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Mission

In keeping with the learning goals articulated in *Being and Becoming Berea College in the 21st Century* and the Great Commitments of Berea College, the mission of the Baccalaureate Nursing Department is to prepare students with great promise and limited economic resources from Appalachia and beyond for professional nursing in a changing practice environment. The Program prepares students as leaders, lifelong learners and advocates for health, providing a strong foundation for graduate study in nursing.

Vision

The vision of the Nursing Department is to be globally recognized for excellence in nursing.

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On The Cover:

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): Ms. Dianna Hacker-Taylor, Dr. Lori Ogden, Dr. Carol Kirby, Dr. Lisa Turner, Breanna Rybolt '23 and Makyah Cleveland '23.

ASCENDING THE STAIRCASE (LEFT TO RIGHT): Isaac Humarang '22, Katrin Arango '22, Gavin Leahy '23, Dr. Monica Kennison, Ozemeyi Eigure '23, Jimi Burns '22, Mr. Justin Dargavell, Agnes Dotse '22 and Dr. Linda Wray.

Serendipitous Opportunities

Since the ominous March 13, 2020 closing of campus, we have been on a rollercoaster ride of emotions with some days scary for sure, and others exhilarating at the good work we do. Despite the natural trepidation of the unknown that we all felt, our nursing faculty and students jumped from their comfort zone and joined the frontline response. Our alumni traveled to some of the hardest hit places. I am incredibly proud and grateful to showcase them in this issue.

When President Roelof invited departments to share perspectives on COVID-19 for his weekly update, I wrote the Nursing Department's response that is condensed below.

I am not afraid of COVID-19. I am hopeful. While much more contagious than the influenza virus, nurses, alongside the entire U.S. healthcare force, have diligently implemented interdisciplinary best-evidence-available plans to combat COVID-19 just as we did in 2003 when the novel Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) coronavirus emerged and again in 2009 when a novel influenza virus, H1N1, appeared. Both became ... global pandemics. Nurses are adapting, connecting, advocating and, as always, stepping up and prevailing. Daily COVID-19 Update: March 21, 2020 - COVID-19 Policies and Communications (berea.edu).

What I underestimated was the serendipitous opportunities that the experience proffered for us.

“Adversity does not build character, it reveals it.” – James Lane Allen

Our 2021 graduates entered the nursing workforce during the height of the pandemic and earned a 100% NCLEX-RN passage, a distinction of the past seven consecutive years. Their laser-focus on doing whatever it takes to succeed reminds me of Florence Nightingale's quote, "I attribute my success to this—I never gave or took any excuse".

To address nurses' self-care during the pandemic, Drs. Susan Painter and Karen Cheeseman presented *Burnout, Depression and Suicide: Boundaries, Coping Strategies and Resilience Training for Nurse Survival* on October 27, 2020. The webinar, sponsored by the Martha A. Fox Memorial Psychiatric Lecture Series, engaged our largest audience of 78 participants.

We received Provisional Accreditation - Society for Simulation in Healthcare, and we are planning to apply for full accreditation in two years, an effort spearheaded by Dr. Carol Kirby, CHSE. Thanks to generous donors, we upgraded hardware and installed user-friendly software in the skills laboratory and simulation rooms.

We are hosting our ten year Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation site visit 2/15/2023 to 2/17/2023. In preparation for the site visit an external consultant conducted a comprehensive program review during spring 2022. Thanks to the many stakeholders who took time to provide constructive feedback that helps to inform our improvement efforts as we seek to better prepare students for the vibrant, evolving and complex practice settings they will encounter.

Monica



Labor Positions Resume at CHI Saint Joseph Berea

“We used to have our labor position at the [Berea] hospital” has been an oft repeated remark from returning alumni who recall how valuable their labor experience was in shaping their nursing practice.

This spring up to 5 junior or senior nursing students will complete their labor positions at CHI Saint Joseph Berea. We extend sincere gratitude to the students and alumni who recommended we reinstate this experience. Thanks to the

Deans of Faculty, Dr. Chad Berry and Dr. Matthew Saderholm, as well as the Deans of Labor, David Tipton, Dr. Sylvia Asante and Collis Robinson and Assistant Dean, Brittany Ash for a coordinated team effort to bring this opportunity to fruition. We also thank Dr. Leslie Adams, Director of Nursing at CHI Saint Joseph Berea, who supported this partnership since we first met and broached the idea in 2014.

