

The Bona Nurse Bulletin

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From the Director's Desk

Warm welcome to our first edition of The Bona Nurse Bulletin. I hope you enjoy reading about the amazing things our students, faculty, and alumni are doing as compassionate Bona Nurses. You will receive this bulletin as a recap of each semester in the fall, spring, and summer. Please share this with who else may enjoy it and as always reach out if you have any questions or opportunities for our students and department to continue in our good work to enhance our community through education.

-Dr. Perkins



Faculty Feature

Dr. Erin Lundeen, DNP, RN, CSN

Dr. Lundeen was republished by the American Nurse Journal in a special edition celebrating National Nurses Week.

Please [click](#) the link to read the article.

Dr. Suzanne Soltysik, DNP,
RN-BC, NPD-BC, CNE

Dr. Soltysik was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor. She was the first clinical faculty at SBU and was also the first to be promoted.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

EVENT TITLE	EVENT DATE	INFORMATION
DePerro School of Health Professions Summer Preview Day	Jul 12, 2025	We welcomed rising high school seniors for our Summer Preview Day, where they got a firsthand look at the DePerro School of Health Professions and its offerings.
DePerro School of Health Professions Retreat	Aug 4, 2025	Faculty and staff will gather for the DePerro School of Health Professions Retreat to collaborate and plan for the year ahead.
CCNE (National Accreditation) On-site Visit	Sep 22, 2025 to Sep 24, 2025	CCNE will be conducting an on-site re-evaluation of national accreditation of the Dual Degree and RN to BS undergraduate nursing programs.
All Dual Degree students return	Aug 25, 2025	Welcoming the 5 th Cohort of Dual Degree students and returning students.
MEP and RN to BS students return	Sep 1, 2025	Welcoming back 1 st and 2 nd year MEP students. Welcoming returning and new RN to BS students.



Bona Nurses in Action

Advocating in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Perkins and second year Master's Entry to Practice student Angelina Padilla in Washington, D.C. advocating for nurses on behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day



Dual Degree Nursing students (Gabriella Yearwood and Jalen McDaniel)

Lobbying in Olean, NY



Local lobbying with Assemblyman Joe Sempolinski - in Olean, NY with first year MEP students (Emily, Keating, Alison Roae, Gabriella Alvarez, and Christelle Valentine).



Second year MEP Nursing students (Alayne Schobey, Angelina Padilla, Professor Tanner, Danielle Wolcott, Claire Perovich, and Julia Nunn).



Clinical Corner

We extend a special thank you to our clinical partners for providing invaluable learning opportunities and direct patient care. During the spring semester, our students completed clinical rotations at Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, Olean General Hospital, The Pines at Machias, The Warming House in Olean, and participated in Healthy Kids Days at the YMCA.

Throughout their clinical experiences, our students had the opportunity to learn directly from our dedicated and knowledgeable faculty and preceptors. These professionals played a vital role in guiding, mentoring, and supporting our students as they developed essential nursing skills in real-world settings. We extend gratitude to the following preceptors for their time, expertise, and commitment to nursing education:

Olean General Hospital: Alana Buchanan, RN, Tabitha Fisher, RN, Julie Hepker, BS, RN, Janice Russel-Riethmiller, BSN, RN, Kristina Murray, BSN, RN and team, Jenny Salerno, BS, RN, Cheryl Wier, BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P.

Jones Memorial Hospital: Peg Eisenhardt, BSN, RN

Strong Memorial Hospital: Kathryn Jenzer, BSN, RN, CCRN, Becki Vincent, MSN, RN, CPAN

Olean Medical Group: Kim Price, RN, Melissa Shelley, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR

Universal Primary Care: Katie Sekulovoski, CNM, MSN

Your contributions have made a lasting impact on our students and the nursing profession.



Program Outcomes



Dual Degree Nursing students at JCC's Pinning Ceremony: Jocelyn Wyatt, Emma Kintz, Nate Vos, Izzy Sell, Grace Derr, and Sydney Segreue.



First graduating class of Dual Degree Nursing students: Mason Parks, BS, RN, Emma Mikolajczyk, BS, RN, and Regina Tkacik, BS, RN (missing: Sophia Ragonese, BS, RN).

RN to B.S. in Nursing Program Outcomes from the 2024 graduating cohort:

- The completion rate of RN to B.S. in Nursing students will be 70% or higher over the three most recent calendar years, when excluding students who have identified factors such as family obligations, relocation, financial barriers, and decisions to change majors or transfer to another institution of higher education. **Met.** The actual level of achievement is 93%
- The employment or academic progression rate of RN to B.S. in Nursing graduates will be 80% or higher. **Met.** The actual level of achievement is 100% (and has been for all graduating cohorts thus far).
- Overall program quality and satisfaction will be 80% (4.0/5.0) or higher annually as measured using exit surveys, alumni surveys, and employer surveys. **Met.** The actual level of achievement is 94% (4.7/5.0).

Dual Degree Nursing Program Outcomes from the 2025 graduating cohort:

- The completion rate of the Dual Degree Nursing program will be 70% or higher over the three most recent calendar years, when excluding students who have identified factors such as family obligations, relocation, financial barriers, and decisions to change majors or transfer to another institution of higher education. **On track to be met.** The actual level of achievement is 100% after having one cohort graduate.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rate will be 80% or higher for all takers (first-time and repeaters who pass) over the three most recent calendar years. **On track to be met.** The actual level of achievement is 100%
- The employment or academic progression rate of Dual Degree Nursing program graduates will be 80% or higher. **Met.** The actual level of achievement is 100%.
- Overall program quality and satisfaction will be 80% (4.0/5.0) or higher annually as measured using exit surveys, alumni surveys, and employer surveys. Pending alumni and employer surveys.



The Alumni Stethoscope

Jenny Salerno, BS, RN- promoted to 2nd floor Clinical Supervisor at Olean General Hospital. Jenny is also a valuable preceptor in our undergraduate nursing programs.



Sophia Ragonese, BS, RN- won the ANA-NY Future Nurse Leader Award. Sophia is a Perioperative Nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital.

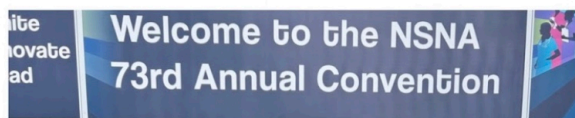


Rachael Huff, BS, RN - promoted to Nurse Manager of 3rd floor at Olean General Hospital. Rachael is also a valuable preceptor in our undergraduate nursing programs.

Congratulations



NSNA News



The NSNA 37th annual convention

Emma Kintz and Harley Brown, Dual Degree Nursing students, attended the National Student Nurses' Association annual conference. Both students described the experience as invaluable, highlighting opportunities to build leadership skills, connect with peers nationwide, earn certificates, and gain insight from experienced nurses. The SBU NSNA chapter, founded in 2022 and advised by Dr. Suzanne Soltysik, includes students from all nursing programs and aims to cultivate future nursing leaders through experiences like this, which the Nursing Department to continue to support.