

# AlumniTimes

CELEBRATING ALUMNI

## MISSION

Prepare students to professionally provide high quality, ethical & compassionate health care services.

HOWARD HALL

5600+

COMMUNITY LEARNERS  
TRAINED THROUGH  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

## RENOVATIONS REVEAL

Refresh Will Build  
College Awareness

## IMPACTING LIVES

YOU MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!





# high five



AMANDA ROBINSON,  
PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM  
ADMINISTRATOR

**1 What books are on your nightstand?**  
To give my mind a break, I have been gravitating toward fiction. I am loving the Throne of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas and the Dark Olympus series by Katee Robert.

**2 What is your favorite comfort food?**  
The best comfort food in the world is homemade chicken and noodles! It's the perfect meal on a chilly fall night! Ask for my simple recipe and try it yourself!

**3 What is a hobby that you enjoy that would shock people to know?**  
My collections of 1,100 books and over 100 plants are my true loves but I express my creativity by painting (watercolor and acrylic) crafting, photography, and home improvement.



**4 What are the top three things on your bucket list?**  
My top three are: (1) visit all 50 states, (2) visit Rosslyn Chapel in Roslin, Midlothian, Scotland, and (3) earn my doctoral degree!

**5 If you could have dinner with any person (dead or alive), who would it be and why?**  
The entire Bronte Family! To have one family with three famous female writers as well as a talented painter son is very intriguing. It would be fascinating to learn the dynamics, to talk with them about the stories they wrote, and to hear what they think about becoming famous in death.



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Howard Hall, the assembly space on the upper level of the Student Center, will soon be updated. Improved acoustics, lighting, and HVAC are included. See page 4 for more.

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## Catch Us if You Can

ACTIVITIES KEEP ALUMNI ENGAGED

▶ A vibrant community of Clarkson College alumni has been fostered by the Alumni Association. With multiple in-person and online events each year, there are plenty of opportunities to share exciting news and rekindle memories.

**February 19:** Dr. Marsha Yembi, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, hosted a virtual book club discussing "How Leaders Can Inspire Accountability: Three Habits That Make or Break Leaders and Elevate Organizational Performance" by Michael Timms.

**March 9:** Plenty of shenanigans took place during the annual bowling (and pizza!) event. Creatively costumed bowling teams vied for both the "best" and the "worst" titles. It was a memorable night with many walking away as winners.

**May 16:** Dr. Jenette Smith, an alumna, faculty member and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, hosted a virtual happy hour from her home in Colorado. Alumni shared their favorite cocktails and mocktails, with the Baby Bellini mocktail being a peach-tastic standout.

**July 19:** Alumni teed up for a fantastic time at Top Golf. Everyone enjoyed appetizers and plenty of laughs as participants aimed for a hole-in-one experience. It was a tee-rific way to explore one of the perks of life in Omaha.



Bowling Night Champs: Mike Dirkschneider, Matt Anderson, Nancy Sudtelgte, and Carla Dirkschneider.



### Stay Connected

Stay connected and see all the events and benefits of being part of the Alumni Association—including details of our upcoming Alumni Weekend (September 26-28)—by following us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** at [@clarksoncollegealumni](https://www.facebook.com/clarksoncollegealumni). Remember, you are automatically a member when you graduate, and you will always be part of the Clarkson College family.





# PUTTING OUR BEST FACE FORWARD

IMPROVEMENTS REFLECT STABILITY AND ADD SPARK TO CAMPUS

**C** CLARKSON COLLEGE WILL BE elevated from the inside out with planned improvements to signage, building use and aesthetics, and proactive safety updates. The projects, derived from a facilities masterplan, will begin this fall.

As we move forward, we will do so with focus on our strategic initiatives and be intentional with its priorities of:

- › Serving our students and community well
- › Increasing customer services
- › Financial sustainability through visibility

The impact of this strategy will increase degree-seeking students from 1,100 to 1,500 and grow the number of community learners to 8,000 annually.

Clarkson College has been located at 42nd and Dodge Streets since 1992. More than 32 years later, unless connected to healthcare, it is clear that most people do not recognize where the Clarkson College campus is. Why does this matter? Why should people know? Because this is where students are being prepared, learning basic and advanced skills including critical thinking and interprofessional education across all disciplines. College facilities should reflect the desired outcome of “graduating the best in healthcare.”

