College Continues to Set Precedence
Clarkson College enrollment up & board pass rates above average
By Tony Damewood, Vice President of Operations

Clarkson College again experienced a record enrollment for the fall 2010 semester. The total number of students registered for classes has rapidly approached the 1000 mark with an enrollment of 987. This number represents a five percent increase over the record enrollment for fall 2009. The increases are being seen across almost all of the programs with program enrollments as follows:

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) 204
- Master of Science in Business 40
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 471
- Radiologic Technology (RT) & Medical Imaging (MI) 80
- Health Care Business & Health Information Management (HIM) 69
- Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) 67
- Practical Nursing (PN) 39
- Non-Degree 17
- Total Number of Enrolled Students 987

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Board Pass Rates
The pass rates for licensing examinations for Clarkson College graduates continue to exceed local and national averages. The Radiologic Technology (RT), Practical Nursing (PN) and Health Information Management (HIM) programs have obtained 100 percent pass rates for three consecutive years. The following are program pass rates as they compare to local and national averages.

The Alumni Times is a quarterly publication that is distributed by the Alumni Association of Clarkson College at 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. For story or photo submissions, please contact Rita VanFleet, Alumni Coordinator, at 402.552.3516 or via e-mail at vanfletrita@clarksoncollege.edu.
Fun Events Planned for 2011

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and is looking forward to another great year.

As we kick off 2011, the Alumni Association Board has decided to offer some new and exciting events. Some of the events planned for the upcoming months include a bowling tournament, an afternoon of table trivia to help support alumni scholarships, a continuing education event on the topic of health care ethics and a riverboat cruise. We invite you to take part in any and all of our new activities this year. There will be more information to come as we get closer to the event dates.

We continue to pursue the goals the Board established during the summer. As a Board, we strive to increase our membership on a yearly basis. We offered four different alumni events during the fall months and supported a Professionalism Workshop for current students. We continue to publish newsletters to increase communication about alumni events, the benefits of membership and highlight alumni happenings. The Alumni Association Board enjoys the position as a liaison between the College and alumni and looks forward to continuing to support current students and alumni of Clarkson College. Please let us know if you have any additional ideas for the Board or how we can better serve you.

On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, we look forward to the 2011 year and the exciting events planned for alumni. We hope to see you at the next event. Until then, don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Jena Dickinson, B.S. (’08)
Alumni Association President
jena_dickinson@clarksoncollege.edu

Call for Memory Booklet Submissions

Honored anniversary classes information needed

Every year at the Alumni Brunch, which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, alumni of anniversary classes are honored. This September, the classes of 1951, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001 will be honored for their respective anniversaries. Memory books are made for people attending from each of these classes.

To make the books interesting, graduates from each of those classes are asked to provide information about themselves (information can be career, family, travel, education, special events, etc.). Pictures are welcomed, as well.

If you have graduated from one of these classes, please feel free to send your information to Rita VanFleet, Alumni Coordinator, at vafleetria@clarksoncollege.edu or by mail to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Your information is what helps to make the memory booklets interesting.

TRAVEL ABROAD: WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

Six rounds of trivia will be played during the luncheon, and prizes will be given for the fastest decorated table and for the overall trivia table winner.

The Alumni Association will provide sloppy joes, tea and water, as well as silverware and plates. There are 12 tables for sale for this event. Join in the fun by signing up as a table leader and selecting who you would like as your guests. Please contact Rita VanFleet at vafleetria@clarksoncollege.edu or by phone (402) 552-3632 to reserve your table and register your theme.

Clarkson College will soon decide the destination of the next Academic Travel Abroad trip, and we need your help! Out of the following choices, please pick your top two and send them to Pat Brennan at brennan@clarksoncollege.edu by Jan. 21. A decision will be made by the end of January. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

1. France 1. Italy
2. Germany 2. Spain

Men’s, ladies, or mixed division teams are welcome. The registration deadline is Jan. 28. We will fill out the survey on the back of the newsletter, and 43 percent said they would like to attend.

Fundraiser Event: Decorated Table Trivia Luncheon

Unique opportunity challenges participants’ creativity

The Alumni Association is looking for table leaders to help with a unique fundraising opportunity.

