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President's CORNER

Recently I was talking with a colleague about a favorite movie – “Pay It Forward.” It was a drama released in 2000 that told the story of a social studies teacher who gives an assignment to his junior high school class to think of an idea to change the world for the better, and then put it into action. One of his young students decides his project will be “paying forward” favors to others. The movie highlights how his actions not only affect him and his mother, but also how he sets into motion a wave of human kindness that grows into a national phenomenon. An example the media sometimes highlights as “paying it forward” is someone in a drive-through paying for the order of the car behind them and beginning a chain reaction of kindness.

One of my favorite quotes by Maya Angelou is “When you learn, teach; when you get, give.” I received the following email from Kira Anderson, program chair in respiratory care. It is a beautiful example of the many ways you, as alumni, pay it forward.

Dr. McGarvey,

I wanted to tell you about an awesome clinical adjunct instructor, Shinerica Hunley. Shinerica has taught with us for the spring and summer terms. She is an alumnae, one of whom we should be extremely proud, just as I am.

Within the last three weeks, she has been a saving grace for the program. She ensured that program standards were maintained during challenging times. Her work ethic and commitment to students' learning and professional development is without question. Last Friday, she came on campus to assist me with evaluating students' HCP-targeted teaching presentations and CQI presentations. What we had planned taking three hours ended up taking five. Then this Wednesday, knowing that she would not be compensated, she came to campus to assist with the skills final exam for junior students in RCP 210. She spent all day assisting with and scoring the skills final exams. She stated she wanted to get to know the students with whom she would be working in the fall. Lastly, on Tuesday, she remained at the clinical site for over an hour after the shift ended to provide assistance to a student.

I am so proud to serve with this amazing professional.

Kira Anderson.

Your generosity as alumni who “pay it forward” happens all the time. It might be serving as a preceptor, guest lecturer, mentoring a student or helping provide leads and advice as graduates begin their job search. Many of you “pay it forward” with contributions to scholarships for current students or by serving on the Alumni Association board of directors. For each and every “pay it forward” action – thank you.

With much admiration,

Betty Sue McGarvey, PhD, RN
President

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April 2018 Commencement



The 33rd commencement ceremony of the Baptist College of Health Sciences was held on April 12, 2018 at Bellevue Baptist Church. President Betty Sue McGarvey presided over the ceremony. Dr. Denise Burnett Stewart, chair of the College Board of Directors, introduced the featured speaker, Dr. William E. Cochran, immediate past chair of the College board of directors and President Emeritus of the Southern College of Optometry. Stewart presented diplomas to 101 graduates at the 4 p.m. ceremony. This included 46 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and 55 Bachelor of Health Sciences diplomas. As of April 2018, a total of 3,411 baccalaureate degrees have been awarded by Baptist College of Health Sciences.

Dr. Loredana Haeger, provost of Baptist College, recognized special honors, including magna cum laude, summa cum laude and cum laude graduates, and those students who served in leadership roles at the College.

Dr. Stewart presented the Board of Directors Award to Bretley Layne Agee. The award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, commitment to community service, commitment to Christian principles, and potential for leadership in the health care professions.

Sherita Martin, director of development for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presided over the presentation of the remaining special awards.

The Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award was presented to Linda Finch. This award is named in memory of the woman who served as Baptist Memorial Hospital's vice president of nursing from 1971 to 1991. The recipient of this award attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the nursing graduates.



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The Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award was presented to Paige Nicole Holliday. Dr. Lee was a longtime radiologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital and an inventor who was awarded seven patents for various inventions. The recipient of this award attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the medical radiography graduates.



April 2018 Commencement *continued*

The Joseph H. Powell Award was presented to Holly Ann Barcroft. The award honors a former chief executive officer of Baptist Memorial Hospital and Baptist Memorial Health Care. Mr. Powell has provided a noteworthy legacy of leadership in health care and community service. The recipient of this award demonstrated outstanding academic performance and the potential for advanced studies in the health sciences.

The Sarah Ainsworth Award was presented to Taliyah Michelle Knox. Established by a gift from her husband, Jim, this award honors the dedication and commitment Ainsworth made to

help her students learn and grow as health care professionals. The recipient demonstrates leadership potential, commitment to Christian values, and is ranked in the top 25% of the graduating class.

The Dr. John F. Rockett Award was presented to Jamie Alisabeth Keller. This award was established in memory of an esteemed nuclear medicine physician at Baptist Memorial Hospital who demonstrated outstanding academic performance in research methodology and a commitment to excellence in clinical practice in the field of nuclear medicine.