Nursing Alumni Make Headlines

Ifeanyi Madujibeya '16 BSN, PhD immigrated from Nigeria to Berea College, graduating with a BSN, then continued his studies at the University of Kentucky. His research focused on how utilizing cellular technology can lead to a better prognosis for heart patients. Madujibeya recently defended his PhD dissertation entitled, *Assessing Patient Engagement with an MHealth Application for Improving Heart Failure-Related Self-Care in Real-World Settings*.

Nicole Oguike '17 BSN, Daisy Award winner, works at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL. Oguike returned to Berea, fall 2021 and presented success strategies most helpful along her BSN journey.

The patient who nominated her wrote, “I’m a patient here with acute and chronic GI issues being treated. I struggle with a lot of mental health issues. I expressed I wanted to hurt myself and was struggling, and Nicole went above and beyond to advocate for me and help me. She helped me feel safe and like I can do this. Nurses like Nicole are healing for me” (daisyfoundation.org).



Nicole Oguike '17

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

– Mahatma Gandhi



Thank you, Ellen Coomer '62 for sending this invaluable class photo that we will proudly display in our slide show of nursing graduates. Look for it on the third floor monitor in the MAC building the next time you visit campus.

An International Perspective: To Berea and Beyond

Gilbert Bangha '13, DNAP, MPH, BSN, RN

A little over ten years ago, I bade farewell to my parents to travel to a foreign land I knew nothing about. Neither I nor my parents had an idea what I was signing up for or what I was about to face on the other side. As a teen, I was ecstatic, ambitious, ready to cast my net far and wide.

The night before my departure, while sitting in our poorly ventilated smoke-filled kitchen, everything went dark, there was radio silence, emotions were high. My father, in his typical fashion to escape the emotional awkwardness and vulnerability we felt, walked outside to catch some fresh air. At one point, my mother grabbed my arm and whispered in my ear, Dr. Gilbert Bangha '13.

“If you ever return [home] and we are not here, please know that God has called us home and always remember that we are forever proud of you.” She added, “we have nothing but love to give you; take our love everywhere you go and share it with everyone you meet.”

The next day, I set out for this journey to execute the assignment: spread love and make them forever proud. I also made a deal with myself that I’ll earn a degree in each of their names because, like many others growing up in my village, they never had the opportunity to get an education.

Over the years, I have earned four degrees from four accredited U.S. universities. At every graduation ceremony, I wished my parents were present, but that never happened. Today, I return home to reunite with my heroes and decorate them with all these degrees and certifications I’ve earned in their names.

To my elder Sister, Comfort Bangha, whom by no fault of hers, was born into this cruel world with Down’s syndrome and autism. Growing up, I watched everyone in my community ridicule her because they believed people like her were a curse to the family and society. Yet, she is the most kind,



Dr. Gilbert Bangha '13 (right) with parents and sister.

loving, and peaceful person you’d ever meet. She is my second mother and deserves all the love in the world. Today, as she continues with her selfless service to humanity, I present to her the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Eastern Kentucky University, 2016.

To my mother who raised nine kids and put food on our table every night, I present the Master of Science in Nursing and postgraduate certificate in Nurse Anesthesiology from Gannon University and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center School of Anesthesia in 2019 school of Anesthesia (2019).

To my father, my hero, who taught himself how to read and write. It wasn’t until recently that I found out my father never had any formal education. He sacrificed his life for us to get the best education around the world and today we’re where we are because of him. Today, he earns a Doctorate Degree in Anesthesia Practice from Missouri State University School of Anesthesia ('20). Here’s to the original Dr. Bangha. Please join me in celebrating these well-deserved achievements. <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6884960904786571264/> (Used with author’s permission.)

Spring 2022 Preceptors

Lisa Turner, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC

The nursing program faculty and students are so thankful for the outstanding preceptors our senior students work with for their capstone course. The use of preceptors enhances the clinical component of the nursing curriculum by providing a blend of role modeling and mentoring with practicing nurses who have a current clinical perspective. The precepted experience also affords the student with the opportunity to learn autonomous and accountable nursing practice.

During the Spring 2022 term, students worked 204 hours on the unit with their preceptors as well as 6 hours on campus for orientation and simulation activities for a total of 210 clinical hours. Students were placed in various units at multiple hospitals in the region.