On Saturday, June 4, the Alumni Association will be hosting a luncheon from noon until 2 p.m. in Howard Hall on the Clarkson College campus. Tables will seat eight people and will sell for $80 a table ($10 per person). Table leaders are needed to purchase a table (you can sell your seats), create a theme for the table, decorate the table according to the theme and provide a side dish and dessert for their table. They can do this on their own or share the fun with their guests.

Program Update: Health Care Business

By Carla Dirkschneider, Director of Health Care Business & Health Information Management

The Health Care Business (HCB) department is very excited about the progress of the programs and the quality of students who are graduating from Clarkson College. The HCB department currently offers an Associate degree in Health Information Management (HIM), Bachelor’s degree in HIM, Bachelor’s degree in Health Care Business Management and a Master’s degree in Health Care Administration.

We have seen an increase in enrollment at the College in the last few years, but we have especially seen an increase in enrollment in our HCB programs. The graduate program has grown 18 percent since the 2009-2010 academic year, and our undergraduate programs have increased enrollment by 12 percent. In addition to the increased enrollment, the HCB department is proud to announce the graduates of the HIM programs who have taken the national certification exam (RHIT/RHIA) have a first-time pass rate of 100 percent.

The HCB programs are offered completely online and allow a great deal of flexibility with the option of attending on a part-time or full-time basis. The Master’s degree is especially unique, as the courses are only six weeks in length. This allows the students to focus on one course at a time and still complete two courses within a semester. The undergraduate programs follow the more traditional course schedule, and the students really enjoy the flexibility of online education.

Program Faculty Members

The HCB department would not be a success without the dedication of its faculty. The HCB department currently has three full-time and two part-time faculty.

Pam Schwalb is the Assistant Program Director for the HCB department and is also an Assistant Professor. She teaches heavily in the Master’s program, teaching subjects such as communication, finance, economics and organizational behavior.

Survey Results

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Luke Poore

I want to be a physical therapist assistant because I have gone through physical therapy a few times, and I really loved it. I want to help people just like I was helped.

Caleb Poore

It has always been my dream to help people in some way and with physical therapy. The human body interests me, and it always has. I’m doing something that I want to do in life, not because I have to. What inspires you?

Shane Kenne

I am motivated to have a good life to where I feel like I can support my family. I always do my best in everything to make sure I will be able to do that.

Luke Poore

My inspiration would most definitely be my dad. He is where I get every ounce of my work ethic. When we were growing up, he did whatever he could to provide for his family. If that meant leaving on Christmas morning to shovel sidewalks while we opened presents, so be it. That mentality carried over into my life, and that is what motivates me when I feel tired, bored or just not excited to do something.

What is your Clarkson College family connection?

Shane Kenne

My sister, Sara, has been for a long time that I wanted to do something in the field of exercise science or PT. Once I started to really think of Clarkson College as a choice, she encouraged me even more to apply. She kept telling me how much she loved all of the teachers and people in her class. Sara, as well as my parents, kept pushing me to go. I got the call saying I was accepted, and she was one of the first people I texted to let her know I had been accepted.

Caleb Poore

My brother Luke has been a true influence throughout my life. When he let me know he was going to attend Clarkson College, I was eager to know what it was going to be like. Once he educated me about the outstanding faculty and the PTA profession, I knew it was inevitable that I would be attending. Since I have been attending Clarkson College, I have never been more sure about what I’m doing and what I plan to do.

What is the best thing about being a PTA?

Shane Kenne

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Sara Kenne

I am currently working in a sub-acute short-term care facility/nursing home in Seward, Wis. I work with a wide variety of patient diagnoses at my facility and am enjoying interacting with the patients and working side by side with the other disciplines.

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Stories of Service: A Student’s Call to Action

Nursing student sees the loss of her sister as a way to educate others

As a 17-year-old CNA, Amanda Reeg enjoyed her job working with people. “There was one lady I enjoyed helping who was sweet but sick.” One day after helping the resident to her room, the resident thanked Amanda for always being kind and helping her when she needed assistance. “That was the day I knew I wanted to pursue a career in health care.”

After high school, Amanda began her college career at a large university but quickly determined it was not the right fit for her. Upon arriving at Clarkson College, Amanda quickly found her place. The smaller campus community was a perfect fit for her. She became fast friends with the other students in her class and began to build relationships with her instructors and the staff of the College. She knows the Clarkson College community wants to help her succeed and is supportive of her efforts in and out of the classroom. “I was not successful at the first college I attended, but, at Clarkson College, I am successful.”

