

# Nightingale News

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## A Message

# From the Desk of the President



As we ring in a new decade and a new spring semester, The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences' students, faculty, and staff look forward to many rewarding and successful experiences in 2020. We anticipate receiving the report and recommendations from the November CCNE accreditation visit. We feel confident that the report will reflect great

accomplishments as the reviewers offered positive comments in the final interview. The NCLEX scores of our first BSN class also contribute to the positive outcomes of our visit and those scores continue to remain strong at 96% pass rate.

The Christ College is excited about the upcoming graduation of the first cohort of Accelerated BSN degree program students. We also launched our new Medical Assisting program and those students demonstrated a strong finish in their first semester! We now have six programs to best serve our students and support the needs of health care. Our enrollment in the fall was the highest to date with 932 students. I'd like to express my profound gratitude for the ongoing generosity of our alumni. We have alumni who graduated more than seventy years ago, who continue to donate and support student scholarships. With the increased enrollment, diverse student population, and demands of 21st century learning, the need for scholarship support is now greater than ever.

On behalf of the College Board of Directors, administration, faculty, staff and, most importantly our students, we wish each of you the best 2020 possible! Please keep in touch and share your life experiences with all 7,000 alumni across the country.

*Yours in Education,  
Gail Kist-Kline, PhD  
President* ♦

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## News

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# Celebration of Excellence

The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences celebrated its 7th Annual Celebration of Excellence on November 4, 2019. The congratulatory evening featured hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music and an award ceremony honoring students, staff and faculty members for exemplifying excellence in their work, caring for others, and a commitment to collaboration and integrity. Student and faculty honorees and their guests enjoyed the evening with College faculty, staff, generous donors, Board members, and TCHHN President and CEO Arturo Polizzi. The College is extremely proud of the following award recipients:

## Student Awards:

- ❖ *Deaconess Service Award for \$500 to **Loretta Welch***
- ❖ *The Arts and Sciences Award for \$500 to **LaTessa Walker***
- ❖ *The Christ College Community Service Award for \$1,000 to **Alexis White***
- ❖ *Medical Staff Clinical Nursing Award for \$1,000 to **Chelsea Pallo***
- ❖ *Medical Staff Clinical Nursing Award for \$1,000 to **Marianne McVey***
- ❖ *Dr. C. Elton Richards Memorial Award for \$1,000 to **Kirsten Hauser***
- ❖ *The Elizabeth Stephenson Drew Memorial Award for \$1,000 to **Meghan Hawk***
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- ❖ *Mary Deegan Leadership in Nursing Award for to \$1,000 to **Kathryn Vogel***
- ❖ *The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association Scholarship Award for \$2,500 to **Melissa Boswell***

## Faculty and Staff Awards:

- ❖ *Mary Margaret Spica Faculty Education Scholarship Award for \$500 to **Alyssa Ryan, Assistant Professor Arts & Sciences***
- ❖ *DAISY Faculty Award to **Jill Daniels, Assistant Professor Nursing***
- ❖ *Outstanding Teaching Award to **Pamela Wright, Assistant Professor Nursing***
- ❖ *Serving Learners Award to **Dallas McCray Smith, Admissions Counselor***
- ❖ *The Summo Commisso Missi Award to **Kaneesha Ogle, Assistant Professor Nursing***



Faculty-Staff Recipients (L to R): Dallas McCray Smith, Pamela Wright, Jill Daniel, Alyssa Ryan, Kaneesha Ogle

Student Recipients (L to R): Kirsten Hauser, Chelsea Pallo, Alexis White, Meghan Hawk, Casey Ochs

# Alumni Reunion Luncheon Saturday September 21, 2019

Over 50 Alumni came together for fellowship at The College's annual Reunion Luncheon overlooking the scenic Ohio river and downtown Cincinnati from the 6th floor rooftop event center at The Christ Hospital Joint & Spine Center. Coming home they shared fond memories and looked at archived yearbooks and mementos. President Gail Kist-Kline welcomed alum calling out specifically Helen Hanselman, celebrating 72 years! Annette Glasgow, Kristy Hayes, Lissa Knue, Marilyn Osborne and Annette Sherman; members of the Class of 1969 were recognized for celebrating 50 years! Other milestone classes represented included the classes of 1954, 65 years; 1959, 60 years; 1964, 55 years; 1974, 45 years; 1994, 25 years, and 2009, 10 years.

Celebrating 13 years as a college, President Kist-Kline shared updates including our highest fall semester enrollment to-date, 932 students, and the launch of our Associate Degree in Medical Assisting program. Alumni saw pictures of our newly renovated facilities and modern updates to our campus building.

Joyce Newman Ferrell, Class of 1962 and retired nursing leader, read her original poem *Once a Nurse*.