We are so grateful for the expertise, guidance, and patience these excellent preceptors provided our students this year:

Students	Preceptors, Location
Alysa Weaver	Penny Saffery and Joy Murphy, Baptist Health Lexington
Melissa Vega Alvarado	Tyler Flores, Baptist Health Lexington
Leah-Rose Reynolds	Gina Lawson, Baptist Health Richmond
Jimi Burns	Tabitha Stepp, Baptist Health Richmond
Drew Guinn	Estella Rogers, Baptist Health Richmond
Obinna Ilochonwu	Natasha Davis, St. Joseph Berea
Agnes Dotse	Gabrielle Merril, St. Joseph Main
Jocelyn de la Cruz Martinez	Kimberly Castle, St. Joseph Main
Asionna Bradham	Terri Caldwell, St. Joseph Main
Alonna Walker	Emily McDaniel, UK Chandler Medical Center
Diamond Posey	Isabella Hayes and Sheyra Langston, UK Chandler Medical Center
Amy Ginter	Jensen Pierce and Joey Insko, UK Chandler Medical Center
Katrin Arango	Alex Naumann, UK Chandler Medical Center
Isaac Humarang '22	Donna Caudill, Veteran Affairs Medical Center



Agnes Dotse '22 with preceptor Gabrielle Merrill at St. Joseph Main



Drew Guinn '22 with preceptor Estella Rogers at Baptist Health Richmond

Enhancing Children's Therapeutic Play Through the Nursing Process

Judith Carr, DrPH, MSN, RN, Ret. Major, AN, AMEDD

Some nursing students dread their mental health clinical rotation. Others distinguish themselves with creativity, originality and leadership. This is true of the junior nursing students during the Fall 2021 Adolescent and Child clinical rotation. When assigned to the children's unit, ages 4-11, the nursing students discovered that the children's unit needed new craft and play items. Given the evidence-based link between therapeutic play and children's mental health (<https://tinyurl.com/rptz7ade>; Shrinivasa, et al., 2018) students devised a plan to facilitate play on the unit. With approval from the hospital and clinical instructor, Dr. Judith Carr, Emmy Rodgers '23 spearheaded donations of over three hundred dollars. Working as a group, students purchased

craft and play items. The clinical agency expressed gratitude at the students' initiative to use the nursing process to assess, analyze, plan, implement and evaluate a clients' needs for therapeutic play. Using the nursing process facilitates the clinical judgment and evidence-based practice that students develop working directly with patients and healthcare teams.

5 Key Findings on Unstructured Play & Mental Health (n.d.) Canadian Public Health Association. <https://tinyurl.com/rptz7ade>

Shrinivasa, B., Bukhari, M., Ragesh, G., & Hamza, A. (2018). Therapeutic intervention for children through play: An overview. *Archives of Mental Health*, 19(2), 82-89. DOI: 10.4103/AMH/AMH_34_18



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ozemeyi Egre '23, Emmy Rodgers '23, Ty Taylor '23 and Abby Camp-Guevara '23 pose during their mental health clinical rotation at The Ridge Behavioral Health System. They also completed a rotation in mental health nursing at Eastern State Hospital.

"Let us never consider ourselves finished, nurses. We must be learning all of our lives."
 - Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing

Nurses Christian Fellowship



NCF students participating in a game of Ninja as an ice-breaker activity. Chima Amaechi '24 was the champion.



NCF leaders, Katrin Arango '22, Brianna Mobley '23 and Makyah Cleveland '23, meet with other Intravarsity leaders during summer retreat.

“Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and, above all, confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this something, at whatever cost, must be attained.”

- Marie Curie

Sigma Theta Tau International Inductees

Lisa Turner, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC

The Delta Psi Chapter-at-Large of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses (Sigma) includes the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, the Berea College Nursing Department, and the School of Nursing at Campbellsville University. Junior and Senior level nursing students are invited to join Sigma if they have demonstrated high academic standing and leadership potential.

At the May 2, 2021, virtual induction ceremony Agnes Dotse, Obinna Ilochonwu, Diamond Posey, Leah-Rose Reynolds, Alonna Walker, and Alysa Weaver were the Berea College Nursing students inducted into the chapter. All of the inductees were juniors at the time of induction.

At the April 24, 2022, virtual induction ceremony, Berea College was excited to induct Abigail Camp-Guevara (junior), Elvie Morgan (junior), Tyeisha Taylor (junior), and Shekinah Villahermosa (junior) into this prestigious organization. We are excited and filled with pride to welcome our new inductees into Sigma's diverse and global membership.

Also, congratulations to this year's Delta Psi Chapter-

at-Large Berea College Senior Award winner, Diamond Posey. This award is given to a senior Sigma member who demonstrates excellence in leadership and scholarship. The nursing faculty agreed that Diamond was deserving of this honor in many ways, but especially for her outstanding leadership this past year as a nursing teaching assistant. This award was presented during the 2022 Berea College Pinning Ceremony.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Obinna Ilochonwu '22, Alysa Weaver '22, Leah-Rose Reynolds '22, Diamond Posey '22, Agnes Dotse '22, Phurbu Tsetan '21, Elizabeth Owens '21, and Marley Lawson '21.

