College Progress Update & Annual Report Summation
By Dr. Louis Burgher, Clarkson College President

Summer was a time! August graduation was a great event with a full house. Fall classes started Aug. 25 with an enrollment that exceeded 1,200 students. Our fifth floor faculty office renovation is complete and looks terrific.

Yearly, we submit our previous year’s results and upcoming year’s planned budget to the Nebraska Medicine (formerly The Nebraska Medical Center) Board of Directors, as well as our own Board of Directors. Why the Nebraska Medicine Board? Perhaps you have heard of Sutton’s Law!

Here is the essence of our report:

› Our two Doctoral programs (Doctor of Nursing Practice and Doctor in Health Education and Leadership) are fully operational and classes enrolled.
› We continue to receive national recognition. This year our Health Care Business programs were nationally ranked No. 5 for affordability.
› We continue to graduate Nebraska’s largest BSN class for a single campus, and the Radiologic Technology class and the PTA class remain the largest in the state.
› Board scores by all graduates continue to exceed local and national averages.
› We continue to rank second out of 13 Nebraska private colleges and universities for cost of tuition and fees (see chart on page 2), keeping our increases minimal.
› We opened a study hall in the skywalk across 42nd Street and are in the planning process for a new (second) simulation lab.

A lot of exciting developments are on the horizon, including a new parking garage, a nearby hotel and new clinical space.

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Progress & Change Are All Around

Fall always brings about beautiful changes in our environment. From crisp cool mornings to leaves changing to beautiful fall colors. This is one of my favorite times of year! Just as fall changes the world around us, Clarkson College is always changing and improving! During the summer months, the fifth floor faculty offices were renovated and made into private suites. A beautiful and much-needed change. The College is also in the planning stages of a second simulation lab and a much-needed parking structure to increase parking availability. You can read more in this issue on all our updates.

Similarly, the Clarkson College Alumni Association is working to update and add new events in the upcoming year. We are always working to meet the needs of students while reaching out to current alumni and encouraging connections. We hope you will attend some of our new events, which include a networking night, an alumni reunion, and a much-needed parking structure to increase parking availability. You can read more in this issue on all our updates.

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Alumni Golf Tournament

Hole in one for fun during the event

An Alumni Association-sponsored golf tournament was held on July 11 at Pacific Springs Golf course on 16th and Pacific Streets in Omaha. This is the first golf event the Alumni Association has sponsored in several years, and it was deemed a fun afternoon by all in attendance.

Thank you are extended to Rachel Thompson and Nicki Hardin for organizing the event, as well as the event assistant Jackie Parmenter for all her work in making this run so smoothly. The staff at Pacific Springs was exceptional, as well.

Five teams consisting of four persons each played the Nine Hole 4-Person Scramble. On each hole, each player hit a tee shot. The team then selected one of the tee shots from which to play. All team members then hit from the selected position. This was repeated until the ball was holed out.

After all players finished their rounds they enjoyed a burger bar dinner. Pin prizes were given with items going to:

- Ponzu Sushi & Grill gift card for closest to pin from off green on Hole #1: Colleen Nielsen
- Runza gift card for closest to pin from tee on Hole #2: Erin Jordan
- Greek Islands gift card for closest to pin from off green on Hole #3: Greg Acero
- Dudley’s Pizza & Tavern gift card for closest to pin from off green on Hole #4: Rachel Thompson
- Cantina Laredo gift card for closest to outskirts on Hole #5: Cheyenne Hanson
- Panama gift card for longest drive in fairway on Hole #6: Allison Acero
- Petross’s gift certificate for closest to pin second shot on Hole #7: Bob Snyder
- Lo Sore Mio gift card for longest putt holed on Hole #8: Carly Snyder
- The Grey Plume gift basket for closest to pin from off green on Hole #9: Caleb Nielsen

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Donations to the scholarship fund are welcomed at any time throughout the year. This is an excellent way to recognize or memorialize someone while helping students meet the financial challenges of their college education. Donations may be sent to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Make checks payable to “Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.” The Alumni Association is very grateful to all who have so generously donated.

If any errors have occurred in the listings, notify vanfletrita@clarksoncollege.edu. All attempts have been made to correctly acknowledge all donations made within this time frame. Apologies are extended for any omissions or errors.

Honorary Alumni Award Update

PTA Program Director Dr. Andrea Nebel 2014 recipient

We announced in the January/February 2014 edition of the Alumni Times that the Alumni Association Board had decided to reinstate the Honorary Alumni Award. This award is being given for the first time in several years, and the award presentation will be a yearly tradition at the September alumni dinner. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor individuals who are not Clarkson College graduates, have strong commitment and extraordinary leadership to the organization, and have made significant contributions to the organization’s well-being in support of its Mission and goals.