Through her studies, Amanda has learned a lot about nursing and caring for others. In March 2010, however, Amanda experienced a heart attack. The health care staff shared the details of what happened. When Amanda and her family arrived at the hospital in Omaha, at that point, Amanda had shared some of the signs of heart disease but was unaware of the connection. “I see this as my sister’s chance to warn others and possibly prevent this from happening to someone else.”

On Nov. 4, Amanda had the opportunity to share her sister’s story with an even larger audience. At the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Expo in Omaha, Amanda shared with an audience of more than 500 people that one in three women will die from a cardiac related illness. At the event, Amanda encouraged attendees to be aware of their heart health and active in their health care. “Marcie would have loved it. She cared so much for others, and this is her way of continuing to care—allowing us to share her story.”

As a future nurse, Amanda remembers how health care professionals took care of her family that day. “They were honest, they treated us well, but they also showed empathy and compassion for our situation.” As a future health care provider, Amanda wants to care for families the way she was cared for that day. She wants to continue working with the American Heart Association and advocating for heart health. Amanda shares, “It’s important to be aware. Learn about the signs and symptoms of heart attacks and strokes—they are different for men and women. If you don’t feel well, see your health care provider and get checked out.”

Help Needed in Updating Alumni Records

The job of keeping an accurate and up-to-date list of contact information for all graduates of the College is an ongoing project. We need your assistance in locating the most recent addresses for the following graduates. If you know where any of the following graduates can be located, please relay the information to Rita VanFleet at 402.552.3516, vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu or mail Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Scrapbook Day: Feb. 26

Grab a friend & reserve your seats

Archivers in Village Pointe Shopping Center in Omaha will host another Scrapbook Day on Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Clarkson College alumni and their guests are invited to join in the fun and spend the day creating scrapbook pages or cards. Scrapbooking tools (decorative scissors, punches, etc.) will be available for use, and Archivers also supplies the work tables and tools necessary for scrapbooking and card making. Novice to experienced are all invited to attend. Cost for the workday, including breakfast, lunch and snacks, is $20 per person. To reserve your spot, contact Rita VanFleet at vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu or 402.552.3516. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Tribute to Health Care Video is Striking Chords

Clarkson College recently launched a “Tribute to Health Care” video, which was created to give tribute to the field of health care—those in it, those pursuing it and those who have experienced it. Within its short time of existence, it has touched lives globally.

“Our intent with the tribute video was to restore confidence in our health care system and the professionals who chose to pursue the field,” said Dr. Louis Burgher, President of Clarkson College. “We are optimistic the video will reach a large population not only in the state of Nebraska but also nationwide and beyond.”

Clarkson College launched the video in fall 2010 to its instructors, staff and students. Instantly, viewers began leaving comments and personal tributes on the website where the video is housed. “This is simply our way of saying thank you to those who have the capacity to push aside the imperfections that exist around health care and focus on one thing: their patients,” Burgher said.

The “Tribute to Health Care” video can be viewed at PreparetobetheBest.com. Clarkson College welcomes viewers to forward the video to those who deserve to be thanked for their contributions to the field, as well as to individuals who have experienced life-changing health care.

What people are saying

Many comments and tributes have been submitted, each of which is moving in its own way. Here are just a few examples of how viewers have been inspired by the video:

“This clip makes me proud that I am affiliated with Clarkson College. It has a great message and makes me realize why I am currently working on getting my RN license. I want to meet and enhance all of the qualities this clip talks about and what it takes to be a health care professional.”

“This is just marvelous, and I will see it again and again whenever the path seems to get challenging.”

TO VIEW & SHARE THE VIDEO, VISIT PREPARETOBETHEBEST.COM.
Alumni Class Notes

Class notes are published in the January/February and July/August editions of the Alumni Times. We are always happy to hear from alumni and want to share the information with others. If you have a story or information that you would like to share in this section, please let us know. Information can pertain to achievements, awards, marriages, births, deaths, travel and other significant news.

When sending information, please include maiden name, if applicable, program and year of graduation. E-mail your information to vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu, call 402 552 3516 or write to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

1960s

Linda Pletten Sander ('56) from Omaha, Neb. writes, “I’m Mar, Dr. Marti, Minnie Walsh, RN, and I attended the graduation ceremony of Todd Meyer. When he was four years old, more than a third of his body was severely burned. The three of us were part of the surgery team that cared for him through his 22 grueling surgeries. He is a handsome young man, and it was a very special moment for all of us.”