Class of 1974, 45 Years (L to R):  
Front Row: Linda (Crawford) Anderson, Rhonda (Greer) Young, Nancy (Federle) Glorius, Melanie (Scherrer) Nuckols,  
Back Row: Carolyn (Meyer) Hunter, Sandy (Liming) Turkelson, Kathy (Anderson) Woodson, Kathy (Burrington) Nicely



Class of 1959, 60 years (L to R):  
Front Row: Nancy (Mourer) Phelan, Lynn (Bohanan) Caldwell), Marian (Ammann) Tarvin  
Back Row: Jewel (Oursler) Holt, Jan (Peper) Langhout, Jan (Pott) Banta, Barbara (Officer) Schenck



Class of 1947, 72 years: Helen Hanselman



Class 1954, 65 years (L to R): Marlene (Mattes) Mather, Jacqueline (Schaffer) Long, Jane (King) Carson

**“Once A Nurse...”**

*“Once a nurse – always a nurse” –  
that’s what most folks say.*

*Don’t think there’s any question,  
that I’ve lived my life this way.*

*It just seems right when “trouble” hits,  
& you happen to be there.*

*It just seems natural to stop & help,  
to show someone you care.*

*Well, thinking back,  
I’ve had my share of sudden needs for aid.*

*Thought that I would share a few,  
of those “trouble” helps I’ve made.*

*While eating in a restaurant, in a little country town,  
Suddenly I heard a shriek, & I began to look around.*

*A waitress was carrying boiling grease,  
when the bottom gave away.*

*It splattered on her clothes & arms –  
so glad I was there that day!*

*And, what about the accidents that occur  
when helps not there?*

*A collision with a truck & car –  
out in the middle of nowhere!*

*Sometimes true stories a nurse can tell,  
may be a shock to you.*

*I’m so glad we’re all “out there”-  
perhaps we can help you too!!!*

Joyce explains the inspiration for this poem came from memories of some of the times she’s been “in the right place, at the right time.” Memories such as giving CPR on a living room rug, the Heimlich in a café, first aid and of course all the TLC and old fashioned “comfort care.” Joyce shares she wrote this, not for herself, but for all nurses out there – “in the right place, at the right time!”

A highlight of the program was the viewing of a news interview from Fox 10 News Phoenix. *92-year-old nurse still in the workforce; has no plans of retirement.* Johnina “Nina” Bell Clark, class of 1948 was featured on the 5:00 news back in May, 2019. Nina credits her job with keeping her going. At 92 she’s still working about 30 hours per week as a pre-admission testing nurse at Banner Del E Webb Medical Center in Sun City West, Arizona. Nina has worked at the hospital for 32 years and has held several positions. She says she doesn’t pay much attention to age and plans to keep working and doing what she loves – helping people. The video can be viewed at <https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/92-year-old-nurse-still-in-the-workforce-has-no-plans-of-retirement> [highlights referenced from story by Danielle Miller, FOX 10 News Phoenix, May 31, 2019] ♦

**Save the Date:**  
**Alumni Reunion Luncheon**  
**Saturday September 19th, 12:00 PM**  
at The Christ Hospital Joint & Spine Center



Class of 1964, 55 years (L to R):  
Front Row: Sandy (Hosbrook) Davis, Martha (Ellis) Mast, Marcia (Hollstein) Blank  
Back Row: Lois (Costello) Tucker, Rebecca (Colvin) Huston, Pam (Chitwood) Gillon



Class of 1969, 50 years (L to R): Annette (Moore) Sherman, Marilyn (Bramble) Osborne, Kristy (Waer) Hayes, Lissa (Wegner) Knue



Class of 2009, 10 Years: John Todd and guest

# Alumni Spotlight

## Where They Are...What They've Done



### **Abby McConnell, RN, BSN, Class of 2019**

As a recent 2019 graduate of TCCNHS Abby credits the nursing program with "... teaching me to think like a nurse, which is so hard to learn." Abby went directly from the BSN classroom to a career at

The Christ Hospital being hired into the Medical Intensive care Unit (MICU). Abby claims, "TCCNHS prepared me well for my job. I learned the important information and how to apply that to patient care scenarios."

Her advice to students who are in the throes of learning... "Don't quit studying and don't give up on your dream of being a nurse! It is hard, it will always be hard, and you will never know everything. But, this career is SO rewarding and you are saving and changing lives."

### **Sandra Roberts (Flinn), RN, AA, BA, MBA, Class of 1977**

Opportunities and flexibility in nursing careers can no better be epitomized than through the career trajectory of Sandra Roberts.

Taking nursing beyond the bedside, Sandra credits TCHSN for giving her a "...solid foundation for medical knowledge and practical experiences in many fields." She recognizes and appreciates how nursing afforded her with opportunities for auxiliary medical jobs and provided her with a unique and varied work experience.