This year’s recipient was Dr. Andrea Nebel. Dr. Nebel was chosen for her total support and involvement in the overall Mission and Values of the College. Dr. Nebel is the Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program and an Associate Professor at Clarkson College. She has been with the College since August 2004. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. in May 1999. She majored in Health and Human Development, as well as completed all course work for the athletic training curriculum. She received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. in May 2002.

Dr. Nebel is a very strong supporter of the Clarkson College Alumni Association. She keeps her graduates apprised of the upcoming events and encourages their participation. She has participated in many of the events herself, as well as recruited many of the PTA alumni to volunteer. Dr. Nebel is an extremely ethical and honest individual who expects the same of her students. She stresses professionalism with them and has a very unique way of supporting them and encouraging them to reach higher than they think they can go. She is a strong believer in community involvement and encourages her students to do the same through her example and expectations.

Dr. Nebel has several professional affiliations, including being a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association (NPTA). She is also a Nebraska Student Special Interest Group (NSSIG) Liaison for the NPTA. She is a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) site reviewer. She is a Therapy Ed PTA Board Preparation Instructor and a mentor for first-year Clarkson College students. Her work extends into the community through her involvement with Lutheran Family Services, Healthy Families, Special Olympics, the Open Door Mission, MS Forward and other initiatives.

On a personal note Dr. Nebel is married to Michael Nebel. They have two children—a son, Tye, and a daughter, Ryley. Living with the family are their two dogs Bystk and Tank. The Nebels live on an acreage outside of Thurman, Iowa.
Proving She’s Prepared to Be the Best

Alumna Adrienne Carney takes on role as the Director of Nursing and Surgical Services at Kearney Regional Medical Center, a new acute care hospital in Kearney, Neb.

By Mikaela Yeager, Marketing Specialist

Eight years ago, Adrienne Carney watched her senior capstone project at Clarkson College be selected to present at the annual conference of the Missouri State Health Care Association—what would mark the beginning of a career in nursing leadership. “I was excited about being able to present what I had learned at Clarkson College and settling into my new role as a nurse,” she said.

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Graduate capstone project review for August 2014 graduates

Each semester, the master’s-degree-seeking students prepare a Capstone project that reflects an investigation into a question of practical importance by utilizing the critical thinking skills, knowledge, strategies, and principles learned throughout their coursework. “A typical project experience includes completion of a scholarly, evidence-based document that can be further revised for potential publication or an actual document that can be used by practitioners, educators, administrators or clients. The advisors from each of the graduate programs submitted their top project abstracts to the Alumni Association Board subcommittee for review. The committee rated and ranked each submission following the established rubric. Three winners were awarded. David Larrick’s abstract Business Plan for a Free Standing, Unaffiliated, Non-Franchised, For-Profit Urgent Care Center (advisor Dr. Jody Woodward) was awarded first place. Second place went to Theresa Neff for her abstract Knowledge of Screen Time Recommendations among WIC Clients & Caregivers (advisor Dr. Layna Himmelberg). Amber Benson was awarded third place for her abstract for her project The Effects of Policy Review & Education on Nurse Identification of Patients as Risk for Suicide (advisor Dr. Layna Himmelberg).

The August graduates presented their projects on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. Health Care Business Program Director Carla Dinschreiber presented the certificates of awards to the Alumni Association Board of Managers, which is made up of board members and physicians who have some of my most valued mentors and friends.”

Any major leadership position is posed with challenges, and as the director of a start-up hospital, Adrienne experiences more than her fair share of them. “The idea of starting something from the ground up (literally my first floor of the hospital required a heavy lift) was what drew me to this opportunity. Challenges in this role are a daily occurrence, which keeps me on my toes and keeps me constantly thinking of creative ways to approach situations.”

Adrienne attributes much of her success not to her high level of knowledge or expertise but to her ability to seek out the answers in instances where she is uncertain. “I learned that valuable piece of information first during my graduate education at Clarkson College. “When I am working with the managers in my department, I ask them to identify issues, search for proposed solutions, and then collaborate with me on choosing the one that works best for our patients, employees and organization.”

Adrienne’s rapid advancement in the nursing sphere is a cogent testament that collaboration, commitment, quality education, experience and versatility can lead to significant payoff. Clarkson College is proud to have played a role in Adrienne’s success and wishes her well as she continues on her career path as a premier leader in nursing. Lean in further...
Nurses were able to identify personal barriers, with a statistical significance seen in those who sensed no barriers to assessing suicide risk following the educational program (p < 0.001). Nurses should receive additional education on assessing suicide risk in hospitalized patients.

This program was effective in increasing knowledge of suicide risk and decreasing barriers to performing an appropriate assessment. A larger study would be appropriate to determine if these findings hold true.