Summer Internships 2021

Dr. Linda Wray, PhD, RN

To maximize clinical experience, Berea College Nursing students are encouraged to participate in summer internships. Nursing students, in cooperation with the Berea College Internship Office, may earn college credit for working in a clinical internship position or may seek out and/or develop their own internship position in a clinical agency of their choice. In these internships, nursing students practice along with a nursing professional to gain exposure to a variety of settings and more experience using and improving their clinical judgment abilities. In past years, students have participated in a variety of acute care settings, community health clinics, public health settings, and camp nursing settings.

Throughout these internships, students work in coordination with a nursing faculty member and complete learning activities such as weekly reflections related to specific clinical situations. At the end of the experience, the students complete a scholarly paper concerning a clinical topic of their choice and will also present this topic at the Berea College Berea College Undergraduate Research Symposium (BURS). This work gives the student experience with scholarly writing and the subsequent presentation of their work in a conference setting.

During the summer of 2021, the following students participated in the internships described.



ABOVE: Alysa Weaver '22 interned in the Medical-Surgical unit at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Abby Camp-Guevara '23, Melissa Vega Alvarado '22, Isaac Humarang '22, Jocelyn de la Cruz Martinez '22 and Ozemeyi Egure '23 all interned at Cardinal Hill Hospital.



Abby Camp-Guevara, Jocelyn de la Cruz Martinez, Ozemeyi Egure, Isaac Humarang, and Melissa Vega Alvarado: Participated in the Waters Memorial Internship at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Working with Dr. Valari Jones-Harper, Hospital Educator, and Registered Nurses on each of the hospital's units, the students gained additional clinical knowledge and skills regarding such areas as post-stroke care, spinal cord injury, brain injury care, and a variety of other rehabilitation areas.

Amy Ginter and Alonna Walker: Worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky as part of the Student Nurse Academic Program (SNAP) at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Obinna Ilochonwu: Worked in one of the Intensive Care Units at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He worked with other intensive care nurses to provide care to a variety of critically ill clients. For one week, Ilochonwu worked with clients diagnosed with psychiatric-mental health disorders.

Alysa Weaver: Worked on a Medical-Surgical Unit at the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington D.C. As part of this internship, she participated in a quality improvement project related to the use of bed alarms and increasing client safety on the medical-surgical floor.

“My time at Cardinal Hill absolutely helped boost my confidence as a student nurse. I was able to apply the nursing skills that I have learned in the classroom. It also opened me to the idea of how vast is the nursing field with so many opportunities available in different settings.”

– Isaac Humarang '22

Nursing Students presenting their Internship Experiences at the Berea College Undergraduate Research Symposium (BURS)



Alysa Weaver '22 interned at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital during the summer of 2021. Here she presents her project on “Bed Alarms Compliance at MedStar Georgetown Hospital.”



Isaac Humarang '22 interned at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital last summer. The title of his presentation is, “Encouraging the Use of Non-Pharmacological Interventions in Managing Pain of Patients.”

Welcome Faculty and Staff



Ms. Chidinma (Chidi) Anyanwu, is from Nigeria in West Africa. She is married with 3 daughters and lives in Richmond, Kentucky. She has been a nurse for eleven years. Anyanwu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology, Associate Degree in Nursing, Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, and a master's degree in Nursing Administration. Prior to joining the faculty full-time, Chidi worked as a clinical adjunct and worked at Baptist Health Richmond on the adult telemetry unit.



Bernice Baird '83, BSN, RN served the Berea community as a nurse for 40 years for the most critically ill patients at CHI Saint Joseph Berea. She was awarded the Commonwealth of Kentucky Nursing Excellence Award, Daisy Award for extraordinary nurses and Berea College Nursing Department Outstanding Alumni Award. She taught Emergency Medical Certifications to

doctors, nurses and paramedics. She served as a preceptor for nursing students and trained nursing assistants. She is honored to be back at Berea College working with students as the Clinical Skills Laboratory Manager.



Judith Carr, DrPH, MSN, RN, Ret. Major, AN, AMEDD has had a passion for nursing, teaching and the military for more than 20 years. In 1979 she earned an associate degree (ADN) in nursing. She realized she needed more knowledge in order to become the nurse she aspired to be so she began her educational pathway earning BSN, MSN and Doctorate in Public Health degrees (DrPH). Her philosophy is to never stop learning and always strive to help others learn.