Sherita Martin presented the Joseph H. Powell Award to Holly Barcroft



Sherita Martin presented the Sarah Ainsworth Award to Taliyah Knox



Sherita Martin presented the Rockett Award to Jamie Keller

April Nursing Recognition and Pinning Ceremony

The Recognition/Pinning Ceremony was held April 12, 2018, recognizing 44 new nursing graduates and 3 RN-BSN graduates. This ceremony marks the rite of passage into the profession of nursing and serves as a reminder of nursing's historic promise to serve others. Additionally, graduates who were inducted into the Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter of Sigma

Theta Tau International Honor Society and served as student mentors or presidential ambassadors were recognized. The Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter's award for leadership, academic excellence, and academic integrity was presented to Jordan Brooks. The graduates presented the College with a class gift of a tree and support stone to be planted on the College campus.

Spring Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter Induction Ceremony

The Beta Theta-at-Large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing held an Induction Ceremony April 5, 2018, at Garrett Auditorium on the Baptist Memphis campus. 33 Baptist College of Health Sciences nursing graduates were inducted into this prestigious honor society recognizing academic excellence, academic integrity and potential for leadership in nursing along with graduates

from the University of Memphis Loewenberg College of Nursing and University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Nursing. The guest speaker, Janet Tucker, Ph.D., RNC-OB, assistant professor of nursing from the Loewenberg College of Nursing, delivered a presentation titled "Sigma—Invested in Your Growth."



Inaugural August Graduation & College Pinning Ceremony



On Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, the Baptist College of Health Sciences held its 34th commencement ceremony at Bellevue Baptist Church. This ceremony marked Baptist College's first-ever August graduation. Going forward, the College will hold three graduation ceremonies each year to accommodate its graduates.

President Betty Sue McGarvey, Ph.D., presided over the ceremony. Dr. McGarvey introduced the featured speaker, Susan Ferguson, MS, RN, CNML, vice president and chief nursing executive of Baptist Memorial Health Care.

Baptist College conferred diplomas to 63 graduates; two Associate of Science degrees in pre-health studies; 50 Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees and 11 Bachelor of Health Sciences degrees.

As part of the ceremony, all 63 graduates received College pins and diplomas during the commencement. The College pins, gifts from the Alumni Association, are a representation of the Baptist College of Health Sciences' official seal.

The design in the center of the pin's seal shows one hand raised in a pledge of service, and the other hand resting on an open Bible. Next to the hands is a branch of the Tree of Knowledge.

"The pin reflects the credo of the College; Higher Education, Higher Purpose," said Dr. McGarvey. "These words and the receipt of the College pin is a visual reminder that the education of health care professionals extends Christ's work of compassionate healing."

The August graduation ceremony is the first time all College graduates received pins.



Inaugural August Graduation & College Pinning Ceremony *continued*



Sherita Martin presented the Board of Directors Award to Chaka Morton



Sherita Martin presented the Joseph H. Powell Award to Sydney Russell



Sherita Martin presented the Sarah Ainsworth Award to Bailey Erickson

“We are excited to grow a culture of inter-professional education, with all graduates receiving the College pin,” explained Dr. McGarvey. “I am proud that we are offering a meaningful ceremony for all of our graduates.”

Several special awards were presented to graduates, including the following:

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Martin presented the Board of Directors Award to Chaka Renita Morton. The award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, commitment to community service, commitment to Christian principles, and potential for leadership in the health care profession.

The Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award was also presented to Chaka Renita Morton. This award is named in memory of the woman who served as Baptist Memorial Health Care’s vice president of nursing from 1971 to 1991. The recipient of this award attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the nursing graduates.

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Three Nursing Students Recognized for Award-Winning Clinicals



Markela Albright



Jenna Myers



Codi Parks

Three Baptist College of Health Sciences students were recognized this term for their quick thinking and expertise during clinical rotations. Nursing supervisors nominated the students for the DAISY in Training Award, which is designed to remind students, even on the hardest days in nursing school, why they want to be a nurse.

Markela Albright was nominated for her excellent skills on her first day of clinicals. Her nominator wrote that she demonstrated the “intellectual, social, and spiritual values needed to succeed in the health care profession,” which are outlined in the Baptist College’s mission statement. From the first day of clinicals, she developed nurse-patient connections by being knowledgeable of disease processes, medication mechanism of action and symptoms to monitor.

Jenna Myers was nominated for her attention to detail and her determination to help a patient. While the patient was in the hospital for another illness, Jenna noticed that she may have an infection in her legs. After some reassuring discussions, the patient allowed Jenna to examine her legs, which were infected. If not for Jenna’s resolve, the diagnosis may have been missed. The patient’s family member notified the nursing staff of her gratitude for Jenna’s assessment.

Codi Parks was nominated for being a true advocate for a patient. During the patient’s assessment, Codi was able to recognize that the patient had been physically abused. Codi quickly notified a supervisor. Because of her attention to detail during the assessment, the patient did not return to the abusive environment. Codi was also nominated for her work outside of a clinical setting, where she works a part-time job. She saw that a person needed care, so she used the Basic Life Support skills she learned as a nursing student to help the patient until emergency care could arrive.