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- **Violeta Assencion:** Health Care Educational Sessions for Filipino Immigrants in Omaha, Nebraska, advisor Dr. Carla Dirkschneider
- **Cynthia Banks:** The Role of Robotic Therapy in Managing Inflammatory Bowel Disease, advisor Dr. Linda Jensen
- **Tamarra Bineline:** Barriers to Preventive Screenings and Care From Rural Patient’s Perspective, advisor Dr. Dr. Layna Himmelberg
- **Victor Bicroft:** Utilizing Situation-Background-Assessment-Recommendation as a Means to Improve Healthcare Team Communication & Reduce Adverse Patient Events, advisor Siti Arshad-Snyder
- **Christopher Charles:** Physical Therapy Service Line for Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction & Headache Pain Treatment Business Plan, advisor Bradley Pfeifer
- **Karowese Chipendo:** Protein Supplement in Dysaline Patients & the Effect on Hospitalization, advisor Dr. Nina Wardell
- **Amy Dillon:** Evaluation of a Pilot Nurse Residency Program on Nurse Retention, advisor Dr. Gloria Gross
- **Stephanie Greiten:** Implementing an Interactive Nutrition Curriculum to Improve healthy Lifestyle Choices, advisor Dr. Layna Himmelberg
- **Kristen Harms:** Patient Knowledge & Expectations of Antibiotics for Upper Respiratory Infections, advisor Dr. Cathy Messinger
- **Kelly Moyer:** An Examination of the Knowledge Base of Physicians, Residents & Nurses Related to Palliative Care Referral in Acute Care Setting, advisor Dr. Michele Heston
- **Jena Neesen:** Nurse-to-Nurse Report: Communication Between Emergency Department & Inpatient Units, advisor Dr. Deb Boucher-Payne
- **Sharon Pitt:** Comparison of Melatonin & Other Drugs for Management of Pediatric Insomnia in Autistic Children, advisor Dr. Linda Jensen
- **ReKay Reyes:** Business Plan: Organizational Support, Sponsorship & Management of Employee Intramural Sports Activities, advisor Justin Avery
- **Yulia Reyes:** Innovative Teaching Tool Approach to Diabetes Education for the Hispanic Population, advisor Dr. Linda Jensen
- **Mallory Rolling:** Evaluating Antibiotic Use for Adult Smokers Patients Following Nurse-led Education Preceding the Office Visit, advisor Dr. Jane Langemair
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- **Shanda Ross:** Improving Patient Satisfaction in a Multi-Disciplinary Team Setting, advisor Dr. Nina Wardell
- **Leslie Spethman:** Utilizing Telehealth to Improve Access for Rural Diabetic Patients, advisor Dr. Jody Woodworth
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- **Craig Walker:** Primary Care Provider Perceptions of HPV Vaccination Patient Handouts Provided to Patients of Adolescent Males, advisor Dr. Layna Himmelberg
- **Tashi Bond Williams:** Pediatric Readmissions: The Discharge Process, advisor Carla Dirkschneider

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Kristen Harms**

**Mother Knows Best**

By Kathryn Higgs, class of 1954

I recently found my mother’s photo album, and it indeed opened up Pandora’s Box for me. I remember vividly arguing with my mother my senior year in high school. “Yes you will.” “No I won’t.” That was the dialogue the two of us had all year long. Since I was the editor of the North Platte High School weekly newspaper, as well as the editor of the yearbook, I thought I was another Willa Cather in the making. I had applied and been accepted to the University of Missouri School of Journalism. I was on my way, but my mother had other ideas. “You will go to nurses training” was her continual mantra. Looking for a compromise, I said “OK,” but only if I can attend Children’s Hospital in Denver, Colo. Again her reply was “no.” I told her that it would be going to Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, Neb. As she herself was a graduate from this school in 1926, she felt she knew what was best for me. I knew little of what to expect.

I remember visits to Omaha when my mother would meet with one of her classmates and talk about their experiences in nurses training. This classmate’s husband was a medical assistant man at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital at the time, so he updated us on the current happenings at the hospital. It all sounded so foreign to me, but my mother and her friend laughed at their antics and mischievousness.

So, off I went in fall of 1951 for my voyage as a nurse in the making. Yes, I too, attended Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. The hospital was located at 26th and Dewey Streets, and the nurses’ dorm was half a block away. That formidable fortress is gone. But, instead of housing nursing students, it is now vacant. Strict dorm rules were enforced. Lights had to be out by 9:30 p.m. with house mother Mrs. Nicholson shining a light in our faces to make sure all was well. Mrs. Shukert making sure that the diabetic trays were filled correctly? And what about OB and Nursery rotation? All I can remember isfeeding the babies, and then starting all over again with feeding. After every rotation came the dreaded evaluations! Some good, some bad, some that made my mother proud. Looking at my mother’s photo album, I found out that my nursing uniforms were virtually the same. We did not wear the white bib until we passed the probationary period or our nurse’s caps until after capping ceremonies. At the time of capping, my beau told me that he knew I had lost my nurse when I returned from the altar, wearing my new nurses “crown” with the biggest smile on my face she had ever seen.