Karen Tepley Sander ('56) from Carrollton, Texas writes, “I am happily married, and we have one married daughter and two beautiful and healthy granddaughters, Ellia and Alice. I’ve worked for 25 years at Baylor Hospital in Dallas and have been associated with the liver and solid organ transplant programs. I was a pre-liver coordinator until September 2009 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Chemotherapy and surgeries kept me occupied. I have returned in a PRN position to assist within my former department a few days. We love to travel and will be in Italy this year.”

1970s

Nikie Hooker Herrera (’70) from Omaha, Neb. writes, “For the last 15 years I have been the Head and Neck Nurse Coordinator at Methodist Cancer Center. I have really enjoyed my nursing career, and I have four grandchildren.”

Julie Winquest Sand (’70) from Gretna, Neb. writes, “I’ve lived in Lincoln, Neb. since 1982. My husband Roger is a physical therapist practicing at three outpatient clinics. We have four grown children—three in Nebraska and one in Denver. We have five grandchildren. I have worked in the hospital, home health and school nursing. I have retired from nursing and enjoy being a grandmother.”

Carol Weber Smith (’70) from Elliott City, Md. writes, “I have been married for 35 years. I have two grown children. My daughter, 23, was married in December 2010. I have a 20-year-old son who has three daughters (ages 4, 2, and newborn). I have worked continuously—mostly part-time—for 40 years. I’ve done med-surg, recovery room and Air Force nursing. However, the majority—35 years—have been in the operating room. Five years ago, I started working for a community college as an adjunct faculty clinical instructor for the “Fundamentals of Nursing.” I love teaching and exercise. I love to travel in the U.S., including Hawaii, but also have seen Europe and Korea. I received my RN to BSN online from Clarkson College in 2005. I am thankful for the education I received at Clarkson College. It has afforded me many opportunities and open doors.”

Karen Pappas White (’70) from Indianapolis, Ind. writes, “I have been living in Indianapolis since 1980 after living in Boston, Chicago, New York and New Hampshire since graduating in 1970. I am married and have one, Michael, two step-daughters, Lori and Lisa, and a total of 11 grandchildren as part of my blended family. I am a RN case manager for the largest hospital system in Indiana. Almost two years ago, my husband and I bought our first motorcycle, a Harley Davidson. We love it!”

Cindy Johnson Arbaugh (’78, ’09) from Gretna, Neb. writes, “I’ve spent the last five years designing, building and opening a new community hospital in Bellevue, Neb. I was the project administrator for the first four years and now hold the position of Chief Operating Officer.”

1980s

Colleen Janak Nielsren (’89) from Walton, Neb. writes, “I received a VA scholarship my senior year at Clarkson College. I have worked at the Lincoln VA since I received my 20 year pin August 2009. I was recently asked to speak at our national Community Health Nurse Coordinator Conference in Chicago. I have been the Community Health Nurse Coordinator for the past 15 years at the VA. I am married and have two sons, ages 9 and 11. The kids enjoy all sports, piano, band and 4-H. We all enjoy traveling, and I’d like to find more time to scrapbook.”

Sue Leitzinger (’89, ’09) from Omaha, Neb. writes, “I have been married for 20 years and have three children: two sons and one daughter, ages 17, 14 and 9. I also have a pretty, white German shepherd. We all love to go camping, fishing and swimming in our RV. I have been teaching at Clarkson College for almost six years now, and absolutely love it in my calling. After working 15 years on the floor in the hospital, I have learned a lot and seen a lot. I teach the students in the classroom and clinical setting. It is a very rewarding job helping our future nurses learn about the health care profession.”

2000s

Rachel Thompson (’04) from Omaha, Neb. is married to Clark Thompson. Rachel teaches Health Assessment in the BSN program at Clarkson College.

Clark Thompson (’06) from Omaha, Neb. is married to Rachel Thompson. They have two children, Marie who is two-and-a-half and Kasey who is one-and-a-half. Clark is currently enrolled in the Nurse Anesthesia program at Clarkson College.