“Baptist College of Health Sciences is proud to be a DAISY In Training award partner, recognizing three of our student nurses with this special honor this term,” said Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey, president of the Baptist College. “Markela, Jenna and Codi are three shining examples of our incredible nursing students, demonstrating respect to patients while still remaining professional and medically diligent. I am delighted that they were recognized.”

By recognizing nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion shown to patients and their families, Baptist College celebrates what it truly means to be a nurse.



Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend

The annual alumni reunion was held April 27-28, 2018. More than 100 alumni and guests participated in the reunion, with the class of 1958 celebrating its 60 year anniversary, the class of 1978 celebrating its 40 year anniversary, and the class of 1983 celebrating its 25 year anniversary. The theme of the weekend was "Catch up with Your Favorite Team," a baseball theme.

The weekend kicked off Friday night with a gathering at a Memphis Redbirds baseball game. Alumni purchased group ticket sets, which included a game ticket, Memphis Redbirds souvenir hat and buffet dinner.

On Saturday, a luncheon was held on campus at the College Assembly Hall for an afternoon of networking and mingling with friends.

Each year special awards are presented to alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or provided exemplary service to the College.

The Young Alumni Award was presented to Latoyia Taylor, a 2013 graduate of the Respiratory Care program.

The Service Award was presented to Lori Turpen, a 1982 graduate of the Respiratory Care program.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Debby McMillin, a Nursing graduate from the class of 1978.

Please join us next alumni reunion on April 27th, 2019.



Alumni Award Winners: Debby McMillin, Lori Turpen, and Latoyia Taylor



Class of 1958



Class of 1978



Class of 1983



Alumni Awards Call for Nominations

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Baptist College of Health Sciences is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be given in late April during the alumni reunion luncheon. The award recognizes and honors alumni for distinguished personal and career achievements and for exemplary contributions to society that bring credit to the Baptist College of Health Sciences. One award is presented each year.

Criteria

1. Recipients must be of such integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that the award reflects positively on the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
2. Personal achievement through outstanding service to their community.
3. Achievements, patent on a new discovery or an innovation in a new technology.
4. Outstanding contribution to health care.
5. Regional, national or international reputation in the alumnus' field.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form below and return to Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni affairs, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. You can also email Megan at megan.bursi@bchs.edu or fax to

901-572-2599. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize our graduates who have had a very positive impact on their profession and their community.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award acknowledges significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the Alumni Board/Association. Award selections will be made by a sub-committee of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Criteria

1. Significant contributions — Recipients have shown dedication to their alma mater over time by volunteering their time to assist in whatever way they feel they can best serve. We acknowledge "significant" as meaning above and beyond the normal commitments. Finally, their dedication has been an inspiration to others.
2. The recipient may be a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, any of the Baptist schools and/or the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
3. Candidates must perform community service in addition to service at the College.
4. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character that reflect the College's values.

Selection Process

1. The Alumni office gathers recommendations made by alumni, faculty, staff or other students and passes the recommendations to the awards committee for review.
2. A letter must be submitted indicating the significance of the service rendered to the College by the nominee, along with a detailed list of accomplishments.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (fewer than 10 years) whose early volunteer service for Baptist College sets an example for their peers, helps to keep other young alumni involved and shows promise for continued service and leadership in the future. Qualified candidates will also have made significant strides in their chosen profession.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty and staff. The nomination is in the form of a written letter to the Baptist College Alumni Office. Nomination forms for both the Alumni Service and Young Alumni awards are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee. Awards are granted on an annual basis and announced at the June alumni reunion.

Distinguished Alumni Award 2018

Please address nominations to: Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni affairs, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Deadline for submission is March 1st, 2019.

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____



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I nominate: _____ Field: _____ Class of: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s) _____

Reason for nominating the alumnus _____

Information regarding professional career _____

Information on other honors/awards _____

Note: Attach a current resume or biography to this form. You may need to contact the nominee for this information.



In Honor of a Retiring Colleague

Kathy Thompson Hunt is one of those professionals who has been very influential throughout her career. Kathy has inspired, trained and mentored many health care professionals who have crossed her path. As one of the founding members of the Baptist College of Health Sciences, Kathy has served as the Nuclear Medicine program chair for more than 26 years and has 40 plus years of working within the Baptist Memorial Health Care system. Kathy is well respected within the nuclear medicine community, serving in several nuclear medicine professional organizations, holding office, and writing and contributing to many industry publications. Her commitment to the nuclear medicine profession and to Baptist College is why a scholarship fund has been established to honor her retirement and dedicated service.