Life-long friendships, practical, hands-on experience used in my professional life, as well as my personal life. Having a vocation that would never go out of date and always needed. These are just a few rewards of my journey as a nurse. Thanks, Mom. You did know best.
Reunions Full of Reminiscing
Annual Alumni Brunch brings stories to life

Greetings and hugs were everywhere as alumni gathered on Thursday, Sept. 18 for the annual Alumni Brunch. Rekindling friendships and sharing memories of their days in college and nursing school were how the anniversary classes of 1954, 1964, 1974 and 1989 spent the morning. Several non-anniversary class alumni were also in attendance.

After all attendees were welcomed back to campus, Clarkson College President Dr. Louis Burgher shared the latest statistical and financial information with the group. Enrollment for the fall semester is strong with a total student headcount topping off at 1,210, and tuition and fees remain competitive with Clarkson College being the second most affordable private higher educational institution in the state. Dr. Burgher also announced that plans to construct a new multi-story parking garage adjacent to the campus on the east side have been approved.

Alumni Association President Rachel Thompson gave an overview of various achievements that have been realized at the College in the last year. Thirtieth anniversary of the renovated fifth floor faculty offices was the largest capital improvement made to campus.

Sharing their college experiences
Susan Bristol, a member of the Alumni Association, took the opportunity to capture some of the stories of those present at the Alumni Brunch. She stated, “As I listened to their stories of struggle and victory, I realized that they all conveyed a sense of warmth and fulfillment. They had been through a lot in school, but they had graduated as knowledgeable, strong people. The affection and pride for Clarkson College resounded in all of their stories.” As the alumna bustled with excitement and enjoyed their brunch, they shared the following stories with her.

Class of 1954 memories
All remembered Mrs. Eisenoch, the nursing arts instructor. Platitudes and lessons learned from her included “A good nurse is always moving.” “A good nurse is resourceful.” Apparently, Mrs. Eisenoch didn’t believe that nurses should ever sit down. “You can always find something to do.”

One classmate talked about how she had to come back on a Saturday to clean a hospital room. It was a corner room, no less, which had more to clean. She said she even put “green bug powder” into all the drawers in the room.

Another classmate related how she hated the electric shock treatments in her psych rotation. One patient always wanted her to be present for every one of her shock treatments. “It was hard to take,” the retired nurse said. She also related how they did insulin therapy while playing classical music in hopes that the patient’s condition would improve. Her concern was that the patients would not “come out of it” since they were pretty much unconscious from the insulin.

One alumna said, “You had to be on time in full uniform. If you were a minute late for class, the doors were closed and you couldn’t get in.” She recalls one classmate who missed class by one minute. Not only was the classmate locked out of the class, but she had to write a $200 word term paper.

Another alumna told a story about how she got a patient’s bed from the laundry room in the basement. As she was sifting through the dirty laundry in her white uniform cap, white hose and shoes, she was pelted with meconium-filled diapers that had been tossed down the chute from the nursery. What a mess! She started to cry and was told by her supervisor that “nurses don’t cry.”

The students worked 7–11 a.m. and then again. Many went to the snack bar and bought hot fudge sundaes. On the weekends, they went to the basement of Kwift where food was brought to them. They remember that the person who served their meals was Susie.

The class of 1964 agreed that the food during nursing school was amazing and that you could have all you wanted. “I gained 10 pounds my first year,” commented one student. They had to eat dinner at 4:15 p.m. so they didn’t “compete” with the visitors and employees. So, by 8 p.m., they were hungry again. Many went to the snack bar and bought hot fudge sundaes. On the weekends, they went to the basement of Kwift where food was brought to them. They remember that the person who served their meals was Susie.

Class of 1974 memories
An alumna from the class of 1974 told of having class at 7 a.m. and watching biology films. “It was hard to stay awake.”

Class of 1989 memories
A nurse who had gotten her diploma from an out-of-state school then came to Clarkson College for her BSN degree told of how she would study until 2 a.m. and then get up to go to class at 7 a.m. She was married and said that every time she registered for classes, she was pregnant. When she took her state board’s exam, she was seven months pregnant. She has four children now. She thought there might have been a fertility goddess at the College during her time there.

In closing Susan Bristol said, “I have many wonderful stories about my college years, as well. I met so many smart, friendly people while I was a student, many of whom I still see. Alumni Weekend is a great time to reconnect with old friends and to meet new friends who share the same roots and traditions of being a Clarkson College/School of Nursing graduate. Be sure to come next year! I promise you will hear wonderful stories.”

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Omaha Tour Held During Alumni Weekend

Ollie the Trolley took on a new role this year. Typically, faculty, staff, students and alumni are transported to Trinity Cathedral for Convocation; however, the College recently made the decision to omit Convocation from the sequence of affairs held at the beginning of each new academic year.