April McDonald Hillaman (’08) from Marquette, Mich. writes, “After graduation, I worked at Bergen Mercy Medical Center in the ICU for six months before moving to Marquette, Mich. Currently, I work at Marquette General Hospital, which is the level II trauma center for this area. I work as a registered nurse in the ICU and CCU. I love it! Also, I was married on July 23, 2010 in Omaha. In a few years, I’m planning on applying to the new Nurse Anesthesia program at Clarkson College! Congrats to the College on this new program accreditation!”

Alicia Hoffman (’08) from Omaha, Neb. writes, “I am currently working at Omaha Internal Medicine as the Lead RT. I have been married to my husband since 2007 and on Jan. 26, 2010, I had our little boy, Dylan. Right now, I am working full-time and being a mommy. Quite a full plate, but I love it.”

In Memoriam

Class of 1944
Norma Zimmerman Sprague of Fort Edward, N.Y. died on May 12, 2010 of Parkinson’s disease.

Class of 1970
Sandi Daughtery Ohlrich passed away on Aug. 26, 2010 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She worked as a registered nurse for 39 years—the last 21 years for Talibeh Health Care Services.

John Hancock Notes

Help secure your future with proactive long-term care planning

Achiving financial security. Living life the way you want to live. That’s independence at all cost. But achieving independence requires sound financial planning, including taking into account how the future need for long-term care can impact your assets, your quality of life and your family’s well-being.

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By thinking ahead about how you would want to manage your future long-term care needs — and putting a proper plan in place today—you can feel confident that you’ve taken the necessary steps to secure your future.

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As a member of Clarkson College Alumni Association, you and your eligible family members now have access to long term care insurance at a discounted rate.

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Events:

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Alumni Bowling Tournament. To find out more, see the back page of this issue.

Saturday, Feb. 26 – Scrapbook Day. Alumni and guests are invited to Archives in Village Pointe in Omaha from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a day of scrapbooking. To find out more or to register for the event, see page 7.

Saturday, June 4 – Decorated Table Trivia Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Look for event details on page 2.

Thursday, Sept. 15 – Alumni Brunch at 10 a.m. and annual alumni meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Both events to be held on campus in Howard Hall. Convocation at Trinity Cathedral at 2:30.

Friday, Sept. 16 - Continuing education event “Health Care Ethics” from 7:30 a.m. to noon in Howard Hall. “Pirates of the Muddy Mo” cruise on the River City Star riverboat from 7 to 10 p.m. Look for September’s annual alumni event details in upcoming issues.
Lip Sync Contest & Mr. & Ms. Clarkson College Crowning
Annual student activities event winds down fall 2010 semester

Five groups—a grand total of fourteen daring students—took center stage Wednesday, Nov. 10 in Howard Hall to compete in this year’s “Choose Your Own Theme” Lip Sync Contest. The groups were battling the same fight, all with the intention to win a first, second or third place cash prize of $500, $300 or $100. Music ranging from the latest Lady Gaga hit all the way back to the classic “Grease Lightning” shook the room and pumped up the crowd. All of the groups dressed up in costume and showed off their imaginative choreography while lip syncing to their songs of choice. Third place was awarded to the group “The Girls of Hanson,” made up of students Alyssa Tuel, Marcy Heim and Jennie Smith. Second place went to “IMAX,” which included Katie Hubenka and Makayla Havranek. The first place, $500 cash, was awarded to students Kristin Feerhusen, Chelsea Palmer and Jill Hindmarsh of “No Boys Allowed.”

After an emotional celebration, the time came to announce the 2010-11 Mr. and Ms. Clarkson College. The nominees were initially chosen through a student body vote. The evening of the crowning, guests were given ballots to vote between the eight finalists. The crowns went to Nursing students Andrew Mattes and Mandy Riedell. Other candidates were Nathan Brown, Caleb Poore, Derek Brester, Kristin Feerhusen, Lori Harvey and Whitney Ruffcorn.

Get acquainted with royalty: 2010-11 Mr. & Ms. Clarkson College

Ms. Clarkson College: Mandy Riedell
Originally from Lake View, Iowa, Riedell is a third-year BSN student who anticipates graduating in May 2012. What have you enjoyed most about your Clarkson College experience? Being involved in so many different activities has allowed me to make many great friends and has given me so many opportunities. I also enjoyed my Academic Travel Abroad trip to Italy last December. The trip broadened my horizons and opened my eyes to a whole new lifestyle and health care system. Who do you look up to? My mother. I know I can count on her for anything. When I was younger, she went to nursing school full-time, worked full-time and still managed to be an amazing mother to her five rambunctious children. She’s patient, caring and hard-working. What advice would you offer current students? Take time for you. It’s easy to get wrapped up in homework and studying. Be sure to take a little break and go to a movie or spend time with friends. Where do you see yourself after graduation? I hope to be working as an emergency or critical care nurse. Eventually, I plan to go back to school and work towards a career as a family or geriatric nurse practitioner.