As the College sets out to achieve visibility, the master facilities plan will unfold across the campus. For it to come to fruition, the entire College, our alumni, and the community must come together, have patience, and prepare to invest in the future.

## HOWARD HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The multi-purpose event space located within the Student Center offers the College community a large space for on-campus gatherings. Entering its 20th year of service, Howard Hall now requires improvements to elevate the space to create meaningful experiences. The project includes an updated entry, a retractable stage,

storage, and upgraded acoustics, lighting, and HVAC. Howard Hall will be positioned to host larger events including social gatherings and executive conferences as well as student-facing career fairs, orientation and special events.

## NEW CAMPUS ENTRY

Moving the main campus entrance to south end will provide the benefit of an easy-to-find “front door” with nearby parking. A new ornamental arch will serve to fully gate the campus and improve security of the courtyard while maintaining accessibility for students, employees and visitors.



With campus traffic directed through the south entrance of the south building, the elevator will be updated. Visitors will be able to access the Main Building either by exiting the south entrance into the courtyard or by traversing the lower-level hallway.

## THE LINK

Access to the Main Building from 42nd Street will be eliminated. The area, currently a driveway frequented by

delivery services, will be enclosed, creating a glassed-in link between the South and Main Buildings. This change will not only be more attractive for visitors but will serve to increase campus safety. The Main Building will also receive new exterior signage to heighten visibility.

## RESIDENCE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrades to the first floor public spaces within the Residence Hall include



moving the fitness center out of the storm shelter and removing walls to create a commons/student space. Upgrades of the apartment-style living options to better compete with our peer institutions are being considered.

## 3D PRINTING AND TRAINING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE EXPANSION

As the innovation continues to grow, our capabilities and offerings will be expanded to drive revenue and public access to 3D printed medical devices and educational modules.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPANSION

A renovation in the South Building will allow the Professional Development department to grow our programs from nearly 6,000 community learners annually to 8,000-10,000 in the next three to five years. The vital training offered at Clarkson College increases workforce skills and introduces the public to healthcare careers.

**\* See page 11 for more renderings.**



1 SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
**COMMENCEMENT**



REASONS TO CELEBRATE

# GRADUATION 2024

▶ Clarkson College graduates are celebrated at a variety of ceremonies throughout the year, culminating in our annual Commencement in August.



2 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
**CRNA GROUP**



4 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
**PTA PINNING**



3 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
**BSN PINNING**

5 SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
**COMMENCEMENT**



10 FRIDAY, AUGUST 9  
**PTA PINNING**



6 SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
**COMMENCEMENT**



7 FRIDAY, MAY 3  
**BSN PINNING**



8 FRIDAY, AUGUST 9  
**BSN PINNING**



9 FRIDAY, AUGUST 9  
**HOODING**





# Spring & Summer 2024

## Certificate in Computed Tomography

Lauren Susanna Bair  
Anastasia Donato  
Jasmine Nicole Freeman  
Jaina R. Keyes  
Nancy Lin  
Caitlin J. Littrell  
Emma Rae Pitt

## Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Anastasia Rose Donato  
Jaina R. Keyes  
Caitlin Faith Kronberg  
Emma Rae Pitt  
Ellana Willis

## Certificate in Medical Imaging Informatics

Yessenia Guadalupe Flores-  
Santiago  
Jasmine Nicole Freeman  
Nancy Lin  
Caitlin J. Littrell

## Certificate in Women’s Health

Roslyn Saunsoci

## Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Autumn Bryant *cum laude*  
Alexis Eduardo Cardenas *cum laude*  
Trinity Craig *with distinction*  
Hadeley Ann Marie Dowty *summa cum laude*  
Connor Gill *summa cum laude*  
Jenna Marie Heald *with distinction*  
Jameson Ray Mandl *magna cum laude*  
Cole Michael Nebel *summa cum laude*  
Brynn Elizabeth Pew *summa cum laude*  
Erik Sorlien *magna cum laude*  
Erin Stohlmann *summa cum laude*