With alumni already on campus for the Alumni Brunch and Heritage Garden Walk, the Alumni Association decided to utilize Ollie the Trolley for an afternoon tour of some of the historical sites in Omaha. The tour started at the College and proceeded to Kiewit Hall where the classes of 1964, 1974 and 1989 lived. Then, the class of 1954 was able to see their dorm, which is no longer occupied, at 520 South 26th Street.

A stop at Trinity Cathedral for a short tour was next in line. Dean Loya met the Trolley and gave the group an excellent and very heartfelt historical tour of the Cathedral. He shared many points of interest about the interior. The pews are original, as well as the pulpit and the stained glass windows. The windows along each side of the pews each represent an Episcopal parish in Nebraska. The stained glass windows surrounding the altar are all original with the exception of one. The window of St. Matthew is a replacement. This was necessary after the windows were removed and sent out for restoration. The one of St. Matthew went missing, so, when returning the other originals, a new one had to be made to replace the original.

Bishop Robert Harper Clarkson and his wife Meliora are buried in individual mausoleums in the north garden of the church. These serene resting places were picked by Bishop Clarkson and now pay tribute to the work he and his wife carried out for the Episcopal diocese, Clarkson Hospital and the College.

The tour included many of the well-known landmarks of Omaha, including Joslyn Art Museum, T.D. Ameritrade Ball Park, Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge, Old Market District, Durham Western Heritage Museum and the Henry Doorly Zoo.

As the Trolley wound its way through the downtown area, several of the bronze sculptures were viewed. These sculptures compose the works of a small group of artists and are representative of “The Spirit of Nebraska Wilderness” and “Pioneer Courage.”

The tour was very well received, and those who had not been back to Omaha in several years were very impressed with the cleanliness and progress the downtown and surrounding areas had achieved. They all agreed that the tour should be a permanent part of our annual Alumni Weekend celebration.
PTA Program Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary
By Dr. Andrea Nebel, PTA Program Director & Associate Professor

Clarkson College pride filled Sampack’s Bowling and Entertainment in Elkhorn, Neb. on Thursday, Sept. 18 as more than 75 alumni, family members and faculty enjoyed dinner, bowling and guest speakers to commemorate the program’s 20th anniversary.

Dr. Kirk Peck began the PTA program in fall 1994 and served as its first director. Dr. Peck was the honorary guest speaker at the celebration. He welcomed the evening’s guests, shared how proud he was to see the program continue its success and expressed how much he has always enjoyed the small community atmosphere of Clarkson College. He commended the commitment of Clarkson College students and recalled a student who made a daily commute from Grand Island, Neb., which is 146 miles away from Omaha.

To date, the PTA program has graduated more than 375 students who are currently employed throughout the country. Members from each graduating class were in attendance, including new and current PTA students. Many shared how proud they were to be Clarkson College graduates and enjoyed getting together with fellow alumni.

Current faculty member and alumna Chera Tremblay (’08) said, “It was really special to have so many classes represented at the event and to see their families. Health care is about relationships, and to see these relationships maintained after graduation is rewarding.”

Since its inception, the program has progressed and grown by adding faculty members, clinical sites, laboratory and clinical space, and an accelerated transfer option. Despite the many changes, the dedication of the PTA faculty members to students and the physical therapy profession remains the same.

As the current director, I have to share that I love working at Clarkson College. To be a part of this program for more than 10 years feels amazing, and it is exciting to look forward to the next 10 years. To see students pursue their careers, grow professionally and observe all they accomplish—both within their communities and families—is inspiring.

Each year, the Alumni Association organizes an educational event as part of the September festivities. It is a challenging task to establish a topic and objectives to be presented. This year, it was decided to hold an event that was a bit outside of the norm but one that could be shared with health care workers to bring to the forefront the situation we, as U.S. citizens, are facing regarding the wars in the East and the result of traumatic injuries to those who so courageously defend our freedom. It was our distinct honor and pleasure to have one of our own alumni, Captain Mathew Beeman, R.N., B.S.N., spend the morning with us on Friday, Sept. 19 sharing his first-hand experiences as a flight nurse and instructor with the United States Air Force 375th Aerial Medical Evacuation Squadron from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Capt. Beeman gave an exceptional presentation. He compared the injuries and treatments that have progressed from the Revolutionary War, to the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam, concluding with a snapshot of the challenges of medicine in the military today.

Capt. Beeman interwove the roles of the nurse, radiology tech, physical therapist assistant and those in business roles as he shared the information in a very engaging and passionate manner.

He was very adamant that his education at Clarkson College was the best and prepared him for the roles he has been given during his military career. He stated, “I was way more prepared than my peers” and credits that to his instructors at Clarkson College.

