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From the Director's Desk

Spring has sprung at SBU, and we are blessed to be able to celebrate all seasons (sometimes in one day) with our nursing students. It was a great semester where Bona Nurses flourished in academics and nursing skills. Our second Dual Degree cohort is graduating, and our third cohort is preparing for the NCLEX-RN. Our MEP students spent time in the community learning about mental health and bringing education and hope where it is needed. Our RN-BS in Nursing students also participated in community events on campus and are progressing into their second year with all on track to graduate next year. We hope you enjoy this vibrant edition of the Bona Nurse Bulletin as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Faculty Feature

Dr. Lundeen



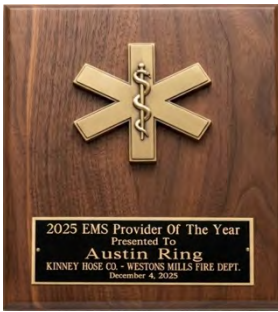
Dr. Lundeen attended the Sigma Nursing Creating Healthy Work Environments international conference in Washington DC March 19-22. While at the conference she networked with nurses and faculty from around the world working to make self-care part of nursing education and clinical practice. Dr. Lundeen is developing a pilot study to increase self-care practices in 4th year nursing students enrolled in the dual degree nursing program, which will start in Fall 2026.

Dr. Lundeen also attended the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) virtual workshop Unlocking the Power of Simulation: Coach for Competency on April 9th. The 8-hour interactive workshop provided Dr. Lundeen with the opportunity to network with the most respected simulation specialists in nursing education, and she is excited to implement what she learned in her simulation coordinator role at SBU.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Event Title	Event Date	Information
Dual Degree Scope Ceremony Dinner	May 14, 2026	The second graduating class of Dual Degree students will have dinner to celebrate their achievement of their baccalaureate degree with faculty.
JCC Pinning Ceremony & Graduation	May 15, 2026	Dual Degree students will be pinned and receive their associate of applied science from Jamestown Community College.
SBU Honors & Awards Ceremony	May 15, 2026	Grace Derr, BS, RN will be honored as the Dual Degree student of excellence. Adam Farolino will also receive the MEP student of Promise Award.
SBU Graduate Commencement	May 16, 2026	OT, PA, MPH, and MEP students will celebrate their graduation.
SBU Undergraduate Graduation	May 17, 2026	Fourth year Dual Degree students will graduate with their baccalaureate degree.
JCC NCLEX-RN Review Session	May 18 – 21, 2026	Third year Dual Degree students will complete a review course provided by JCC as they prepare to take their board exams to become RNs.
Robert Packer Hospital Immersion	June 15 – 18, 2026	MEP students will stay in Robert Packer Hospital on campus housing and complete 44 hours of clinical experience in ICU, ER, and OB units.
Oishei Children's Hospital Immersion	July 14, 2026	MEP students will spend the day at Oishei Children's Hospital. They will rotate on units including high-risk pregnancy, NICU, labor and delivery, and they will complete maternal simulations.
Dual Degree students move in	August 23, 2026	We welcome back our Dual Degree students and spend extra time with the freshman to get them ready to be a nursing student.
Undergraduate classes begin	August 31, 2026	Fall classes begin for all undergraduate students.

The Alumni Stethoscope



Austin Ring, MS, RN '24 was awarded the 2025 EMS Provider of the year from The Westons Mill Fire Department.



Rachael Huff, BS, RN '24 received the daisy award from OGH. This award is given to nurses that show extraordinary and compassionate care.

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, and Olean General Hospital. Students also participated in on campus events: Women in Sports Day and Special Olympics and at the YMCA for Healthy Kids.



Dual degree and RN-BS students participate in Special Olympics event. In the picture:

Grace Derr, RN and Izzy Sell, RN

Program Outcomes

Dual Degree Program Outcomes 2025-2026

The completion rate of the Dual Degree Nursing program will be 70% or higher over the three most recent calendar year 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. 100%**

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. **Met. 100%**

The employment or academic progression rate of Dual Degree Nursing program graduates will be 80% or higher. **Met. 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. **Met. 90% (just for 2025; 2026 data not available until Spring 2027)**

RN-BS in Nursing Program Outcomes 2021, 2022, 2024

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. 93%**

The employment or academic progression rate of RN to B.S. in Nursing graduates will be 80% or higher. **Met. 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. **Met. 92%**

Bona Nurses in Action

Donald Korben Award



Jalen McDaniel, a third year Dual Degree nursing student was awarded the Donald Korben Community Service Award from SBU.

AACN Student Summit



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

YMCA Healthy Kids Day



Second year MEP Nursing students (Gabriella Alvarez, Christelle Valentine, Kristan Moshier, and Emily Myers) teaching children how to deal with stress and ways to improve their mental wellbeing.

NSNA News



Alyssa Prine and Giulia Arydes, Dual Degree Nursing students, attended the National Student Nurses' Association annual conference in Texas. Giulia described the NSNA conference as an amazing opportunity that allowed her to connect with students and professors from all over the country and learn from many different experiences in the nursing profession. She also said it is a supportive environment that made her even more excited to give her best and become the best nurse she can be.