After graduation in 1977, Sandra worked briefly in orthopedics, awaiting a job in psych. She soon found herself as an Assistant Head Nurse at Jewish Hospital



in Cincinnati. Then, an opportunity to become one of the first RNs... and females... working as a pharmaceutical rep placed her with Merrill in Cincinnati, then various big pharma companies for the next 25+ years. She won several sales awards during those years, and also landed her dream job as Medical Moderator for 2+ years. She states, "I left my house on Monday and came home on Friday, running dinner meetings around the country for MDs and RNs. I absolutely loved it, but times and businesses change." Flexing with the times, Sandra then worked 14 years as a per diem hospice RN for Vitas, the largest for-profit hospice in the country and well-known in Cincinnati. Her career went full-circle, from bedside, to corporate pharma, back to bedside, an interesting and meaningful career only nursing could offer!

### **Sherry Wiles, RN MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNOR, Class of 1983**

Sherry, Executive Clinical Director of Perioperative Services at The Christ Hospital began her career in 1978 as a

Surgical Technologist. Crediting "the great reputation [The Christ Hospital School of Nursing] had for clinical experiences and successful NCLEX passing rates," Sherry chose our school for its quality, rigor, and convenience. Over time her career flourished with roles as Clinical Manager (OR), Central Sterile Manager, and Executive Clinical Director of Perioperative Services at the main campus and the offsite surgery centers where she promotes best practices, develops policies, and engages the OR team in decision-making that encourages positive patient outcomes. Sherry states, "My goal personally was to remain in the OR as a surgical nurse, and Christ's nursing program prepared me to take the next step and take on more responsibility. It gave me a new perspective that I could build on and continue to this day."



She further adds, “I am proud to say that my entire healthcare and nursing career has been at TCH.” Her advice for new nurses entering the profession? “Stop, Look and Listen.....Even though you have reached a huge milestone upon graduation and are excited about your career you are just beginning.



### **Class of 1977 Roommates Reminisce Over Their Brick**

**Kathy Henderson (Wheeler)** and **Vicki Riddle (Horn)**

stand outside the college searching for their brick. Together they donated money as a way to

commemorate their time at the school. Vicki currently works for The Christ Hospital Health Network in Surgical ICU and IV Therapy, while Kathy is retired from St. Luke and will be moving out of town. What a nice way to reconnect as colleagues and forever friends!

### **Barbara J. Wright (Patton), MSN, RN-BC (NI), Class of 1977**

Nursing is more than a career, it is a commitment and a calling! Barbara worked in surgery most of her career earning her CNOR (Certified Nurse Operating Room) certification. Eventually shifting her focus to education Barbara taught in a Medical Assisting program. She ultimately earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree and achieved Board certification in Nursing Informatics. Currently, Barbara is teaching an accelerated Master’s level course in healthcare informatics with “No plans to retire anytime soon!”



### **Janet Ferguson, RN, BSN, Classes of 2013 and 2015**



After a successful 25-year career in healthcare marketing and public relations Janet’s passion for wellness promotion brought her to desiring to meet patient needs on a more intimate level. She earned her Associate of Applied Science in Nursing in 2013 and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2015, both at TCCNHS. Janet was hired immediately upon graduation on The Christ Hospital’s Renal-Transplant Med-Surg floor, then in TCHHN’s Urogynecology Physician Practice Group. And that’s just the beginning...

We are proud to announce, in June 2019, The Christ Hospital promoted Janet to a new position as “**ezCare Concierge Nurse**”, a perfect career fit for Janet and a first in the Cincinnati area! She is dedicated to making the healthcare experience more positive and hassle-free for patients, serving as an RN Patient Navigator, a “one-stop” resource for reviewing medical questions, connecting patients to the right doctors, and helping with everything from resources, appointments and insurance verification, all free to them as a network service! In addition, she coordinates customized healthcare programs for employer groups, clubs, and organizations – a “*Let’s Talk*” for the communities in which we serve.

With regards to her new role, Janet shares, “I love it! Everyday I’m doing something similar to what I’ve done in the past, but in a brand-new way. I keep focused on how I can help people achieve their best self while making it as easy as possible for them, and on how I can demonstrate the value of this service.” ♦

# Introducing Tiffany Porter Shabazz, Development Officer



Dear Alumni of The Christ Hospital School of Nursing and The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences,

It is with humility, honor and excitement that I greet you as the new Development Officer and wish you a Happy New Year. In the first five months, I have seen your ongoing generosity in support of our mission and pursuit of educating and preparing aspiring students to become future nurses and healthcare professionals.

I've always had a desire to serve others. My parents held careers in Human Services and instilled in their children that we each have an opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Whether that be in my profession or through volunteering my time, talent or treasures; I believe my life work includes giving back. Here at The Christ College (TCC), I believe every one of our students deserves an academic experience free of financial burden. When I show up to work, my mission is to contribute to making their dreams of becoming a healthcare professional a reality.

It has been a joy meeting students, faculty, staff and alumni. The conversations are underpinned with pride and admiration for the challenging academic programs, clinical experiences and the unique relationships between faculty members and students. The interactions and dialogue confirm for me why this role is so important to sustaining the College's legacy and building the future.