Justin Dargavell joined the nursing department as Administrative Assistant in August, 2021. He was recently promoted to Executive Assistant of the MAC building. He also worked as a Program Associate with the AmeriCorps grant through Partners for Education at Berea College. In 2015, Justin graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a psychology degree with concentration of Psychology in the Workplace.

Not pictured: Katelyn Powell, BSN, RN, Michelle Van Outer, BSN, RN, and Nursing Administrative Assistant, Wayla Todd, BA, MA (Paralegal Studies)



Dr. Sooksai Kaewbua received a B.S. in Economics in Thailand. In the U.S. she earned a B.S. in Nursing from Murray State University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice in the Psychiatric/Mental-Health track, from the University of Kentucky where she received the outstanding graduate student award. Her doctoral research project, "Evaluation of the "Healthy-Heart, Healthy-Brain (H3B) Program" received the 2015 Paula Fritz Award for Cardiovascular Research and Education from UK's Saha Cardiovascular Research Center. She also co-published a research paper on tobacco addiction treatment (<https://tinyurl.com/2fnnex4s>).

Currently, Dr. Kaewbua works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at a community health center and at her solo practice in Frankfort. She served two years as President, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, KY chapter and earned a national most innovative chapter award.



Goldie Morris, MSN, RN is Director of Care Management and Business Development for Continuing Care Hospital in Lexington. Morris earned a ADN from Midway College, BSN from Morehead University and Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Phoenix. Morris's first RN positions were on telemetry and critical care units. Morris

writes, "My fourth child was born with patent ductus arteriosus. Seeing how the nurses interacted with the patients and family members by providing them comfort during difficult times made me realize that was something that I would love to be able to experience myself. I love to educate new nurses and watch them grow. I am glad to have the opportunity to be a part of the nursing team at Berea College."



Dr. Lori Ogden earned her BSN and PhD at the University of Kentucky. She has over 22 years of clinical nursing experience at Baptist Health Lexington in high-risk Labor and Delivery and Antepartum nursing as well as Adult Health nursing care. She maintains certification in Inpatient Obstetrics. Dr. Ogden is fulfilling a lifelong goal by becoming faculty here at

Berea. She is passionate about preparing nursing students for the profession that has been such an integral part of her life. Her other interests include making quilts, crafting, spending time with family and being a beach slug.

Heartfelt Gratitude and Best Wishes



Crystal Catron, MSN, RN, CHSOS was hired in 2019 as the Clinical Laboratory and Simulation Manager. She became credentialed as Certified Healthcare Simulation Operations Specialist, and earned her MSN in 2020 from Grand Canyon University. Ms. Catron co-wrote the proposal for Provisional Certification of our Nursing Simulation Center. She implemented a Periodic Automatic Replenishment inventory system in the skills laboratory to efficiently track usage of supplies. As labor supervisor, Ms. Catron trained the nursing teaching assistants to schedule lab hours, use the manikins and prepare for simulation scenarios. She also served as a CPR instructor by providing a safe, calm and welcoming environment. We thank her for her enthusiasm and positive influence, and wish her continued success as Clinical Faculty at Eastern Kentucky University.



Connie Lamb '96, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE served as the adult health specialist earning tenure and becoming credentialed as Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator® and Certified Nurse Educator. She developed policies and procedures for best practices in simulation, co-wrote the proposal for Provisional Certification of our Nursing Simulation Center and worked tirelessly to incorporate high fidelity simulation scenarios for our nursing students. Dr. Lamb co-led an international immersion trip to Ghana to incorporate health promotion activities in hospitals, clinics and villages. Dr. Lamb engaged in research that implemented expressive writing for undergraduates and published that work in *Building Healthy Academic Communities*. We thank Dr. Lamb for her compassion and selfless dedication to our nursing students and Berea College and wish her continued success as Associate Dean, Director of Nursing, at Bluegrass Community and Technical College.



Lori McKeel, BA, earned the accolade *Administrative Assistant Extraordinaire* for seven years of outstanding work in the Nursing Department. In 2015 Ms. McKeel earned her Business Administration and Management degree from Ashford University. She leaves us with fond memories of walks and chats around the track, working side-by-side, creating momentos for alumni, and sharing stories about family. Her gentle presence, welcoming manner, and tireless work ethic have made a lasting impression on our hearts. In the next chapter of her life we wish her continued success illustrating children's books, creating special family times and following her calling.