## Associate of Science in Radiography

Billi Marie Alvarado *cum laude*  
Carlos Adonai Antonio Villegas  
Lauren Susanna Bair *summa cum laude*  
Hannah Borgmann

Blake Brown  
Alexandra Katarina Davies *summa cum laude*  
Taylor Alyssa Davis  
Anastasia Rose Donato  
Melody Lynn Edmiston  
Yessenia Guadalupe Flores-  
Santiago  
Jasmine Nicole Freeman  
Joelle Goldsberry  
Sydnee Graff  
Raina Hutton *with distinction*  
Jaina R. Keyes *cum laude*  
Caitlin Faith Kronberg *with distinction*  
Jessica Lehman *summa cum laude*  
Nancy Lin  
Caitlin J. Littrell *summa cum laude*  
Emma Rae Pitt *with distinction*  
Savannah S. Pusch  
Chloe Jean Sales  
Lauren Elizabeth Schanou  
Scott A. Soske  
Fredy Suarez Diaz Roehrich *with distinction*  
Ashley Summers *summa cum laude*  
Madison Stark  
Jesus Valdovinos-Alvarez  
Siarah Vlcek  
Ellana Willis *summa cum laude*

## Bachelor of Science in Community Health

Samantha Gordon

## Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Business Management

Kimberly K. Petersen *summa cum laude*  
Megan Short Σ  
Heather Smith *magna cum laude*

## Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration

Cynthia Marie Reiser *cum laude*  
Megan Short Σ  
Olubunmi E. Sunmbola *magna cum laude*

## Bachelor of Science Medical Imaging

Samantha Avalos  
Lauren Susanna Bair *summa cum*

*laude*

Katherine Nicole Brunsting  
Ashlie Edith Demera-Gonzalez  
Kevin Austin Eaton  
Jasmine Nicole Freeman  
Carrie Garland *summa cum laude*  
Jaina R. Keyes *cum laude*  
Nancy Lin  
Caitlin J. Littrell *summa cum laude*  
Lisa Ann McClurg *summa cum laude*  
Stephanie Marie Orgovan *cum laude*  
Emma Rae Pitt *with distinction*

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Aliana Alexander *with distinction*  
Bahara Alizai  
Ryan Anderson *with distinction*  
Shelby Leann Anderson  
Pearl Apker *summa cum laude*  
Hannah Barrett *with distinction*  
Kathryn Berwick  
Britney Blocker  
Karsyn Brown  
Jocelyne Cardenas *summa cum laude* Σ †  
Eden Marie Carlsen Σ  
Any H. Chavez Petit *with distinction*  
Drue Davis  
Jolene DeLanoit  
Cheyenne Rene Dinslage *summa cum laude*  
Jocelyn Joann Dotson *summa cum laude*  
Sierra N. Dragoo Σ  
Chloe Camille Eckhart *summa cum laude*  
Dafne Gandara-Sanchez  
Chantel Margaret Rose Garcia *cum laude* Σ  
Stephanie Gaytan  
Kersten Gerhard  
Kevin Gomez *cum laude*  
Karen Orduna Gonzalez  
Kaitlyn Mae Gunter *summa cum laude*  
Mia S. Gurciullo *with distinction*  
Ellen Hicks *magna cum laude*  
Danielle Marie Huntoon *with distinction*  
Stabisiwe Melissa Hwaira *summa cum laude*