The College has a strong reputation for producing outstanding nurses who have not only the clinical skills to be excellent nurses but also a strong sense of compassion and kindness. Affiliation with The Christ Hospital Health Network (TCHHN) is our competitive advantage. Everyone from graduating high school seniors to seasoned adults aiming to advance their careers have the benefit of guaranteed clinical placement to gain the critical hands-on experience needed to be successful. Healthcare employers seek out our graduates with high confidence because of their ability to provide patient care with quality and compassion.

Through the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff and businesses, TCC awarded 313 students with \$675,000 in merit-based and minority scholarships to help offset 2019-20 tuition costs. Our Financial Aid team works one-on-one with our students to do their best to remove financial barriers. With more than 95% of students demonstrating a need for financial aid, the College has made increased financial support a top priority. The average scholarship award per student is \$2,100, and we currently have 932 students. With a growing student body and the average student loan debt for a freshman being \$7,100, I am focused on ensuring scholarship dollars are available and TCC has a thriving endowment.

In my role as Development Officer, I am committed to advancing the mission of TCC by growing donor relationships and implementing strategies that yield scholarship revenue. My work affords opportunities to collaborate with groups of philanthropists and alumni who make dreams come true for students, faculty, and staff at The Christ College. In addition to donor relationships, I will focus efforts to advance alumni relations with a concentrated effort on making networking and Continuing Education for professional development available to you. I will be seeking alumni feedback to learn more about your needs and interest.

I am delighted to be able to serve others in this capacity and look forward to building stronger relationships with alumni. Again, thank you for giving back and continuing in carrying forward the institution's mission and history, as aptly echoed in our motto, *Summo Commisso Missi, On Highest Mission Sent.*

With appreciation and gratitude,  
Tiffany Porter Shabazz, M.Ed., Development Officer ♦

# The Living Heart

## Insights from the Archives

Many of you may already know that The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences Archives collects items such as photos, nursing uniforms, event programs, scrapbooks, and more. I extend sincere thanks to those who have donated to the collection. But did you know that we also collect things like handwritten songs you sang together, journals or diaries you kept about your time as a student, and sports uniforms and memorabilia from your nursing school days?

At the moment the Archives only has a few pieces of sports memorabilia. We were lucky to have received a wonderful softball uniform from a gentleman who played on The Christ Hospital's team. Currently we do not have any sports uniforms from CHSN, however, we do have a 1984 C.R.C. Tourney Champions Basketball Trophy (see photo) which was donated by an alumna who played on that winning team.

Despite our lack of physical memorabilia in the Archives, we know that CHSN had a long tradition of students participating on sports teams, as well as in other extracurricular activities. Some of the school's oldest yearbooks indicate that our nursing students were playing basketball as early as 1930. There's evidence of volleyball in 1931. Softball doesn't appear in any documentation until the late 1950s, though it could have been played earlier. Your stories and donations help us fill in and preserve the school's rich history.



## Meet the Archival Intern



**Name:** *Shawntel Ensminger*

**Title:** *Archival Intern and temporary interim Archivist*

**Hometown:** *Burlington, Kentucky*

**Degrees:** *Sociology, Religious Studies (B.A. from Western Ky University); American Religious History (M.A. from Florida State); Library Science (M.S.L.S. from University of Kentucky)*

## Do you have items from your time as a student that you'd like preserved for future students and staff to enjoy?

The Archives is currently collecting materials that document student life. Types of materials we collect include photographs, scrapbooks, event programs, newspaper articles, old uniforms/capes, and more!

Contact Shawntel for more information at 513-585-0046 or email at [archives@thechristhospital.com](mailto:archives@thechristhospital.com). Please allow several days for responses. ◆



# News From The Place You Call Home



## New Year, New Space!

TCC debuted several new spaces in August, among them a brand new 10,000 square foot facility called **Christ College Commons** or **"The Commons"**, for short. The Commons is located at 2025 Reading Road, less than a mile from main campus; it includes four classrooms, several office spaces, a small testing center, a kitchenette with vending and free coffee, and lots of lounge and group study space. The students have settled right into this bright, modern new space and made it their own!



On main campus, the Drawing Room was given a fresh look with new carpet and updated lighting fixtures. Run-down furniture was replaced with colorful pieces that students can use for studying, group work, and lounging. What used to be a scarcely used space is now booming with student life! Some students even arrive to campus early in order to secure their spot in this popular hub that they voted to re-name **"The Den."**



Just next door, The Parlor was updated with new furniture and lighting that illuminates the history and sophistication of the meeting space while allowing faculty, staff and students to maximize its use. Its new name is **"The Study."**

Finally, since Chemistry was added to the BSN curriculum this semester, TCC had the need for an additional lab space on main campus. B-11, which was previously a classroom, has been transformed into a Biology Lab.