Summer Reunion



Alumni touring the maternity and pediatric suite.



Mark Smith '80 (left) and Dr. Betty Olinger '69



Reminiscing about old times



Alumni and friends engrossed in yearbook memories.

White Coat Ceremony



LEFT: Amy Ginter '22, Commonwealth Scholar, was the key note speaker.



Ms. Chidinma (Chidi) Anyanwu and Breanna Rybolt '23



Ms. Bernice Baird '83 and Brooke Green '23



Brianna Mobley '23, Ozemeyi Ejure '23, Makyah Cleveland '23 and Kiese Blandudi '23



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Monica Kennison, Tyeshia Taylor, Dr. Carol Kirby, Victoria Sullivan, Dr. Lisa Turner, Breanna Rybolt, Dr. Linda Wray, Brianna Mobley, Dr. Lori Ogden, Gavin Leahy, Bernice Baird '83, Brooke Green, Chidinma Anyanwu, Ozemeyi Ejure, Amy Ginter, Makyah Cleveland, Dr. Judith Carr, Abigail Camp-Guevara, Dianna Hacker-Taylor, Kiese Blandudi

"A nurse is not what you do. It is who you are." - Unknown.

Pinning Ceremony 2021



Elizabeth Owens '21 presented a surprise slide show featuring congratulations from each family.



Hannah Malyuk '21 reacts to seeing her family during the slide show.

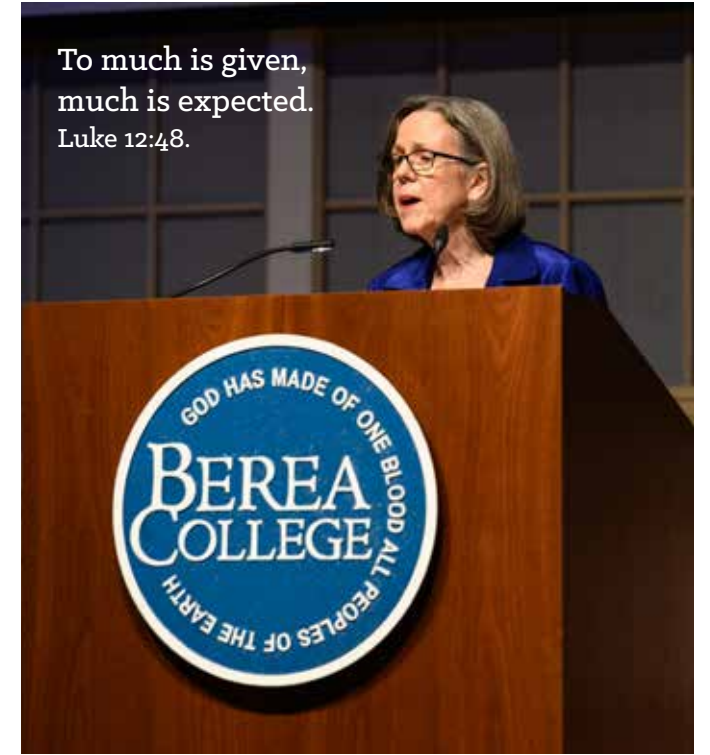


Marley Lawson '21 (middle) with her father, Steve Lawson, and her friend, Isis Hill '21.

Pinning Ceremony 2022



The Berea College Nursing Pins were donated by Dr. Beverly Kass '88.



Dr. Janet McDaniel '70 was the keynote speaker for the 2022 pinning ceremony.



Dr. Judy Ponder '89 received the Outstanding Clinical Partner award for extraordinary efforts to secure safe and effective clinical experiences for our students during the ever-changing and arduous climate of COVID-19. She is the Director of Education and Professional Development and Wound Care at Baptist Health Richmond.



Diamond Posey '22 was selected for the Sigma Theta Tau Delta Psi Chapter-at-Large Senior Award. Posey earned this award for outstanding leadership as a Teaching Assistant in the Clinical Simulation Lab.

BSN Graduates, 2021!



Payton Cavazos
LeTort, TX



Jonathan Collins
Berea, KY



Marley Lawson
Berea, KY



Hannah Malyuk
Baldwin, WI



Elizabeth Owens
Niota, TN



Peyton Peardon
Belmont, CA



Phurbu Tsetan
India



Hannah Wilson
Proctorville, OH



BSN Graduates, 2022!



