Health System and passed the on-line examination supported by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).

Sarah Thornton, BSN, RN, '16, received the Who's Your Angel Award on March 23, 2022.

Joshua Hucklenbrick, BSN, RN, '17, graduated from the University of St. Francis in Joliet with a master's degree in Science of Nursing in their psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program.

Jamie Kane, DNP, MBA, RN, '17 has accepted the position of Administrative Director of the Women's Health Services on July 25, 2022 with Blessing Health System.

Brooke Cameron, BSN, RN, '18, accepted the Associate Nurse Manager position on Progressive Care Unit on March 6, 2022.

Ashley Cawthon, BSN, RN, '19, received the Illini Community Hospital Excellence in Nursing on May 4, 2022, as part of National Nurses Week.

Kim Kunkel, MSN, RN, '19 received a Who's Your Angel Award on July 8th.

Amy Rokey, BSN, RN, '19, married Travis Haerr on February 20, 2022 at

Apostolic Christian Church in Taylor, MO.

Carley Sharpe, BSN, RN, '20, completed training in Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) through Blessing Health System and passed the on-line examination supported by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).

Kate Westhaus, MSN, RN, '20, accepted a position of Interim Perioperative Manager on March 6, 2022 with Blessing Health System.

Makenzie Blentlinger, BSN, RN, '21, became the 69th Blessing nurse to receive the international Daisy Award during a ceremony on February 24, 2022.

Shelby DeMint, BSN, RN, '21, completed training in Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) through Blessing Health System and passed the on-line examination supported by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).

Andrew Hardy, BSN, RN, '21, received the Year One Wonder award on May 4, 2022, as part of National Nurses Week.

Jessica Nuebel, MSN, RN, '21, earned Breast Health Clinical Navigator status after meeting the requirements of the National Consortium of Breast Centers .

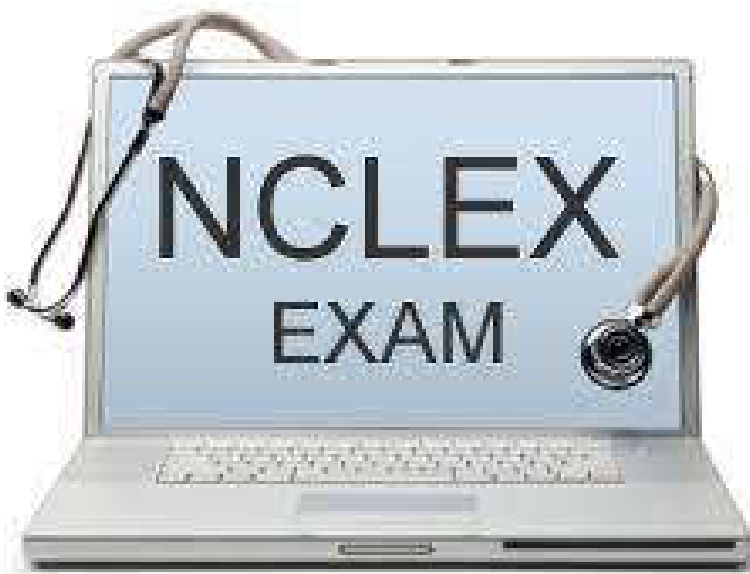
Blessing-Rieman College December Grads Ace NCLEX



The December 2021 nursing graduates of the Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Quincy, posted a perfect pass rate on the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX). One-hundred-percent of Blessing's graduates passed the exam on their first attempt. The latest available national first-time pass rate average for the complex and in-depth examination is 86.5 percent. Passage of the examination is required to become a licensed registered nurse.

"The graduates from Blessing-Rieman are among the best in the nation as evidenced by their stellar performance on their national licensure examination," said Brenda Beshears, PhD, RN, President, Chief Executive Officer and Professor, Blessing-Rieman. "In addition, they have qualities that are not measured by a test such as compassion, critical thinking, and resilience. The College community is incredibly proud of all graduates."

Blessing-Rieman offers test preparation review sessions at the College for the students prior to taking the exam. The College has also developed a curriculum focused on a strong base of nursing knowledge as well as test taking skills.



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- Dr. Brenda Beshears

Faculty & Staff news



Jan Akright, PhD, RN, received the Pi Pi Chapter Excellence in Leadership award in May.

Callie Niederhauser, BS, Admissions Counselor, joined BRCN in June. Callie will be the Quincy University liaison recruiter.