This update and the others will allow us to continue serving learners in meaningful ways. In the year to come, other improvements will be explored relative to office space, private student meeting space, private study space, and more! Just as was the case with the Drawing Room and Parlor renovations, there will be opportunities for alumni input as these changes are made. Keep an eye out for more information in future publications and TCC social media. ♦



## Retention Rockstars

This year, the Student Success Division is driving a new strategy for helping students persist toward degree completion. The initiative is critical for helping students achieve their personal and professional goals, and we can build on the success of our most recent BSN graduates! What we learned from that group of graduates is that those who persist to graduation are likely to be met with NCLEX success—so of course we want to do whatever we can to help ensure even more students are able to hit that mark!

The 2019-20 retention strategy is built on a student success framework from the Higher Learning Commission, which accredits TCC. The focus of the strategy is to understand our students and build very intentional, focused initiatives and infrastructure to support those who are deemed at risk of being unsuccessful. The strategy's success hinges largely on the campus community—our faculty and staff—who can help identify and care for struggling students. To that end, in November, TCC's Retention Committee recognized a "Retention Rockstar"—a staff member who has gone above and beyond to help support student success. November's Rockstar was Sandy Haungs, Student Accounts Coordinator. A part of Sandy's role is collecting tuition dollars from students, and she goes above and beyond to flag those who are struggling more consistently financially; Sandy brings those students to the attention of the administration and support staff because we know students who struggle financially often struggle to keep a focus on their coursework. Identifying these students can help staff dig a little deeper in order to really wrap their arms around what personalized approaches and resources will best help the student keep moving toward graduation—one semester at a time. Sandy has saved many students from missing out on achieving their goals, and for that she deserves much recognition and thanks! Each month the Retention Committee will name a new Retention Rockstar and bestow to them a token guitar (pictured above) in order to continue fostering a culture where quality outcomes are our highest priority, and faculty and staff are recognized for their contributions to student success! ♦



## TCCNHS & TCHHN Psi Omega Chapter-at-Large Recognized



Mary Winkel, MS, RN, Coordinator Student Clinical Placement, attended the Sigma (Sigma Theta Tau) Convention from November 16 through November 20. She was the delegate for the TCCNHS Psi Omega Chapter-at-Large. Our chapter was chartered in 2018, one of the first "at-Large" chapters to include a College of Nursing and a practice setting, The Christ Hospital Health Network. We were recognized on Tuesday, November 19 as one of the new Chapters. There were approximately 1500 members present, including nurses from international chapters in Africa, Australia, Europe and many others.

Serving as the chapter's delegate, Mary engaged in reviewing proposed changes to bylaws, and voted on candidates running for office.

The new Sigma President, Richard Ricciardi, PhD, NP, FAANP, FAAN (2019-2021) will be the speaker at the Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky (SONK) Sigma Conference on Friday April 24, 2020. SONK includes a consortium of Sigma chapters, which include

- ❖ Psi Omega Chapter-at-Large (TCCNHS & TCHHN)
- ❖ Beta Iota Chapter (University of Cincinnati)
- ❖ Omicron-Omicron Chapter-at-Large (Xavier University and Mt. St. Joseph University)
- ❖ Rho Theta Chapter (Northern Kentucky University)

Mary states, "It was a privilege to serve our chapter in this way!"

<https://www.sigmanursing.org/>

# News From The Place You Call Home

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

This year TCC is celebrating learners in a unique way. One student each week is recognized as Student of the Week and receives a shout out on Facebook and Instagram. Each student is nominated by a faculty or staff member and receives a \$100 tuition credit. Students who received this recognition during fall semester are:



**Leila Ali** was nominated by Dallas McCray-Smith, Admissions Counselor, for her genuine, compassionate nature and willingness to help out wherever and whenever needed. “Leila is a joy to be around. She is always willing to volunteer for any event. One day if I am a patient and I look up and see Leila, I will surely smile and be at ease knowing that I am in her caring, compassionate hands.”

**Angela Brown**, a senior in our BSN program, was nominated by Professor Diane Thole for her excellent bedside care. Professor Thole wrote, “Angela had a patient who was admitted with pneumonia and followed through on orders the patient had. It was great listening to the nurse giving the charge nurse a report on patients and how impressed the nurse was on the intuition of the student for getting and instructing the patient. Angela Brown has exemplified critical thinking since the start of this semester.”



**Inice Carpenter**, a TCC Associate degree nursing graduate and now enrolled as a RN-BSN student was nominated by Professor Lauren Theuerling for her conscientiousness and dedication. “Inice has been working as a Corrections RN at the Hamilton County Justice Center over the past 10 years, first as an LPN, then as an RN. She is respectful, compassionate and strong yet kind to the patients that she serves.”

**Julia Davis**, a junior in our BSN program, was nominated by Associate Dean of Nursing, Dr. Connie McFadden-Chase, for her dedication, perseverance, and optimism. “Julia overcame some difficult situations in the spring and has returned this fall semester with a vengeance. She is focused and committed to use her resources, talk to her faculty, and study according to her learning style to the fullest. Above all, she is motivated to maintain a positive mindset, one of the keys to success.”