Katrin Arango
Medellin, Colombia



Asonna Bradham
Binghamton, NY



Jimi Burns
Birmingham, AL



Jocelyn de la Cruz
Martinez
Birmingham, AL



Agnes Dotse
Ghana, West Africa



Amy Ginter
Winchester, KY



Drew Guinn
Soddy Daisy, TN



Isaac Humarang
Manila, Philippines



Obinna Ilochonwu
Newi, Nigeria



Diamond Posey
Trenton, KY



Leah-Rose Reynolds
Tallahassee, FL



Melissa Vega
Alvarado
Lexington, KY



Alonna Walker
Lexington, KY



Alysa Weaver
Frankfort, KY



“Forgive yourself; you are not perfect. Show yourself grace; you are still learning. Show yourself patience; you are on a journey.”
- Unknown

Nursing News

Awards and Scholarships 2021 and 2022

W.H. AND MABEL SIMMONS DEAN SCHOLARSHIP

The W.H. and Mabel Simmons Dean Scholarship is given annually to a sophomore student planning a career in the health sciences. The Dean Scholarship is made possible by a grant from the Dean family.

Abigail Camp '23 (2021)

Shaddae Green '24 (2022)

Erin Sainsbury '24 (2022)

MARTHA E. WYLIE AWARD

This award is given to a junior Nursing student to recognize superior achievement in nursing. Martha E. Wylie was an Associate Professor of Nursing at Berea College.

Diamond Posey '22 (2021)

Alonna Walker '22 (2021)

Shekinah Villahermosa '23 (2022)

Victoria Sullivan '23 (2022)

JULIE BRADEN THOMPSON AWARD

This award was established by Audine T. Adams in memory of her mother to provide awards to pre-medical or Nursing students at Berea College who have achieved an outstanding academic record, who manifest professional promise, and who exemplify excellent moral character.

Marley Lawson '21 (2021)

Phurbu Tsetan '21 (2021)

Leah-Rose Reynolds '22 (2022)

Tyeisha Taylor '22 (2022)

MARGARET G. ROGERS NURSING AWARD

This award is given in honor of Margaret G. Rogers, a friend, and supporter of Berea College, because "the College always stressed the dignity of work." This award goes to a nursing student who has demonstrated excellence in their labor assignment

Diamond Posey '22 (2022)

JOHN F. WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN GERONTOLOGY

This fund provides assistance and incentive for qualified students to pursue graduate study leading to careers in research or service in the field of gerontology. Funds can be used by the awardee for any expenses related to the pursuit of graduate study, including tuition, room and board, books, supplies, and educationally related travel. The scholarship is named for John White, a former professor of Psychology and Chairperson of the Psychology Department at Berea.

Obinna Ilochonwu '22 (2022)

EDD C. HOGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Edd C. Hogg Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends in recognition of Dr. Hogg's many years of service to Berea College. The scholarship is given annually to students demonstrating Christian faith, economic need, and academic achievement. Recipients are chosen from among second-semester juniors majoring in Agriculture and Natural Resources or Nursing at Berea College. The award is presented to two students, one in each major.

Jimi Burns '22 (2021)

Makyah Cleveland '23 (2022)

KENTUCKY NURSES ASSOCIATION PANELIST

Elizabeth Owens '21

participated in a panel discussion, "Kentucky Nurses Helping Nurses" hosted by the Kentucky Nurses Association and International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses. The panel featured nursing students and educators from across the Commonwealth who shared experiences and challenges that nursing students faced during the COVID-19 crisis.



KENTUCKY NURSES ASSOCIATION PANELIST

Katrin Arango '22 participated in the KNA intersection of Social Justice and Healthcare: Black Maternal Mortality. She has a real passion for maternal-child nursing care and is a certified Doula.



TENNIS ALL-STAR

Agnes Dotse '22 was selected for the 2022 USA South Women's Tennis All Sportsmanship Team.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela



Alonna Walker '22 (left) and Elvie Morgan '23 assess vital signs on "Annabelle" our new high fidelity geriatric manikin.

Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistants are an integral part of the Department of Nursing's daily operations. Their responsibilities include: student skill assessments, taking inventory of lab supplies and maintaining a safe clinical lab environment for freshman and sophomore nursing students.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Alonna Walker '22, Amy Ginter '22, Elvie Morgan '23, Diamond Posey '22 (Student Lab Manager), Drew Guinn '22, and Gavin Leahy '23. Not pictured is Emmy Rodgers '23.