Makayla Franklin, BA, Admissions Counselor, joined BRCN in June. Makayla will be the Culver-Stockton liaison and Health Information Management and Medical Laboratory Technology recruiter.



Katie Sidwell, MSN, RN, Instructor, is joining BRCN full-time in August.





BNAA ALUMNI BANQUET APRIL 23, 2022



BNAA Alumni Banquet 2022

The BNAA Alumni Banquet was held Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Tony's Too. There were approximately 120 alumni members and guests present. A meal provided by Tony's Too was enjoyed by all. BNAA President, Joan Ruhs, welcomed those in attendance. LeeAnn Lake gave remarks from the graduating class of 2022. Dr. Brenda Beshears also provided a college update. The award for the oldest alumni member in attendance was presented to Shelbia Ward from the class of 1957.

Members from the honored class of 1972 shared life updates and words of wisdom with the graduating class of 2022. Sandra Loewenstein, a graduate of the honored class of 1972, was presented with the BNAA Nurse of the Year. She was nominated for the award by her husband. Sandra was not able to attend the banquet, but received a surprise phone call letting her know she was the recipient of the award. The banquet concluded with the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

What is Forensic Nursing?

By Lila Warning



Forensic nursing is a blend of the nursing profession and the legal system. Crime scene investigation itself has been at the center of many popular television series and movies. So what makes Forensic nursing different from what we see in these shows? Quite simply, a forensic nurse must have licensure as a registered nurse. Forensic science involves many professions that work together to solve big crime and provide evidence of crimes. Forensic nurses work in many settings including but not exclusive to emergency departments, forensic psychiatric and correctional facilities.

Blessing-Rieman offers two forensic nursing classes. They are Intro to Forensic Nursing (Nsg 282) and Forensic Nursing (Nsg 497). Both classes are online courses. The Intro to Forensic Nursing class is geared to those who have had very little experience with nursing

classes and provides basics in the role of nursing and forensic nursing. Some of the topics for this course are nursing process, professional roles and collaboration, evidence collection and interviewing, documentation, at risk populations, and information on how the criminal justice system works.

Forensic Nursing (NSG 497) is designed for students who

"I think our culture is in need of more nurses being involved in forensic science, due to an increase in numbers of violence and abuse in our world."
- Lila Warning

have at least introductory courses in the fundamentals of nursing. It contains some of the same elements as listed for the introductory course but also includes how crime and crime reporting is influenced by culture, how crime influences the developmental levels of victims and provides more information of forensic nurses roles within the psychiatric and correctional facilities.

One of the specialty areas of forensic nursing that nurses pursued expertise in is that of a sexual assault nurse examiner. This role requires a registered

nurse to complete both classroom and clinical experience to achieve certification and expertise in working with victims of sexual assault and abuse. The courses at Blessing-Rieman provide introductory information for this specialty area.

Communication is a vital component of forensic nursing. Forensic nurses must communicate with victims of crime and abuse and learn to document what they have heard efficiently, thoroughly and flawlessly as their testimony to the findings of the exam provides evidence in the courtroom. Communicating compassion, establishing trust and helping victims feel safe is essential to the role of the forensic nurse.

Both of these courses provide introductory information on the specialty of forensic nursing while giving students the opportunity to develop and enhance critical skills taught in non-elective courses.



Evidence Collection Kit

Faculty Feature

Meet Brandi Venvertloth, PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor, Pre-Licensure BSN Coordinator



Where did you grow up?

Shelbina, MO

Tell me about your parents and siblings.

My parents are Duane and Paula and we love spending time with them. They are fantastic grandparents to our girls. I have two younger brothers. One brother is also a BRCN alum and lives in St. Louis. My other brother lives back home and is married with two little boys.

How did you meet your husband?

We actually met in a local work-out class. His aunt was the fitness instructor and eventually worked to set us up on a date. We knew within a couple of months that we would get married!

How many kids do you have?

We have two daughters, Hazel is 5 years old, Millie is 3 years old. We are expecting a baby boy in September and are thrilled!

What is your favorite family activity?

We love summer! We love swimming and being out on the water in our boat. We enjoy "camping" and spending time with family and friends.

Do you love to travel?

I enjoy traveling. I really love going to the beach when it is cold here at home. We recently went to Disney as a family and that was so special and magical for our girls.