Mr. Clarkson College: Andrew Mattes
Hailing from Underwood, Iowa, Mattes is a first-year BSN student who is planning to graduate fall 2013. What have you enjoyed most about your Clarkson College experience? The small class size. You get really close with your classmates. Everyone around campus is always so friendly. Who do you look up to? My mom for going back to school and getting her degree to better her life and being able to better provide for her family. What advice would you offer current students? Never take college lightly, but always remember these are supposed to be some of the best days of our lives. Before we know it, they will be over. Where do you see yourself after graduation? I would like to work on a pediatrics floor. I love working with kids.

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

Diane Marie Countryman Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Jackie Nicole Whipple Bachelor of Science in Health Care Business in Health Information Management

Carla M. Kestl Bachelor of Science in Health Care Business in Management

Nicholas Thomas Denich Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kelsey Marie Roth Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

Jennifer R. Anderson Master of Science in Health Care Administration

Jennifer Michelle Nelson Master of Science in Nursing

Malteese Cross Medal Veronica Castro Carderan Jennifer Marie Sillett

Malteese Cross Certificate Christie Lee Smith Bower Michelle Malie McMechen Alexis Jeanne Paulsen Stacey Anne Shnaut

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Taryn Rachelle Artztern Brooke Elizabeth Cormey Diane Marie Countryman *** Billie J. Gabriel *** Amanda Kueh *** Brent Thomas Owens Abby Nicole Pinget Luke David Poore Carolyn Marie Schaefer Jacqueline Mie Siedelack *** Stacey Sloan *** Kendra Lou Stevens

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Business in Health Information Management Jackie Nicole Whipple **

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Business in Management Joann Marie Baumert Carla M. Kast *


Bachelor of Science in Imaging

Megan Lynn Brooks *** Marla Kay Grall *** Karla Marie Holland K *** Jennifer Sue Krystl *** Kelsey Marie Roth *** Morgan Ranel Roth ***

Master of Science in Health Care Administration Jennifer R. Anderson Rose Mary Carroll Pearl J. Ferguson Donna Paul Giettel Russel Wayne Miller Yorba Agnes Von Seggern

Master of Science in Nursing Jennifer F. Banfield Stephanie Ann Bellcock *** Mindy Renae Bosnak *** Christie Lee Smith Bower *** Dawn M. Bricker Veronica Castro Carderan Jennifer Nicole Denerer *** Danielle Kathryn Griffin Julie M. Howard Michelle Maile McMechen Andrea Suzanne Folks Stacey Anne Shnaut *** Regan Renee Small Angela Faye S端正

Post-Master’s Certificate in Health Care Administration Brooks Allen Rump

Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing Emily A. Turner

December 2010 Clarkson College Graduates

Honors are distinguished by:

*** Summa Cum Laude 3.85 and above

** Magna Cum Laude 3.75 through 3.84

* Cum Laude 3.65 through 3.74

* With Distinction 3.50 through 3.64

Honor societies at the College:

λ Member of Delta Chapter Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

† Member of Omicron Epsilon Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Please Note: Honors designations were based upon most current information at press time. Clarkson College apologizes for any errors or omissions.
Alumni Bowling Tournament
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011
Scorz Bowling Alley, Ralston

Grab four friends to form a team!
$15 per person

Contact Rita VanFleet for details

Alumni Cookbooks Available

It is not too late to purchase an alumni cookbook! Money raised by this project assists the association in supporting students, the College and alumni activities. The cookbook contains more than 250 recipes from alumni, faculty, staff and friends.

To purchase your cookbook, send $18 via check or money order made out to “Alumni Association of Clarkson College” to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

PARTICIPATE

Join us for the first Alumni Bowling Tournament at Scorz bowling alley in Ralston on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at 6 p.m. Teams of four will play two games and enjoy appetizers at a cost of $15 per person.

To register your team or to learn more about the event, contact Rita VanFleet at 402.552.3516 or vanfleetrita@clarksoncollege.edu on or before Jan. 10.