Reviews from this presentation were exceptional, and the Alumni Board will be hard-pressed to meet the challenge of matching his expertise, passion for his work and compelling delivery style. He communicated a difficult message about what our soldiers experience and how everyone—from the initial field medics, trauma team, those in the hospitals and later rehab—work diligently to restore them to health, both physically and mentally.

Capt. Beeman was very emphatic that we, as citizens of the United States, need to “always be ready.” He shared with us his personal views on possible terrorist infiltration into our country and stressed that we should always be aware of our surroundings and situations. He continually advised the audience to “always be ready.”

Many of the evaluation comments were also a personal message to Capt. Beeman—thanking him for his service to our country.

Continuing Education Event: Care Under Fire

Dinner Concludes Alumni Weekend

The September Alumni Weekend activities culminated in a dinner at the Players Club in Omaha. The anniversary classes once again had a chance to gather together and visit. Other alumni enjoyed listening and sharing with them about their experiences during their time at Clarkson College.

A special presentation was given at the dinner. The reinstitution of the Honorary Alumni Award was bestowed upon Dr. Andrea Nebel, Director of the Physical Therapy Assistant program at the College. It was with great pleasure and gratitude for all her work that Rachel Thompson, President of the Alumni Association Board, presented Andrea with a plaque and gift on behalf of the Alumni Association (see complete article on page 5).

The “Q Street Quartet” provided the after-dinner entertainment. They had a lot of fun singing the songs that had been composed by some of the alumni. Lyrics for “You Are My Sunshine” were written by Joann Morris, class of 1954, and Linda Plettner, class of 1964. Lyrics for “Bicycle Built For Two” were written by Linda Plettner. Fran Rosicky Anderson, class of 1964, wrote the lyrics for “This Little Light of Mine.” The quartet sang many favorites and animated their songs through gestures and props. They ended the evening’s entertainment with “God Bless the USA” by Lee Greenwood.
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Tremblay Receives Clinical Excellence Award

Chera Tremblay, P.T.A., B.S., accepted the 2014 Clinical Excellence Award from the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association (NPTA) on Oct. 11 at the NPTA Fall Conference, held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Neb. The award recognizes Ms. Tremblay’s leadership, enthusiasm, creativity and expertise in the practice of physical therapy (PT).

The NPTA is the principal membership organization for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in Nebraska. Its mission is to advance and promote the profession of physical therapy, supporting its members in order to improve and advocate for the physical health and functional abilities of the individuals and communities they serve.

“I love what I do, and this award shows me that I am continuing down the right path,” said Tremblay. “I am fortunate to work with such an exceptional team of faculty, and I look forward to the advancement we will see within the NPTA profession within the next several years.”

Ms. Tremblay earned a B.S. degree in Exercise Science from Wayne State College in 2004 and her A.S. degree in PTA from Clarkson College in 2008. Upon graduation, she began working for Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital (NOH) outpatient orthopaedics and aquatic therapy. She returned to Clarkson College in 2010 as an instructor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACEE) for the PTA transfer program. She continues to work with patients at NOH on an as-needed basis.

Ms. Tremblay’s teaching assignments include Clinical Practicum I, II, and IV (PTA 220, 240, and 24B) and assisting with PTA 120 therapeutic modalities I and PTA 210 therapeutic modalities II. She is also involved in various professional organizations, such as the Omaha Sports Medicine Alliance (OSMA), the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), and the NPTA.

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“Her participation in national webinars and APTA educational leadership conferences, state and local meetings, and her dedication to the community is second to none,” said Dr. Nebel. Additionally, Ms. Tremblay organizes and participates in various service projects throughout the community, as well as all educational events related to physical therapy on campus.

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Record Inductees at Omicron Epsilon Induction Ceremony

By Mikaela Yeager, Marketing Specialist

The Clarkson College Omicron Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing was pleased to induct a record 85 new graduate and undergraduate students into the society on Oct. 4. More than 110 nursing students and family members attended the induction ceremony, which included a special recognition of Director of Professional Development Judi Dunn, M.S., R.N., for her tireless dedication to the Clarkson College STTI chapter over the last decade.

Also a guest speaker, Ms. Dunn emphasized the lifelong benefits of belonging to the nursing profession’s most notable honor society. “STTI offers a substantial amount of resources, networking, leadership training and other valuable experiences for nurses. I have found that through the other STTI nurses I have met internationally, across the U.S. and here in Nebraska that my horizons have broadened, my leadership capabilities have been strengthened and my confidence to take on new endeavors has increased.”

Ms. Dunn has been a member of STTI since 2004, previously serving two terms as secretary and one as president (2010-2012). She currently serves as the membership and induction coordinator and the College liaison.

The new inductees were invited to join the Clarkson College Omicron Epsilon Chapter based on their high grade point average, class rank and leadership characteristics. Fifteen of the inductees received a two-year membership, funded by Omicron Epsilon. Recipients were selected based on a written essay submitted prior to the induction ceremony.