Self care is so important. What do you do to take time for yourself?

I like to go for a pedicure or on a walk with a podcast/music. These days, going to bed early is a part of my self care.

What activities are you involved in outside of your work?

My husband and I are involved in our church and a local organization called TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). We enjoy mentoring young teens/adults in building on their faith journey. That has always been something that I have wanted to do and when I met my husband, he was already active in the program and now I'm hooked!



Pictured left to right: Brandi, Hazel, Nick, and Millie



Where did you get your degree from?

I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2006 and my Master of Science in Nursing in 2011 from Blessing-Rieman. I then got my PhD from the University of Northern Colorado in 2019.

Why did you pick nursing as a career?

I said for many years that I wanted to be a school teacher and then a friend invited me to join her on a visit day to BRCN. I was immediately drawn to this school and realized that nursing would be another way that I could help others. It just has always seemed like I was in the right place. My mom worked in healthcare when I was a kid, so I was familiar with working with patients.

Have you always wanted to be a nurse?

Maybe to some degree nursing was always in the back of my mind, but it wasn't until high school that I was for sure.

What is your favorite thing about being a nurse?

Getting to know patients and how to best help meet their needs. I love that I can

make a bond with patients from all walks of life and help them reach their goals. When I worked at the bedside, I loved seeing a positive difference at the end of my shift and reflecting back on how we (the patient and I) got there.

How long have you been a nurse?

I graduated in 2006, 16 years.

How long have you been teaching?

I started as an adjunct in 2008 part-time and then full-time in 2010, so 12 years.

Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

Yes, and it is amazing that I have come full circle now to teach in nursing.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

I really enjoy sharing information that I have learned to make someone's life easier or better. Whether it is with students or patients, I love the sense of empowerment that comes from someone learning something new.



BRCN Launches New Dual Enrollment Program

Dual enrollment is a unique opportunity for high school students to take college courses while earning their high school diplomas. Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences is excited

to offer local area high school students the opportunity to experience college level nursing and health sciences before they graduate! The courses offered are conveniently online to allow the student to work on the course around their busy schedule. "This gives the student the advantage of lessening the amount of credits they will take after high school to earn a college

degree. It also gives the students an opportunity to experience college courses and make the transition from high school to college easier" says Jan Akright, Academic Dean of BRCN. Blessing-Rieman is offering courses that apply to healthcare related degrees, such as nursing, respiratory, radiology, health information management, and medical laboratory. "We are very excited about our new Dual Enrollment courses. There is a great need for healthcare professionals and we hope this introduces students to the possibilities of a wonderful career with a lifetime of opportunities," said Jenna Crabtree, MBA, Dean of Enrollment Management/Business Manager.

For more information about the dual enrollment classes, please visit our website at www.brcn.edu/programs/dual-enrollment.

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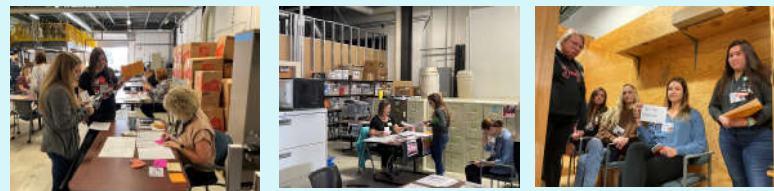
- **Introduction to Forensics in Nursing** is designed to introduce you to this specialty practice area of nursing. You will learn the history of Forensic Nursing and Forensic Science, careers related to Forensic Science and Nursing, evidence collection, crime scene investigation, and basics of the criminal justice system. (2 credit Hours)
- **Communication for the Healthcare Professionals** will help you enhance your communications skills to become a healthcare professional. You will focus on verbal and nonverbal communication skills, active listening, and therapeutic approaches to interacting with patients. You will also learn about language and cultural diversity needs and skill development with electronic communication techniques. (2 credit Hours)
- **Fundamentals of Nutrition** covers the fundamental nutritional concepts throughout the lifespan, menu modifications based on dietary and cultural needs, contemporary problems associated with nutrition, and nutrition solutions during health alterations. You will be able to safely apply basic nutritional concepts to patient care situations related to health promotion and health altering conditions. (2 credit Hours)
- **Medical Terminology** will help you learn the background in the language of medicine and health care. You will use a system of learning medical terms from root words, combining forms, prefixes and suffixes. At the completion of this course you will be able to recognize, build, define, and correctly spell medical terms. (2 credit Hours)
- **Fundamentals of Health Information Management** will introduce you to different types of healthcare systems, policies, working with patient records in an electronic health record system, data collection, medical coding and reimbursement. (4 credit hours)