Sabrin Abdullahi Issa  
Edna M. Jasa *with distinction*  
Kayleana Rebecca Johnson *with distinction*  
Parker Jordening  
Michelle L. Keller  
Meighan Marie Laughlin  
Dane Jonathan Lavicky  
Maria Cristina Lerma *cum laude* †  
Suzan Little  
Sarah Logan *magna cum laude*  
Paying Lor  
Erica Vanessa Lozano Σ †  
Karlye Marcella Machado *summa cum laude*  
Alaska Alejandra Marquez Sotelo  
Jocelin Merciez *cum laude*  
Kolby Thomas Miller *summa cum laude*  
Deja Minor  
Sophia Montemarano  
Abigail Moran Σ  
Alexandria Morimoto  
Sophia Morris *with distinction*  
Alyssa Ann Murphy *with distinction*  
Anna Marie Musgrave  
Krista Niles *cum laude*  
Kanayo C. Ogochukwu  
Evelyn Painter  
Kimberly Peterson  
Arelis Placencia *summa cum laude*  
Anna Elizabeth Price *with distinction*  
Karigan Lynn Pries  
Genesis I. Ramirez Ramirez  
Jasmine Elizabeth Ramos  
Allie Randels *with distinction*  
Lauren E. Randle  
Mahnaz Razavi  
Breeana Read  
Alyssa Paige Reutzel *magna cum laude*  
Rebeca Gisselle Rodriguez  
Gabriela Rivas *with distinction*  
Nikki Kristin Rush  
Carissa Danielle Schaben  
Emma Schafer *with distinction*  
Carly Ann Sledge Σ  
Shane Andrew Sloderbeck  
Isabelle A. Smoot  
Neha Niharika Sood  
Mollyanne Christine Steinauer

*magna cum laude*  
Gabrielle Kaitlin Sterns  
Shawnita Stevens *magna cum laude*  
Aleja Stewart *magna cum laude*  
Mary A. Stockman  
Amy Stodola  
Hannah Raye Subbert  
Kayliana Taylor  
Joshua Oghenetejiri Tejiri *summa cum laude*  
Amber Nicole Tristan  
Jose Vázquez-Renteria Σ  
Liyen Vong *with distinction*  
Angel Lee Magnolia Walker  
Molly Rose Wolfe  
Mandy Lynne Woodral *summa cum laude*  
Megan Marie Zelfel

## Master in Healthcare Administration

Courtney Lynn Burbach  
Kara A. Haworth  
Arielle Ramos Kemp  
Rae Anne Kenny  
Rebecca Kouba  
Mackenzie Maloley  
Morgan Moody  
Sara Dawn Ridder  
Brooke Alexis Tridle

## Master of Science in Nursing

Kristin Beck – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Lexie Bown- Family Nurse Practitioner  
Caelan Brazee – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Brooke Brown – Nursing Education  
Megan Lauren Burkle – Family Nurse Practitioner Σ †  
Alison M. Chau – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Chelsea Clawson – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kyle Richard Dietz – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Megan Marie Easter – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Allison Ann Everman – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Emily Ann Flexsenhar – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Megan Marie Frederiksen – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Mariya Griffin – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Jordan Amber Haake – Family Nurse Practitioner Σ  
Desiree Skye Hanna – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Mindyn Helms- Family Nurse Practitioner  
Alyssa Hoffman – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Rachel Tatum Ketchmark – Nursing Education  
Amanda Lee Killian – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Gloria Akorfa Kpenu – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Amy Lathen – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kip Littau – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Yelena Livshits – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Samantha Lozos – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Emily Frances Maxwell – Nursing Education Σ  
Karin Mortenson – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Betsy R. Munson – Nursing Healthcare Administration  
Norma Ngute – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Laura Elizabeth Perryman – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Jennifer Pineda Castillo – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Christina Ann Portwood – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Brendon Michael Pribyl – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Brittany Reed – Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner  
Savannah Alynn Rodriguez - Family Nurse Practitioner  
Danielle Ruben – Nursing Education  
Ashley Runyan – Nursing Education

Alisha Sheffield – Nursing Healthcare Administration  
Maresa Sierra – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Maxine Elizabeth Turvey – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kristina Unseld – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Alondra J. Valdovinos Kidd – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kristi Vos – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Megan Taylor Welsh – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Σ  
Baylee Wenande – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Brandi Rochelle Wright – Nursing Education

## Post-Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration

Thomas C. Wagner

## Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Informatics

Jason Allen DeLong Σ  
Jaime Nicole Harden

## Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Stacy Lynn Cerio – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kristen Mion – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Dominique Samuel – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Jennifer Kay Scranton- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Jennifer Shook – Nursing Healthcare Administration  
Dawn Tingwald – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

## Doctor of Education in Healthcare Education and Leadership

Mandy Lynne Flesch Σ  
Rachel Elizabeth Holm  
Kristin Carol Ndoda  
Nicole Lindsey Shives  
Jessica R. Sisul Σ