Commonwealth Scholar Program: UK Partnership Comes Full Circle

Not all students who dream of becoming a nurse have a straightforward path. Circumstances change and new opportunities arise like the Commonwealth Scholar Program, an idea sparked by Dr. Chad Berry. Our inaugural Commonwealth Scholar, Amy Ginter, completed prerequisite courses at the University of Kentucky then connected with us to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Now she works her dream job at UK Healthcare Emergency Department.



Faculty Engagements and Service

Awards

Lisa Turner – President’s Award for Exemplary and Extraordinary Service from the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators (ACHNE) for her service as the organization’s vice president and program committee chairperson for 2018-2021. The award presentation took place at the 2021 ACHNE Annual All Members Business Meeting, held in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Institute.

Publications:

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Presentations

Kennison, M. (2022). Invited speaker. *Cool, calm, collected on the outside – How’s the inside?* Creating Healthy Work Environments. Sigma Theta Tau International. Mar. 26, 2022.

Kennison, M., & Dzurec, L., Embree, J., & Howard, M. (2022). *Journaling and Enhanced Mindfulness for Post-Traumatic Growth: Early Findings from Workplace Bullying Analysis*. Creating Healthy Work Environments. Sigma Theta Tau International. Mar. 24, 2022.

Kennison, M. *Crucial Conversations*. Jan 28, Mar. 11. & Mar. 17, 2022. Crucial Learning.

Dzurec, L., Embree, J., Howard, M., & Kennison, M. *A Model for Interrupting Workplace Bullying Narratives’ Confusing Menace: Spotting and Addressing Bullies’ ‘Sticky’ Storytelling*, Creating

Healthy Work Environments. Sigma Theta Tau International. Feb. 26-28, 2021.

Kennison, M., Turner, L., Yatsushiro, R., Yamaguchi, N., Acdan, N., Tanaka, K., Baek, H. *Using Collaborative Online International Learning as effective pedagogy to teach rural nursing*. Sigma International Research Congress, July 23, 2020.

Service

Chidinma Anyanwu – Site Board member at Daniel Boone Elementary School

Judith Carr – Regent of the Berea-Laurel Ridges Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Monica Kennison – External Reviewer, Nursing Program, Berry College, Mt. Berry GA 2021; External reviewer, nursing faculty promotion/tenure, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 2021 & 2019; Chair, Communications Subcommittee, AACN Organizational Leadership Network 2019-2021; President, Kentucky Assoc. of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Programs 2018-2022; Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accreditation site visitor 2017-present

Carol Kirby - External reviewer, nursing faculty promotion/tenure, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 2020

Lisa Turner - Co-Director, Berea College FRESH Start program (2015-2020); ACHNE vice president (2018-2021); University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES) Fellow (2020-2021); Berea College Faculty Status Council (2021-present); ACHNE Research Committee Co-Chair (2021-present); Berea College Association of Student Nurses (BCASN) Faculty Sponsor (2021-present); Lisa Turner: Faculty liaison for Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Faculty Status Council (2021-23), and was the co-chair of the Research Committee for ACHNE (Association of Community Health Nurse Educators) 2022-23

Linda Wray - Member: Indiana-Kentucky Synod Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) 2016 – Present (Interim Secretary during 2021)

Continuing the Legacy



Joe and Mia Bridy established the Nursing Department NCLEX Practice Program, an expendable fund for an annual NCLEX review course.



William J. Strawbridge supports Berea College nursing students’ engagement in community service projects through the Appalachian Community Service and Learning Projects Fund.



Lois E. Conover Pascoe was the inspiration behind The Louis W. Cumings III and Elinore Pascoe Cumings Endowed Fund for nursing student scholarship.

My mother, Lois E. Conover Pascoe, came from a very poor family and graduated high school at a time when women who did not marry right out of school could become teachers or nurses only. My mother decided to become a nurse as did her younger sister. Mother worked during the next year so she and her sister could enter nursing school. She also worked while attending nursing school, cleaning houses and cooking for people. She told us tales of having to climb over the fence and sneak into the dorm when her jobs kept her late. School and dorm were very strict in those days. She worked nights after my sister and I were born so she could be home during the day with us. Later she worked days in various nursing capacities ending as director of out-patient clinics at Los Angeles County General Hospital until her retirement. – Ellie Cumings

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Raymond Beverly '51 donated the mannikin, Annabelle, shown here, in honor of his late wife Annabelle Phipps Beverly '52. Also shown are Dr. Monica Kennison and Mr. Beverly's son, David.

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2020	100%	2020	100% (13)
2019	100%	2019	100% (8)
2018	100%	2018	100% (11)
2017	100%	2017	100% (12)
2016	100%	2016	100% (7)
2015	100%	2015	100% (9)

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