



# ONTRACK

BON SECOURS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

## A TREMENDOUS SEASON OF **GIVING** AT THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

### ON A MISSION—TEAM HAITI PREPARES TO SET SAIL WITH GRAND FUNDRAISER

AS TEAM HAITI WAS PREPARING FOR THEIR MISSION TO PROVIDE care and support to the underserved communities of rural Haiti, the College was prepping for what was the highest grossing auction in the history of the event!

Kathy Faw, faculty member who leads the mission each year, was so pleased by the turnout. “The event was such a success. This year our auction brought in more than \$12,000; that’s a record high! The money raised helps to fund our trip and make it possible for the College to continue our global outreach into the future.”

In addition to the amazing selection of auctioned items, delicious catered

food and festive photo booth, the attendees were entertained by Main Street Station, a local a cappella group. The group kicked the night off with a spirited version of the Star Spangled Banner and then delighted the crowd with Ellie Goulding's "Burn" because they said it was a “high-energy, exciting song, for such an enthusiastic crowd.”

If you missed the silent auction, you can still support the mission. Donations are accepted year round with payroll deductions, purchasing hand-made jewelry from Haiti, as well as individual donations. Please see Kathy Faw (Kathy\_Faw@bshsi.org) or Amy Feurer (Amy\_Feurer@bshsi.org) for more information.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!**

Apply today for one of 13 merit and need based scholarships! The March 31st scholarship deadline is fast approaching. Details and application are on Blackboard.

# 2015-16

## LIFETIME LEARNER: BENJI DJEUKENG, PHD



AFTER 6 YEARS OF PURSUING HIS DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, OUR DIRECTOR OF Institutional Effectiveness Benji Djeukeng, successfully defended his dissertation “An Exploration of Compliance Predictors of the Institutional Effectiveness Requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges’ Baccalaureate Institutions between 2008 and 2012” at The College of William and Mary last fall and earned those impressive credentials after his name!

Benji’s role at the College ensures we deliver on our promises made to students when they enroll in our nursing programs. His efforts coordinating JoIE (Journey of Institutional Effectiveness) directly impact the teaching, learning experiences and environment for all of our students.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SPRING SOCIAL BOWLING NIGHT

WE’RE SHAKING THINGS UP THIS SPRING, SO GET your bowling shoes on and bring you’re A-game to the first ever bowling social for the College of Nursing. We’ll be providing pizza, shoe rental, raffle (everyone is entered into the raffle with the purchase of your ticket so please keep your ticket and bring with you to event; and bowling of course! This event is for the entire college community—students, their families, staff and faculty.

**WHERE:** Uptown Alley in Midlothian  
6101 Brad McNeer Parkway  
Midlothian, VA 23112

**WHEN:** March 28th, tentatively 6-9 PM

**COST:** \$5 dollars per ticket  
Children under 2 are free

If you haven’t already purchased your tickets, it’s not too late! Tickets will also be for sale at the door for the first hour of the event. Don’t miss this opportunity to have some fun during the semester.



## ON THE CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

Mar 24

Registration opens

Mar 27

Last day to withdraw from a course with a “WS” or “WU”

Mar 30

Transient and Microbiology Batch Registration forms due (Reynolds students)

Apr 3

Good Friday | College closed

Apr 15

Intent to Graduate forms due for summer and fall 2015 graduates

May 5

Classes end  
Graduation | St. Mary’s Catholic Church | Richmond, VA

May 21

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27, THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY INVITES YOU to a day of service at Hilliard House, a nonprofit organization that provides shelter, programming, job training, and more to homeless women and their children here in Richmond, Va. We’ll have two shifts, one from 9 AM to 12 PM and another from 1 PM to 4 PM. Don’t miss this opportunity to make a difference!



## NEW PROGRAMMING FOR RN-BSN

JUMPSTART, A NEW PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS WAS OFFERED IN JANUARY AND HALF OF the new RN to BSN students attended. Jumpstart is an optional pre-orientation program to prepare students for successful online learning. Students build their confidence, navigate the Blackboard Learning system, and understand what Student Success services are available and how to access them. More importantly, the students met with the faculty, staff and administrators of our college community who will support them through the program. The response was overwhelmingly positive and the students got off to a strong start.



### DID YOU KNOW?

That 99 percent of our December 2014 graduates had accepted their job offers within a month of graduating? 85 percent of them are working for Bon Secours Richmond hospitals!



WE RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH OUR INAUGURAL CLASS OF COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS — A GROUP OF BSMCON JUNIORS who signed on for a long-term commitment to volunteer with CrossOver Healthcare Ministries and Bon Secours Care-A-Van until they graduate.

Q:

BSMCON: Why did you decide to get involved in the program?