## Post Graduate Certificate in Leadership

Jason Allen DeLong

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

Enyonam Ayawoavi Abalekpor  
Maureen Bernardino Alsol – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Bailie M. Appel – Family Nurse Practitioner Σ  
Diana Baldwin – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Tiffany Ann Bartek – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Lauren Foster – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kelli Dianne Harkness – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Brooke Alex Hollars – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Trevor J. Howard – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Morgan Jeanne Kamman – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Kelsey Linn Kelley  
Haley Maxon – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Adrienne Raquel Ashley McManis – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Nyasha Nyamatore – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Tammy Lynn Schmuck – Family Nurse Practitioner Σ  
Chesney Snyders – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Sophie Rose Sullivan – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Salina Thetford – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Alyce Whipple – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Aubrey Leavitt Wright – Family Nurse Practitioner



## Academic Honors

Academic honors are conferred on Bachelor of Science and Associate of Science degree candidates who, upon graduation, distinguish themselves by maintaining a high cumulative grade point average. To qualify for academic honors, a student must have completed the minimum required residency hours. Honors are distinguished as follows:

\*\*\*\* 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

Honor societies at Clarkson College include:

Σ Member of National Society of Leadership and Success Sigma Alpha Pi Interdisciplinary Honor Society

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

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

*Note: Names and honors designations are based upon current information at press time. We apologize for any errors.*

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

### Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Julia Boshart  
Braydon C. Caldwell  
Jamie Rae Rapp  
Erin Stohlmann

### Associate of Science in Radiography

Jessica Lehman  
Caitlin J. Littrell

### Bachelor of Science in Community Health

Katherine Houlden

### Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Business

Kimberly K. Petersen  
Heather Smith

### Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

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Caitlin J. Littrell  
Lisa Ann McClurg  
Emma Claire McDonald

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Cheyenne Rene Dinslage  
Jocelyn Joann Dotson  
Chloe Camille Eckhart  
Stabisiwe Melissa Hwaira  
Kayla Miller  
Njowo Tchakounte  
Abby Nicole Titus  
Mandy Lynn Woodral

### Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Rachel Lee Teten

### Master in Healthcare Administration

Kara A. Haworth  
Dayton Headlee  
Mackenzie Maloley  
Morgan Moody

### Master of Science in Nursing

Brooke Brown  
Rachel Tatum Ketchmark  
Danielle Ruben  
Larissa Schuety  
Alisha Sheffield  
Maresa Sierra  
Angela Kay Sivertson

### Doctor of Education in Healthcare Education and Leadership

Rachel Elizabeth Holm  
Kimberly Michael  
Nicole Lindsey Shives  
Jessica R. Sisul

### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Tiffany Ann Bartek  
Christopher Ryan Duff  
Dustin Kaare Lode  
Haley Maxon  
Alyce Whipple



Come Home for  
SPIRIT WEEK  
September 23-27  
Full List of Events at  
ClarksonCollege.edu/  
Spirit-Week

## FACING FORWARD

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Courtyard view with new link



South Building side view from 42nd Street



South Building front entrance view



## Dearest Gentle Reader,

As the leaves begin to change and we welcome the fall season, it's a perfect time to reflect on our shared journey and look forward to exciting new beginnings.

Seeing fresh faces of a new cohort of students ready to start their educational journey brings back fond memories of our own time on campus. For me, as a graduate from the Master of Healthcare Administration Program in 2022, it feels like just yesterday we were in their shoes—attending lectures, forming study groups, and dreaming of making a difference in the healthcare industry. These experiences have not only shaped our careers but also created a lifelong bond between us.

As your Alumni and Development Coordinator, I am so excited to foster these connections and keep our Clarkson family strong. I encourage each of you to visit campus whenever possible. Whether it is for a formal event or a casual visit, your presence enriches our community and inspires current students. We have several upcoming opportunities to reunite and reminisce. From Spirit Week events to special alumni gatherings, these occasions are perfect for catching up with old friends and making new memories. Let's keep the spirit of Clarkson College alive by staying connected and involved.