We invite you to consider a gift to the Kathy Thompson Hunt Nuclear Medicine Scholarship Fund at Baptist College to support students in the Nuclear Medicine program. Your contributions to the fund will provide Baptist College the opportunity to support students financially while contributing to their continued professional development. To donate, please use the provided envelope. You may also donate online at www.bchs.edu, select "Donate," select "Give Now" and enter an amount. For "Designation," please select "other," and type "Kathy Thompson Hunt Nuclear Medicine Scholarship." To pay by phone or for more information, please feel free to contact Sherita Martin at 901-572-2773 or Sherita.Martin@bchs.edu.

We hope you will take part in honoring Kathy's many years of dedication to the nuclear medicine profession.

Thompson and Associates – Planning is the Key

The Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation has partnered with the estate planning firm Thompson and Associates to provide complimentary estate planning services to our Baptist College alumni. Jeremy Pharr, JD, is our representative, and he is on-site monthly at the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation.

Bill and Marilyn Crosby visited with Jeremy and had these things to say about their visit:

While we already had our will prepared and were satisfied that we were in good shape in that regard, there were a number of ideas that Jeremy brought to our attention that will make life easier for those whom our wills will eventually affect.

In addition to providing us practical guidance, Jeremy left us with the feeling that we have really giving rational, constructive and well thought out consideration to those whom we will leave behind. We recommend that anybody who is given the chance to go through this process to take full advantage of it.

Like Bill and Marilyn, we hope you will take advantage of this service. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Sherita Martin at 901-572-2773.



Bill and Marilyn Crosby



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The Baptist College of Health Sciences and the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation wish to thank the following alumni and friends for their generous support in 2017. These gifts allow us to offer student scholarships and awards in addition to enhancing our instructional activities. With your gifts, our students can fulfill their callings.

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Baptist College of Health Sciences Welcomes Second Class of Honors Program Students in Fall 2018

Fall 2017 marked the first year of Baptist College's Honors Program, with five students accepted and enrolled in the new program. For fall 2018, enrollment increased more than 600 percent, with a total of 38 students accepted and enrolled in the program with a 100 percent retention rate from the previous year.

"We want to continue attracting elite academic students to Baptist College," said Dr. Brian Alexander, general education and health sciences associate dean for the College. "We are already a competitive institution, but offering the Honors Program can be a difference maker for some students when making their college decisions."

First-year students applying to the program must have a minimum ACT score of 25 and a minimum 3.5 GPA out of high school. Transfer students and students already enrolled at the College applying to the Honors Program must also have a 3.5 GPA and have earned fewer than 29 credit hours. The average ACT score for current students is 26.9.

Honors Program students are enrolled in classes, just like all students. However, over the course of their college career, they will 'honorize' five courses to enrich the class experience. They

meet with an advisor to decide which classes to 'honorize' and how they will go about doing so, building their own immersion into the program.

Students enrolled in the Honors Program will also participate in social events and community service projects with their honors peers. There are several built-in benefits for being in the Honors Program, such as priority class enrollment and tours of Baptist-affiliated hospitals, clinics and Baptist Medical Group practices.

The Honors Program is open to students in all programs except a few programs that typically require fewer than 120 hours for graduation, describes Dr. Alexander. In the next three to five years, Dr. Alexander would like to have 150-200 students in the program.

"We don't have a maximum number of students who can be in the Honors Program," explained Dr. Alexander. "Program growth means program enrichments, which benefits all students."

Honors Program students will also receive special commendation at their graduation ceremony. The first round of Honors Program students is expected to graduate in 2020.

Baptist College Gives 3rd Annual Spirit Award

Baptist College's third Spirit Award was presented to Ben Roberts, medical radiography instructor. The award is funded through an endowment fund established by an anonymous donor through the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation. Employees can be nominated by colleagues who provide examples of how the employee demonstrates selflessness, a mentoring attitude and is engaged in the College community as a team player, student advocate and College ambassador. The recipient receives a cash award and a beautiful acrylic statue.





Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

DR. CHARITY BRANNEN was featured as part of an *In Chemistry* magazine article about the Baptist College of Health Sciences' American Chemical Society Student Chapter. The article was published online and in print by ACS Educational Division. The magazine reaches ACS student members and ACS faculty advisors worldwide. (<https://inchemistry.acs.org/content/inchemistry/en/student-chapters/baptist-college.html>).

DR. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of philosophy and religion, shared his perspective as a clinical ethicist with honors biomedical ethics students at the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College at the University of Mississippi on Jan. 2, 2018. Dr. Church and Dr. Edward Hill, recently retired family practice physician and 2005 president of the American Medical Association, answered questions from professor Neil Manson's honors students. Students asked questions about the guest experts' greatest ethical challenges, how to work through ethical dilemmas, and challenges in working toward a more just health care system for all Americans, including low-income rural populations.