**Elliott Flowers**, a sophomore BSN student, was nominated by Rob Kallmeyer, Associate Professor Arts and Sciences for his inquisitive mind. “Elliott has a very sharp mind that thinks critically about ideas asking such questions as: Why is this true? What is the deeper meaning of this? How can we use this idea for something important?”

**Jenny Husk**, a senior in our Accelerated BSN program was nominated by Professor Beth Hager for her drive and dedication, outstanding leadership, and caring nature. “Jenny is passionate about changing the health and circumstances of those in need. She has been a valuable resource to her peers, sharing her unique perspective and caring philosophy during class discussions.”



**Shelina Jones**, freshman in our BSN program, was nominated by Academic Advisor & Student Success Coordinator, Tazia Segar. Shelina’s dedication and excellent work ethic shines through as Tazia writes “Shelina can be seen after hours in the DEN studying and doing homework. Having been out of school for a number of years, Shelina remains positive and ‘refuses to be defeated’. She is working hard for her desired outcome. Truly an inspiration!”

**Madison Rylee**, a junior in the BSN program, was nominated for being a “kind, friendly and hardworking student” says Professor Lori Sentker. She is commended for her grit and tenacity to work through a demanding schedule and coursework, even while juggling several jobs, including working as a Health Unit Coordinator at The Christ Hospital.



**Louis Sunderhaus**, a senior BSN student, was commended for his leadership by Professor Ron Howard. “Louis has been the President of the Christ College Chapter of American Association for Men In Nursing (AAMN) for the past three academic years. Under his leadership, the Chapter has provided multiple College and community service activities. Louis is an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and lives those Army core values as well as the Christ College core values every day.”

**Bonita Turner**, a freshman in our BSN program, was nominated by Academic Advisor & Student Success Coordinator, Tazia Segar. “Bonita first stood out to me in our First Year Experience class. She is always willing to participate, share her experiences and lend a helping hand if needed. She’s made a tremendous effort in adjusting to her first semester at Christ. She was a huge help with *Bridging the Gap’s* - Brown Bag Lunch event. Always bright and positive, she is a light that the TCCNHS Community needs.”



**Danielle Zeller**, Dani was nominated by Kendal Schwab and Meghan Calvaruso, Recruitment and Admissions, for her outstanding service as a student ambassador and her caring personality. “Dani keeps an incredibly busy schedule with school and work, but she always finds time to give back! As our regular Talk ‘n Tour “Tour Guide”, Dani has helped welcome dozens and dozens of prospective students to our campus and has taken the time to answer their questions and make them feel more comfortable starting college.”

**Charles Rhoades** (photo unavailable) was nominated by Professor Dona Poff, who wrote, "Charles has been observed on more than one occasion assisting peers with learning how to take blood pressures; being patient and taking care to not make anyone feel like they are “less” for being unable to instantly grasp what they are learning. He has been a fantastic example of the culture here at the college, showing how teamwork and compassion goes a long way.” ♦

# News From The Place You Call Home.....

## Expanding on the Health Sciences – Introducing the Medical Assisting Program

Our 16-month Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting degree gives students the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in a clinical setting. Combining the flexibility of online courses with the intimacy of face-to-face classes and hands on training, the Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting program builds confidence and experience that meet the demands of health care providers.

Medical assistants are in high demand. Choosing to pursue an associate degree program not only allows them to break into this exciting field, but it also establishes a foundation for future career growth and educational pursuits.

During the 16 months, students complete a rigorous program including foundational general education courses required of all degree-seeking students, as well as, medical, clinical and managerial coursework including:

- ❖ Quantitative reasoning
- ❖ Medical terminology
- ❖ Communication and behavior for the Medical Assistant Professional
- ❖ Front office procedures for the Medical Assistant Professional
- ❖ Safety and emergency procedures for the Medical Assistant Professional
- ❖ Career Development Capstone for the Medical Assisting Professional

### How does this new program meet the mission and growth model for The Christ College?

The Medical Assistant Program launched in fall 2019. Thirty-two students enrolled; sixteen of



the enrollees are employed by The Christ Hospital. A thoughtful onboarding process was designed for the new students to include a Meet & Greet informational session, hands-on technology training as well as assigned mentors to support them through each semester. The identified mentors are high performing Medical Assistants within The Christ Hospital Health Network (TCHHN) who demonstrated the leadership and coaching skills needed to work with a broad demographic of students in the program. The students' ages range from eighteen to mid-forties, with a variety of experiences within healthcare and other industries. The Christ Hospital Health Network and the Ambulatory Leadership Team sought out TCC to develop this program due to a strong desire and need to train the existing medical assisting staff working within the Network. Both, TCC and TCH see the Medical Assistant program as fulfilling a priority to develop individuals and create health care career pathways. Beyond TCHHN needs this program responds to the community needs to train competent and compassionate health care professionals to support nurses and physicians in caring for patients of all type - women, men, children, aging populations and specialty focuses.