In addition to the Alumni Times, we have some exciting new initiatives to keep you engaged and informed. Watch for our emailed newsletters which keep you updated on the latest happenings. We are also launching a series of podcasts featuring interviews with notable alumni and faculty, offering insights and inspiration from our community. And, a variety of alumni events are being organized throughout the year, both virtually and in-person. Another exciting initiative is the Alumni Ambassadors program. When introduced, you can play a pivotal role in representing Clarkson College, mentoring current students, and promoting our institution within your professional circles.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Clarkson College community. Let's continue to support each other and our institution, keeping the memories alive and looking forward to the future with optimism and excitement.

Warmest regards,  
Ale Denton, MHA '22  
Alumni and Development Coordinator





## YOUR IMPACT: HOW CLARKSON COLLEGE ALUMNI TRANSFORM LIVES



Your support is creating transformative opportunities for Clarkson College students. Each contribution, no matter how small, plays a pivotal role in shaping their futures and fostering a thriving academic community.

### EXPANDING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Imagine the excitement of 300 undergraduates this fall as they receive scholarships to help cover tuition and fees—a significant increase from the 100 scholarships awarded last year. This remarkable growth in scholarship opportunities is a direct result of the generosity of our alumni and the community. These scholarships are more than financial aid; they are lifelines, opening doors for students to achieve their dreams. With your help, we can do so much more.

### ENHANCING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

This year, alumni support has been crucial in rebuilding the Student Emergency Fund which addresses urgent needs like utility bills, transportation costs, and medical expenses. Research shows that students facing basic needs insecurities often struggle with health and academic performance. Thanks to you, we are mitigating these challenges, allowing our students to focus on their studies and succeed.

In 2023, Clarkson College introduced the “Cupboard & Closet,” an on-campus resource which supplies students in need with food, basic necessities, and clothing. This initiative ensures that our students do not have to choose

between their education and their essential needs. By supporting the Cupboard & Closet, you provide a safety net, allowing students to concentrate on their studies without the distraction of worrying about their next meal or warm clothing for the winter. For more information on the Cupboard & Closet, including ways to donate, please contact Rachel Holm [holm Rachel@clarksoncollege.edu](mailto:holm Rachel@clarksoncollege.edu) 402-552-3104

### LOOKING FORWARD

We are incredibly optimistic about the future and hope to see these positive trends continue. With ongoing support of alumni like you, Clarkson College can achieve even more each year. Your involvement is essential to our growth and success, and together, we can continue to enhance the educational journey for every student.

If you're considering the best way to make a difference or have any questions about how your

contributions are making an impact, please reach out to us: [alumni@clarksoncollege.edu](mailto:alumni@clarksoncollege.edu) or call 402-552-2685. We are available to discuss how we can together strengthen the student journey at Clarkson College.

To donate online, navigate to our website [www.clarksoncollege.edu/donate](http://www.clarksoncollege.edu/donate) or use your smart device to scan the QR code.



Checks may be mailed to:  
Clarkson College  
101 South 42nd Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68131  
Attn: Ale Denton.



## Coast-to-Coast Reach through Online Education

DR. JENETTE SMITH, ED.D., DIPACLM, M.S.  
VICE PRESIDENT, CLARKSON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**NO MATTER THE STAGE IN YOUR** career, an advanced degree could elevate you to the next level. Clarkson College makes it easy, too, by offering a variety of degrees and certificates online. Whether you live near the ocean or enjoy daily Rocky Mountain views (or anything in between), you can fully participate and enjoy coursework with your peers from the comfort of your home or favorite coffee shop.

As a graduate of the Clarkson College Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Healthcare Education & Leadership program (2020), a fully online doctoral program, and a current fully remote faculty member in the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Healthcare Education & Leadership program, I can attest to the excellence of our programs including those online.

Clarkson College provides quality academic programming in 12 areas of healthcare including excellent academic programs (doctoral, master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees) and certificate options (graduate and undergraduate). In addition, multiple programs are offered fully online for the convenience of our students, and our graduate nursing program has been designated as a “Top Online Graduate Nursing Program” by U.S. News & World Report (for 13 years running!)

Our doctoral post-graduate practice areas include nursing, education, healthcare practice, research, administration, business, non-profit sectors, and community organizations. Perhaps most importantly, as noted by Inside Track (2024), “linking education to career paths” is more important than ever, as “students (and their families) want to know that the high cost of a college education is worth it, with the guarantee of an in-demand career following close behind graduation day” (Introduction). Clarkson College is proud to note a 98% employment rate for in-person and online graduates.