- **DR. CHURCH** and Katherine B. Steuer, senior associate counsel, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, presented "Authorizing Research with Adolescents: Assent, Consent and Parental Permission" on June 12, 2018 in the Marlo Thomas GEC auditorium.

DR. SUMEDHE KARUNARATHNE, assistant professor of physics, was co-author on the following four topics presented at the American Geophysical Union fall meeting in New Orleans on Dec. 11-13, 2017.

1. Peak Source Power Associated with Positive Narrow Bipolar Lightning Pulses
2. On the Transition from Initial Leader to Stepped Leader in Negative Cloud-to-Ground Lightning
3. A Study of WWLLN Events in Florida Thunderstorms
4. Initial Breakdown Pulse Amplitudes in Intracloud and Cloud-to-Ground Lightning Flashes

- **DR. KARUNARATHNE** is a co-author of Maribeth Stolzenburg, Thomas C. Marshall, Sumedhe Karunarathne, Richard E. Orville, "Length estimations of presumed upward connecting leaders in lightning flashes to flat water and flat ground," *Atmospheric Research*, Volume 211, 2018, Pages 85-94, ISSN 0169-095, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosres.2018.04.020>.

- **DR. KARUNARATHNE**, was a co-author of Smith, E. M., Marshall, T. C., Karunarathne, S., Siedlecki, R., & Stolzenburg, M. (2018), "Initial breakdown pulse parameters in intracloud and cloud-to-ground lightning flashes." *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 123, 2129-2140. <https://doi.org/10.1002/2017JD027729>.

DR. M. G. MILLIONE, professor of English, working with all Baptist College organizations, initiated, prepared and presented the 3rd Annual Heart Health Fair at Baptist College on Jan. 29, 2018.

BEN ROBERTS, Instructor, Medical Radiography, published an article titled "Neuronal Migration Disorders" in *Radiologic Technology: Journal of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists* January/February 2018 issue.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS, associate dean, Allied Health, served as a site visitor chair for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, February 2018 in Schaumburg, Illinois.

- **DR. ROBERTS** won the 2018 Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) Distinguished Educator Award. She was recognized at the 2018 SDMS & SDMS Foundation Awards Dinner in October.

DR. CAROL WARREN and **DR. LOREDANA HAEGER**, along with **KIMBERLY HALLUM-STEWART**, Baptist Memorial Health Care's neurosciences service line administrator, received a \$478,672 grant from Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation for "Collaboration for Neurodiagnostics Care and Technologist Education."

DR. CAMERON CONN, director of planning and institutional effectiveness, attended the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Keyholder training on Jan. 21, 2018, in Clearwater Beach, Florida. She will now assume responsibility for facilitating the submission of all Baptist College data surveys required by the Department of Education.

DRS. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, MITZI ROBERTS, and **CAMERON CONN** attended a "drive-in" workshop hosted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges staff on Feb. 7, 2018, at the Southern College of Optometry. The workshop's focus was a review of the new accreditation standards that were approved by the organization at its annual meeting in December.

ZACHARY COX, admissions officer, completed Embark, a New Memphis Institute program for rising young professionals.

DR. JANET HEALTH, professor of mathematics, was inducted into the Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma-Zeta National Science and Mathematics honor society along with 14 students on March 14, 2018.

DR. DARIUS WILSON, chair of Medical Laboratory Science, wrote "Professionalism Requires Continuous Improvement," an article in *ASCLS Today* that was published in March 2018.

- **DR. WILSON** participated at the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (ASCLS) Clinical Lab Educators Conference (CLEC) on Feb. 21-24, 2018 in Houston. She served as ASCLS Education Scientific Assembly (ESA) Chair, led the annual ESA meeting on Feb. 24 and provided the PowerPoint presentation on ESA activities.
- **DR. WILSON** attended and participated in the Memphis Area Professional Summit in June 2018. She provided medical laboratory science (MLS) information to approximately 30 high school students at Germantown High School. Anatomy and physiology teacher Janet Douglas invited MLS faculty to demonstrate streaking of microbiology plates, which was presented by **TAMEKA GOODEN**, MLS assistant professor.



HONORS AND AWARDS

- **DR. WILSON** served as the National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) VIP Mentor to Barbara Davis, program chair, New York College. Dr. Wilson assisted with interpretation of standards and preparing narratives.
- **DR. WILSON** received Omicron Sigma's ASCLS President's Honor Roll for Outstanding Service award. She was recognized for volunteering her personal resources, time and energy to the ASCLS at the ESA, where she had been the chair for the previous two years after being vice chair from 2014 to 2016.