### First Semester Successes

We are excited to announce the following 8 students made the Dean's List:

- Karla Brodbeck
- Danielle DeStefano
- Lisa Ferrell
- Aaron Frank
- Travonna Howard
- Jana Kante
- Rachel Monroe
- Jessica Williams

*Congratulations and well deserved!*

# Student Focus

## Students Reach Out Across Boundaries – Bridging the Gap

**Bridging the Gap (BTG)** was introduced this academic year by students who desire to go above and beyond in service giving. The group was started by student co-founders, Alexis White, Chelsea Schneider, and Kayla Casey. The three students, in their senior year, met with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant, Anita Frazier about forming a Diversity student group. Their goal, as they stated, was to go above and beyond their *Serving Learners* class, by working together to give back to those in need.

Dedicated to bringing awareness to socioeconomic, gender identity, ethnicity and religious matters in our region, this past semester’s activities reflect diversity in the range of programs.

❖ **Brown Bag It**, their first activity in September, had students and staff packing 100 brown bag lunches for Cincinnati’s homeless. Having received food donations from the College community, students met to prepare sandwiches and then delivered them to the homeless in Mt. Auburn, Walnut Hills and downtown Cincinnati.

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### Meet, Dr. Denise Brown, our new Medical Assisting Program Director!



Denise recently transitioned from her role as TCHHN’s Director of Urgent Care/Primary Care to oversee and manage our new Medical Assisting program.

Dedicated to building a comprehensive world-class Medical Assisting Professional program, Denise is passionate about transforming the lives of every student she meets. Her goal is to “equip every student with the necessary medical knowledge, clinical competency, and leadership acumen to practice beside health care providers and teams delivering high-quality compassionate care to our customers.” With years of experience at The Christ Hospital, she also understands how alignment between the Network, physicians and the college is important to supporting education and seamlessly moving MAs from classroom to career.

Denise enthusiastically states, “It truly is an honor and a pleasure to be working beside some of the finest administrative staff, faculty, support staff and friends here at The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences! The spirit of excellence was palpable previously as a consultant and continues as part of the TCC team!”

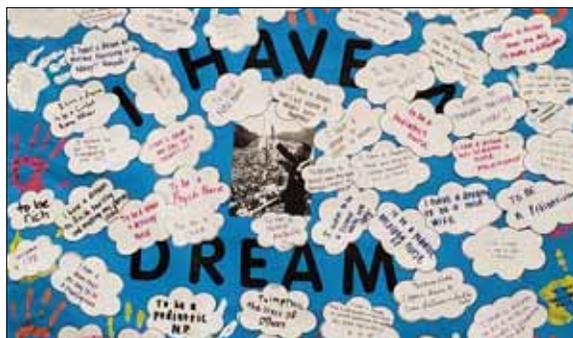
Our students love Dr. Denise’s energy, excitement, and commitment to serving learners! ♦

# Student Focus

## Students Reach Out Across Boundaries – Bridging the Gap (Continued)

- ❖ In October *Bridging the Gap*, recognized **National Coming Out Week**. Their program, held at the new Commons location, featured messaging about LGBTQ resources and support and suicide awareness and prevention. A moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida and others from the LGBTQ+ community who lost their lives as a result of suicide was held.
- ❖ A third program held was a lunchtime event on main campus **Let's "taco" bout Diversity**. Interested students and staff shared delicious tacos and conversation as a targeted information sharing and recruitment affair.
- ❖ In November, with a chill in the air, *BTG* hosted **Pasta with a Purpose**. The purpose was to feed the hungry. In partnership with The Church of Our Savior in Mt. Auburn, College participants collected food and prepared and served pasta dinners to roughly 75 individuals.
- ❖ Most recently, in January 2020 the BTG student group celebrated the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students hosted this event in the lobby of TCC where they served cupcakes to students, faculty, and staff. The BTG and staff advisors Cidnei Lewis and Julia Snider, created an **"I Have A Dream"** poster upon which attendees were encouraged to write their dreams. The poster will hang in the lobby of TCC through the end of the month.

*Bridging the Gap* continues to work with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department, and staff advisors to plan events allowing for an opportunity to give back to others. Future events planned include a sock drive, items to be delivered to homeless shelters, mentoring youth in the Mt. Auburn community, and a Black History Month celebration. ♦



# TCC Hosts Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

The Christ College (TCC) hosted a team of expert evaluators in November 2019 to determine our baccalaureate nursing programs' adherence to the CCNE accreditation standards. Baccalaureate education in nursing at TCC consists of the traditional 4-year BSN, the accelerated BSN, and the RN-BSN completion programs.

While the final determination on continued accreditation will not be published for several months the visitors were very complimentary of our College. They described our culture as being unique and collaborative. During the exit summary each of the four standards and 31 associated key elements were reviewed.

Key observations shared by the visitors speak to the Nursing Program's and the College's efforts to *Serve Learners*.

Students felt faculty are very receptive to student concerns and issues are typically handled at the faculty level.

The efforts to address space issues and repurposing of space for students and for faculty to meet with students was noted.