BRCN hosted an **Explore Nursing** day camp on June 22nd for high school students from 15-17 years of age. A total of 11 students participated in the event. Activities included injection practice, blood pressure practice, and simulator experiences. The students also spent time shadowing in several units around the hospital. An **Explore Health Sciences** day camp was held on June 28th for students from 13-18 years of age. A total of 19 students participated. Activities included presentations on Respiratory Care, Health Information Management, Surgical Technology, Radiology, and Nursing. Students participated in hands-on learning through simulations and skills experiences.



On April 9th, Senator Jil Tracy (IL), Representative Randy Frese (IL), and Representative Greg Sharpe (MO), met with **senior nursing students** to discuss current legislative issues and the impact that their voice has on legislation at Spring Lake Country Club.



On March 21st, students in the senior Community Health class participated in a **poverty simulation**. Students got to experience what it is like for people living in poverty and learn about the struggles they face.



In March, BRCN junior students attended **Family Fit Night** at Quincy Early Childhood & Family Center where they got the opportunity to teach about health and safety to the students.



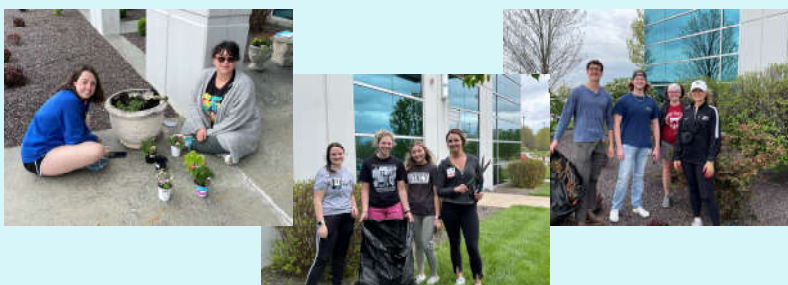
Students and staff celebrated **Medical Laboratory and Health Information Week** in April. The week-long celebration included information about each program on social media posts. Students were treated to food, games, and gifts.



On May 4th, students in the **Stress Management** course helped plant flowers, trim the bushes, and cleaned up the campus.



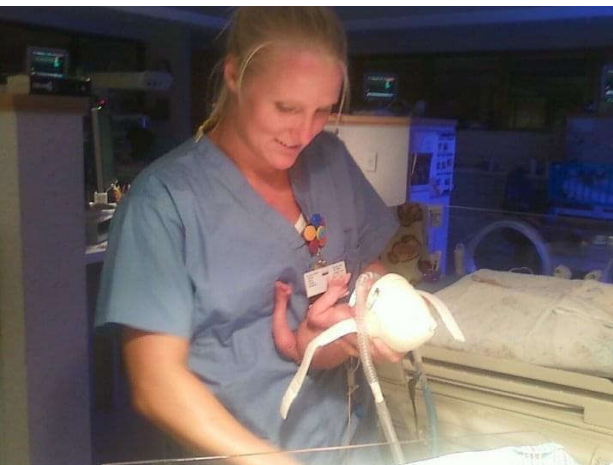
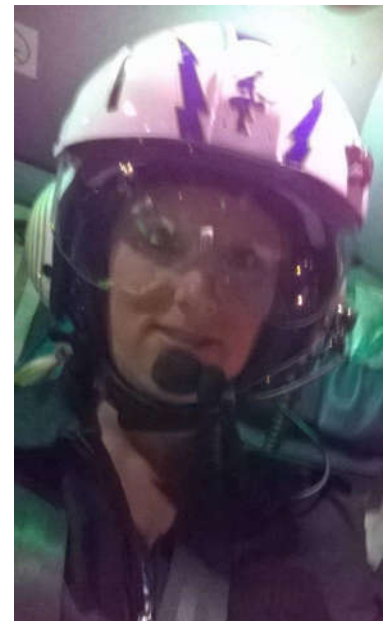
In April, students, faculty, and staff celebrated **Week for the Cause** to support those who have been affected by a disease or cancer. Students were treated to Bailey's Lotus Drinks, candy, and TCBY yogurt. A chalk the walk contest was held supporting the student's cause.