CHRISTEN GANLEY, instructor for the Radiation Therapy program, attended the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Sciences (JRCERT), Association of Education in Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS) Educators' workshop and the Atlanta Society of Radiologic Technologists (AHSRT) 28th Annual Seminar and Educators' Conference in March 2018 in Atlanta. Ganley presented "Reflections from First Year Teaching a Totally On-Line Class" at the Annual Quest Symposium and Assessment Presentation held at Baptist College on Aug. 29, 2018.

MEGAN BURSI, director of marketing and alumni affairs, held an ambassador training session for Baptist College leaders and key ambassadors in March 2018.

DR. CAROL L. WARREN, dean of Allied Health, **BEN ROBERTS**, instructor for Medical Radiography, **DR. CINDY BORGERS**, **DR. RENEE PARKER**, associate professor of Nursing, and **ABBY JOHNSTON**, instructor of sociology, presented *Educating Current and Future Health Professionals: Adverse Childhood Experiences across the Life Course*, at the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Symposium: Influencing Outcomes with Trauma Informed Care in Memphis, Tennessee on April 11, 2018.

CONNIE WILLIS, chair of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, served as a self-study reviewer for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in March 2018.

- **WILLIS** served as the chair of the Instructional Resources Committee for the

Faculty Senate for the 2017- 2018 academic year.

- **WILLIS** served as a site visitor chair for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in March 2018 in Tacoma, Washington.
- **WILLIS** attended the JRC-DMS BOD winter meeting and a JRC-DMS self-study reviewer training session in January 2018 in La Jolla, California.

ABBY KURTZ, instructor for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, received the Advisor of the Year Award from Baptist College for her outstanding dedication and leadership as an advisor to the allied health student association on March 26, 2018.

DR. BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, president of Baptist College, **NANCY REED**, dean of student services, and **MEGAN BURSI**, director of marketing and alumni affairs, attended the Tennessee College Association annual meeting on March 14, 2018, for a discussion panel on crisis communication in a high stakes environment.

ABBY JOHNSTON, instructor of sociology, was the faculty mentor to students presenting a poster at the Tennessee Public Health Association West Tennessee 2018 Regional Meeting on April 20, 2018. The team finished third overall at this event.

DR. JULIE LASLEY, chair and associate professor of Radiation Therapy, published two articles: "Developing empathic communication skills through service learning: A qualitative study" in the Fall issue of *Radiation Therapist*; and "Creating transparency in radiologic science programs: The 3-part student learning outcome" in the January/February 2018 issue of *Radiologic Technology*.

DR. JULIE LASLEY, chair and associate professor of Radiation Therapy, and **CHRISTEN GANLEY**, instructor in radiation therapy, hosted Camp Day2Day for children affected by diabetes (either themselves or siblings) on June 4, 2018. Three groups of students rotated through the radiation therapy classroom using Virtual Environment for Radiotherapy Training (VERT) and experiencing other learning

activities related to structures located in the body. Younger campers enjoyed tracing bodies and making internal organs with Play-Doh®. Older campers loved working with VERT, experiencing the life of a radiation therapist and learning the location of the pancreas.

DR. JULIE LASLEY, chair and associate professor of Radiation Therapy, along with **BEN ROBERTS**, instructor in Medical Radiography, presented their results from a three-year study, "Helping Students Read Informational Text" at the annual Quest Symposium and Assessment Presentation held at Baptist College on Aug. 29, 2018.

TAMEKA GOODEN, assistant professor of Medical Laboratory Science, presented Medical Laboratory Science information and a hands-on laboratory demonstration on aseptic technique to approximately 30 students at Germantown High School on May 21, 2018.

- **GOODEN** presented medical laboratory science information and conducted hands-on demonstrations of clinical urinalysis, clinical immunohematology and clinical microbiology laboratory techniques as a volunteer for the St. Jude Summer Learning Academy in the Clinical Care Track at Bellevue Middle School on June 14, 2018.

MICHELLE MCDONALD, chair and assistant professor of Population Health, teamed up with representatives from St. Jude Health Sciences to provide career workshops that were held locally at Craigmont High School and Bellevue Middle School during a three-week period. The students ranged from 7th to 12th grade, and each student selected one area of interest. The following Baptist College faculty presented at least one workshop:

- **DR. LILIAN OGARI** (Biomedical Sciences/ Research track)
- **ABBY JOHNSTON** (Psychology and Social Work track)
- **MICHELLE MCDONALD** (Health Promotions track)
- **ABIGAIL ROCHE** adjunct faculty member (Nursing track)



Faculty and Staff Accomplishments *Continued*

DR. KIM KENNEL, assistant professor of Nursing, has successfully completed the final defense of her dissertation, titled “The Effects of Career Commitment, Distress, and Persistence on Academic Success Among Undergraduate Baccalaureate Nursing Students” and is now officially Kim Kennel, PhD, RN-BC, CCRN, CNE.