All academic support services do a "stellar job" and provide an environment of support and success for students.

Students commented specifically to the support they feel from the administration team.

Program curricula have been created and implemented with reflection and intention and with examples of collaboration with the Arts and Sciences.

The RN-BSN has done a great job implementing interactive strategies and real-time feedback to students in an online program.

Next steps include a review and a response of the final visitor's report, a review by the Accreditation Review Committee with recommendations, a review of recommendations by the Board of Commissioners with a decision. A final decision will be made in May 2020.

Associate Dean Connie McFadden Chase expressed that this was a very successful visit and that she is extremely grateful to be working with the "best colleagues in the city". ♦



## Faculty Focus

Congratulations go out to six members of the nursing faculty who completed their rigorous doctoral journey. They accomplished this while working full time and never letting their commitment to students falter, navigating their family and other obligations, and with a smile.

### Congratulations to:

Amy Grant, Assistant Professor on achieving her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Beth Zwilling, Assistant Professor on achieving her DNP

Vicki Jurevic, Assistant Professor on achieving her DNP

Julie Kelly, Assistant Professor on achieving her DNP

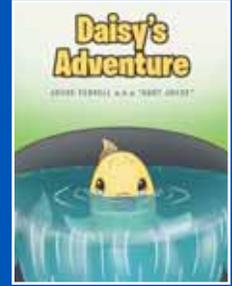
Beth Hager, BSN Program Director on achieving her DNP, and to

Connie McFadden Chase, Associate Dean, Nursing on achieving her Doctorate in Educational Leadership (EdD)





The Christ College is excited to announce Joyce Newman Ferrell, Alumna, TCHSN Class of 1962 has authored and published a children's book titled "Daisy's Adventure." Daisy's Adventure is dedicated to Joyce's great niece Kenzie. "Daisy's Adventure is based on the true story of my eighteen-inch long yellow koi fish named Daisy. Her koi friends, Duke and Princess, live in a large pond with Daisy. A pretty waterfall keeps their water nice and fresh and they swim around enjoying their home-most of the time. On this scary, stormy day, a very heavy rain came over the waterfall and washed Daisy out of her pond. She had never been outside her pond before. Daisy was very afraid and didn't know what to do." This story tells the true tale of how "Daisy" found herself in a very scary situation but kept believing that everything would be OK if she just kept trying. Smart phone users can scan the barcode to watch a short video clip made by the publisher, Covenant Books. Joseph Beth at The Christ Hospital will begin selling the book in February. A portion of the profits from Daisy's Adventure will be donated to The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences to support student scholarships.



# Class Notes ...

## Condolence

**Jeralyn Roberts (McClure), Class of 1945**, passed away September 23, 2019. Jeralyn worked for many years as a RN at Ft. Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio.

**Josephine Bostwick (Brown), Class of 1946**, passed away July 10, 2019 at the age of 94. Her daughter noted that Jo's dream in life was to be a nurse which she found at CHSN and spoke of her glorious time there preparing for her life's vocation. During those three years at Christ Hospital she made many lifetime friends, participating in a Round Robin in which her last letter was written June 2019. Having moved to

Fullerton, CA she worked for the Los Angeles County Health Department.

**Kathryn J. Denny (Miller), Class of 1946**, died July 29, 2019.

**Nedra R. Freeburg (Andler), Class of 1946**, died August 3, 2019. Nedra was an OB/GYN nurse her entire career.

**Jean Floyd (Attridge), Class of 1948**, passed away November, 2019.

**Mary Wilma Neal (Jackson), Class of 1948**, died on November 13, 2019 at the age of 92. She retired from St. Luke Hospital and was an office nurse for a northern Kentucky physician.

**Vera May Weiss, Class of 1949**, died peacefully on May 27, 2019 after a long battle with metastatic breast cancer. Vera was

90 at the time of her death. After graduating from CHSN in 1949 she graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1953. While her children were in school, Vera served as the school nurse in school District 102 in LaGrange Park, IL.

**Carol Bradbury (Potrafke), Class of 1949**, passed away August 3, 2019.

Andy Atkinson, husband of **Nancy Atkinson (Evans), Class of 1958**, passed away in January, 2019.

**Carol J. Seyberth (Hemingway), Class of 1959**, passed away November 24, 2019.

**Julia H. Powell, Class of 1960**, died January 26, 2019.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Yowler (Hafer), Class of 1960**, died October 1, 2019.

Michael D. Harris, husband of **Jane Harris (Anderson), Class of 1965**, passed away on August 26, 2019. Jane and Michael were married for 50 years.

**Susan Schramm (Patterson), Class of 1967**, died from complications of ALS in April 2019. She lived her life with great courage and grace. Her beloved husband, Al died from heart disease just three months later. They were an amazing couple.

**Mildred Shell (Platt), Class of 1969**, passed away April 2016.

**Martha Martin (Battistone), Class of 1977**, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2019 at the age of 63. Martha was a pediatric nurse for over 40 years.

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