**ALLEGRAH NGUYEN:** My parents both relied on programs similar to CrossOver Ministries and Care-A-Van to obtain health care when they were growing up. My father was a refugee from Vietnam and my mother lived in vulnerable population in California. It was important to me, to give back to those in similar situations, because I know how much those services helped my parents become healthy and successful adults.

Q:

BSMCON: In what capacity have you have served at these organizations?

**RACHEL ENGLISH:** During my first two semesters volunteering, I helped at the check-in/out desk, pulling patient charts. Last semester, I participated in a back-to-school event where 100 children from the community were able to come a receive physicals, vaccinations and oral care. Most recently, I've worked with a women's health doctor as his scribe, charting his examination and treatment plan for patients.

Q:

BSMCON: How has volunteering with these organizations impacted your career choice as a nurse?

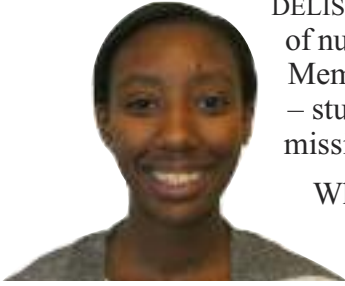
**WHITNEY WASSMER:** It has shown me more career options for nurses. I volunteer at Care-A-Van where we serve the uninsured populations around Richmond. I wouldn't be getting this experience elsewhere and feel lucky to have the chance to learn about other nursing job routes than just in a hospital.

Q:

BSMCON: Why should other students serve in this type of role?

**HILDA EUSEBIO:** It's an excellent way to grow professionally and work with patients from different backgrounds. One truly sees how health care is given in a clinical setting with regards to working with the administrative staff, physicians and other health care providers.

## GET TO KNOW...



**DELIS BEDIAKO**

BSMCON College Ambassador

DELIS ALWAYS HAD AN INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY, BUT SHE WAS DRAWN TO THE FIELD of nursing by her call to serve and the joy she gets from caring for others. She landed at Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing because of its smaller, more intimate setting, the resources offered – student success, financial aid, access to faculty and staff – as well as her belief in Bon Secours' mission and the organization's commitment to serving our community.

While in nursing school, she has come to think her classmates as family. The relationships she has made are the most meaningful part of this journey, which is “the hardest thing I've ever done,” nevertheless, she wouldn't trade it for anything. “When I graduate and go into the real world as a professional nurse, I am confident that I will be well-prepared and equipped with the knowledge and skills to be successful.”

## DAISY'S HAVE ARRIVED AT BSMCON

WANT TO SHINE A LIGHT ON AN EXCEPTIONAL MEMBER OF OUR FACULTY? WELL NOW YOU CAN! BSMCON has initiated the DAISY Award for Nursing Faculty program.

The award celebrates nursing faculty for their inspirational influence on the nurses of tomorrow. The national award program was established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who at the age of 33, died of complications of Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). The acronym DAISY stands for “Diseases Attacking the Immune System.”

Patrick's family, through the DAISY Foundation, and in collaboration with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), established the DAISY Faculty Award to provide colleges and schools of nursing with a national recognition program they may use to demonstrate appreciation for the effect nursing faculty have on their students, on patient care, and on the profession of nursing.



Nominations will be available on the homepage of bsmcon.edu, under “news” during the first two weeks of April, with the selection made by a five person Review Committee during the last two weeks of April. The Review Committee will include a student representative, as well as one representative from faculty, staff, administration, and the Mission department. The inaugural Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing DAISY Faculty Award will be presented to the honoree in May.

Look for “awareness” posters in the College early this Spring!



**SOCIAL SHOUT OUTS!**

## facebook BLESSINGS FOR #TEAMHAITI2015 SEND-OFF!

82 likes, 1 share

- **Janet Holt King Ryan and Fellow Team**, God's abundant blessings as you serve others so faithfully on the mission field. I know He will use each of your talents in mighty ways and that the medical services unity and joy you share with others will change lives!
- **Cindy Lockemy**, May God bless this team! Have a safe and fun trip!
- **Jennifer Kurisky**, God bless you all as you embark on what is sure to be one of the most amazing trips of your life! You will fall in love with the people of Haiti! I will be praying for safe travels.
- **Patricia Kinser**, Enjoy the journey!
- **Kim Lewis**, Have a safe trip...enjoy the fruit of your labor...
- **Pat Kirkbride**, God be with you and protect you
- **Amy Tarrant Feurer**, Such a beautiful blessing. Thanks everyone!
- **Beatrice Howard**, Congratulations
- **BC Long**, Blessings on your journey and every good seed you plant.
- **Connie Leib Sims**, Wishing my nephew Ryan a safe trip! Love you!



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