In addition to the Doctor of Education in Healthcare Education and Leadership, Clarkson College offers Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and the Doctor of Education in Interprofessional Leadership. Both of the Ed.D. programs are fully online, as is much of the DNP. Part- and full-time options are available in 7.5-, 12-, and 15-week courses. A fully online Post-Graduate Leadership Certificate with part-time and full-time options is also offered. Ed.D. students may benefit from the “Dr. Jenette Smith Endowed Scholarship” which awards two \$2,500 scholarships each academic year. Additional scholarship opportunities and financial aid can be explored on the Clarkson College website; simply click on the Tuition & Financial Aid tab for more information.

If you are considering earning an advanced degree, don't hesitate to contact me with your questions. I encourage all Clarkson College alumni to take advantage of the excellent programs available. Email anytime: [SmithJenette@clarksoncollege.edu](mailto:SmithJenette@clarksoncollege.edu)



# Sweet Notes of Gratitude from Our Students

▶ The heartfelt messages featured here are from our students—thankful for your generous donations and support. Sweet and sincere, these messages capture the joy, relief and hope your contributions bring to their academic journeys.

"I cannot say thank you enough and I feel so grateful for this opportunity. I hope that I am not the first or last student to be thanking you for this gracious gift. I am hopeful that you know just how important this is to me." —Samantha, E. Lorraine Filkins Endowed Scholarship Recipient.

"I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the E. Lorraine "Skip" Filkins Endowed Scholarship. This has been such a tremendous help for my family and me. I am able to get through nursing school without worrying about expenses. I am very thankful for this opportunity to receive this generous gift." —Britani, E. Lorraine Filkins Endowed Scholarship Recipient.

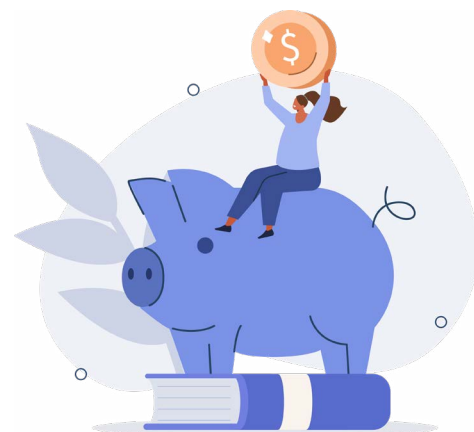
"Throughout my academic career, scholarships like this have allowed me to focus on my studies so I can be the best student possible. This scholarship has lifted some of the financial burden of graduate school and I look forward to representing my title well while in Clarkson's CRNA program. Words cannot justify the gratitude I feel from this scholarship opportunity." —Dominic, Anne Armstrong Endowed Scholarship Recipient.

"With the help of this scholarship, I'll be able to soon live my dream. I am blessed to have people like you donate to college students. One day I hope I am able to pay it forward by helping someone.

Going to college has always been a dream of mine and I'm so grateful I am able to continue to live one of my dreams. Thank you for helping me accomplish my dreams and my goals as a student." —Jasmine, Dr. George Loomis Endowed Scholarship Recipient.

"By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burdens to continue my education. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. In the future, I hope to possibly help others achieve their goals as you have done for me." —Jocelyn, Dr. Patricia Perry Endowed Scholarship Recipient.

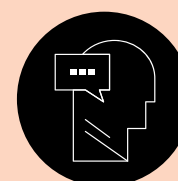
"Your support will allow me to focus more on my academic pursuits and less on financial concerns. It will enable me to dedicate more time to my studies and take advantage of various learning opportunities. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and to upholding the values and standards that the scholarship represents. Thank you for your generosity and for believing in my potential." —Kristin, Dr. Margaret Lorimor Endowed Scholarship Recipient.



## From Beginner to Pro, Community Learns from Professional Development

Ongoing education and training for the community and for healthcare professionals is provided by the Clarkson College Professional Development program. Each year, over 5,600 community learners complete a variety of educational course offerings and enhance their skills, stay current with industry trends, and meet continuing education requirements. For those just beginning a healthcare career, this program offers quality foundational instruction.