“We are very fortunate here at Clarkson College to have a very vibrant and active chapter that brings together a wealth of knowledge, experience and community service,” said Ms. Dunn. A college of nursing has to have an established honor society in place for 10 years prior to undergoing the recognition of Director of Professional Development. Recipients were selected based on a one-year membership, funded by Omicron Epsilon. Recipients were selected based on a written essay submitted prior to the induction ceremony.

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THE CLARKSON COLLEGE PTA FACULTY SHOWED THEIR EXCITEMENT FOR THE 2014 ALUMNI TIMES

By Mikaela Yeager, Marketing Specialist

The Clarkson College PTA faculty showed their excitement for the 2014 Alumni Times. As she received her clinical excellence award at the NPTA Fall Conference on Oct. 11, Chera Tremblay (’08), Dr. Andrea Nebel & Dr. Michelle Reilly.

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Through two new glass wall panels that have now been able to see students and visitors increased the security of the area. Staff will be assisting faculty, was renovated to feature a administrative assistants responsible for offices were constructed and furnished had 36 cubicle work spaces for faculty. The floor of the main building, which previously faculty and students to meet in a comfortable day of the 2014 fall semester. The project the fifth floor was fully functioning by the first Aug. 11, and all phones and computers disruption. New furniture was installed by the planning of this project has been ongoing renovation possible.

During the last accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission it was recommended that Clarkson College create private offices for faculty in order to meet that recommendation and create a more comfortable and private work setting for faculty, a renovation project was completed Aug. 1. The new private offices will allow for faculty and students to meet in a comfortable and confidential setting.

The project completely renovated the fifth floor of the main building, which previously had 36 cubicle workspaces for faculty. The cubicles were removed and 37 private faculty offices were constructed and furnished with all new furniture, including desks, chairs and bookshelves. Additionally, the fifth floor reception area, which houses two administrative assistants responsible for assisting faculty, was renovated to feature a more inviting grantee service counter and a glass wall looking out to the elevator lobby. This has created an attractive and welcoming environment for our students, as well as increased the security of the area. Staff will now be able to see students and visitors approaching the faculty suite from the lobby through two new glass wall panels that have been installed.

The planning of this project has been ongoing for over a year. There was a very short construction work timeline for this project, as it was strategically scheduled during the summer semester to minimize operational disruption. New furniture was installed by Aug. 11, and all phones and computers were installed by Aug. 18. The faculty began moving into their new offices on Aug. 19, and the fifth floor was fully functioning by the first day of the 2014 fall semester. The project received financial support of approximately $450,000 from the Clarkson College Regional Health Services Foundation in order to make the renovation possible.

Dr. Tony Damewood, Vice President of Operations at Clarkson College, stated, “We are very proud to open this new office suite that will allow our faculty and students to collaborate and more comfortably reach their academic goals. This renovation is one of many that have been completed in the last decade at Clarkson College in order to enhance the educational experience of our students and create a better working environment for our faculty.”

August 2014 Clarkson College Graduates

Academic Excellence Awards
Presented to the graduate in each program with the highest grade point average.

Daniel Core Moreland
Diploma in Practical Nursing

Kara Anderson
Associate of Science in Physical Therapy Assistant

Michelle Marie Glow & Jessica Wirth
Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Lindy Jill Rendal
Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

Cassie Dawn Vogt
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kathy Lynn Jacobitz
Master in Health Care Administration

Amber Brooke Benson & Kristen Julianna Harms
Master of Science in Nursing

Certificate in Imaging Informatics
Justin Dwayne Bauer  & Sheena Elizabeth Keller  & Kelly Ann Sinderl  

Diploma in Practical Nursing
Jennifer Elise Bartusiak
Lauren Theresy Boyer  

Michelle L. Durland
Amanda Dawn Glaritzi
Alexis Hess
Julia Joy Moertl  

Darnell Gen Moreland  

Gabriella Edgewas Rivas
Heather N. Stanley
Jennifer Valencia Taylor
Luka Thor
Jammie Lyn Wiebelhaus

Associate of Science in Physical Therapy Assistant
Kara Anderson  

Lindsey Marie Drake
Lindsey Jean Fairys  

Lance Dwight Fox  

Susan Patricia Ehnhirr Giltart  

Theresa Ann Hoffman  

Toni Kay Hulinsky  

Christy Anna Neneman  

Machell Louise Owens  

Rachel Grace Pattavina
Holly Anne Steidmayer  

Michael James Stevens
Joanne Vanderhoof
Adam Caleb Watts

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Julie Anna Barton
Justin Dwayne Bauer  