Alumni Spotlight

My name is Cassie (Fischer) Alloway. I graduated from BRCN in December of 2008. I attended Culver-Stockton College and played volleyball and softball while I attended there. Upon graduation, I started my nursing career at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. I took a job in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). I had the opportunity to do my leadership clinical in the level II nursery at Blessing and an internship between my junior and senior year at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. That was where I knew I had found my home in the NICU. I can honestly say I landed my dream job right out of school.

I started working at St. John's Hospital Level III NICU in January 2009. The NICU is honestly an entirely different nursing education. All lab values and medications are different compared to the adult world, so I felt like I was starting school all over again! About 4 years into my career in the NICU, I became a charge nurse and then soon after starting training to become a part of the Transport Team. We have a dedicated team trained to go to outlying hospitals to transport newborns or neonates back to St. John's for higher level of care. I travel by both helicopter and ambulance depending on the urgency of the situation or the weather. When we transport by ground, we go with a Respiratory Therapist and when we fly, we go with either a Flight Nurse or a Flight EMT. I love getting the chance to go back to Blessing to transport babies.



I always thought about going back to school, but I absolutely LOVE the bedside and can't imagine ever leaving it! I know the bedside isn't for everyone, but it's where my heart lies.

I married my husband Andy in April 2011. We live in Beardstown, IL. We have 2 boys: Fischer is 10 and Drew is 7. They keep us very busy.

Blessing Nurse Takes Pride in Caring for his Patient and Their Loved Ones



Cameron Morford with Tinkerbell

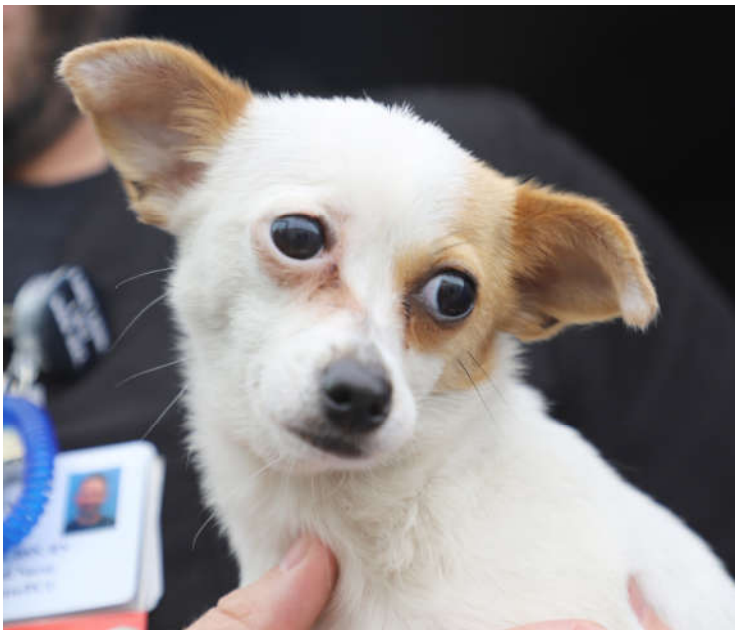
National Stroke Awareness Month and Blessing Health's observance of National Nurses Week began on a heartwarming note. Sunday, May 1, an out-of-state trucker pulled his rig into a Blessing Hospital parking lot and walked into the Emergency Center, concerned he was having a stroke. After stabilizing the patient and admitting him for further testing and observation, his nurse learned the man had a dog in the truck, a one-year-old Russell Terrier named Tinkerbell. While the Blessing Foundation looked for a place to board the dog, the patient's nurse, Cameron Morford, BRCN Alum, went to the truck and found Tinkerbell inside with plenty of food and water, but shaking with fear. Blessing Foundation

Administrative Director Ann Awerkamp-Dickson

took Tinkerbell from Cameron and worked with the Quincy Humane Society to board the lonely dog while the patient recovered. On Thursday afternoon, May 5, the patient was discharged and reunited with Tinkerbell. They were soon on the road again, bound for their Texas home. Blessing takes

pride in caring for patients and their loved ones – including cute, frightened dogs. Tinkerbell received a bag of treats

from the Quincy Humane Society team to pass the hours on the road back home. Donors to the Blessing Foundation paid the bill for Tinkerbell's care and provided a donation to support the work of the Quincy Humane Society.





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July 2022

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