Professional Development is committed to fostering lifelong learning and professional growth in the healthcare field, helping individuals and organizations stay competitive and effective in an ever-evolving industry.



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### KEY FEATURES

- 01 **Specialized Training Programs**  
Short-term certificate programs in specialized areas such as nurse aide (CNA), medical assistant, medication aide (MA), phlebotomy, restorative aide, and sterile processing technician are designed to enable employment and also serve as steppingstones to pursue higher levels of education or specialized roles within the healthcare industry.

Tailored training solutions for healthcare organizations in community or rural outreach areas are offered to meet specific needs and improve staff competencies.

Clarkson College is an American Heart Association Training Center offering the flexibility of classroom or blended learning for: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Students

may attend class on campus, or the staff can facilitate offsite training.

- 02 **Diverse Course Offerings**  
A variety of courses offer CEUs for healthcare professionals to maintain licensure and certifications. Flexible online courses allow professionals to learn at their own pace, covering a wide range of topics relevant to the healthcare industry.

- 03 **Expert Instructors**  
Courses and programs are taught by experienced professionals and faculty members who are experts in their fields, ensuring that the content is both relevant and of high quality.

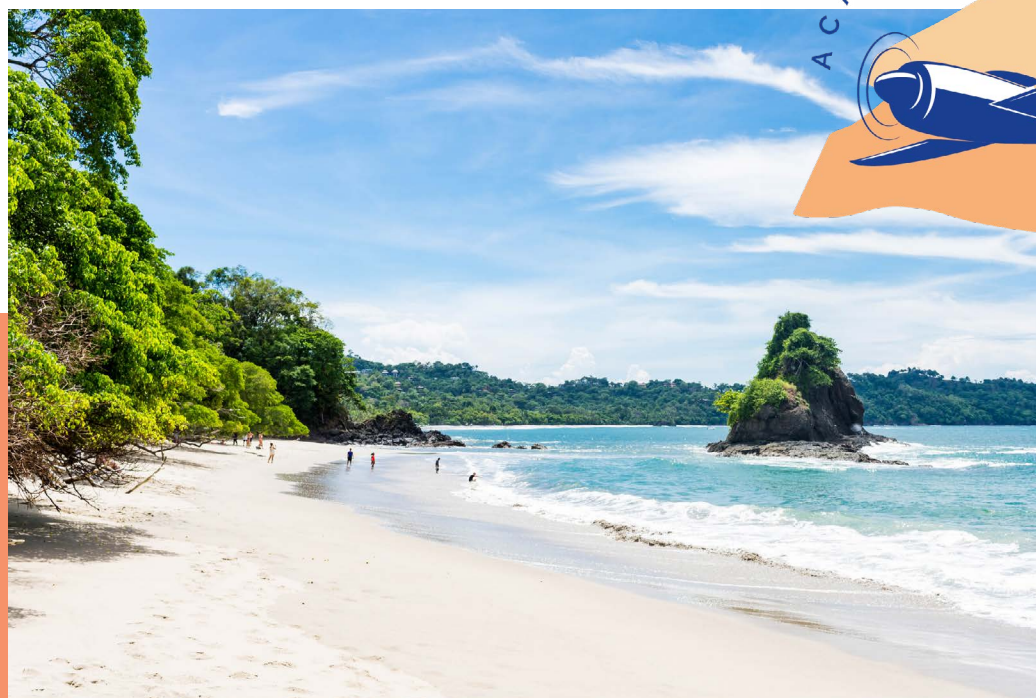
- 04 **Accreditation and Recognition**  
Clarkson College Professional Development is accredited by various accrediting bodies ensuring that the programs meet high standards of educational quality and industry relevance.

- 05 **Flexible Scheduling**  
Courses and programs are designed to fit into the busy schedules of working professionals, with options for evening and weekend classes, as well as online learning modules.

- 06 **State-of-the-Art Facilities**  
Students have access to modern facilities and technology which provide an optimal learning environment for hands-on training and practical experience.

- 07 **Partnerships and Collaborations**  
Collaboration with healthcare organizations, industry leaders, and academic institutions ensures that the training provided is aligned with current industry needs and standards.





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