DR. CATHY STEPTER, associate professor and acting chair of the DNP program, has successfully completed the Post-Masters Certificate: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Certificate from Vanderbilt University. She is eligible for licensure as an Advanced

Practice Nurse with a concentration in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care.

- **DR. STEPTER** has successfully passed the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and is officially Cathy Stepter, DNP, RN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC, CNE.

ANGEL BOLING, assistant professor in Nursing, was honored as “Parent of the Year” for her service to Senatobia Senior High School. A plaque was presented to Boling at the August 2018 board meeting.

DR. LILIAN OGARI, chair of Biomedical Sciences, was recruited to be part of the Shelby County government’s Opioid Response Task Force. The goal of the task force is to identify ways to reduce the opioid epidemic in Shelby County.

Philosophy and Religion Professor Wins 2nd Annual President’s Award

Dr. Chris Church, professor of philosophy and religion, received the second President’s Award during the Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The recipient of the award is selected by the president in recognition of significant contributions toward advancing the mission, vision and values of the College. Dr. Church served as the inaugural president of the Faculty Senate and led the reorganization of the group. The President’s Award was implemented as one of the rewards and recognition recommendations from a task force of faculty and staff.

New General Education Program Chair

Congratulations to the new chairman of General Education, **Dr. Dallas Pitts**. Dr. Pitts replaced Michelle McDonald, who is now the acting chairman of Population Health. Dr. Pitts has a Ph.D. in Philosophical Theology from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and has served at Baptist College since August 2015. Along with the General Education Core, he will manage the Pre-Health Studies program and the Interdisciplinary minor.



New Undergraduate Nursing Program Chair

Angel Boling, assistant professor in Nursing, has been appointed to serve as the acting Undergraduate Program chair for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Boling is a doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.



ALUMNI PROFILE:

Crystal Spielman, Class of 2010

Helping Hands Turn into Healing Hands with Baptist College of Health Sciences

For Crystal Spielman the decision to go into health care, and specifically into nursing, was an easy one.

When she was a child, her grandmother was diagnosed with lung cancer and had home health nurses assist her.

“Seeing the nurses interact with my grandmother affected me,” said Spielman. “I knew I wanted close contact helping patients as a health care provider, so nursing seemed to be the best path for me.”

And it is. Spielman has been a practicing cardiac nurse since she graduated from the Baptist College of Health Sciences in 2010. She currently works at Baptist Memphis in the Transplant ICU.

Spielman is heavily ingrained in the College, earning her undergraduate degree, working with a Baptist-affiliated hospital and now earning an advanced degree.

“Baptist has always been a part of the family,” Spielman explained. “I liked the closeness and community feeling the campus offered when I was touring schools as a high school senior. I knew I would get the education I wanted from Baptist College of Health Sciences.”

While earning her undergraduate nursing degree, Spielman was always happy to lend a hand to her peer students. She served as a student nurse mentor.

“I wanted to be as involved as possible at the College,” she said of her mentorship.

As a student nurse mentor, she helped first- and second-year students in both the classroom and clinical settings.

She is now back at the College to earn her Doctor of Nursing Practice with an anticipated graduation date of August 2020. With the DNP, Spielman hopes to be able to improve her leadership skills, continue taking good care of patients and increase her health care knowledge.



“I liked the closeness and community feeling the campus offered when I was touring schools as a high school senior. I knew I would get the education I wanted from Baptist College of Health Sciences.”
– Crystal Spielman

As a full-time student and nurse, Spielman has a lot to juggle, but with her weekend work schedule and support from team members, she is making it work.

Spielman plans to continue working as a bedside nurse when she graduates because she likes helping people and teaching.



CURRENT STUDENT PROFILE:

Dalton Gates, Nursing Class of 2019

Passionate about his Path: How one nursing student confirmed his career and calling in the Dominican Republic

When the Baptist College of Health Sciences medical mission trip application process started in the fall of 2017, Dalton Gates knew it was time to apply. He wanted to be accepted into the nursing program and become more comfortable with his clinical skills before submitting his application to travel to Barahona, Dominican Republic, to serve those in medical need.

On top of receiving praise from his teachers and having taken four of his main nursing courses, Gates had confidence he could offer medical assistance in a non-clinical setting.

In April 2018, Gates traveled with approximately 18 other Baptist College students representing Nursing, Biomedical Sciences, RespiratoryCare, Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, to the Dominican Republic. The team also included three doctors, a nurse practitioner, a pharmacist, six Baptist College faculty and staff, and nursing alumni who worked alongside a Dominican doctor and community nurse.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Gates. "You prepare, read books, talk to peers who have been on international medical mission trips, but nothing can really prepare you for the deep impact of a medical mission trip.

The country itself is beautiful, and the patients, especially the children, were so excited to meet people from another country," explained Gates.