Patrick Gregory Bendin
Alyssa Nicole Bern  

Jamie Bryant
Lori A. Etridge
Michelle Marie Glow  

Kofi Wodi Gunubu
Dustin A. Hahn
Stacy A. Henkel  

Jaimie Lynn Hogs  

Shebily Elizabeth Keller  

Joshua Ryan Patterson
Lindy J. Randel  

Kaley Nicole Rue  

Taylor M. Schwieger  

Kelly Ann Sinderl  

Lauren Elizabeth Shiva  

Ashley M. Uhrich
Sara Jill Waddell  

Shebily Lianne Waite  

Danielle Josephine Wheeler
Jessica Wirth  

Conner Thomas Young
Lauren Elizabeth Young  

Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging
Justin Dwayne Bauer  

Parle Michele Burkhardt
Michael John Dutt
Kofi Wodi Gunubu
Shebily Elizabeth Keller  

Rebecca J. Pickett
Lindy J. Randel  

Kelly Ann Sinderl  

Shebily Lianne Waite  

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Services
Deanna Rae Wilson

Bachelor of Science in Health Business in Health Information Administration
Jaimie Leigh Maister

Bachelor of Science in Health Business in Management
Angela Rose Koehler

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Lindsay Bigrigg
Molly Suzanne Bruckner  

Abigail Marie Colburn  

Jena Coy
Abshley Anne Creglow  

Jacyquantin Dyal Fonte  

Harwich Daniel Kingspier
Nicolella Lynn Ethofer
Megan Elizabeth Ingram
Sydney A. Kallhorn
Amber Lynn Krugskow
Amanda Montgomery  

Alyssa Victoria Rivera  

Shebily Elizabeth Keller  

Cynthia Yufen Banks
Emilie Christine Nolan
Kelly Ann Sindelar
Dustin A. Hahn
Kofi Wodi Gunubu
Mallory Lynn Roling  

Kristy Lynn Ross  

Shandra D. Ross
Ashley Nicole Turner
Cassandre A. Scherr
Tina Joyce Shanks  

Bachelor of Science in Health Business in Community Health Informatics
Abby Jo Gutshall

Master in Health Care Administration
Amy Lynn Dillon
Stephanie Jo Greten
Kristen Julianne Harris
Jessica Marie Heggen  

Trisha Lynnette Hittermiller
Tereilee Jackel
Chealse Dawn Jones  

Sherry Renee Knappich  

Julie Ann Langerock
Carrie Elizabeth Lutzen
Stephanie L. Marr
Kelly Jean Moyer
Jena Marie Neesen  

Theresa Rose Marie Neff
Emily Christine Nolan
Karen Anderson  

Kara R. VanderJagt  

Kathryn Marie Schiemeyer  

Rachel Scott
Breanna Lee Shupe  

Megan Marie Sagera
Cecilia Marie Sweet
Bethany Ann Tischart
Amanda R. Tuck
Kara R. VanderJagt  

Cassie Dawn Vogt  

Shebily J. Waddington
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Information Administration
Rebecca Lynn Mc Cann

Academic Honors
Honors are distinguished by:
*** Summa Cum Laude 3.85 and above
** Magna Cum Laude 3.75 through 3.84
* Cum Laude 3.50 through 3.74
+ With Distinction 3.30 through 3.64

Honor Societies:
Delta Chapter Lambda Nu
Sigma Theta Tau International
Delta Epsilon Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
National Society of Leadership and Success Sigma Alpha Pi
Interdisciplinary Honor Society
This year, the Heritage Garden Walk was held on Thursday, Sept. 18 following the Alumni Brunch. It is typically held in the springtime but was moved to the fall so the Alumni Association could incorporate it into their annual festivities.

The Heritage Garden is a beautiful spot on campus and holds the bricks, boulders and benches that have been dedicated to friends and loved ones of the Clarkson College community. All funds raised through the Garden Walk go toward the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Alumni, faculty, staff and students attended this year’s dedication ceremony. Under sunny skies and beautiful weather, Dr. Louis Burgher, President of Clarkson College, lead the invocation and enlightened attendees about the statue of Puck from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” which resides in the east side of the garden.

Dr. Martin Stahl, President of the Clarkson College Board of Directors, acknowledged the Alumni Association’s continuance of the dedication ceremony and the years of service by the Clarkson Service League. Up until this year, the annual Garden Walk was supported by the Clarkson Service League. The Alumni Association accepted the responsibility to sponsor the dedication ceremony to maintain the tradition set forth by the Clarkson Service League.

Alumni Association President Rachel Thompson acknowledged this year’s dedicated bricks:

- Brick dedicated to Captain Winifred Jane Williams Parker, Class of 1942
- Brick dedicated to Dale Svatos
- Brick dedicated in memoriam to Purdue University
- Brick dedicated in memoriam to South Carolina State University
- Brick dedicated in memoriam to University of California, Santa Barbara
- Brick dedicated in memoriam to Seattle Pacific University.

Following the dedication, cookies and punch were served in the Student Center lower level.