During the four and a half days of clinic, along with other clinical responsibilities, Gates helped triage patients, including the pediatric patients, to determine which physician could best treat their ailments. He also spent time with children when their parents or siblings were being seen by physicians, and prayed with and for families who requested it.

Gates said he was never more sure of his decision to go into nursing than on the mission trip.



“The tagline of the College – Your Career is Your Calling – truly came to life for me in the Dominican Republic.”
– Dalton Gates

“The tagline of the College – Your Career is Your Calling – truly came to life for me in the Dominican Republic,” said Gates. “A lot of college students don't know what they're going to do with their lives, but I'm so grateful I have a path I'm passionate about in nursing and helping others.”

Because of his experience and deep conviction in his calling, Gates was asked to speak to the Baptist Memorial Health Care Board of Trustees about his experience in the summer of 2018.



ABOVE and LEFT: Family Day



ABOVE and RIGHT: ProjectPackage



Students working at Memphis Union Mission



Welcome Week Scavenger Hunt



April 2018 Medical Mission Trip



Retreat



CONGRATULATIONS

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Class of 2017

Sarah Smith was accepted into the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Pharmacy School.

Lindsey Davis was accepted into the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Pharmacy School.

ALLIED HEALTH

From March 23-25, 2018, various alumni from the Nuclear Medicine Technology and Medical Radiography programs attended the Nuclear Medicine Technologist of Tennessee meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (1)



Pictured L to R: **Julia Craig-Karaszewski** (NMT '97); **Laura Howse** (RAD '04); **Russ Landers** (NMT '96); **Jena-Lee McKee** (NMT '16); **Donna Mars** (NMT '96); **Dawne Dodson** (NMT '94).

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Class of 2016

Casey Glover McNabb married Payton McNabb on Sept. 2, 2017, in Moscow, Tennessee. Casey works in general ultrasound at Baptist Memphis. Recently, Baptist College sonography students voted Casey as "Best Clinical Abdomen Instructor of the Year." (2)



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Class of 2013

Kimberly Loren Atkins Reynolds is a lab director at Longest Health Center at Mississippi State University.

Jonathan Rodgers is a past 3rd-shift supervisor at Baptist North Mississippi and serves as a clinical faculty member for the Baptist MLS students in immunohematology at Baptist North Mississippi.

Tempest Thornton is a traveling medical laboratory scientist with a placement in California.

Calisha Beauregard is a member on the Baptist College Alumni board of directors.

Class of 2014

Danielle Berry Boone works in the molecular laboratory at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY

Class of 2004

Laura Howse is the coordinator for the MRI program at Chattanooga State Community College. In addition to her position at the college, Laura is completing her master's degree and working PRN as a MRI technologist at UT Erlanger Bone & Joint Clinic.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Class of 1996

Russ Landers is employed at Lister Healthcare, which offers nuclear medicine services in the Florence, Alabama, area.

Class of 2009

Steven Gonzalez works in nuclear medicine at Jackson General Hospital. In April 2018, Stephen completed his nursing degree from Jackson State Community College, adding RN to his CNMT and RT(R) credentials. Recently, Steven started a new company, Med Dose Solutions, LLC, to promote a new complete dose delivery system, which recently received a patent. Steven worked with a cardiologist to design the new needleless syringe system to be used for dose administration in nuclear cardiology and other health care settings.

Class of 2011

Stephanie McDade Sain, her husband, Jesse, and daughter, Elizabeth (Ellie), welcomed a new baby boy, Jameson Ezra Sain, on April 24, 2018. Stephanie is a nuclear medicine technologist at Stern Cardiovascular Center in Memphis, Tennessee. (3)



Class of 2012

Lindsay Henry Foshee and her husband, Kyle Foshee, welcomed a new baby boy, Cashton Kyle Foshee, on Sept. 11, 2018. Lindsay is a nuclear medicine technologist at Baptist DeSoto. (4)

Class of 2016

Jena-Lee McKee is the lead technologist in the nuclear medicine department at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center – Tennova. She is working toward completing her CT and ACLS certifications.

Class of 2017

Stephanie Howard Hobson married Brian Cody Hobson on Sept. 8, 2018, at First & Green in Grenada, Mississippi. Stephanie is a nuclear medicine technologist at Baptist North Mississippi. Brian is a product support specialist for Salford Group. (5,6)



NURSING

Class of 1973

Anita Vaughn received the INNOVATION AWARD at the 2018 Legends Award from the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis. The award recognizes a woman who has transformed her chosen field, has served as a role model in other fields, and has had a significant impact on advancing not only her own institutional interests but also the broader interests of the community.

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Petty Kirmeyer, Nursing class of 1953, passed away on March 18, 2018.

Fred Wires, Nursing class of 2007, passed away on August 13, 2018.

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